



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

In today's Gospel, we learn at least five things about Jesus: that He's prefigured, preexistent, preeminent, powerful, & is the presence of God.

PREFIGURED – John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him & said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John is answering the question Isaac asked Abraham 1800 years prior. God commanded Abraham to do a terrible thing: sacrifice his son on Mt. Moriah (present day Golgotha). God provided a ram that day, but that ram pointed to Christ.

Five hundred years later, the blood of the lamb also protected Isaac's descendants from death during the Passover. Here, too, the Passover lamb is a prefigurement of Christ.

Today John the Baptist also answers Isaac's question: "Where is the Lamb?" Seeing Jesus John proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God."

PREEXISTENT – He is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." Jesus was born after John the Baptist, yet John says that Jesus existed before him. There never was a time when Jesus the Son was not.

PREEMINENT – I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel. In effect, John is saying, "I exist for Him. My purpose is to reveal Him." Jesus is the Groom; John is but the best man.

POWERFUL – John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven & remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down & remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'"

John's baptism could only call for repentance. Jesus' baptism forgives sins, confers the Holy Spirit, & transfers us from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son.

PRESENCE OF GOD – "Now I have seen & testified that he is the Son of God." Jesus would say elsewhere, "To see me is to have seen the Father; the Father & I are one." As the Son of God, He manifests the Father; He is the presence of God in this world & among us.

Jesus is alive! He still acts today as He did then!

God bless! Deacon Kent

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Counters: Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman

Intentions January 15 – January 21

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

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

+ Joyce Dolle

Friday: NO MASS

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

+ Andrea Jessesky

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

+ LaVonne Mikrut

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

+ Stacey McMahon

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

+ Fay Mitchell

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 20

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Sandy Salsman, Volunteer

Lectors: Sheila Collom

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Doreen Backler

Communion Minister: Doreen Backler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Jan. 21

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Nolan Lilla

Lectors: Joe Mack

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

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 all Christians, that they may come together during this week of Christian Unity.**

Personal Prayer Request: A relative's health.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **Congratulations to Tucker William Micke**, son of Garrick & Megan Micke who was baptized January 7.
- ♦ St. Mary's PCCW will be meeting on January 30th @6:30 (no mass before) to make Valentine's for Marinuka Manor & Eden House residents, plus others that we know who might enjoy getting them. Please let Cherie know in the church office if you have names to add to our list. All are welcome to help us with this fun project: bring glue, scissors, stickers, etc. Basic supplies will be available. We will also have a short meeting to plan for soup suppers during Lent.
- ♦ **OCIA** Thursday evening, Jan. 11th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 1.10: THE LAST THINGS – What Happens When We Die?
- ♦ **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:

- + Our Pastoral Council recognizes that our parish is declining rather than growing.
- + We've looked at a lot of things that cause parishes to decline. The major causes seem to be common to all.
- + We've also researched what other parishes in a similar situation have done to turn themselves around.
- + That, too, has common elements. More on that next week.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Praise and Worship** on Monday, January 15th, 7 pm. at St. Mary's. Come sing, hear wonderful stories, and share your faith.
- ♦ **Bible study** at St Bart's on January 27th from 9am to 10:30 in the church hall. Come join us and learn about the Prophets of the bible.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE!** Lenten Retreat, Saturday, February 17th. Details to follow.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Jan 14th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "HOLINESS: Growing in Intimacy with God," Part 3 – Love & Trust, with Fr. Boniface Hicks.
- ♦ **Song & Summit:** Join us for Adoration, Praise and Worship Music, and Testimony! On Sunday, January 28th from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Holmen. For more information, contact Nate Herr at nate@seasholmen.org.
- ♦ **50th Jubilee Celebration;** If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024, please let me know before January 15, I will need your names, and marriage date. Thank you.
- ♦ **ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). January 13 - 21, 2024.** To offer your support, place an envelope labeled with "*Knights - ASAP*" including your donation (cash or check payable to "**Marynook Knights of Columbus**"), into any Mass collection basket. *Help support mothers and their babies.* P.S. The Knights will also be collecting donations after Mass (Jan. 20, 21). Thank you for your support.
- ♦ **A huge thank you** from St. Mary's PCCW to all that purchased tickets to our Football Sweepstakes this year. We sold 200 tickets and had 11 winners this year. These wins ranged from \$2.86 (1)- \$150.(2 wins) so we had some happy winners. Congratulations to: Faye Hanson, Jen Betthausen, Mike Dunn, Darlene Schlessen (2x), Maria Peters, De De Nagle, Tammy Knepper, Jerry Paulson, Jake Nordstrom & Tom Longwell. Our group received \$2000. from this fundraiser that we will use for the upcoming women's bathroom remodel for accessorizing and decorating.

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 1/11/24	\$23,075.00	Under: \$455.00
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