



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



**Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Bulletin

November 12, 2023

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YOU HAVE ONE LIFE, DON'T WASTE IT!

The bridesmaids, the ten virgins in today's parable, represent the Church, the Body of Christ, you & I, as it is today: those prepared for the second coming of Christ & those who aren't.

These foolish maidens were friends of the bride – a type of the Church – but not the Bridegroom.

Although they were friends of the bride & invited to the wedding feast, they had gone about their own business & pleasures, rather than preparing for the wedding feast with the other maidens. If they had done so, through their preparations with the bride, they would have become friends with the Bridegroom.

Jesus uses the same language at the end of the Sermon on the Mount when He says: Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not ... do many ... works in your name?" And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers."

This is really important because it shows us two things. First, the fundamental importance of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sometimes that can sound un-Catholic," but Jesus Himself is saying here: 'I need to know you; I need to have a relationship with you if you're going to come into the joy of the kingdom of Heaven.'

Secondly, that relationship is expressed, He says, through doing the will of God.

You don't have to know a lot of things for your life to make a difference in the world. If you want your life to count, you do have to know the few great things that matter, & then be willing to live for them, to be set on fire by them, & to be willing to die for them — those few great things are, 'To know Jesus & to make Him known.'

"Do you think that there can be anything greater than to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus?" (St. John Paul II, Rome, Italy; May 13, 1984).

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls." (St. Rose of Lima).

God bless! Deacon Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$ 2,199.00	\$ 1,636.00
Plate	182.15	155.25
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Counters: Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak

Intentions November 14 - November 19

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

+ Edward Stanislwski

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Barb Hennessy

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

+ Betty, Pete & Monica Knepper

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 p.m.

+ George & Dorothy Walski

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

+ Jerry Stellpflug

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

+ Ed Rolbiecki

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Ray Klonecki

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Nov. 18

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, LaVonne Peterson

Lectors: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Judy Heinz

Communion Minister: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Nov. 12

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jason Hilton, Charles Mueller

Servers: Jaylen Hilton, Annalise

Lectors: Missy Ganz

Communion Minister: Anne Bagley

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lectors: Sheila Collom

Servers: Sarah Sagler

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 Veterans and that there will be peace in the world.**

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!

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **St. Mary's needs** another volunteer to be a substitute for snow blowing the sidewalks of our church. A mower with snow blower attachment is used, so very little to shovel. If you could help us out please call the church office. 608-534-6652.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

+ OUR VISION: "Awaken the faithful, reach the lost, make church matter."

+ What does it mean to be among 'the faithful' but not awake?

+ It means being baptized but busy pursuing worldly interests in this life rather than seeking the Kingdom of God.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **PCCW meeting** is on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- ♦ **PCCW News: Scholarship** information has been mailed to the parents. If you have questions contact Kay Richtman, 507-459-4115. Mark your Calendars the **Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale** is on Saturday, **December 2**. We are doing this with St. Mary's during "Christmas in Trempealeau."
- ♦ **Finance Committee** meeting on Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- ♦ **Trempealeau County Health Care Center** for Christmas giving. **New items only**. These are **some ideas**: Sweatpants, T-shirts, pants Size L-3XL hair brushes, hats and gloves, throw blankets and Decks of Cards. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Leave your gifts unwrapped, so that they can best determine the appropriate recipient. They serve more than 250 residents, age eighteen years and older. There will be a box in the vestibule to put your donations in. We will be collecting these items until Sunday, November 26th.
- ♦ **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

- ♦ **The Annual Report** for both St. Bartholomew and St. Mary's is on a table in the vestibule of your church. Please pick one up if you would like.
- ♦ **Liturgical Committee** meeting on Monday, November 13 after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the rectory.
- ♦ **Bible Study:** Saturday, November 18th, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Parish hall.
- ♦ The **Knights of Columbus** monthly meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14th @ 7 pm. in St. Mary's church basement.
- ♦ **Thank you** all for supporting the Knights of Columbus food drive for the G-E-T Food Pantry. You donated over 500 lbs. of food to a worthy cause.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, November 12th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "Why Hell Has to Exist," with Msgr. Charles Pope.
- ♦ **GETogether Community Thanksgiving Dinner Free**. Catered traditional "Turkey & Fixins" sit-down dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 23 from 11 am - 2 pm at the Trempealeau Town Hall/Centerville Curling Club as well as home-delivery. Call Marilyn Reedy, 608-797-6177 by 7 pm Nov. 22 for home delivery.
- ♦ Any Cub or Boy Scout interested in earning their religious emblem and not able to do so in your scout unit please contact Cindy Sjolabder at catholicreligiousymbols@gmail.com
- ♦ **The Eucharistic Revival** is meant to stir a deeper love for the incredible Gift of our Eucharistic Lord. God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him. God is our Creator, and He only wants what is best for us. We must remember! It is our choice: we want to knowingly be open and receive God's love; or we can refuse it. God gives us the freedom to choose Him. Let us choose to receive God's love by receiving the Eucharist—Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: God, help me not to prefer anything more than You, nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.
- ♦ Rainbow Community Club's 45th Annual Hometown Holiday Fair. Sparkling Splendor on November 19, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Gifts, Raffle, Decorations, Lunch & Desserts, Cookbook held at the Independence Public School, Hwy 93 North, Independence, WI Admission is \$1, Children 12 and under are Free. Proceeds go to Community and Youth Projects.

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