



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bulletin

January 28, 2024

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THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises authority over the ruler of this world, Satan.

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation, and His deliverance of His covenant people from slavery.

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver them and this world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon. The Gospels identify Satan as being the prince of demons and the ruler of this world. (Explains a lot, doesn't it.)

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment. Emphasizing this, Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons as did God Who by His Word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world, and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus.

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading. Though He has authority over heaven and earth, He becomes one of our own kinsmen. He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit. The moral life is a spiritual battle with sin as the entrance of domination of the forces of evil in our lives.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the first place we will be freed from the powers of evil. He loves you the way you are, but he loves you too much to leave you that way, which is why we should go to confession and work on our daily prayer. Through constant mental prayer, we make room for Christ in our hearts. The Eucharist is the Word of God in the flesh, and we should approach the Eucharist with the utmost reverence and love because He is God.

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, and as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

God bless!
Deacon Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 935.00
Plate	144.00	132.78
Electronic Dep.	0.00	0.00
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Total Offering	\$ 1,556.00	\$ 1,072.78

Counters: Dan Kelleher, Lori Mahoney

Intentions January 29 — February 4

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

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

+ Pat Frechette

Friday: NO MASS

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

+ Joyce Dolle

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

+ Mary Waldera

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

+ Polly Rathburn

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

+ Ed Knepper Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 3

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Butch Vaughn

Lectors: Theresa Haines

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Judy Heinz

Communion Minister: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Feb. 4

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: 5th Graders

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Reagan Lamberty

Lectors: 5th Graders

Communion Minister: Joe Plunger

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 our Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools week that they may continue spreading our Catholic faith to the children.**

Personal Prayer Request: A Friend.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Children's Mass** is next Sunday, February 4 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.
- ♦ Poinsettias are available to take home after the weekend Masses on Sunday.
- ♦ **Mark your calendar**-Free Family Fun Bingo Sunday, March 3rd 1:00-3:00. Beverages provided. Please bring snack to share.
- ♦ **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:

- + A Canadian study identified (4) factors making the greatest difference for young people who don't leave the faith:
 1. They've experienced God's presence and seen answered prayer.
 2. They can ask and openly discuss their spiritual questions in the Christian community.
 3. They understand the Gospel (the Kerygma) at a deep level.
 4. They have seen older adults live their faith authentically on a daily basis.
- + If they can't see the above being talked about and lived in us, why should they stay?

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Bible study** at St Bart's on February 10th from 9am to 10:30am in the church hall. Come join us and learn about the Prophets of the bible.
- ♦ **Praise and Worship** with the St Bart's CCD classes. Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m. Be with our church youth for a night of singing and wonderful bible stories.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE!** Lenten Retreat, Saturday, February 17th. See insert for details.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Jan 28th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "Charismatic Prayer" with Fr. Boniface Hickes.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ 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,
- ♦ Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.

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 1/25/24	\$23,185.00	Under: \$345.00
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