



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin

**February 26, 2023  
Year A**

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## Parish Councils

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## THE TEMPTER APPROACHES

We see in today's readings temptation & the tempter, defeat & victory. Adam, the 1<sup>st</sup> son of God, capitulates in the face of evil masquerading as good but defying God. Baptized & empowered by the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the Son of God, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, defeats evil masquerading as good by obeying God.

These are not just the temptations of Jesus - they are the temptations of the whole church. For instance, Jesus' response to the 1<sup>st</sup> temptation is this, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." What does this mean for our parish? Faith in our Father 1<sup>st</sup>, in ourselves 2<sup>nd</sup>. It means seeking God's will before taking action, even if it takes a while, including the why & the way we raise money! E.g. God say's 'tithe,' we say 'raffle.'

Sometimes we think that because we're Catholic, our ideas must automatically be God's will. Not so! That's presumption, not faith. Jesus says, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Seeking God's will 1<sup>st</sup> – faith & trust – must be the bedrock of everything we do as the Body of Christ. We as Church have only one thing to offer the world – Jesus! He must be visible – by Name & by activity – in everything we do. God 1<sup>st</sup>!

The devil says, "bend & worship me & I'll give you what you want." Jesus says, "Worship the Lord your God, & serve Him alone." There are so many things about which I've heard Catholics say, "Well, God doesn't care about that," like how we dress for & act at Mass & what we offer Him. His word is very clear about this. He desires our best in everything, our 1<sup>st</sup> fruits, without spot or blemish. Why? Love! Because there's no One greater; no One who loves us more. Anything less puts ourselves, not Him, 1<sup>st</sup>.

We'll all be tempted during Lent, perhaps to hate, or to steal, or to a sexual sin, or maybe to just goof off, to not do anything. So be alert! If you're reading scripture, the Lord will provide you with an answer to the temptation in what you're reading.

Repent & believe the Gospel.

God bless!  
Deacon Kent

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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**Counters: Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman**

## Intentions February 27 – March 5

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

+ Annette Stellpflug

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

*Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.*

+ Dorothy Smith

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

+ Dale Czapiewski

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

*Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.*

+ Carla Knepper

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

+ Joseph Kokott

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

+ Richard Lettner

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

+ Tammy Johnson-Schindler

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Jean Meckstroth

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

All the People of Our Parishes

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 4

**ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.**

**Ushers: Butch Vaughn, Sandy Salsman**

**Lector: Sheila Collom**

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.**

**Ushers: George Richtman, Volunteer**

**Server: John Severson**

**Lector: Kirk Shimek**

**Communion Minister: Karen Shimek**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Mar. 5

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.**

**Ushers: 3rd Graders**

**Servers: Eli Schwertel, Volunteer**

**Lector: 3rd Graders**

**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 *Liturgical Seasons of the Church:***

**Christmas Season** - lasts from Christmas Eve through the Sunday after Epiphany, which is twelve days after Christmas. It is a time to be joyful and thank God for sending his Son to become one of us.

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Stations of the Cross** all Wednesdays of March at 7:00 p.m. Father is requesting that different groups lead the Stations. Starting on March 1st the PCCW will lead. March 8th—Knights of Columbus; March 15th—CCD classes, all are asked to be there; March 22nd - Pastoral Council and March 29th - Finance Council.
- ♦ **PCCW Bingo** - Sunday, March 19th, 1-3 p.m. in the church hall. Free to play. Cash and other “fabulous” prizes will be available. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend.
- ♦ The PCCW will again this year be assembling Easter Baskets. We are in need of small toys, eggs to fill, and candy to complete the baskets. A box will be available in the vestibule for donations until March 27th. We have had amazing support for this endeavor for many years. Thank you for your help.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Dear Friends, without your help the G-E-T Food Pantry would struggle to keep up with current demands. According to my notes, you have donated “lots of groceries” twice since the New Year. We have 8 new clients sign up to use the pantry since Jan. 1 - without a doubt your help will make a difference! G-E-T Food Pantry

## ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ **Finance Council** meeting on Tuesday, February 28 in the sacristy at 7:00 p.m. after Mass and Soup Supper.
- ♦ **SOUP SUPPERS:** Will start Tuesday February 28, after the 6:00 mass. Everyone is welcome. Every Tuesday during lent: February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28. St. Mary's PCCW hosts these events. There is a sign-up in the entry of the church for help. Our mission this year is for Father Muthu's project in India to repaint and repair the hostel where 50 students are living while they are getting their technical education. Father Muthu is now in charge of this hostel. When Father Antony was reassigned, this was one of the priests who did mass for our churches.
- ♦ **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.

- + How can I love Jesus & His people more intensely during this Lenten season? After Lent?
- + Is my Lenten sacrifice just about me & what I'm giving up? Or is it, focused on Jesus?

- ♦ **BIBLE STUDY:** Week 5 of 9, *The Kingdom of God & the Messiah* with Dr. Brant Pitre, on Monday, February 27 from 6:15-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER Prayer Community** open prayer meeting this Sunday evening at 6:00-7:30 PM. Following the Prayer Meeting, Fr. Matthias - *Lenten Mission, First Night*.
- ♦ **OCIA: SYMBOLON** Session 1.8 *Why Do I Need the Church?* Thursday March 2nd, 6:15 PM, Rectory.
- ♦ **COME** to the **STATIONS of the CROSS & ADORATION** during Lent, Fridays beginning 02/24/23, 6:00-7:00 PM, because we want you to encounter Jesus. Your heart was made for Him and will be restless until it knows Him.
- ♦ **DEEPEN YOUR LOVE OF GOD & friendship** with Him. **During Lent** the Church will be open for you to spend time with Him, 12:30-2:30 PM, Tuesdays through Fridays.

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Welcome for Fr. Sebastian.** Potluck meal to welcome Father on Sunday, March 12 at noon. All are welcome from both parishes. Bring a dish to pass and visit with Father and our parish community.
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- ♦ **Bible Study** is on March 11th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's church hall.
- ♦ **Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner** at St. Bridget's, Ettrick on Sunday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ♦ Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 15th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon. Wednesday, March 29 \$30. per person at Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Make your Reservation before March 20th.
- ♦ **Lenten Regulations** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. Lenten regulations are as follows:
  1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
  2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



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