



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

Sunday Bulletin

April 30, 2023
Year A

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord & Messiah.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

Jesus isn't talking about an ordinary shepherd or an ordinary sheepfold or an ordinary gate, He's talking about being saved. He's using a double metaphor here, being both the authentic shepherd who's going to lead the sheep out to pasture, & He's the gate, the way of access to eternal life.

So, who are the thieves & robbers? They're the bad shepherds referred to in Ezekiel 34:2-6 & 11, the religious leaders who lived a life of ease, refusing to leave their comfort zone & seek the lost.

Notice too, that Ezekiel, whom Jesus is referencing, says that God is going to rescue the sheep on a "day of clouds & thick darkness." What might that day be? Looking at the Gospels, the day of clouds & thick darkness is the day of the crucifixion. It is the passion & the death of Jesus Christ. That is how He's going to save His sheep.

Today we hear again His voice calling us His own. We've been baptized. But let's be honest—each of us goes astray like sheep. Like those who heard Peter's teaching, we should be cut to the heart & ask, "What are we to do?" We still need to repent daily, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to walk in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our own suffering & afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus Himself has gone ahead of us through the dark valley of evil & death. His light on this path shows us that this life is not the end. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

God bless!

Deacon Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Counters: Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman

Intentions May 1 - May 7

Monday: 6:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew
Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

+ Joanne Hayter

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary
Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Glen Bawek

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

+ Bernard Kriesel

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Exposition and Confession at 8:30 p.m.

+ Henry Gloede, Jr.

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

+ Bea Stellpflug

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

For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Marilou Hunter

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

+ Pete Symitczek

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, May 6

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Butch Vaughn, Dave Mueller

Lectors: Tom Ladwig

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Greg Goltz

Communion Minister: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY May 7

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Brenengen, Scott Lamberty

Servers: Regan Lamberty, Annalise

Lectors: Kirk Shimek

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Bruce Reedy

Lectors: Tom Ladwig,

Religious Education (RE) REwind/REview

4th Grade Curriculum-Sacraments

The seven sacraments are Baptism, First Confession, First Communion, Confirmation, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and the Sacrament of the Sick.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ First Communion is today, April 30 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We are happy to announce that we have 5 First Communicants receiving the Eucharist on this day. Keep them in your prayers.
- ♦ Lectors needed and can be of any age. We are also in need of Eucharist Ministers for both Masses. Please contact the office, 608-534-6652 or email secretary@stmstb.diocparish.org with your information.
- ♦ Need prayers for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118, Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520 or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518 .

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

- ♦ **PCCW Updates:** Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 (Mass at 6:00). The Spring Salad luncheon will be at the Presbyterian Church at noon Friday, May 5. All ladies of St. Mary's are invited to attend this ecumenical event. Bring a salad to share. The speaker will be Mary Parish of Sunset Gardens.
- ♦ **Outdoor Spring Cleanup** will be Thursday, May 4th from 4-6 p.m. at St. Mary's. Please come help us clean out the garage, rake out the sod from snowplowing divots and work on the plants around the buildings. Bring rakes, gloves garden tools! Help our church look nice for the summer!
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

- + Have you engaged in Jesus' (& our parish) mission this week? Who have you prayed with, not just for?
- + "Don't be afraid! Don't be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep & let down your nets for a catch!" (JPII).

- ♦ **OCIA:** SMG Rectory, Thursday, May 4, 6:15-7:30.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ May is the Mary's month. So we will be starting the Rosary at 3:00 p.m. at the Grotto. However on Monday, May 1 will be having a Mass at 6:00 p.m. and will say the Rosary at 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ **50th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Marynook Council 6487, Galesville - Ettrick - Trempealeau.** All are invited to our anniversary celebration, next Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 am in St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall. It's Doughnut Sunday also, so there will be cake, donuts, coffee and drinks. See you there.
- ♦ **Bible Study** is on May 13 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's church hall.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER! Prayer Community** invites you to experience the Holy Spirit's love for you this Sunday evening, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. **FOLLOWING:** "Evangelization & the Acts of the Apostles, Session 2 – Clothed with Power" with Dr. Mary Healy.
- ♦ **BINGO** at St. John the Apostle Church, Whitehall on Sunday, May 21 from 1-3:30 p.m.
- ♦ Our thanks for your most recent donation to help fill the shelves of the G-E-T Community Food Pantry. My notes say it was a whole cart full of groceries. Those groceries will head back out our door quickly as we continue to help our neighbors in need. Our thanks for your ongoing help. Sincerely, the G-E-T Food Pantry.
- ♦ Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is seeking qualified nurses to serve as part-time nursing faculty this coming Fall Semester. We are seeking individuals to help transform lives through education, inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition's quest to understand the human experience through faith and reason. The part-time positions require 8-12 hours a week from August 21-December 20. Clinical Instructors are needed to teach in a nursing home setting. Nursing Skills Lab Instructors are needed to teach on the Winona Campus. Training and Clinical Onboarding will be provided. Find a full job description and apply here: <https://faculty-saintmarysuniversity.icims.com/>. For more information, please contact Carlyn Wardwell at cwardwel@smumn.edu.
- ♦ The Winona Catholic Daughters Court #191 will be meeting Monday, May 8 at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of Stanislaus basement hall. The May crowning will take place outside of the Basilica at the grotto beside the church. Bring flowers if you want. Come join us for faith, food and fellowship.
- ♦ Catholic Charities has a part-time opening (24 hours/week) for a Volunteer Coordinator to lead recruitment, outreach, onboarding and matching of volunteers to Catholic Charities programs and projects. Position requires participating in community wide volunteer recruitment events and interacting with potential volunteers of all ages. Qualifications include 1-2 years of related work experience and solid communication skills. Follow-up and follow-through is key to being successful in this position. Some regional travel required. Part-time benefits available including generous paid leave, holiday time and 401(k) plan. For immediate consideration, please fill out an [application](#) online at <https://cclse.org/volunteer-coordinator-la-crosse/> and attach your resume and cover letter.

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