



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

Feast of the Holy Family

**December 27, 2020
Year B**

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Dear People of God,

I wish you a very merry Christmas and awe-filled New Year.

The birth of Jesus has become a universal feast and celebrated by people of different faiths. It is the one feast that unites the whole world together to seek peace and joy. Thanks be to God.

As we celebrate Christmas, Pope Francis called us to draw our attention to the problems of the world. He pointed out that consumerism has “hijacked” Christmas from us. Christmas, he said, must not be reduced to a merely sentimental or consumerist celebration, rich in gifts and good wishes but poor in Christian faith. A good Christmas is to help the poor and work for the equality of the world.

The Pope called us to walk away from pessimism that has spread today because of the pandemic. As we rediscover and become aware that the humble and poor Child, hidden and helpless, is God Himself, made man for us, the Pope said, we cannot allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by defeats, failures and the sense of disquieting bewilderment.

The event of the birth of Jesus shows us that “God did not look down on us, did not pass us by, was not repulsed by our misery, did not clothe Himself superficially in a body, but rather He fully assumed our nature and our human condition”. He suffered and won the suffering and death. So, Jesus the baby will help us to win the suffering and death caused by illness and virus. Let us be strong in Faith and bring the healing of God on earth.

Happy Feast of Holy Family. Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Thank you for all the card, gifts and prayers. I greatly appreciate you all.

Fr. Antony Joseph

Thank you, Fr. Roach Gasper for celebrating Christmas Mass and praying for our people.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$3,590.00	\$ 990.00
Plate	48.00	59.00
Electronic Dep	24.04	0.00
Rel. Ref. Fund	20.00	0.00
Christmas Flowers	45.00	0.00
Youth Envelopes	0.00	0.00
Total Offering	<u>\$3,727.04</u>	<u>\$1,049.00</u>

**Intentions
December 28– January 3**

Monday: NO MASS

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Barb & Mark Jacobson

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

* Living Members of the LeRoy & Rosemary Bentzen Family

New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary

+ Tom Kopp

New Year's Day: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Deceased Members of the Lettner & Schank Families

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

* Living & Deceased of the Klein & Hammer Families

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

+ Allan Smith

The Mass will be live streamed on the Facebook named: MotherMary Galesville so search for this facebook. You can also find the link in the groups of both parishes. If you can't reach this facebook call Father Antony at 6088811401.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 31 & Jan. 2

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

December 31

Ushers: Ellen Karow

Lector: Becky Harris

January 2

Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, LaVonne Peterson

Lector: Becky Harris

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 1 & 3

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

January 1

Ushers: Joe Plunger, Craig Boyer

Lector: Dan Kelleher

January 3

Ushers: Doug Woestman, Brian Brenengen

Lector: Kirk Shimek



ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Thank you to all the generous parishioners who gave items to our Christmas Family. They were amazed at how many items they received and that they would have a wonderful Christmas Dinner. Thank you, all.
- ♦ St. Bartholomew parishioners may pick up their 2021 envelopes in the vestibule of church starting this weekend. If you know someone is not coming to church at this time, please pick up their envelopes and drop them off for them. Thank you.
- ♦ 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.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ PCCW will meet January 12, 6:30 in the church basement.
- ♦ Finance Council will meet January 25, in the rectory.
- ♦ St. Mary parishioners may pick up their 2021 envelopes in the vestibule of the church starting this weekend. If you know someone is not coming to church at this time, please pick up their envelopes and drop them off for them. Thank you.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ 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. We are to continue to wear a mask when attending Mass.
- ♦ Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, February 27 Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.
- ♦ Dr. Petroc Willey will be speaking on the six ways that Christ is to be the center of all teaching, which is called Christocentricity. Dr. Willey is a gifted speaker, who makes everything understandable. He is a Director of the Catechetical Institute and a Professor of Catechetics. This presentation will be well worth your time, and will give you a spiritual lift in the Christmas Season. **There is no cost for the ZOOM presentation on Thursday, January 7th, 2-3 p.m., but registration is necessary.** Send an email to Paula at pboyle@diolc.org. All are welcome. Extend the invitation to catechists.
- ♦ Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? 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!
- ♦ **March for Life** – Jan. 2 in Madison, Jan. 29 in Washington, D.C. While the Diocese of La Crosse is not taking pilgrims to the March for Life this year, you can choose to participate in the March for Life in Madison on Jan. 2 or the march in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 29. For more information on both, visit prolifewi.org/marchforlife. If you plan to attend the March for Life in Madison, please email cruff@diolc.org or crogers@diolc.org and we will discuss a rendezvous point for pilgrims from our diocese.
- ♦ **The Schedule for Diocesan Televised Christmas Masses is:**
 - Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and 6:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.
 - La Crosse, Channel 19, at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and 6:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.
 - Livestream from the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve (with Bishop Callahan), and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas morning.
- ♦ **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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