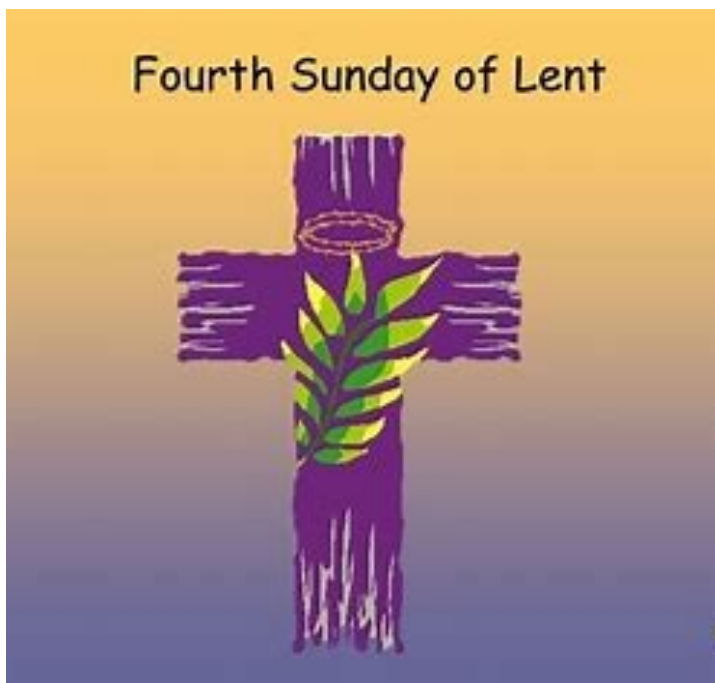




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Redemption through God's Grace and Love in Christ

Today is Laetare Sunday. It is unique because the church exalts us to rejoice in the hope of our salvation.

The first reading presents to us what seem to be the two sides of a coin. That is, the wrath and the mercy of God. These are revealed in both, the exile and liberation of his people. Three complaints were made against Israel and their leaders. These include: "That they were unfaithful; they defiled the temple; and they laughed at the prophets." This led to their deportation and exile. However, in his mercy, God decided to restore them at his own time.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our former state and how God did redeem us: "*When we were dead through sin, He brought us to life with Christ.*" This is simply a manifestation of God's love and mercy. Most importantly, it highlights the grace of God in action. Today, we rejoice because God has shown us mercy through his grace.

However, Paul calls our attention to a very important point and question, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?". Of course, the answer is, no! The reason is that, we must not take anything for granted. We have a part to play. God's grace has been poured out to save us. However, we must reach out to fetch it.

The gospel of this Sunday contains a very popular verse: "*God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that anyone who believes in him might be saved.*" This is the core of today's good news and should be a source of great joy for all of us. This reminds us that grace is not opposed to faith. Rather, they work together.

Therefore, we are called to rejoice today because grace has been made available, and our salvation is close at hand. What we simply need to do is, believe and live the good life which God created us to live from the beginning. Good life means living as faithful children of God. God Bless You All!

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Counters: Dan Kelleher, Lori Mahoney

Intentions March 11 — March 17

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

+ Henry & Rose Kohnle

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew

Mission starts this evening

+ Aggie Literski

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Ruth Severson

Thursday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew

Mission will end with a Healing Service.

+ Marie Hjelsand

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

+ Mary Waldera

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Dolorous Heffner

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

+ Jim Ritter

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 16

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lector: Judy Heinz

Communion Minister: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Mar. 17

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: James Kinscher, Kris Krett

Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork

Lector: Anne Bagley

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessner

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros

Lector: 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: So that our Parish Mission will be well attended and that it will enrich our souls during this Lent.

Personal Prayer Request: A teacher or former teacher.

Parish Mission at St. Bartholomew's: "Do you want to be healed?" Fr. Robert Thorn will be here on March 12, 13 and 14. Every day it will start with a Mass at 5:00 p.m., Rosary at 5:45, Exposition with the Session starting at 6:15 p.m. This Mission is at St. Bartholomew's, but it is for both parishes. There will not be Mass or Soup Supper on March 12th at St. Mary's, and no Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's on March 13 and 14. Please come to the 5:00 p.m. Masses at St. Bartholomew's. Bring salt, water, olive oil, candles and medals to have blessed items in your homes to use. Join us and invite those who are having difficulties to this Mission.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Fish Fry:** Thank you to everyone who worked, cleaned, fried fish and especially to those who came. You made it a success.
- ♦ **PCCW's next meeting** has been moved from Tuesday, Mar. 12 to Monday, Mar. 11 because of the Mission.
- ♦ **The PCCW will again be assembling Easter baskets.** We are in need of small toys and candy to complete the baskets. Since Easter is very early this year, we are requesting donations be put in the designated box in the vestibule until March 17th. We thank you for your continued support as we bring Easter joy to children in our area.
- ♦ **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 FEBRUARY

SBT Income:	\$ 20,137.53	SMG Income:	\$12,501.68
Expenses:	\$ 19,461.16	Expenses:	\$ 9,273.05
Net Income:	\$ 676.37	Net Income	\$ 3,228.63

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!

- ♦ **CHURCH CLEANING:** Monday, March 25 at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Many hands make the work go faster.
- ♦ **NO SOUP SUPPER** at St. Mary's on March 12. Hope you will be able to join us on March 19.
- ♦ **YOU ARE QUALIFIED** by your baptism to lead devotions, including the Stations of the Cross. We're looking for persons willing to answer our Lord's invitation to lead Stations this year at St. Mary's. If you feel His nudge to do so, contact Fr. Sebastian, Dc. Kent, or the parish office at 608-534-6652.
- ♦ **OCIA** Thursday evening, March 14th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 2.4: THE SACRAMENTS – Penance and the Anointing of the Sick.
- ♦ **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:

- + What have I sacrificed so far this Lent?
- + Is it all about me?
- + Or am I sacrificing my comfort to build His Kingdom?

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Congratulations,** Father Sebastian has been appointed as our Pastor on Feb. 27. Installation will be in April.
- ♦ **Deanery Confessions on March 17 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Arcadia.**
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross:** St. Bartholomew's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. and St. Mary's on Fridays at 6:00 pm.
- ♦ **Bible study** at St Bart's on March 23rd from 9am to 10:30 in the church hall. Come join us and learn about the Prophets of the bible.
- ♦ **"CHARISMATIC SPIRITUALITY & SPIRITUAL WARFARE,"** with Dave VanVickle, Catholic Lay Evangelist, following the **LIVING WATER!** Prayer Meeting, Sunday evening, March 10th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ St. Mary's PCCW invites you to join us in almsgiving as we collect items for the **G-E-T Food Pantry** during this season of Lent. Some of the most wanted items at the food pantry are: pancake mix & syrup, Hamburger Helper, and personal care items. You can drop off your donations in the entryway of the church. (Checks to GET Food Pantry may be put into the collection basket.)
- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish, Pine Creek Charcoal Chicken Dinner on March 17 from 11:00 until gone.
- ♦ LDCCW Convention in La Crosse, Abby Johnson will be Speaking on April 13. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director, her story was portrayed in the film "Unplanned". Register by Mar 10 @ www.ldccw.org.

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