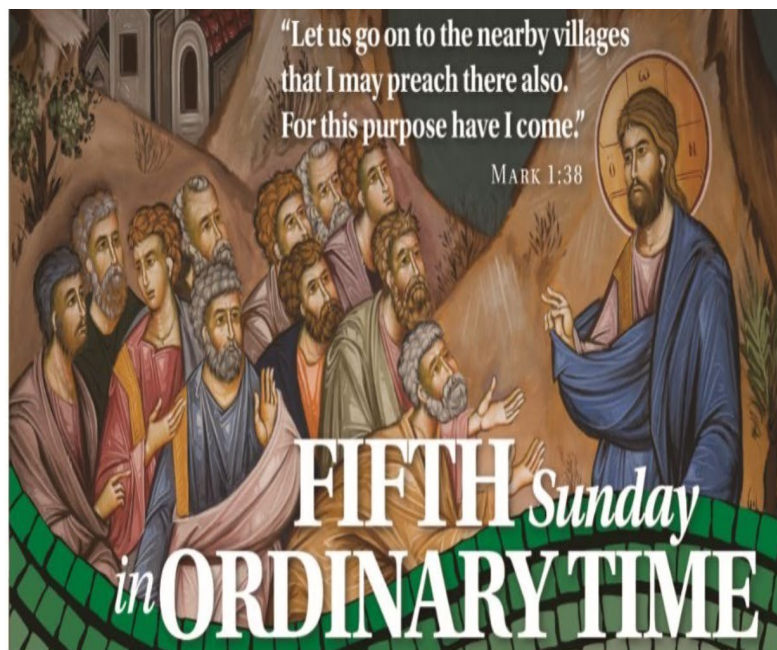




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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

February 4, 2024

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GOD HEALS

This Sunday's readings reveal to us Jesus as the Lord who *"heals the brokenhearted & binds up their wounds"* (Responsorial Psalm).

After preaching the Gospel, Jesus cured many sick people of their illnesses. From there, Jesus went to the nearby villages preaching & driving out demons. This is the reason why He came into the world: to save us, to cure us, to heal us.

As His followers, He has commanded us to preach, evangelize, & cure the sick of body & soul, even if we have to go against the current of a culture increasingly hostile to Christianity, & also our own disordered desires. Yet, despite our failures & limitations, & even our sins, we should remember what St. Paul said in the 2nd Reading: *"woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!"* This command is not just for the ordained, but for the laity, too. God counts on each one of us to be an instrument of His mercy, love & salvation. If we don't live it & speak it, we are lying to ourselves, to others, & to God.

At some point in our life, problems of one kind or another will beset us. During those dark moments we seek consolation, liberation, light, & peace. Today's liturgy encourages us to direct ourselves to Our Lord, who heals the brokenhearted & binds our wounds, instead of giving into despair & sadness. But for this to happen, we need to trust Him, that He is faithful to His promises, that He is all good & rich in mercy, & never abandons His own.

So when enveloped by darkness, look for Jesus. Pray, not just by yourself, but with others, for He has said that "where two or three are gathered in My name, I AM there in the midst of them." And receive the sacraments frequently, for the blood of Christ flows through them to you. Let's seek not just the light which Jesus brings, but the Light Himself.

In Psalm 26 the Psalmist points us towards Him who loves us & cares for us:

*"You are my light & salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?"*

God bless!
Deacon Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$ 2,212.00	\$ 1,885.00
Plate	161.25	174.00
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Youth Envelopes	19.00	12.00
Total Offering	\$ 2,392.25	\$ 2,071.00

Counters: Charleen Joyce, Joy Critzman

Intentions February 5 — February 11

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: NO MASS

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

Funeral Mass for Dolorous Heffner

Friday: NO MASS

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

+ Floyd Klein, Sr.

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Jerry & Bea Stellpflug

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 10

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, LaVonne Peterson

Lectors: Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lectors: Doreen Backler

Communion Minister: Doreen Backler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Feb. 11

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Jessesky, Charles Muller

Servers: Eli Schwertel, Wyatt Rademacher

Lectors: Missy Ganz

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

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 Father Sebastian's safe trip back from India and that he has no problems getting home to Trempealeau and Galesville.**

Personal Prayer Request: A Deceased Relative.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Donut Sunday** follows the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall. Please join us for donuts and conversation.
- ♦ Mark your calendars for our Lenten Fish Fry and Bake Sale on Friday, March 1.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **OCIA** Thursday evening, Feb. 8th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 2.1: THE SACRAMENTS – Baptism & Confirmation.
- ♦ **ST MARY'S MASS STIPEND ACCOUNT** is in need of mass donations. Offer a mass for a loved one or as a memorial. Masses are \$10. your request can be put into an envelope and put into the collection basket or mailed to the church office. Questions? Call the church office, 608-534-6652.
- ♦ **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:

- + Many Catholics don't know, understand or live the basic Gospel message (the kerygma) at a deep level. Here it is:
1. God loves you & created you to know Him & love Him. He has a wonderful plan for your life.
 2. Sin separates you from God, derailing His plan for you, bringing misery & death.
 3. God loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish.
 4. Everlasting life is not automatic. You must choose – either self or Jesus, your way or His. (LG 14 – google it).

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.
- ♦ **Lenten Retreat**, Saturday, February 17th. 9:00 am through 5:30 Mass at St. Mary's. To register and for more information, text (608)484-2901, email suzanne@dairytrain.com, or contact Deacon Kent. **The Masses on Saturday will be switched: St. Bartholomew's will be at 4:00 p.m. and St. Mary's will be at 5:30 p.m.**
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** Sunday evening, Feb. 8th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "Unleashing Transforming Power" with Peter Herbeck & Fr. Mathias Thelen.
- ♦ **Thank You for your generosity** during the Knights of Columbus ASAP fundraiser. With your \$500+ donation and the KC's contribution we donated \$1500 (\$500 ea.) to Catholic Charities Adoption and Pregnancy Support, Birthright of La Crosse and Agape Pregnancy Resource Center of La Crosse.
- ♦ **February 14 is Ash Wednesday and Lent begins.** Masses: St. Bartholomew **10:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.** and St. Mary's is at **6:15 p.m.**
- ♦ **All parish ladies are invited to attend EMBRACING YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS** at **St. James the Greater, Eau Claire on Saturday, March 9, 2014.** This is your opportunity to hear Melanie Frie, Past President LDCCW....topic "Lovin The Church" plus Father Timothy Welles.. topic "Devotion to Mary". Complete information and registrationplease check the LDCCW website www.ldccw.org Early registration Feb. 15 otherwise deadline Feb. 25. Or mail registration and payment to: Deb Sunblad, 1040Violet Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Gather your friends for this wonderful opportunity to listen and enjoy this special day!
- ♦ **Found in St. Bartholomew's church hall after Bible Study**, a rosary in a pouch. I have it in the church office. Call or pick it up at the office, 608-534-6652.

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 2/1/24	\$23,325.00	Under: \$205.00
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