



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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The Risen Lord Removes our Ignorance.

On this third Sunday of Easter, the church invites us to celebrate the living Christ, who is our advocate. Through his death and resurrection, he advocates for us. Ignorance and doubt keep us in fear and darkness, while Christ illumines and strengthens our faith. The significant problems of the Jewish leaders who crucified Christ were ignorance.

Peter observed the Ignorance of the Jewish leaders in the First Reading. Hence, he addressed them: "It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just...Now brothers, I know that neither you nor your leaders had an idea of what you were doing." They were waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises. However, when He came, they ignorantly rejected him.

Hence, in the Second Reading, John writes: "Anyone who says I know him and does not keep his commandments is a liar refusing to admit the truth." Ignorance of God's command and will leaves one with a false impression that he knows the truth. It makes one think that he is fighting for God when the contrary is the case. John assures us today that: "We have an advocate before the Father who is Just, he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away."

In the gospel, Christ continues to strengthen his disciples' faith by illuminating their minds with the scriptures. Even though they heard him preach and saw his miracles, they were ignorant of what the scriptures said about Him. St Jerome reminds us that: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Ignorance of God's word and commandments is a major stumbling block to faith. Jesus knew this, so, "He opened their minds to scriptures...you see how it was written..." Indeed, our minds need the illumination from the light and glory of the risen Christ.

Therefore, we must continuously seek divine counsel and illumination from Christ, our advocate. Most importantly, we must continually repent and receive forgiveness. May the risen Christ illuminate our minds that we may believe in him. *Alleluia.*

Peace be with you All!

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Counters: Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak

Intentions April 15 – April 21

- Monday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Henry & Rose Kohnle
- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary**
Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.
+ Emmalene Nelson
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Jim Stanislawski
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m..
+ Mark & Floyd Klein, Jr.
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**
+ Anita Lilla
- Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Larry Heffner
- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**
All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Apr. 20

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Volunteer

Lector: Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shmiek, Volunteer

Server: John Severson

Lector: Dan Kelleher

Communion Minister: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Apr. 21

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Scherr, Kris Krett

Servers: Chaes Suchla, Wyatt Rademacher

Lector: Joe Mack

Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessler

ST. MARY- 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

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: **For the abused children that they may feel God's loving mercy.**

Personal Prayer Request: Pray for one of your doctors.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ We are looking for people who are willing to become **cantors**. Please call the office, 608-534-6652. Or come in the choir and let us know you are available to do this ministry.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **Finance Council** meeting 6:30 on Tuesday, April 16 (after the 6:00 mass). We will meet in the rectory.
- ◆ **Spirituality Night** carpool leaving St Mary's at 6:10 on Tuesday, April 23. Location: St. John's in Whitehall
- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** Monday, April 29th, 6:15 PM, Rectory.
- ◆ **Ecumenical Salad Luncheon** is Friday, May 3 noon @ Zion. Bring a salad & a friend. Speaker will be Pastor Joe Iverson sharing his young family's travels across the US on bicycles.
- ◆ **OCIA** Thursday evening, April 18th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. SYMBOLON 2.7: A CATHOLIC MORAL VISION – Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness.
- ◆ **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:

- + Life is a pilgrimage along a narrow path or a wide path. Only one leads to life. Which are you walking?
- + If Christ were to ask you today, "Why should I let you into My heaven," what would you answer?
- + What evidence would you offer Him from your words and actions that you have faithfully followed Him?

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Cancelled: Liturgical Committee** meeting on Monday, April 15. We will notify you for the next meeting.
- ◆ **Bible study** on Saturday, April 20th. We will continue our study of the Prophets with Daniel: Faithful to the End. 9:00 am in the church hall. Join us for a wonderful learning experience with coffee and great conversation.
- ◆ St. Mary's PCCW would like to thank everyone that supported our Soup Suppers and our mission to help the GET Food Bag Program. A special thank you to Father Sebastian for his support as well as the KC's. We collected \$1297. for this project and our PCCW decided to round this amount up to \$1500! This mission should support 3 weeks of the Food Bag Program!
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, April 14th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. How has the Lord blessed you this week? Come & praise Him for all the good He has done!
- ◆ Thank you for the generous response for the LDCCW 2nd collection. St Mary's \$388.86 and St. Bartholomew's \$547.00. Your support is greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Ladies mark your calendar: Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m. St. John's the Apostle Church, Whitehall for the Arcadia Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Spirituality Gathering. Guest Speaker: Kathleen Jensen, founder of "The Little Heart Project". Her solution for mental health. Come enjoy visiting with your fellow parish friends.
- ◆ Guardian Angles Parish, Black River Falls is having a Fish Fry and Bake Sale on Friday, April 19. Menu: Batter Fried Cod, Baked Potato, Homemade Coleslaw, Green Beans, Roll and Beverage. Cost \$14.00. Serving from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until gone. Dine-in or Carryout.
- ◆ Join St. John the Apostle Church, Whitehall on Sunday, April 28 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for Bingo!
- ◆ St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Spring Craft/Art/Gift Show will be held on Saturday, April 20, check flyer.
- ◆ "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally: Be Part of This Amazing Day! June 7, La Crosse Center visit diolc.org/the-answer

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 4/11/24 \$23,730.00	Over: \$200.00
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