



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE

2nd Sunday of Advent



Sunday Bulletin

**December 5, 2021
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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

"But who may abide the day of his coming and who shall stand when he appears?" This is the cry that goes up from the final pages of the Old Testament. And the Lord himself gives the answer:

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike the land with doom!"

And thus, with these words the Old Testament ends.

And so, the New Testament opens in the desert near the River Jordan with John the Baptist, of whom Jesus says, *"He is the Elijah who was to come,"* the one who would prepare the hearts of all, including us, for the coming of the Messiah.

We too need to go into the desert, the wilderness of our mind, our heart, our life, and hear his word: "Prepare the Way of the Lord!"

It is here, in the desert, where thirst and hunger, both physical and spiritual, hit rich and poor alike. It is here that the Word of God is found and heard.

The text says, *"John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert."*

Here we have a basic Biblical call, "Repent and believe in the good news!" John said this and so did Jesus.

Our modern thinking and practice have strayed from the balance of John and Jesus: REPENT! **and** BELIEVE the GOOD NEWS! Today we only want to hear "Good News." But the "Good News" only makes sense if we understand the "Bad News;" that we need Someone who can save us, because we can't save ourselves. God says so!. "Repent" sets the stage for the "Good news."

In today's Church we often stress trying to make everyone feel comfortable. We seldom talk of sin or controversial topics that might unsettle someone. Where's the desert in that? John wasn't found in some air-conditioned marble palace. He was in the searing desert! No padded pews there, no finely tune PA system, no Air Conditioning, no pleasantries! He just proclaimed the very uncomfortable call to REPENT, to change the way we think and act. "He calls us out, saying: You are deceiving yourselves. Surrender your stinking thinking, your misplaced priorities, your self-righteousness. Dump your "I'm OK your OK, I'm basically a nice person" stuff, your lies to yourself, and accept the fact without God you're lost – a sinner in need of a Savior.

Hear the words of John: *"The savior is near at hand, even at the door!"* Let's go into our desert, the uncomfortable places of our heart, listen, and turn from our ways to His! He's so close! God bless! Dcn. Kent

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

Intentions December 6— December 12

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

+ Penny Wood

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m

+ Peter Baldini

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

+ Fr. Intention—+ Arlene Eichman

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Sandy Hilton

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. St. Mary

+ Francis Haines

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m

+ LaVern Sonsalla

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

+ For the Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

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

+ Dorothy & George Walski

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew

Father's Intention - + Grace Wachowiak

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

+ Clayton Backler & Henry Kohnle

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary

All the People of the Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 11

ST. MARY— 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Butch Vaughn, Kathy Kujak

Lector: Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Doug Woestman, Volunteer

Servers: John Severson

Lector: Kirk Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Dec. 12

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Craig Boyer, John Giemza

Servers: Carter Giemza, Amy Hein

Lector: Joe Plunger

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessor

ST. MARY— 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Ellen Karow

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Ecumenical Christmas Gathering is on December 7. The PCCW is hosting, so we will be providing the potluck meal. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. All ladies are invited and bring a dish to pass.
- ♦ 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 are **still** looking for a **housekeeper** for the **rectory**, please call the office 608-534-6652.
- ♦ The yearly Report to the Bishop is on the table in the vestibule if you would like to pick one up.
- ♦ Please pick up your 2022 envelopes in the vestibule of the church.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SBT Income:	\$ 15,457.10	SMG Income:	\$ 6,334.50
Expenses:	<u>\$ 12,785.13</u>	Expenses:	<u>\$ 5,045.90</u>
Net Income:	\$ 2,671.97	Net Income:	\$ 1,288.60

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ **DECEMBER 7: PCCW meeting** at 6:30 in the church basement. Bring a small bagged gift please.
- ♦ **DECEMBER 13:** St. Mary's members are all asked if they can donate an hour to help clean our church proper for Christmas. 4:00-7:00 Bring hand held vacuums or full size ones if you can.
- ♦ **ST. MARY'S PCCW ADVENT PROJECT:** We will be collecting items for Galesville Elementary School needs. Cash is needed to purchase emergency clothing. Snacks such as granola bars, breakfast bars, dried fruit (no peanuts/nuts) are needed. There will be a box placed in the entry. Checks (made out to Galesville Elementary)/money should be put into a marked envelope and put into the collection basket.
- ♦ **PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **PLEASE ask our Lord daily** for two or more song leaders to share the ministry of leading singing in the weekend masses. (Luke 18:1-5).
- ♦ **LIVING WATER Prayer Community.** Open prayer meeting this Sunday evening at 6:00-7:15 PM. **HOLY SPIRIT 101 course, Session 4**, will follow the prayer meeting..
- ♦ **ST. MARY'S** is looking for a person or two to volunteer to clean the rectory on a monthly basis. This might take a couple hours for two people. Vacuuming, cleaning bathroom, checking to see that trash is taken out. Please contact the church office if you could help out.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.
- ♦ The yearly Report to the Bishop is on the table in the vestibule if you would like to pick one up.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Christmas Confession Schedule: December 12:** St. Mary's after Mass 11:30-12:30. St. Bartholomew 3-4 p.m. If you are unable to make these time, call Father Antony at 608-881-1401 to make an appointment.
- ♦ **Deanery Confessions:** Sunday, December 19 from 3-5 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Arcadia.
- ♦ **Christmas Masses: St. Mary:** Eve 4:00 p.m. Day 10:30 a.m. **St. Bartholomew:** Eve 8:00 p.m. Day 8:30 a.m. **December 26 Masses on Sunday at St. Bartholomew's at 8:30 a.m. and St. Mary's at 10:30 a.m.**
- ♦ **Knights of Columbus Food Drive** - This weekend is your last chance to make a contributions. If you want to contribute but can't get it to the church this weekend please let me know. I can do some pickups Monday before delivery to the Food Pantry on Tuesday. Thanks you for your generosity. POC: Grand Knight Gregory Goltz @ 608-865-1518.
- ♦ **Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale:** St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's PCCW's will be having a Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale on Saturday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall. Make your favorite cookie and put them on plates of a dozen or half dozen on a plate. Please indicate if there is nuts or peanuts in the cookies. The ladies will have the hall open on Friday, December 10 from 5-7 p.m. to receive cookies. Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ **50th Jubilee Celebration;** If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage, please let me know before December 22, I will need your names, and marriage date. Thank you.
- ♦ **St. Elizabeth's Church, Holmen: A Walk With Peter An Advent Journey:** Join us on **Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.** more information contact Pat Brueggen youth@seasholmen.org or 608-526-4424.
- ♦ There will be envelopes in the vestibule for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** for those who wish to make a donation. Make the check out to your parish.

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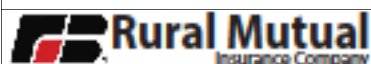
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