



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

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TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY?

Sometimes we forget that when we were baptized, we were baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We so want a "feel good" faith, that when Jesus tells us we will suffer because of Him, we think in our heart of hearts, "anything but that!" Peter did too! But deep inside we know our need for the cross. Where would you and I be today without the crosses we've learned to carry?

The cross is more than suffering, it's self-discipline, its generosity, it's obedience, it's working hard when we'd rather sleep, it's doing right without being rewarded, it's doing the right thing even when we know people won't like us for doing it. Where would you and I be if we hadn't learned to accept crosses like these?

A Cross, not a cushion - Some argue, as did Karl Marx, that religious faith is a man-made fiction, meant to soothe us, to make us "feel good" and ignore the difficulties of this life by focusing on an unseen next life. If that were true, what is the cross doing here? Not just Jesus' cross, but the one He told us we'd have to carry. And this is not just a sidebar - the cross is central to our Faith. If our Faith were man-made, the suffering of the cross Jesus' and ours, would cease to be central, replaced by a therapeutic "giant fluffy philosophical / theological pillow."

Man's religion exalts pleasure, prosperity, consolation, affirmation, etc. But God's revealed religion holds up the cross - the cross of repentance, self-denial, self-discipline, sacrifice, living for others. And what's even more amazing is that the cross, an instrument of death, brings life! It is in losing our life that we find it and gain it (Mt 10:37-39)!

The Cross is like a tuning fork - It's what you use to be sure that the message is either "in tune" with God's revelation or is a corruption of the faith, pleasing to the ear but poisonous to the soul.

St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) puts it this way: "Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love if it lacks the truth. One without the other is a destructive lie."

And St. Augustine reminds us, "The Apostle says, "All who desire to live a holy life will suffer persecution. ... Consider Scripture which says, "God chastises every son who He acknowledges. Let him prepare to be chastised or else not seek to be acknowledged as a son." And all that implies.

To God be the glory!
Dcn. Kent

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Intentions September 13 — September 19

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Priest's Intention

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Priest's Intention

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
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Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Priest's Intention

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary
+ Brookes & Dorothy Smith

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Joseph Kowahl

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Jerry & Bea Stellpflug

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary
+ Ed Sandness

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Sept. 18

ST. MARY— 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Sandy Salsman
Lector: Tom Ladwig

ST. BARTHOLOMEW—5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer
Servers: John Severson
Lector: Greg Goltz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Sept. 19

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Brian Brenengen
Servers: Carter Giemza, Chaes Suchla
Lector: Dan Kelleher
Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

ST. MARY— 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Volunteer
Lector: Ellen Karow

Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Donut Sunday, today!** Please join us for fellowship in the church hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **Our Religious Education Classes** will begin on September 15th. We can still use helpers in the 6th and 7th grades, having a person in these classes is support for the teacher and help for the students. Registration for Religious Education have been sent out if you do not receive one, please call the office 608-534-6652.
- ♦ **Fall Festival Weekend: October 8, 9, and 10, 2021. Mark your calendar, we are changing up the Annual Fall Festival.** It will begin with Friday night Fish Fry and Bake Sale. More details to follow as soon as it is finalized. Questions can be directed to Mary Leavitt 608-397-9962 or Kay Richtman 507-459-4115.
- ♦ We are looking for a **housekeeper** for the **rectory**, please call the office 608-534-6652.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Wedding Banns for Dylan Gappa and Caitlin Willett date of marriage September 18, 2021.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ **Living Water Prayer Community.** Open prayer meeting. Sunday, September 12, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- ♦ **A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar: Session 3-The New Life, SMG Rectory, 7:30 p.m.**
- ♦ **CCD START DATE:** Wednesday, September 15th, 6:15 PM, FAMILY MASS, followed by Soup Supper, Safe Environment Training for parents and students, and Registration (if not done already).
- ♦ **SOUP SUPPER** Wednesday, September 15 after Mass @ 6:15 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME! Those who attend for fellowship will be welcome to stay downstairs. Religious education families - this counts as the 1st class night! RE Registration and Safe Environment training to follow soup supper upstairs in the Church proper.
- ♦ **St. Mary's PCCW** would like to thank everyone who supported our Mum sales. A big thank you to our members who helped with this project. Funds raised will help us with our ministries such as Adventure Camp, Coats for Kids, and other local projects we support with our organization.
- ♦ St. Mary's next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ Fathers Robert Grabner and Jerry Blake will be visiting Trempealeau this week and will be offering Masses at St. Bartholomew's on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. The Mass on Friday will be a Latin Mass.
- ♦ **Mark your calendars** for the Rosary Rally which will be held at St. Mary's on Saturday, October 16 before Mass. This will be our PCCW's first Rosary Rally. More information will be coming soon.
- ♦ **Knights of Columbus Meeting** - September 14th @ 7:00 pm. St. Mary's church basement.
- ♦ **Join us for this Fall's Adult Religious Education Series Choice!** In **"Who Am I to Judge?"** we look at some tools for engaging moral relativism (the belief that there's no absolute truth) by examining ways to communicate our love and respect for other people when having a dialogue about moral issues—and also to resist having the relativistic worldview imposed on us. Everyone is invited to join us! In order to make this program more accessible, this class will be offered in multiple parishes. Each week you can go to the class that best fits your schedule. Mondays 8:45 – 10:15 am St. James the Less and 6:30-8:00 pm; Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm St. Patrick's; Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm MMOC; Wednesdays 8:00-9:30 am Blessed Sacrament; 9:45 -11:15 am Roncalli Newman; 1:00 – 2:30 pm Holy Trinity; Thursdays 9:15 – 10:45 am St. Patrick's; Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm Cathedral; Fridays 10:30 – Noon Cathedral. OR do it on your own as a Home Study using the Formed.org website. Cost for the program is \$10. Sessions begin the week of Sept. 20, and we meet once a week for 9 weeks. To register, contact one of the participating parish offices or contact Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net.
- ♦ **Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan.** Join us Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, John Travaline, MD, an expert in Catholic medical ethics, will speak on: **"Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body."** Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation; Cost: \$20/person \$10/students. All are welcome! To register, visit diolc.org/gospeloflife.
- ♦ **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.

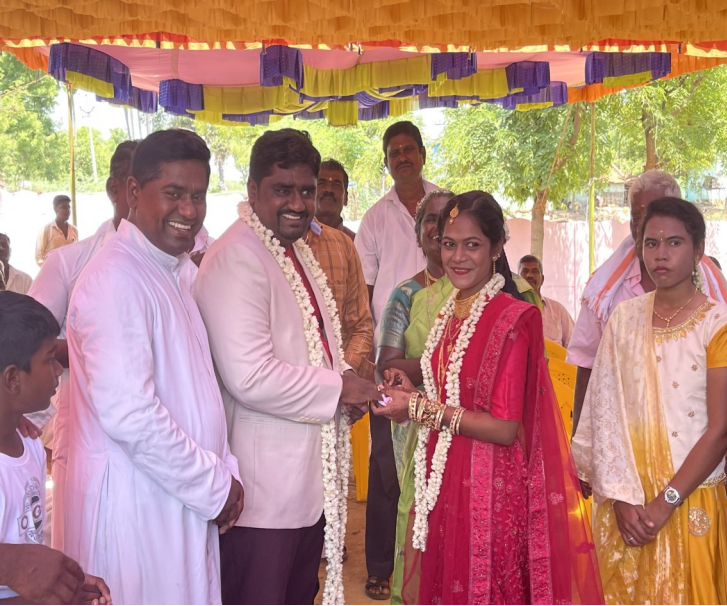
Dear Friends,

I am happy to note that the celebration of the Marriage of my nephew went very well. Thank you so much for all your prayers and blessings. It is a great joy to me personally to bless the marriage bond of my nephew. Let the joy remain forever. I am attaching some photos. Go online to see in color.

Fr. Antony Joseph







Fall Festival Weekend

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

Parish Hall - 11628 Gray St, Trempealeau

October 8, 9 and 10, 2021

FRIDAY, OCT 8TH. - FISH FRY AND BAKE SALE

Serving from 4:00 pm. to 7:00 pm. or until gone

Dine in or carry out dinner - \$12.00

Baked Cod, Batter Fried Cod or Catfish, Baked or Cheesy Potatoes, Coleslaw, Green Beans and Bun

Mac n' Cheese and Hot Dog meal available for 12 and under for \$5.00.

Wine and Beer available for purchase.



SATURDAY, OCT 9TH. - FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Games begin at 5:00 pm. - live music 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Special Children's Mass at 4:00 pm. (no 5:30 pm. Mass)

Games, Hors d'oeuvres, Ice Cream/Root Beer Floats and live music in church hall.

Games for all ages: Basketball, Corn Hole, Pumpkin Painting, Ring Toss, Tic Tac Toe, Spike Ball.

Wine and Beer available for purchase.

SUNDAY, OCT 10TH. - RAFFLE DRAWINGS

Donuts, Coffee, Milk and Juice immediately following 8:30 am. Mass.

Basket and Cash Raffle drawings 10:00 am.

Everyone Welcome!

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