



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

December 3, 2023

Year B

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Advent: Season Of Great Expectation and Joyful
Hope

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and of a new liturgical calendar, year B. Remarkably, we begin a new liturgical year today.

Advent is a season of hope and a period during which as Christians we await the fulfillment of the promise of God through his prophets. In addition to being a season of hope, it is equally a season of patience and prayer. During these four weeks, we are expected to prepare for the birth of the messiah spiritually.

Our first reading from Isaiah is both a prophetic message, as well as a prayer of hope. Isaiah begins by acknowledging the greatness of God; This is a prayer of hope. As Isaiah rightly demanded, God will not keep silent until we are saved. That is, when God's word would become flesh and born of a virgin.

In our second reading, Paul encourages us to be faithful as we wait for the coming of Christ. Paul reminds us that we have received the gifts of the Spirit. It is these gifts of the Spirit that will strengthen us as we wait in joyful hope for Christ.

The gospel of today is a clarion call to be awake and alert. Only the Spirit of God can help us do this faithfully. Therefore, rather than obey the spirit of this world this season, we must obey the Spirit of God, who sustains us. So, let us have our minds fixed on him.

As we light up our houses and streets, so also, we must be lightening up our lives spiritually for Christ to walk into it. As we prepare all things and places, it is a must to have a manger for baby Jesus in our lives, then our preparation would be complete.

Finally, as we eagerly anticipate the coming of the Lord this season, our hope and expectation should prompt us to be always awake and vigilant. It should make us pray during this season as St. Paul constantly prayed: "Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!" God Bless You All!

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Mary Ladwig

Intentions
December 4 - December 10

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

+ Richard Lettner

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ David & Norma Raymond

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

+ Shaaron Kirkey

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Joe Ouellette

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

+ Roman Lilla

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

For All Those who are Sick

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

+ Inez Tschumper

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Deceased Members of the Lettner Family

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 9

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, Doreen Emerson

Lectors: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Greg Goltz

Communion Minister: Doreen Backler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Dec. 10

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Kinscher, Kris Krett

Servers: Eli Schwertel, Wyatt Rademacher

Lectors: Shannon Krett

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Deb Babros, Tim Babros

Lectors: Nancy Wagner

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 Mary's intercession for world peace.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a child that you are not related to.

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 can be placed in the boxes in the entry of church. Items needed are individually wrapped (non-peanut) snacks, child size mittens and hats. Monetary donations are also appreciated to pay for students who can not afford to pay filed trip fees. Make checks out to St. Mary's PCCW and placed in an envelope, these can be put into the collection basket.
- ♦ **St. Mary's PCCW** will meet Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 in the church basement. Note: Mass is 6:00, Exposition & confession at 5:00.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **OCIA** Thursday evening, Dec. 7th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 1.4: The Story of Salvation – Creation, Fall and Redemption.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

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

+ To AWAKEN means to change, to be converted from being a church member living as the world lives, to being Jesus' disciple, becoming like Him in every way, giving meaning and purpose to this life that extends into eternity.

+ "One doesn't begin to be a Christian because of an ethical decision or a great idea, but rather because of an encounter with ... a Person." (BXVI 2007). If you're serious, this week begin meditating on Revelation 3 :20.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Today is Donut Sunday.** Come and visit with your parish family in the church hall with donuts and coffee.
- ♦ **Ecumenical Christmas Gathering** on Tuesday, December 5th at the Methodist Church. Doors open at 5:30.
- ♦ **Congratulations to Tim and Rochelle Pervisky** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 1.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ 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.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Holy Day of Obligation, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Masses are 10:00 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's and 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.
- ♦ **The Madonna Window,** at St. Mary's, **will be blessed** after the 6:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass on Friday, December 8, 2023. Snacks and beverages will be served after the blessing in the basement/church hall.
- ♦ **You can help.** "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Betrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week, **in the second collection.** Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.
- ♦ **Bible Study:** Saturday, December 16th, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Parish hall.
- ♦ **Knights of Columbus Award Winners.** Please congratulate this year's winner's. **Family of the Year** - Kris and Shannon Krett and family. **Founders Award** - John Severson. Thanks for your parish involvement and support.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Dec. 3rd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "Vatican II - Thoughts on the Current Controversy," with Dr. Ralph Martin.
- ♦ Monday, December 4th will be a **Christmas Praise and Worship** at St Bartholomew's at 7:00 p.m. Lots of different and traditional Christmas songs and biblical stories.
- ♦ Are you in need of prayer for healing in spirit, mind, or body? We are ready to pray with you for God's gift of healing. Monday, December 4, at **Sacred Heart Church - Cashton** there will be Confessions and Adoration starting at 4:30 pm; Mass at 5:30 pm; and a healing service beginning immediately after.

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