



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

**December 11, 2022
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STREAMS IN THE DESERT

This third Sunday of Advent's theme is healing. It's highlighted in all the readings. Jesus' presence always brings consolation, healing, consolation & new courage.

Note that to John's question Jesus doesn't recount His acts of power, like calming the storm, but talks about healings. Alluding to the 1st reading today, He tells them, "Go tell John what you see and hear." Those things are the signs of Christ's presence. The Church has always known this. We know that Jesus heals & that the presence of Jesus in a believer brings healing.

As we move further into difficult times, it's increasingly important that the church, the physical presence of Christ on earth, be a place where everybody can come for healing. That's why we need experiential faith.

That experiential faith comes from the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. If you don't have it, get it! Jesus' healing comes not only through the sacraments, but through the charisms of the Holy Spirit working through us. The gift of healing is one of those charisms.

So don't be afraid! God is at work in you & will — if you let Him — work with you to bring His healing to others. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every father in this parish, when one of his children got sick, would lay hands on them & pray over them for healing?

In other words, make your faith real. You either do or don't believe Jesus is who He says He is & will do what He says He will do. Demonstrate expectant faith, rather than that of Nazareth where Jesus couldn't do much because of their lack of faith.

If you would give God a blank check to do with you whatever He wants, you would become His instrument of mercy bringing healing to our wounded world. We would become missionaries of the kitchen table and our neighborhood!

And then, when people ask you, "Is this really the true church?" you could tell them what you see and hear — "The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, people's sins are forgiven, people are reconciled, families are put back together. Let me show you the power & the healing mercy of God the Father who is here with us now."

God bless! Deacon Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Total Offering	\$ 4,388.25	\$ 2,399.14

Counters: Dan Kelleher, Lori Mahoney

Intentions December 12 — December 18

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

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

+ Clayton Backler & Henry Kohle

Friday: NO MASS

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

+ Eugene & Clara Pronschinske

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

+ Carmen Woestman

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

+ LaVern Sonsalla

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

+ Olive Drugan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY: Dec. 17

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Sandy Salsman, Butch Vaughn

Lector: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lector: Judy Heinz

Communion Minister: Doreen Backler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY: Dec. 18

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza

Servers: Zak Guenther, Volunteer

Lector: Shannon Krett

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

ST. MARY— 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Cindy Anderson

Religious Education (RE) REwind/Review
4th Grade Curriculum

The Commandments: Sixth Commandment
You shall not commit adultery.

-Be faithful and loyal to friends and family.

-Be pure and act appropriately to respect God's gift of sexuality.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Christmas Family:** The PCCW is collecting Christmas gifts for a family. Please take an ornament from the tree and purchase the gifts. Wrap the gift, put the ornament on the gift and return to the church by Sunday, December 18. Thank you for making Christmas special for this family.
- ♦ Please pick up your **2023 envelopes** in the vestibule of the church. St. Bartholomew follows the Church Year.
- ♦ 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!

- ♦ **Monday, December 12,** 4:00-6:00 will be our Advent cleaning of the church. Please come for an hour or two to help us get ready for Christmas. Vacuums are always needed, so if you have a smaller one for under the pews or upright for carpet, please bring them along.
- ♦ St. Mary's Catholic Church PCCW will be collecting items for Marinuka Manor for bingo prizes. Residents have enjoyed for many years the bingo games and are in need of prizes. We will be collecting these items in the entry of the church. More information will be coming out but the list will include items like giant candy bars, handkerchiefs, fun socks, 300 piece puzzles and items for bird feeding.
- ♦ Please pick up your **2023 envelopes** in the vestibule of the church. St. Mary's follows the calendar year.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

- + Advent is a time of expectation of His 2nd coming & a prayerful renewal of our hearts of His 1st coming.
- + To foster opportunities for this, the Church will be open for you from 12:30-2:30 PM, Tuesdays through Friday's during Advent, so that you can spend time with Jesus in the Blessed sacrament, should you so desire.

- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER Prayer Community** open prayer meeting this Sunday evening at 6:00-7:30 PM. 7:30 – 8:15 ADVENT MISSION: Based on the book "Fulfilment of All Desire" – Session 2 of 4, Important Practices.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Deanery Confessions** will be on **December 18th at Holy Family Parish** in Arcadia. Confessions will begin at 3:00 PM and priests will stay until there are no more penitents present.
- ♦ **Bible Study** will continue on December 17, from 9:00-10:30 in St. Bartholomew church hall. All are welcome
- ♦ **Lifesavers for Life** now known as **ASAP** (Aid & Assistance After Pregnancy) a KofC fundraiser, will be conducted this weekend. Your donations will be used to assist mothers and babies by supporting local pregnancy resource centers.
- ♦ **Keep Christ in Christmas** yard signs, magnets and window displays are now available in the church vestibule. Requesting a free will donation of \$3.00 each.
- ♦ **2ND COLLECTION TODAY.** Support aging religious by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care, and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.
- ♦ As you know, the fall is traditionally the time of year when we conduct our Diocesan Annual Appeal to support the wonderful ministries of our Diocese. This year will be slightly different. The Annual Appeal for the 2022-2023 year has been incorporated into the **Inspired by the Spirit Campaign**. This comprehensive, all-parish campaign effort began in parishes this past spring and is being conducted throughout this fall and through the first half of 2023. It will not only incorporate and support the ministries through the Diocesan Annual Appeal but will also provide an opportunity for every parish in the Diocese to raise funds for their own parish needs, the Diocesan Center, and the new Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. Our parish is assigned to the second block of the campaign timeline. You will be hearing more details in the coming months. Please begin to pray about your commitment to this campaign and know that we will be inviting you to participate after the New Year. While the **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, it will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come.
- ♦ **50th Jubilee Celebration;** If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage, please let me know before December 28th, I will need your names, and marriage date. Thank you.

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