



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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To Die in Christ is to Yield a Rich Harvest

Today as we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Lent, we draw close to our destination and the most important moments in our journey this season. Christ is ready to offer everything for our salvation. So, we must also be willing to offer all for him and others.

The first reading is an assurance of God's continuous presence with us. It also reminds us of the new thing that God is about to do in our midst. God is ready to set aside a relationship that was destroyed by infidelity. He wishes to restore a broken relationship. On our part, we must be ready to accept this new covenant with God. This new covenant offers us salvation and life.

The second reading reminds us of the Gethsemane experience of Jesus. It reminds us of the great sacrifice of Christ. First, this was to fulfill the promise of his father. Second, it was to save us. Also, we must learn from His experience that suffering is necessary and inevitable in life.

The gospel draws us closer to our destination. Christ is about to be arrested, punished, and killed, yet he talks about his glory. He knew that his suffering and death would restore life to many. So, he was not discouraged by the temporary situation of suffering.

Instead, he was encouraged and motivated by the honest reward of eternal life. Thus, he says: "Unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest."

Jesus invites us to be strong along the way of life. He wants us to be where he is. So, we must be ready to endure as he did. We must be prepared to die as a grain dies to regenerate.

These "daily deaths" exhaust us physically, but they strengthen us spiritually. Therefore, as we continue our walk with Christ this season, the thought of his suffering and death must strengthen us daily. Also, we must continually remind ourselves that it is honorable to suffer for Christ and others. God Bless You All!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$ 1,644.00	\$ 1,956.00
Plate	186.00	152.00
Easter Flowers	475.00	85.00
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Counters: Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman

Intentions March 18 — March 24

Monday: 6:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ George Motszko

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Deceased Members of the Pientok Family

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

+ Joyce Dolle

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 p.m..

+ Dan Jaszewski & Deloris Konkell

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

+ Gail King

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

+ Leif Erickson

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Lorraine Kujak

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 23

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Dave Mueller

Lector: Theresa Haines, Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lector: Kirk Shimek, Dan Kelleher

Communion Minister: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Mar. 24

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jason Hilton, Bruce Brenengen

Servers: Jaylen Hilton, Annalise

Lector: Joe Mack, Joe Plunger

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Cindy Anderson, 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: We thank the Lord for this wonderful Mission. And pray for the good health of Fr. Robert Thorn and his ministry.

Personal Prayer Request: A Sibling (Living or Deceased).

LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES

Deanery Confessions today, March 17 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Arcadia.

St. Mary: Tuesday, March 19 & 26 from 5-6 p.m. St. Bartholomew: Thursday, March 21 from 9-10 a.m.

Or call the office, 608-534-6652, to schedule a time with Father for confessions.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. MARY'S PARISH

Holy Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Adoration following in the church until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday at 1:00 p.m. with the Way of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.

The Easter Vigil is at 8:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.

St. Bartholomew: Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ Altar Servers Party is on Sunday, April 7 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Gale Lanes. Pizza and refreshments provided
- ♦ **High School Seniors:** If you are a graduating Senior and a member of St. Bartholomew's Parish you are encouraged to apply for the Helping Hands Scholarship sponsored by St. Bartholomew's PCCW. Your application must be completed and returned by May 1st to be considered. Questions can be directed to the Parish office or call Kay Richtman, 507-459-4115. Applications can be picked up at the office, if needed.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **CHURCH CLEANING:** Monday, March 25 at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please come help! There are jobs for everyone. Bring cleaning supplies such as vacuums & dusting cloths. We would like to get the downstairs cleaned as well, consider helping for even an hour!
- ♦ **PCCW meeting** 6:30 on Tuesday, April 2 (after the 6:00 mass). Downstairs in the church.
- ♦ **Finance council meeting** 6:30 on Tuesday, April 16 (after the 6:00 mass). We will meet in the rectory.
- ♦ **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:

- + Jesus sacrificed everything for me so that I would not perish.
- + Who am I willing to sacrifice my time and comfort for to help on their pilgrimage towards eternal life?
- + It's not love unless there's sacrifice. It's not a sacrifice unless it pinches – our pride, our pocketbook, our time.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Thank you, Fr. Robert Thorn** for leading our Lenten Mission for us. It was interesting and a great experience to be here for the Healing Service. Thank you, also, to Judy and John who came from Wausau to help him.
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross:** St. Bartholomew's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. and St. Mary's on Fridays at 6:00 pm.
- ♦ **SOUP SUPPER:** Tuesday, March 19 will be the last soup supper for this year. Please join us. All donations go towards the food bag program in the GET School District.
- ♦ **Bible study** on Saturday, March 23rd. We will continue our study of the Prophets with the Broken-Hearted Prophet - Jeremiah. 9:00 am in the church hall. Join us for a wonderful learning experience with coffee and great conversation.
- ♦ **"SPIRITUAL WARFARE, Part 1"** with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, and Dave VanVickle, Catholic Lay Evangelist, following the **LIVING WATER!** Prayer Meeting, Sunday evening, March 17th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ The **Knights of Columbus** are seeking a good newer/used refrigerator-freezer for our fair stand. Something in the 17 cu. ft. range. If you have one to donate or for purchase please contact Greg Goltz at 608-865-1518.
- ♦ 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.)
- ♦ **Diocesan Annual Appeal:** St. Mary: Pledged -\$11,765.00 Under-\$1,285.00
St. Bartholomew: Pledged-\$23,370.00 Under-\$160.00

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