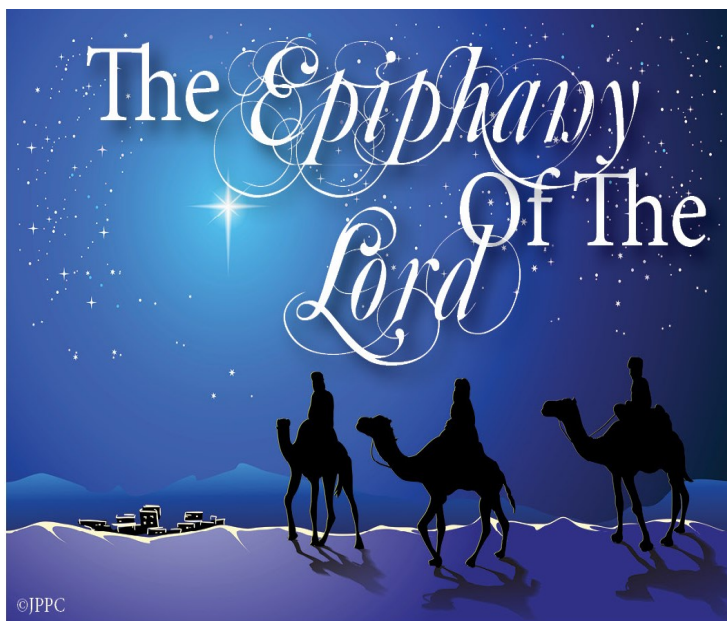




ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Thank and Bless the Lord For 2024

My dear people, I wish all of you a Happy new year. At this new beginning, we shall thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant blessings and plentiful goodness that we have received from Him in the year 2023. We must acknowledge that He has richly blessed us in the last year. Also, God has blessed us with one more New Year 2024. That is what we believe that there are no boundaries for His Love.

I happily inform you that I am also completing my first year of serving as pastor in our two parishes. At this moment I express my sincere thanks to all our parishioners, and the Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, PCCWs, Knights of Columbus, CCD Teachers and the Students, Altar servers, the Secretary and the Deacon for your valuable and generous service, support, cooperation for the growth of our parishes in the year 2023. With the same spirit we shall step into the new year 2024.

I think of all our special events in the year 2023 in our two parishes. For those of you who have invested time, labor, energy, and the finance and given yourselves in different ways for the growth of our churches, be assured that what you give of yourselves is a glory to God... and He sees. I know He sees. Also, we shall together pray and ask for His guidance and wisdom for the new year.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Epiphany, and in a most special way the day of the three kings who brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense.

Today's gospel gives us some lessons for us. First, the three kings offered a genuine worship to Christ, the King of kings. So, our worship must be sincere like theirs. Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. The best gift to offer to God is the gift of oneself. Third, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. Therefore, Trusting in God my dear people, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. God Bless You All!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$ 2,530.00	\$ 2,133.00
Plate	132.01	153.00
Electronic Dep.	69.00	83.85
Rel. Retire Fund	0.00	50.00
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Total Offering	\$ 2,736.01	\$ 2,419.82

Counters: Dan Kelleher, Lori Mahoney

Intentions January 8 — January 14

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

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

+ Deceased Members of the Schank Family

Friday: NO MASS

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

+ Edward Stanislawski

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

+ Richard Pampuck (Anniversary of Death)

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

+ Joanne Hayter

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

+ Roger & Eileen Harrison

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 13

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Dave Mueller

Lectors: Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Judy Heinz

Communion Minister: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Jan. 14

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Brenengen, James Kinscher

Servers: Annalise, Brian

Lectors: Anne Bagley

Communion Minister: Anne Bagley

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Deb Babros, Tim Babros

Lectors: Ellen Karow

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 a safe trip for Fr. Sebastian.**

Personal Prayer Request: The priest who administered you the sacrament of Holy Communion.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Donut Sunday** follows the Mass in the church hall. Come and join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts.
- ♦ **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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

SBT Income:	\$ 22,039.52	SMG Income:	\$ 9,537.14
Expenses:	<u>\$ 16,839.91</u>	Expenses:	<u>\$ 8,990.37</u>
Net Income:	\$ 5,199.61	Net Income:	\$ 546.77

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** would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of snack items, hats, gloves, and mittens for the Galesville Elementary School. \$270. was also donated to be used towards field trips for students who cannot afford the fee.
- ♦ 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 1.9: MARY & THE SAINTS** – Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints.
- ♦ **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 has been evaluating for some time now how we as a parish, and as individuals within our parish, can grow in our relationship to Jesus & His mission.
- + Our 1st step has been to focus on understanding His will for St. Mary's so that we can better align our life to His.
- + Our Vision Statement was written in light of that, in order to help us all focus on what's important to Him.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Father will be going to India**, from January 8th through February 8th. Please keep him in your prayers. We will have a Thursday Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's and there will be weekend Masses as usual.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Jan 7th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "HOLINESS: Growing in Intimacy with God," Part 2-Prayer, with Fr. Boniface Hicks.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.*
- ♦ **Come Follow Me!** When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an overabundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man whom you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: 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. God bless you!

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 1/5/24	\$20,335.00	Under:	\$3,195.00
St. Mary Target	\$ 13,050.00;	Pledged as of 1/5/24	\$ 7,180.00	Under:	\$5,870.00

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