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Watch! You know neither the day nor the hour!

The bridesmaids, the ten virgins in today's parable, represent the Church as it is today: those prepared for the second coming of Christ (the five wise virgins who had oil in their lamps), and those not prepared (those who didn't).

Those who are prepared for the Lord's second coming will be brought into the great wedding feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19), heaven. Those unprepared will find themselves outside, in hell. The Catechism is very clear about this. The chief agony and pain of hell is eternal separation from God. We see that here. The bridegroom separates the prepared from the unprepared, telling the unprepared 'I never knew you. I don't know you. I don't have a relationship with you.'

Jesus uses the same language at the end of the Sermon on the Mount when He says: Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?" And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers." (Mt 7:21-23).

Notice the parallels: the virgins say, "Lord, lord," which is to say, "open the door to us." And then Jesus' response: "I never knew you."

This is really important because it shows us two things. First, the fundamental importance of a personal relationship with Christ. Sometimes that can sound un-Catholic," but Jesus Himself says here: 'I need to know you.' In other words, 'I need to have a relationship with you if you're going to come into the joy of the kingdom of Heaven.' And that relationship is expressed, He says, through doing the will of God (Mt. 7:21-23). That is how we foster and cultivate a relationship with Him. It begins by letting Him be in the driver's seat and makes our prayer and worship valid (Dt. 27:26, Mt 15:8, Jn 3:36).

St. Augustine says that the five foolish virgins did a lot for the sake of the kingdom. But they didn't unite that with Christian love, e.g. works of mercy. Their tardiness in taking up the deeds demanded by the Gospel, the oil for their lamps, excluded them from heaven. They got the oil, but it was too late. The door was shut. The bridegroom said to them, "I never knew you."

We need to be like the wise virgins, not only having a lamp, but in faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, letting it shine before our heavenly Father with the oil of our good deeds. For it is written, "whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." (Rm 14:23b). Let's be ready to meet the Lord Jesus Christ, the bridegroom, who is coming to meet us when we least expect it, with our lamps alight!

Maranatha! Dcn. Kent

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Intentions November 9 – November 15

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

+ Magdalene Klein

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

+ Elaine Kopp

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

+ Dale Davis

Thursday: 11:00 a.m. St. Mary

Funeral Mass for John Emerson

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

+ Bob & Phyllis Lettner

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

+ Joe Ouellette

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

+ Tyler Nagel

The Mass will be live streamed on Father's Face-book every day of the week that there is Mass. 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, Nov. 14

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Sheila Collom

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Nov. 15

ST. BARTHOLOMEW- 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kris Krett, Kirk Shimek

Lector: Genna O'Neill

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

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- Congratulations to Lincoln Christopher Gilbertson and Nolan Bernard Gilbertson, sons of Christopher and Annette Gilbertson who were baptized on Friday, October 31, 2020
- ◆ Congratulations to Meredith Jahnavi Woychik, daughter of James and Corona Woychik who was baptized on Sunday, November 1.
- ◆ Congratulations to Scarlett Louise Stegemeyer, daughter of Seth and Morgan Stegemeyer who was baptized on Sunday, November 1.
- ◆ PCCW meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 in the church hall. We will be collecting items for the Trempealeau County Health Care Center for Christmas giving. Items new only: Crossword puzzle, coloring books and word find, markers, colored pencils and crayons, sketch pads, hair brushes, decks of playing cards.
- Finance Committee meeting Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 in the church hall.
- 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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

 SBT Income:
 \$ 13,624.90
 SMG Income
 \$ 8,453.34

 Expenses:
 \$ 18,194.03
 Expenses:
 \$ 6,939.35

 Net Loss:
 \$ (4,569.13)
 Net Income:
 \$ 1,513.99

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

◆ NEED GOD'S HELP? Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ KC Meeting on Tuesday, November 10th @ 7:00p.m., St. Mary's Church basement. Meeting can also be attended via the internet on ZOOM. See agenda for details.
- 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.
- ♦ Help Habitat for Humanity build a home for the Olson Family. Check out their "Bid to Build" Auction. The online auction features dozens of fun and unique items to bid on from cool ReStore treasures to one-of-a-kind gift baskets to exciting adventures. Great for holiday shopping! The auction runs from November 6 through November 12. The live auction starts at 7 pm on November 12. Go to Habitat's website at www.habitatlacrosse.org/bid-to-build-auction to learn more and to get a sneak peek of the auction items. All proceeds raised during the event will support the Faith Build home.
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- Come Follow Me! When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!
- Sunday Mass on TV: La Crosse, Channel 25, at 7:30 a.m.; Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m.; La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m.

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