



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin December 10, 2023 Year B

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## Advent: A call for Life of Holiness

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, the second Sunday of Advent invites us to take hold of the Lord's coming as an opportunity to stir up our desire for God, to deepen our awareness of His love for us.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah makes us to understand that it is God Himself who wants to give us comfort, but He can only do so insofar as our hearts are open and waiting for Him. It is God who invites us to be patient.

In the second reading St. Peter reminds us that as we await the Lord, whether he comes early or not, we must not relapse into sin or take advantage of his delay to do evil. St. Peter further shows us that, preparation for the way of the Lord is a call for holiness. For this, we are expected to be found at peace with God, ourselves, and everyone.

The Gospel of Mark points at John the Baptist as the precursor who had been sent to prepare the way of the Messiah. John went about calling the people to remove all obstacle impeding the coming of the Messiah through total repentance from sin to God.

John's ministry is marked with baptism of repentance which is different from ritual baptism. Baptism becomes ritual when repentance is not achieved as result. Repentance is turning away from sin, evil traditions, customs, and bad habits to God through righteous living. Genuine repentance is a work of God on human heart.

Therefore, we are invited to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart, and spirit of humble and committed service.

May our daily repentance make us worthy to receive Jesus Christ.

May our preparation for this period bring comfort and consoling moment to us.

Happy Sunday! God Bless You All!!

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$ 2,071.00	\$ 2,265.00
Plate	234.22	70.00
Electronic Dep.	0.00	83.85
Christmas Flowers	490.00	325.00
Youth Envelopes	35.00	10.00
Total Offering	\$2,830.22	\$ 2,753.85

**Counters: Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman**

## **Intentions** **December 11 - December 17**

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

+ Mary Simerson

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

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

+ Nick Pientok

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

+ Clayton Backler & Henry Kohnle

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

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

+ Janet Vondrasek

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

+ Robert Gloede

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

+ Danette Hammer

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

All the People of Our Parishes

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

+ Stewart Nehls

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 16

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

**Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Volunteer**

**Lectors: Ellen Karow**

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

**Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer**

**Server: John Severson**

**Lectors: Judy Heinz**

**Communion Minister: Judy Heinz**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Dec. 17

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

**Ushers: Tim Jessesky, Charles Muller**

**Servers: Nolan Lilla, Chloe Lilla**

**Lectors: Anne Bagley**

**Communion Minister: Anne Bagley**

**ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.**

**Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy**

**Lectors: Sheila Collom**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover**

### **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 world peace through Mary's intercession.**

**Personal Prayer Request: For a teacher or former teacher.**

## 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 Advent Project:** We are collecting items for the Galesville Elementary School. Items needed are individually wrapped (non-peanut) snacks, child size mittens and hats, place in the box in the entrance. Monetary donations are also appreciated to pay for students who can not afford to pay field trip fees. Make checks out to St. Mary's PCCW and placed in an envelope, these can be put into the collection basket.
- ♦ **Christmas Church Cleaning- December 18th 4:00-6:00 at St. Mary's.** Please come help for a couple hours to get our church ready for this special holiday. When we get a good turnout for this event our efforts as a church family working together really show how much we care.
- ♦ Please pick up your church envelopes for 2024. They are in the vestibule of the church.
- ♦ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com) or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.
- ♦ **OCIA** Thursday evening, Dec. 14th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 1.5: Who is Jesus? - Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SBT Income:	<b>\$ 14,546.78</b>	SMG Income:	<b>\$ 7,917.73</b>
Expenses:	<b><u>\$ 18,080.81</u></b>	Expenses:	<b><u>\$ 8,424.74</u></b>
Net Loss:	<b>\$ (3,534.03)</b>	Net Loss:	<b>\$ (507.01)</b>

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Christmas Family:** The PCCW is collecting Christmas gifts for a family. Please take an ornament from the tree and purchase the gift. Wrap the gift, put the ornament on the gift and return to the church by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for making Christmas special for this family.
- ♦ Please volunteer for Ministries on the sign-up sheet, on the table in the vestibule for Christmas Masses.
- ♦ **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

- ♦ **Arcadia Deanery Advent Mission: Sunday, Dec. 10:** SS. Peter and Paul Church, Independence Father Sam Martin will present "The Holy Eucharist: Hope, Healing and the Foretaste of Heaven." at 3:00, then at 3:45 Communal Penance Service with priests of the Arcadia Deanery. **Monday, Dec. 11:** St. John the Apostle Church, Whitehall 11:30 Mass with luncheon and informal discussion. 5:00 Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Church with presentation by Father Martin at 5:30; "The Sanctifier: How the Holy Spirit Produces Saints." Check flyer for more information.
- ♦ **Support a lifetime of service.** Please be generous to the Religious Fund second collection.
- ♦ **Bible Study:** Saturday, December 16th, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Parish hall.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Dec. 10th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "The Early Church vs. The Church Today" with Jeff Cavins & Michael Gormley.
- ♦ Again, a huge and grateful THANK YOU from the PCCWs of St. Bart's and St. Mary's to all who contributed to the great success of our Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale. Special thanks to all who furnished baked treats, donated monetarily, worked at the sale, and all who generously patronized this event. Because of you, we are able to continue our charitable endeavors. Winners of the basket raffles were Janet Amundson, Doreen Backler, Alice Baldini (3), Barbara Bice, Becky Harris, Judy Heinz (2), Eric Hunter, Karen Latsch, Tricia Mack, Bonnie McBeth, Valerie Pierzina, Bonnie Truax and Joan Tourtellott.
- ♦ **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** Please remember to turn in your pledge card for the annual appeal. Funds for this appeal are used in the Diocese of La Crosse to support:
  - vocations 20%
  - parish ministry 20%
  - parish services 30%
  - catholic schools 10%
  - missions & charities 20%The assessment for our churches and the amount collected thus far are given below:  
St. Bartholomew **Target** \$ 23,530.00; **Pledged** as of 12/8/23 \$14,195.00  
St. Mary **Target** \$ 13,050.00; **Pledged** as of 12/8/23 \$ 2,410.00  
As you can see, we have a long way to go on this appeal. Please help to provide important services that benefit our parishes.



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