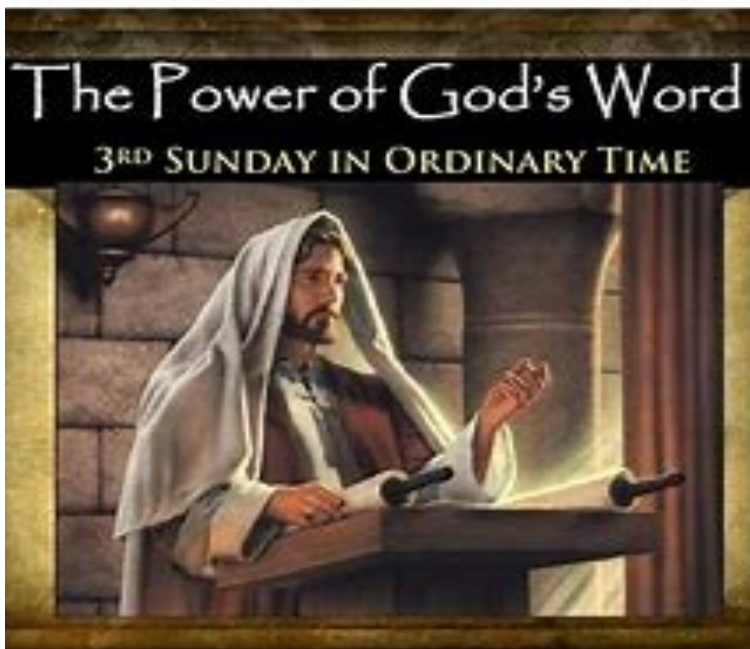




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Sunday Bulletin

**January 23, 2022
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Dear Friends,

We must ask ourselves today about our own beliefs. Sunday after Sunday or even day after day we hear the Sacred Scriptures or we read them on our own. Do we allow these Scriptures to have any power in our lives at all? How do we read the Scriptures? How do we listen to them?

For Jesus, it is clear that the Scriptures are the Word of God. Jesus lives from this Word and all His life is formed by the Word of God. We don't know how He studied Scripture or anything else about His early life. But when he emerges into the public eye, as he does in today's readings, He is clearly formed by the Jewish Scriptures and is also clear about how He understands them.

What about us? Are we formed by these Scriptures? Are we formed by the New Testament?

So much of the power of the Holy Scriptures comes down to a simple challenge: Do we believe in God and believe that Jesus is God? With those two basic beliefs, the way that we read Scripture and allow it to form our lives is entirely different from people who do not believe in God nor believe that Jesus is God.

So often today we meet people who want to be nice people and who find it impossible to believe in Jesus or even in God. Religion is seen primarily as a tool to make nice people or a tool for social control. Once people are civilized, psychologically balanced and have enough money, they don't need belief or religion. There are even studies that show that as countries achieve a better standard of living and freedom, the participation in religion drops. That is happening now in the United States.

We have to ask ourselves: Why do I participate in a Church? Is it out of fear of hell? Is it because that is the way that I was brought up? Or has it become truly a part of my personal belief and so I participate in a Church for the glory of God.

Let us pray today that the Word of God can move us to tears! Let us pray that we will know the strength of God's presence in His Word read to us! Let us ask that we can know personally the fulfillment of the Scriptures in Jesus Christ! He is our Lord and our God.

Fr. Antony Joseph

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Intentions January 24 — January 30	
Monday:	NO MASS
Tuesday:	NO MASS
Wednesday:	NO MASS
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Bill Schuth	
Friday:	11:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Funeral Masses David Wallace Raymond	
Saturday:	4:00 p.m. St. Mary
+ Neil Bremer	
Saturday:	5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Brad Klonecki	
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Marie Eichman	
Sunday:	10:30 a.m. St. Mary
+ Charlie (Chuck) Sonsalla	
MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 29	
ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.	
Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Butch Vaughn	
Lector: Becky Harris	
ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.	
Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer	
Server: John Severson	
Lector: Greg Goltz	
MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Jan. 30	
ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.	
Ushers: Jason Hilton, George Richtman	
Servers: Jaylen Hilton, Eli Schwertel	
Lector: Shannon Krett	
Communion Minister: Anne Bagley	
ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.	
Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy	
Lector: Cindy Anderson	

Diocesan Annual Appeal	
SMG	SBT
Target:	\$11,365.00
Pledged:	\$9,010.00
Under:	\$2,355.00
	\$22,985.00
	\$14,510.00
	\$ 8,475.00

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ **LIVING WATER Prayer Community.** Open prayer meeting this Sunday evening at 6:00-7:15 PM.
- ♦ **The St. Mary's PCCW will be meeting Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30 in the church basement. We will be having our regular meeting and making valentines for those in our church family and others in our area who might need some warm fuzzies. Please join us to help with this fun project. If you have names of individuals who you would like to suggest, please call the church office with the names and addresses.**
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEMS FOR YOU.

+ Regarding the three questions that help clarify our current parish culture. Are we where Jesus and His Church want us to be? The 1st question - What does it mean to be Catholic?

- Data shows that most who only go to mass see being Catholic as being a good person, getting your entrance sacraments, and going to Mass. It also shows that these:

- lack the very foundation of being Catholic – a personal relationship with Jesus Christ -

- and so lack the connection to the Heavenly Father as part of His family,

and the understanding that one's entire life should now be focused on building His kingdom on earth.

- If we're honest, we'd admit we've been working more on building *our* kingdom than God's. Our major focus has been on making money to care for *our* family, not God and His Family (which includes ours).

- If God were to grab a sheet of paper and make list of things we've done to build His kingdom outside of our own families, what would be on that list?

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Children's Mass is on Sunday, February 6 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. Donut Sunday follows the Mass in the church hall. Please come and visit with your parish family.
- ♦ The PCCW is currently praying and looking for someone to step up and take the role of Vice President. Please consider helping us by taking on this rewarding experience. Contact Kay Richtman at 507-459-4115 or call the parish office if you have any questions. Leave a message if necessary.
- ♦ 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.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5- 6. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved!
- ♦ **Pro-Life Resources from the U.S. Bishops** For excellent pro-life resources from the U.S. Bishops for the month of January, visit www.respectlife.org. There you can sign up for 9 Days for Life, an annual novena for the protection of human life (Jan. 19-27), from the U.S. Bishops' Office for Pro-Life Activities. You can also find many more resources, including information on the January 22 "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children," with a special Mass designated for that day.
- ♦ **Update—2022 Pilgrimage for Life Cancelled** We have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Pilgrimage for Life this year. This decision was made due to the increase in COVID cases in our area, diocese, and around the country, especially the Washington, DC area. Our hope is that we can attend next year, but will need to continue to monitor the situation with regard to COVID. If you have already paid money, you will receive a full refund.
- ♦ Have you asked someone recently? Do you know someone in your life who you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue the conversation. I can be reached at: 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.

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