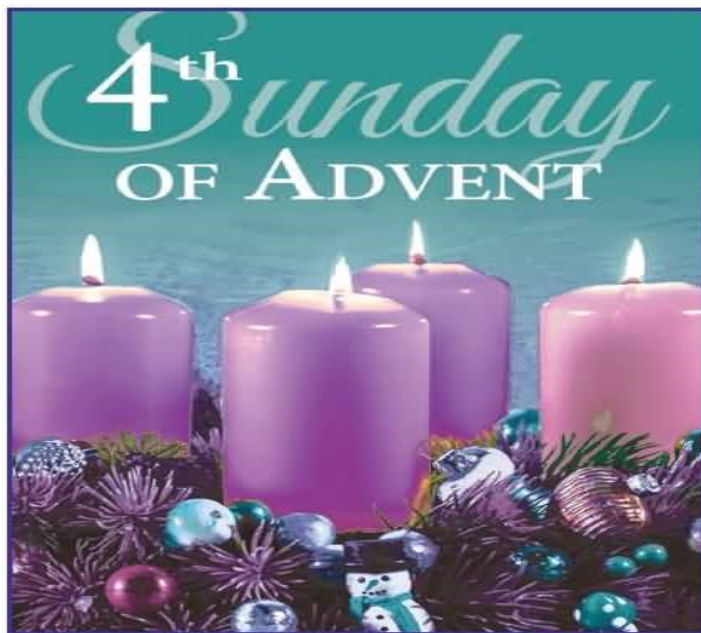




**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# **Sunday Bulletin**

## **December 24, 2023**

### **Year B**

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## THE MYSTERY KEPT SECRET

(Adapted from Scott Hahn's Sunday Bible Reflections)

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9).

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see Isaiah 7:13-14). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see Zephaniah 3:14-17).

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18-19).

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see Daniel 4:34-35; 7:14), His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see Exodus 19:3) and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see Isaiah 2:1-5).

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

Will you take God seriously? Mary did. She's the model disciple. She lived His will, not hers. Whose will you do today?

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

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Counters: Wed. Judy Kowalewski, Joy Critzman

## Intentions January 1—January 7

**Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**

+ Francis Haines

**Christmas Eve: 8:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Ruth Severson

**Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Louis Jessesky

**Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**

+ All the People of Our Parishes

**Tuesday: NO MASS**

**Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Marion Klonecki

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

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

+ Jim Walske

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Frank Bagniewski

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

+ Jim Ritter

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

All the People of Our Parishes

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 30

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

**Ushers: Butch Vaughn, Doreen Emerson**

**Lectors: Theresa Haines**

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

**Ushers: George Richtman, Volunteer**

**Server: John Severson**

**Lectors: Doreen Backler**

**Communion Minister: Doreen Backler**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Dec. 31

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

**Ushers: Jim Scherr, Brian Brenengen**

**Servers: Jordan Guenther, Zak Guenther**

**Lectors: Anne Bagley**

**Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner**

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

**Ushers: Deb Babros, Tim Babros**

**Lectors: Ellen Karow**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover**

**Please remember to volunteer if there is need for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for the ministries. Thank you.**



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Caroling starts at	St. Mary's	St. Bartholomew's
Christmas Eve:	3:35 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Christmas Day:	10:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.



### **ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.**

- ♦ Update on capital campaign projects. Projects completed to date are two new heat pump/air conditioners installed. Two large projects to be completed in early June 2024 are pews and altar furniture refinishing and new flooring throughout the entire church. We have also completed these projects: 2) new concrete steps poured by choir room entrance to church 3) middle divider in church hall replaced with moveable dividers and 4) 4- stained glass windows repaired in church. Thank you for your support on these projects.
- ♦ Please pick up your church envelopes for 2024. They are in the vestibule of the church.
- ♦ **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!

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

- ♦ 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.

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU:

- + May you experience the reality and joy of God's love for you this Christmas season!
- + HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### **COMMUNICATION TO ALL**

- ♦ **Christmas Eve Masses.** St. Mary's singing starts at 3:35pm for the 4pm Mass. St. Bartholomew's starts at 7:30pm for the 8pm Mass. Please come, listen and join with us. There will be narration between carols to tell the story of Mary and Joseph and what was happening while they were traveling to Bethlehem.
- ♦ We will be doing server training on Thursday, December 28. Come to the 10:00 a.m. Mass and right after Fr. will instruct them on what to do. I know that all have been serving now, but it is always good to see how Father would like things done.
- ♦ Monday, January 1 **is not** a Holy Day of Obligation but there will be a Mass at 10:00 a.m. for all who wish to attend.
- ♦ I will be out of the office December 23 –26. I will be back in the office on December 27. I wish to thank all who have sent me greetings for Christmas. Merry Christmas to all! Cherie

*Merry Christmas*



I would like to acknowledge all the people that have brought gifts, cookies, candies or have sent me cards. You have made me feel happy and at home. I will be going home to India in the month of January. I will be gone from January 8 through February 8. Please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you in mine. Merry Christmas! Fr. Sebastian

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