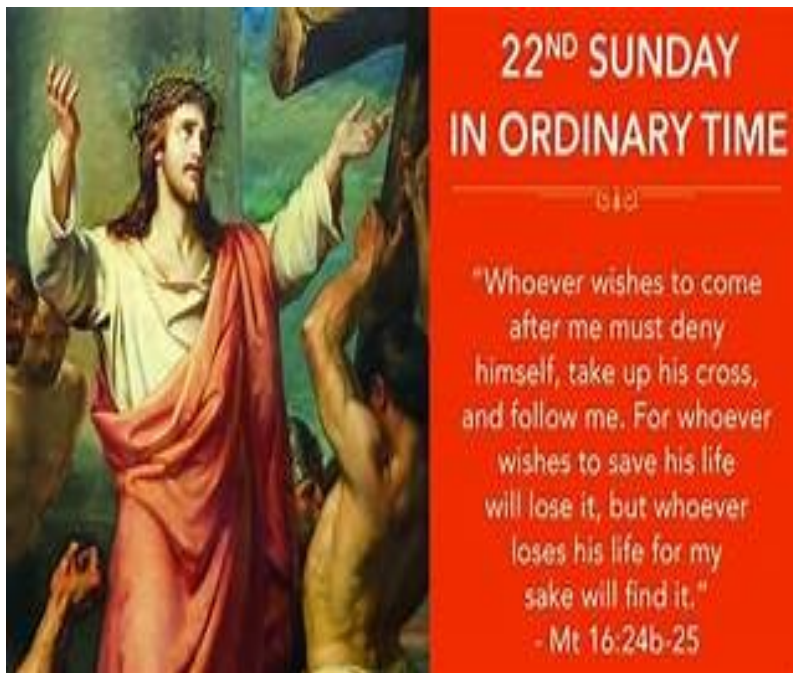




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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

September 3, 2023

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The Cross is a sign of sincere Love
 My dear brothers and sisters. In today's gospel, "Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly ... and be killed and on the third day be raised," we recognize the familiar story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. But this was a story that the disciples had not even imagined. They expected a political Christ as Messiah and a new kingdom of David. They are disappointed, therefore, by the words of Jesus. Jesus talked about resurrection indeed, but they could hear that Jesus would suffer and die, and that their dreams would die with him.

When Peter tried to dissuade Jesus, he received a sharp rebuke, and was told that he must abandon human plans in favor of God's way of doing things. God's way is first the way of the cross, and then only the blessings of freedom and joy. This does not mean seeking pain, or even awaiting pain; it means simply trying to be loving.

Simon Peter sought to flee, to escape, and to deny. He is a great figure for us to contemplate. How many times did Simon Peter flee? How many times did he deny? And yet Christ named him Peter, Rock. In the end we must remember that it was Simon Peter who declared, "Lord, you have the words of eternal life. To whom else can we go?" He knew that he couldn't go it alone. We, too, know that we can't "go it alone".

Therefore, I'm always grateful to see a cross with Christ's body hanging on it. It shows me the cost God paid in order to stay with us. Jesus teaches us what thinking like God means: to love, with whatever is implied about denying ourselves in favor of our brother and neighbor. This is why following Christ means taking up the Cross. And, when the Cross is a sign of sincere love, then it becomes enlightening and a sign of salvation. Fr. Sebastian

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Intentions
September 4 - September 10

Monday: NO MASS

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

+ Deceased Members of the Pientok Family

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
 Scott Kowalewski (For Health)

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Exposition and Confession at 9:00 p.m.

+ Jim & Bernie Schmidtke

Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
 + Don Kowalewski

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary
 + For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
 + Jim Walske

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew
 + David Peplinski

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary
 All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Sept. 9

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Sandy Salsman
Lectors: Tom Ladwig

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer
Server: John Severson
Lectors: Judy Heinz
Communion Minister: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Sept. 10

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza
Servers: Eli Schwertel, Brian
Lectors: Dan Kelleher
Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessor

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy
Lectors: Ellen Karow

FAMILY PRAYER CORNER:

At 7:00 p.m. Every evening all parish families are asked to pray: **1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory Be to the Father** with this intention in mind: **For all the Laborers, who work hard to make our country and our families, to have a better place to live.**

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

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

OUR VISION: To awaken the faithful, reach the Lost, and make Church matter!

- ♦ **St. Mary's PCCW** would like to thank all those who made our annual mum sale a success. We had a great crew of people hauling the mums and selling them. And a big thanks to all of those who purchased them!
- ♦ **Thank you** to the crew of cleaners who got the rectory cleaned and ready for classes this year. It looks great! A big thank you to Diane Redsten who keeps the rectory clean and Don Teska who keeps the church cleaned.
- ♦ **Faith Formation** letters and registration forms were sent out. If you didn't get one please call the office, 608-534-6652, to let me know. I will then send it out to you. **Classes** begin on September 13 at 6:15 p.m.
- ♦ **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.

- + **St. Mary's Mission:** to love God, love others, and go make disciples - what Jesus tells us to do.
- + **One way** to love others is defined by the 2nd Spiritual Work of Mercy – Counsel the doubtful.
- + **This means** (in today's language) to help someone who is undecided or double-minded about something, to come to a moral decision rooted in the call to holiness and the goal of attaining Heaven by God's grace.
- + **Ask the Holy Spirit** for the grace to listen and the gift of wisdom to give others God's counsel, not the world's.

- ♦ **OCIA:** SMG Rectory, Thursday, September 7 at 6:15-7:45.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Teachers meeting** is on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Religious Education** letters and registration forms were sent out on Friday. If you didn't get one please call the office, 608-534-6652, to let me know. I will then send it out to you.
- ♦ **Fall Festival letter and Raffle Tickets** are available in the back of church starting this weekend. Please stop and pick them up.
- ♦ **Donut Sunday** is next Sunday, September 10. We look forward to seeing you then.
- ♦ **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.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **2023-2024 CONFIRMATION PARENT'S & CANDIDATES MEETING**, Wednesday, September 6th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Basement (the "Lower Room").
- ♦ **Come and learn about the biblical roots of Christmas.** Who was Mary? Who was Joseph? What is the true meaning of Christmas? Why is the birth of a Jewish boy in Bethlehem the center of human history? And why is the feast of Christmas so beloved, not just among Christians, but even among unbelievers? Between September and December the bible study will focus on these questions. Saturdays, September 9th and 23rd, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Parish hall.
- ♦ **Grandparents**, are you looking for suggestions on ways to connect with your grandchildren and pass on the faith to them? Would you be interested in attending several (number to be determined) small group discussion sessions covering this topic? Specific details will be determined based on interest. Contact Cindy at 608 484-0030, or Deacon Kent at 608 864-0952, leave your name and a time that you would be available for a return call.
- ♦ **Join us** for an hour of **Praise and Worship** on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. Come to St. Mary's Church in Galesville. Songs! Bible Readings! Testimonials! Let your inner spirit fly free. This is a wonderful experience for the whole family. Hope to see you there.
- ♦ Holy Family Catholic Church, Arcadia, is having their Fall Festival on Saturday, September 9, Holy Mass at 4:30 p.m. English and 8:00 p.m. Spanish. Serving Chicken & Brats and many activities. Sunday, September 10, Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. English and 12:00 p.m. Spanish. Serving Traditional Chicken & Meatball dinner or Latino-Tacos, Burritos and more. Cornhole Tournament and many more activities. Check flyer for more information.
- ♦ Winona Catholic Daughters Court #191 has their next meeting Monday, Sept. 11 starting at 5:15 p.m. with a prayer service followed by a lite lunch and meeting. It will be held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart lower level. If possible wear red, white and blue in recognition of the 911 remembrance. All ladies are invited.

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