



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin

**December 25, 2022  
Year A**

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## THE HUMILITY THAT HEALS

**The Paradox** – Not in power as a king, but in humility as a babe, God entered our crazy fallen world. No fanfare, no announcements. Just the pungent smell of animal dung & silence broken by a baby's wail.

**Why this great mystery?** If God's going to enter & announce good news, why so hidden, so lowly?

**To conquer pride.** What does pride have to do with it? Everything! Satan in pride said, "I will not serve!" So he & a third of the angels fell from heaven. In pride Adam & Eve disobeyed God saying in effect, "I don't care what God said, I'll decide what's good & evil."

**God conquers pride with humility.** *"Though in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled himself & became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."*

**God vanquishes hate with love,** darkness with light, retribution with mercy, & pride with humility. God's "foolishness" traps Satan & the worldly in their own designs. At the cross, he loses and Jesus wins, overcoming Adam's sin of pride & disobedience.

**The Peace** – In the midst of this paradox, where pride is overwhelmed by humility, this blessing is offered to those who like the shepherds are humble enough to hear it: *"Peace to people of good will."*

**What is this peace that's offered to us?** Here peace doesn't mean "the absence of conflict" but translated literally means: to join together into a whole, to have wholeness. Peace is God's gift of healing & wholeness.

**Today** He offers His gift of peace, wholeness, healing, to those whose pride & personal agendas don't block His grace. Pride is poison; humility is healing.

**We who have experienced it** know that our greatest peace & healings have come in our most difficult & painful moments, when we were humble enough to authentically cry out, "Help me, Lord!"

**Today the Lord enters our pain.** In the midst of His humility, a little hand reaches out. Our humble God offers us a gift of peace, of healing. If we're of good will, if we're humble enough to receive it, it is ours.

God bless!

Deacon Kent

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 2,611.00	\$ 1,286.00
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<b>Retire. Fund Rel.</b>	692.45	173.00
<b>Youth Envelopes</b>	5.00	0.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	\$ 3,612.49	\$ 1,678.75

**Counters:** Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman

## Intentions December 26 – January 1

**Monday:** NO MASS

**Tuesday:** NO MASS

**Wednesday:** NO MASS

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

+ Marion Klonecki

**Friday:** NO MASS

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

+ Klein & Hammer Families (Living & Deceased)

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

+ Jim Walske

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

+ Tom Kelleher

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

All the People of Our Parishes

Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message :

<https://youtu.be/DSqdHqPeahl>



**Footsteps of Fr. Joe Walijeski Pilgrimage - July 5-15, 2023** This unique spiritual journey will be led by Fr. Woody Pace and Julie Studinski as the group follows the missionary footsteps of Fr. Joe Walijewski. This trip is designed primarily for a first-time visitor to Casa but previous participants may apply to be added to a waitlist. The Footsteps of Fr. Joe Pilgrimage is \$2,500 and includes: airfare, meals lodging and transportation in Peru. Personal encounters with families, staff and the community and behind the scenes tours. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Julie Studinski at 715.340.4846 or [julieastud@gmail.com](mailto:julieastud@gmail.com).

**Religious Education (RE) REwind/Review**

4th Grade Curriculum

The Commandments: Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

-Be honest and truthful.

-Do not brag about yourself.

-Do not say untruthful or negative things about others.





# Merry Christmas



## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Thank you to all who helped with decorating our church for Christmas.
- ♦ There is **NO CCD** classes on December 28.
- ♦ **Help needed:** The 5:30 p.m. Mass needs more Communion Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. The 8:30 a.m. Mass needs more Communion Ministers and Servers. Please call the office, 608-534-6652, with your info.
- ♦ The PCCW would like to thank all who donated to our Christmas family so they may have a wonderful Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- ♦ 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!**

- ♦ Thank you to all who helped clean on Dec. 12 and who decorated our church for Christmas. It looks beautiful.
- ♦ Please pick up your **2023 envelopes** in the vestibule of the church. St. Mary's follows the calendar year.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com).

### PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

+ From all of us to all of you: Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **We would like to welcome Father Sebastian Saleth Pitchai** as our Parochial Administrator, who begins on January 1. He is here for the Christmas and New Year's weekends. Please stop and greet him.
- ♦ Bible Study for January is on 7th and 21st from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's church hall.
- ♦ **50th Jubilee Celebration;** If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2023, please let me know before December 28th, I will need your names, and marriage date. Thank you.
- ♦ We have Bible Diaries for 2023 for sale at \$10.00 each. I will put one in the vestibule to look at. If you are interested, please stop at the office, email ([secretary@stmstb.diolcparish.org](mailto:secretary@stmstb.diolcparish.org)) or call (608-534-6652).

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