



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

**January 29, 2023
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THE BLESSED PATH

(adapted from Scott Hahn's newsletter)

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David & Son of God. He's sent to lead a new exodus, bringing Israel out of captivity to the nations & bringing all nations to God.

As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism, going to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants God would bless all the nations of the world.

Jesus is the son of Abraham & through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

He chooses to bless the weak & lowly, the foolish & despised in the eyes of the world. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit His mercy & grace, the humble remnant of the 1st reading, who seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path & purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek & clean of heart; merciful & makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials & persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning & a great reward in the end.

Even when life gets messy, relationships get difficult, our job becomes a grind, a loved one dies, we need to remember that we are not made for this world. St. Francis De Sales tells us to, "Say frequently in the midst of your contradictions, 'This is the path to heaven.'" It works! When we look at our present reality through an eternal perspective, seeing our life in light of heaven, everything changes.

The Kingdom we inherit is not of earth, but the promised land of heaven, where the Lord reigns forever. As we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

God bless!
Deacon Kent

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Kathy Kujak

Intentions January 30 — February 5

Monday: NO MASS

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ George & Dorothy Walski

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

+ Tom Kelleher

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

* For the Living and Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

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

+ Dorothy Chuchna

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

+ Neil Bremer

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Lucy Dunn

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 4

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: George Richtman, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lector: Greg Goltz

Communion Minister: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Feb. 5

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Wyatt Rademacher, Garrett Bork

Servers: Jaylen Hilton, Zak Guenther

Lectors: Logan Hammel, Brian Kent

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Ellen Karow

Religious Education (RE) REwind/Review

4th Grade Curriculum Precepts of the Church

2. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year if you have committed a serious sin.

3. Receive Holy Communion at least once a year during Easter time.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, February 5 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.
- ♦ **Finance Committee meeting** on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.
- ♦ **PCCW meeting** on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- ♦ **Pastoral Council meeting** on Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- ♦ 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!

- ♦ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** after mass Tuesday evening, February 7th, in the Rectory.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

- + Am I just a church member, or am I a disciple of Jesus Christ, engaged in His mission? Am I a fan or a follower?
- + Am I just cheering from the bleachers, or am I on the field running His plays as His Word & Spirit tell me to?
- + Do I take Jesus seriously?

- ♦ **OCIA: SYMBOLON** Session 1.7, The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace., Thursday Feb. 2, 6:15 PM, Rectory.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER Prayer Community** open prayer meeting this Sunday evening at 6:00-7:30 PM. 7:30-8:30 REVIVE PARISH COURSE: Everyday Apostles - Essential.
- ♦ **NEW BIBLE STUDY:** *The Case for Jesus* with Dr. Brant Pitre. 9 weeks. Begins Jan. 30th, 6:15-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. More information can be found on St. Mary's FaceBook page under Events. To register contact Dcn. Kent, 608.864.0952 or dcnkent@yahoo.com. If you would like to purchase a Participant's Guide, contact Dcn. Kent. - *Maybe you've heard things like the Gospels are fables written long after Jesus' public ministry, and they can't be trusted; or the idea that Jesus is the son of God is a legend that grew after his death; or Jesus was a just a really good man, a guru of sorts. These are lies. Based on historical evidence & scholarship, this study sets the record straight about the Gospels and Jesus.*

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Annual Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):** Is this weekend, January 28 and 29, we are taking up a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.
- ♦ **Mardi Gras Event** Tuesday, February 21st @ 2:00. St. Mary's in Galesville will be hosting a Mardi Gras event for the local churches. Ladies of St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's are welcome to attend. This event will consist of a speaker from Elmaro Vineyard and dessert/coffee. Please come share an afternoon with us.
- ♦ **Next Bible Study**, is February 4th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's church hall.
- ♦ **FOCUS Online Lenten Bible Study: The Story of Salvation** with Curtis Marin and Dr. Edward Sri, cofounders of FOCUS. For details go to <https://focusequip.org/lentenstudy2023/>
- ♦ Mark your calendars: Saturday, April 29, Arcadia Deanery Council of Catholic Women is planning a **Day of Joy** at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, La Crosse,. All ladies from St. Bartholomew and St. Mary are invited. More details to follow.
- ♦ **Gundersen Health System** will host VIRTUAL workshops starting in February on these topics: **Healthy Living with Diabetes and Healthy Living with Chronic Pain**. Each class is one day a week for 2½ hours for 6 weeks. Cost is \$30 and includes a workbook. To register or have a brochure sent to you with more information, please call 608-775-6870.
- ♦ Catholic Daughters Winona Court #191 will be meeting Sunday, February 12 starting after the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's Parish Commons. It is our 110th anniversary of being a Court - oldest in Minnesota. Meal and meeting will follow. Wear red for Valentine's Day and pray for the end to abortions. Ladies are invited to join our group for faith, fellowship and fun.

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PCCW next meeting
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