



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2020 Year A

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Our Father's Overwhelming Extravagance

So what happens in today's parable of the unforgiving servant? A king wishes to settle accounts with his servants. The first servant brought to him owes him "10,000 talents." One single talent was equal to 6000 denarii. A denarius was a day's wage. One talent then equals 6000 day's wages. This servant owes 10,000 talents. It would take him over 160,000 years to pay off his debt.

So he pleads with the king, "Have patience with me, and I'll pay you everything." It's absurd to think that a servant will ever have enough time to pay off a debt this size. So what does the king do? Understanding the servant's dilemma, the king forgives him. He wipes the slate clean! He totally forgives the servant of his 160,000 year debt!

Now what does this servant do? He finds another servant who owes him 100 denarii, about a 100 days worth of work. Does the servant forgive him? To the contrary, in anger he grabs him by the throat and says "pay what you owe." But when the fellow servant does what he himself did, namely, falls down and asks for mercy, he not only refuses him, he puts him in prison until he should pay off the debt completely.

When the other servants find out what happened, they go and tell the king who then summons the servant saying "you wicked servant. I forgave you all of your debt because you besought me. Should you not have had mercy as I had mercy on you." The king's mercy was exorbitant, extravagant, overwhelming, but this servant's mercy was nonexistent. He had no mercy, no forgiveness in his heart toward his fellow servant for a much, much smaller debt.

So what happens now to this merciless servant? The Lord delivers him over to the jailers and the jailers throw him into debtor's prison until he should pay all his debt. Then Jesus warns us, "so also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you don't forgive your brother from your heart." He's talking about a spiritual prison where we'd pay off the debt of sin. Just like in the Lord's prayer, "Lord forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," those who were indebted to us

He's telling us that unless we show mercy to our brothers and sisters, our Father will not show us mercy. And even if we've forgiven 490 times, we're not even coming close to the mercy and the forgiveness of our heavenly Father, who forgives all of the debts of humanity when we come to him and beg for his mercy and for forgiveness.

Yours in Christ, Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

| | <u>SBT</u> | <u>SMG</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 769.00 |
| Plate | 44.00 | 31.00 |
| Electronic Dep. | 9.46 | 24.04 |
| Youth Envelopes | 0.00 | 2.00 |
| Total Offering | <u>\$1,653.46</u> | <u>\$ 826.04</u> |

Intentions September 14– September 20

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Brookes & Dorothy Smith

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Monica Knepper

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Joseph Vedomuthu (9th Anniversary of Death)

Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

Theresa Haines (Happy Birthday)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary

+ Joseph Kowahl

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Jerry & Bea Stellpflug

The Mass will be live streamed on Father's Facebook every day of the week. This week all weekday Masses are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. On Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. To reach Father's Facebook search Antony Micheal Joseph. If you can't reach this facebook call Father Antony at 6088811401.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Ellen Karow, Bruce Reedy

Lector: Becky Harris

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

ST. BARTHOLOMEW- 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Scherr, Blake Woestman, Brian Brenengen

Lector: Shannon Krett

Church Envelopes can be mailed to St. Bartholomew Parish, 11646 South St. Trempealeau, WI 54661 for both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's parishioners. Or St. Bartholomew Church will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for personal prayer. You can come and pray and leave your envelope in the basket. Thank you for all the donations we have received.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Religious Education Classes will begin on September 16.
- ♦ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- ♦ PCCW is sponsoring a Drive Thru Fish Fry on Friday, October 9. Menu is Batter fried or Baked Cod or Batter Fried Catfish, Cheesy or Baked Potato, coleslaw and roll. Serving starts at 4 p.m. until 7 or until gone. Please volunteer to help. Make plans to have fish for dinner that night. Sorry No FALL FESTIVAL this year.
- ♦ Need prayers for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118 or Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520.
- ♦ We have a large roll top desk that is no longer in use. If anyone can use it come to the office and take a look at it. It is stored in Father's garage and we need to get it out before winter.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

OUR MISSION: To love God, love others and go make disciples!

- ♦ The ecumenical pie sale will not be done this year for Apple Affair. Due to covid restrictions and the number of people needed to make this project a success, the pie making has been canceled by all three churches.
- ♦ **Finance Committee** meeting on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING – ONE PARENT ONLY per family, no students, in order to maintain social distancing**, Wednesday, September 16th, 6:15, St. Mary's "Lower Room."
- ♦ **6:15-6:45 Wednesday, September 23rd, St. Mary's. RE STUDENT'S ONLY - Turn in RE Registration Forms and Fees, and Receive Safe Environment Training.** Those who have chosen to work from home will receive Safe Environment training materials via email.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Effective 1 August 2020 this additional directive should be followed within the Dioceses of La Crosse: FACE MASKS/COVERINGS must be worn by all individuals, 5 years or older, present within our Churches, business and office spaces, or attending any function associated with the ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse.**
 - Face coverings are required when indoors or in enclosed space, other than private residence (Enclosed space is defined as a confined space, open to the public, where individuals congregate).
 - Face coverings are required when another person(s) who are not members of individual's household or living unit are present in the same room or enclosed space.
 - Face coverings are required even if you are able to maintain proper social distancing
 - Face coverings must be worn to cover the nose and mouth completely
 - Face coverings should not include face shields, mesh masks or masks with holes, openings or vents
 - Exceptions are made for certain individuals who are exempt as outlined in the CDC guidance.

This directive is given in consideration of Executive Order #82, issued by Governor Evers on 30 July 2020 proclaiming a public health emergency and Emergency Order #1 and remains in place until 28 September 2020.
- ♦ We will be open for people following the guidelines of the Dioceses of La Crosse. There will be a team of Ushers who will be here to help us. Only the main doors will be open. Ushers will seat you in a pew to help with social distancing. At communion the ushers will let the rows go out one by one and only Father will be giving the Eucharist. There will be no collection, but a basket will be at the entrance and you can put your envelope in before or after Mass. The ushers will let the pews out after Mass.
- ♦ The Bishop has highlighted that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains dispensed. No one is required, under the pain of mortal sin, to attend Mass until further notice. In fact, at this time he encourage those over 65 and particularly those with underlying health issues to stay home. He ask those parishes that have the ability to livestream the Mass to continue do so for the sake of those who will not be able to attend.
- ♦ **Life Chain** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. **Life Chain's 33rd Year on October 4, 2020 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Place: Corner of Losey Blvd. & La Crosse St. to King St. and Beyond!**
- ♦ **Sunday Mass on TV:**
 - La Crosse, Channel 25, at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
 - La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

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