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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Living the Spirit of the Holy Family

My sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, on this first Sunday of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Holy Family of Nazareth. That is the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Sociologically speaking, the family is the nucleus of human society. It is a place where life and learning begin.

Today's celebration reminds us of the family's specific and essential role in our lives. The Church teaches that the sustenance of our society depends much on the continuous existence of the family. Therefore, she presents the Holy Family of Nazareth as a real model for all families.

In the first reading Abraham is put to the test in so many ways! but the faith of Abraham never wavered. The second reading Letter to the Hebrews again emphasizes the faith of Abraham and the challenge to remain faithful when everything else looks crazy. We are invited to cling to the Lord and to trust in the Word of the Lord.

Today's gospel presents the Holy Family and enumerates its two fundamental characteristics: praying and working together. This reminds us of the saying that "a family that prays together, stays together." Together, Mary and Joseph took their son Jesus to the temple for consecration. They acted and prayed together for the good of their family.

When Herod threatened their baby, they decided together in prayers to flee to Egypt. This is an essential virtue to emulate from them. Mostly, in our world where individualism has done great harm to the family institution. Praying and working together sustains the family. These help our families overcome difficult moments in life. This is true of the saying that "united we stand, divide we fall.

As an institution, the family has suffered so much in many nations. It is already at the point of collapse. The only way to heal and restore its dignity is by emulating the Holy Family of Nazareth as our role model. So, let us pray: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph make our families be like yours. I Wish all of you A Happy New Year! God Bless all our Family!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	SBT	SMG
Envelopes	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 2,093.00
Plate	166.00	128.00
Electronic Dep.	19.50	96.91
Christmas Flowers	0.00	30.00
Christmas Coll.	3,075.30	1,757.25
Youth Envelopes	28.00	0.00
Total Offering	\$5,478.80	\$ 4,105.16

Counters: Tues. Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak

Intentions January 1 — January 7

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

+ Richard Lettner

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Eugene & Clara Pronschinske

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

+ Louis Jessesky

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Mike & Mary Waldera

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

+ Bonnie Kroes

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Fulton Sauppe

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

+ Living & Deceased of the Marge & Dominic Jessesky Family

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 6

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Butch Vaughn, Doreen Emerson

Lectors: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Greg Goltz

Communion Minister: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Jan. 7

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: 6th Graders

Servers: 6th Graders

Lectors: 6th Graders

Communion Minister: Joe Plunger

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lectors: Cindy Anderson

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: **Since this is the Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for all our families.**

Personal Prayer Request: Someone who is not worshipping with others at a weekend Mass.

New Year's Blessings

The Lord bless and keep you...



ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, January 7 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. **Donut Sunday** follows the Mass in the church hall.
- ♦ **PCCW January meeting** will be on Tuesday, January 23. We will be discussing the Fish Fry and Bake Sale which is on Friday, March 1, 2024.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **OCIA** Thursday evening, Jan. 4th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 1.8: WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH, Jesus's Planned Community.
- ♦ **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:

- + Prayerfully consider making our PARISH VISION & MISSION your own personal vision and mission, so that you may "see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly, day by day."
- + This is how the faithful awaken! Have a very merry Christmas season and a blessed new year!

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ Monday, January 1 **is not** a Holy Day of Obligation but there will be a Mass at 10:00 a.m. for everyone.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Dec. 31st, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "HOLINESS – Growing in Intimacy with God," Part 1, with Fr. Boniface Hicks.
- ♦ A heart-felt thank you from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office to St. Bartholomew and St. Mary Parishes for your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. Your response to Pope Francis' call to have our "Hearts on Fire, feet on the move" gives witness to your commitment to Christ and His teachings. We will forward your respective financial contributions of \$837.75 and \$785.00 to our national office. The collected funds will assist in spreading God's message of hope and peace to the poor, those suffering persecution for their faith, and those who are yet to experience the redeeming power of the Gospel.
- ♦ **50th Jubilee Celebration;** If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024, please let me know before January 14, I will need your names, and marriage date. Thank you.
- ♦ Red Cross Volunteers Urgently Needs help. for many Positions. **To learn more:** Visit www.redcross.org/volunteer Contact volunteerwisconsin@redcross.org for any questions regarding opportunities.
- ♦ "Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat - January 27, 2024. (John 1:14). This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. Check-ins will begin at 8:30 am, and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Register: <https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=4042>

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Please remember to turn in your pledge card for the annual appeal.

The assessment for our churches and the amount collected thus far are given below:

St. Bartholomew Target	\$ 23,530.00;	Pledged as of 12/28/23	\$15,025.00
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