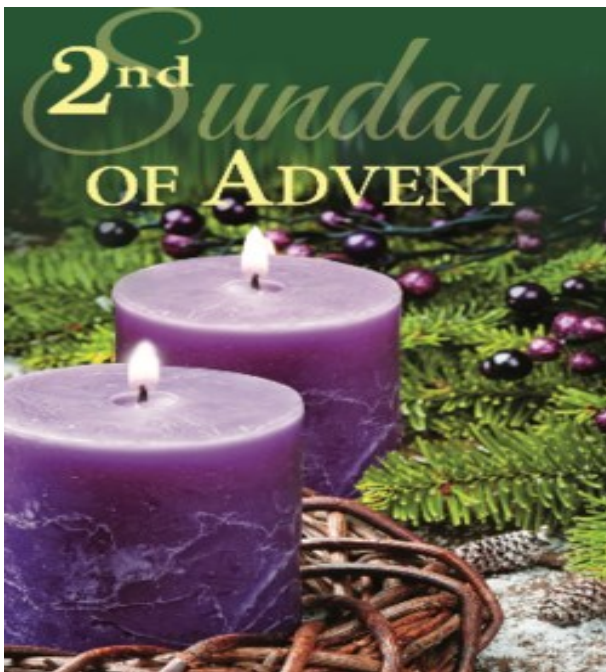




**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin

**December 6, 2020**  
**Year B**

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## ARE YOU PREPARED?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today continues the Church's traditional Advent emphasis on eschatology, the doctrine of the end of the world. Here she sets before us one of the most explicit New Testament passages about the end of the world as we know it - not removed, but renewed, as a new heavens and a new earth. Peter prophecies, "... do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that the Lord ... does not wish that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.... [Therefore] be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace."

God is patient because the more time he gives humanity, the more time there is for individuals to repent and be saved. But His patience doesn't last forever! He has set a day to judge the world and all who dwell in it. At that time, opportunity to repent ceases. So too, when we die, *our* world ends, and our opportunity to repent ceases.

How then should we live? Because this world will end, Peter tells us we should live lives of piety and holiness. The word "holy" means to be "set apart" - set apart *from* sin and set apart *for* God; set apart *from* this world *for* the world to come; living *in* this world but detached *from* it. In this way we will be judged fit to live eternally with our holy God who loves us and has provided a means of escape from spiritual death - repentance.

Ever wonder why holiness seems to be decreasing in our secular culture? Secularism itself comes from a word meaning "this age" or "this world." Living in a secular context, for *this* world, and not for the world to come; attached to *this* world, its pleasures and its delights, rather than preparing for the world to come is why secular people don't rest on Sunday. Over and over again, the early Church Fathers talk about Sunday rest as a way of honoring God's 1<sup>st</sup> rest; but it's also the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the day of the resurrection. It points forward to his new creation. Every time a person rests on Sunday, they anticipate the new heavens, the new earth, and the new creation which begins on the day Jesus rose from the tomb.

So if we really believe Jesus rose from the dead, and if we really believe that His bodily resurrection is a foretaste of a new creation, then we should live that way every single week, reminding ourselves that this world is passing away and preparing for the greater one coming.

God bless!  
Dcn. Kent

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$1,455.00	\$1,059.00
Plate	9.00	45.00
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Total Offering	<u>\$1,464.00</u>	<u>\$1,106.00</u>

## Intentions December 7 – December 13

**Monday: 6:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Janet Vondrasek

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

*Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.*

+ Ray Schubert

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

+ Kenneth Gloede, Sr.

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

*Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.*

+ Louie Jessesky

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

+ Hilary & Anna Knepper Family Living & Deceased

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

+ Rusti Filkowski

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

+ Clayton Backler & Henry Kohnle

The Mass will be live streamed on Father's Facebook 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, Dec. 12

**ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.**

**Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, LaVonne Peterson**

**Lector: Sheila Collom**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 13

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW- 8:30 a.m.**

**Ushers: Jim Scherr, Scott Lamberty**

**Lector: Greg Goltz**

**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.

**Immaculate Conception** is a Holy day of Obligation, however the obligation is suspended this year. Father is offering a Mass on Tuesday for this feast at St. Mary: 6:00 p.m. The Bishop has said that our need for our spiritual health has never been greater. Please feel welcome to attend.

**Confessions for the Arcadia Deanery will be on Sunday, December 20 from 3-5 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Arcadia.**

### **ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS**

- ♦ PCCW meeting is on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. We are sponsoring a family for Christmas. We will have gift tags on a Caring Tree next week. Please pick up a tag and return gifts wrapped with the tags on them by December 20. Let's make this Christmas special for our family.
- ♦ 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.

### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

SBT Income:	<b>\$ 10,489.46</b>	SMG Income	<b>\$ 5,528.98</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$ 14,979.57</b>	Expenses:	<b>\$ 5,299.29</b>
Net Loss:	<b>\$ (4,490.11)</b>	Net Income:	<b>\$ 229.69</b>

### **ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS**

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

- ♦ **PCCW Advent Project** would like to collect donations during this season for a couple of needy causes. The Galesville Elementary School and GET Food Pantry. Cash donations towards the school or the food pantry will be collected. Checks for the school can be made out to St. Mary's PCCW so we can purchase the items or cash may be marked and put into the collection basket or mailed to the church office. St. Mary's entry has a box for food items that are delivered to the GET Food Pantry that is available to all area residents in need. Food items may be placed in this box or cash/check donations made out to the GET Food Pantry may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church office.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com).

### **COMMUNICATION TO ALL**

- ♦ **Knights of Columbus Food Drive.** Please pick-up your shopping list and/or bag at the back of the church ASAP. Return your donation to the church by December 12th and 13th.
- ♦ **Family of the Year Award presentation.** Please join the KC's in honoring the Donald and Alice Brenengen Family on Dec. 12th at St Mary's.
- ♦ Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. **Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **The Diocese of La Crosse is part of the Amazon Smile Program:** Do you or your family, friends, and parishioners use Amazon for purchasing online? Join the Amazon Smile program and select the Diocese of La Crosse as your charitable partner. Portions of the proceeds from your purchases on many items qualify. What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the Diocese of La Crosse every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Diocese of La Crosse. Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0807229](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0807229) to generate donations for the Diocese of La Crosse.
- ♦ **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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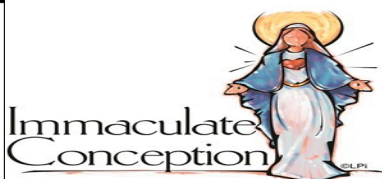
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