



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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FOLLOW HIM

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah. As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise—to make them “fishers of men”—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). The word translated in English as “departure” is “exodus” in the original Greek. And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will.

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

Echoing Jonah and the other prophets, the first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. Paraphrasing what Fr. Weller stated so eloquently last Sunday, “are we more interested in doing our thing or God's thing?” Our thing dies and is gone forever – God's things last forever. As St. Paul warns us, “If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.: (1 Cor. 3:15). Not pleasant, so consider your leisure activities wisely.

However, we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have “something greater than Jonah.” We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way (and I am a sinner), as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Kathy Kujak

Intentions January 22 — January 28

Monday: 11:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

Funeral Mass for Margaret Wood

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

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

+ Roman Lilla

Friday: NO MASS

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

+ Nick Pientok

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

+ Bernie Kriesel

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

+ Debbie Cee

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 27

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, LaVonne Peterson

Lectors: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Kirk Shimek

Communion Minister: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Jan. 28

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kris Krett, George Richtman

Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork

Lectors: Shannon Krett

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lectors: Ellen Karow

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

Personal Prayer Request: One of your doctors.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ Poinsettias are available to take home after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please come up to the front after Mass, we will have bags available to cover them. Contact Kris Rustad.
- ♦ Thank you to everyone who helped put up our Christmas decorations and take them down, inside and outside. Thank you to Chuck and Linda Glowcheski for donating the Christmas tree outside by the Grotto. Many hands make the work go faster. Thank you all again.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ Poinsettias are available to take home after the weekend Masses. Contact Theresa Haines.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **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:

- + The greatest indicator of whether a person will remain in the Church is that they know that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is possible, and they act on it. (Data provided by the CARA Institute and PEW Research Center).
- + This need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ has been emphasized by the last four Popes.
- + Parishes that resist decline and thrive, continually foster this relationship in their liturgies, homilies, faith formation activities, and social events.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Bible study** at St Bart's on January 27th from 9am to 10:30am 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 21st, 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.
- ♦ There will be a collection for the Campaign for Human Development. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Make checks payable to your parish and drop them in the collection basket by February 11,
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

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