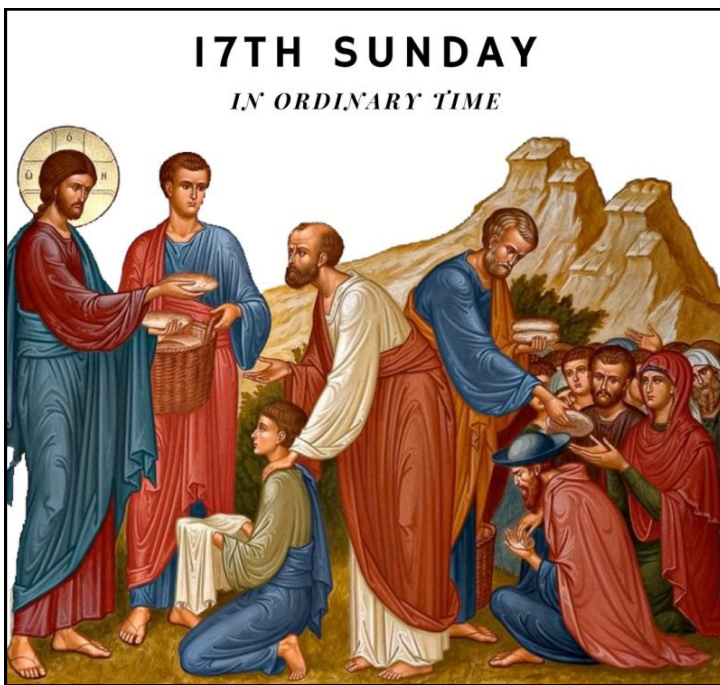




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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Compassion and Generosity of Christ

On the seventeenth Sunday we celebrate Christ the new Elisha who feeds and unites us in him. Our first reading and the gospel are similar. Both narrate the miracles of the multiplication of bread motivated by compassion and generosity.

In our first reading, Elisha got a gift of food. However, noticing that the people were hungry and moved by compassion, he generously offered it to them. Through him God miraculously multiplied the food.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of the virtues that we need to live and survive together as a body of Christ. That is a community and family united by one faith, one baptism and one spirit.

In the gospel, moved by compassion for his flock, Jesus, "the new Elisha," fed more than five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. He was sensitive to their situation and needs. Christ cares both for our physical and spiritual needs. He feeds us with both His word, and the Holy Eucharist.

Compassion moved Jesus and Elisha to generously feed their people. Compassion is the basis of empathy and sympathy. In fact, we need them to be human. God can transform something little into something great, because our God is a God of impossibilities.

We should also understand the generosity of the little boy. He generously offered what he had, and his generosity became the motivation of a great miracle for his community. This shows that at times, God works with what we have.

To be compassionate is to be like Christ. To be generous is to cooperate with Christ in his ministry. A generous and compassionate attitude towards others can enrich the life of many, as well as our own life. When compassion and generosity embrace, great miracles happen for a community united by one faith, one spirit and one baptism. God Bless You All!

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

Intentions July 29 — August 4

Monday: NO MASS

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

+ Val & Helen Galewski

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

+ Roger James

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

+ Dan Lilla

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

All the People of Our Parishes

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

+ Margaret Kopp

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Aug. 3

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, Doreen Emerson

Lector: Tom Ladwig

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Lector: Judy Heinz

Servers: Volunteer

Comm. Min: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 4

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kris Krett, Jim Scherr

Lector: Shannon Krett

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Nolan Lilla

Communion Minister: Anne Bagley

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: **For Fr. Aro so that he maybe welcomed by the people of Bloomer and Cooks Valley and be a good pastor for them.**

Personal Prayer Request: Pray for a grandparent (Living or Deceased)

Fr. Arokiaraj Paristham, (Fr. Aro by nickname) from the Diocese of Tiruchirapalli, India, is assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Paul Parish, Bloomer and St. John the Baptist Parish, Cooks Valley with residence in the St. John the Baptist Rectory effective. August 1, 2024.

Thank you, Fr. Aro, for spending your time with us at St. Bartholomew and St. Mary. We are very happy that we got to know you and wish to send you to your new assignment with our blessings. We hope that you will be received with love and kindness at your new parish. May God bless you.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Welcome to Dierks Wylder Suchla**, son of Shoen Suchla and Ava JaDouL who was baptized at St. Mary's last Sunday, July 21.
- ♦ **Finance Council** meeting on Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- ♦ **PCCW meeting** on Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. All Set Chairpersons please plan on attending. We will be discussing the details of the Fall Festival. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Thank You.
- ♦ We are in need of 2 Religious Education Teachers (7th & 9th grades) and 5 helpers (3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 9th grades) for this coming year. Please prayerful consider this ministry. Call the office if you are interested, 608-534-6652 or Mike Dunn, CRE, 608-484-2813.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Jesus & the End times**, with Dr. Brant Pitre. Four sessions beginning Thursday afternoon, August 15th, 1:30-3:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU:

- + We (the Pastoral Council) see a need for more of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives & in our parish life.
- + We also realize that you may be either unfamiliar with or have forgotten what He's like & how He relates to us.
- + Because He can have such a profound effect on individuals, families & parishes, we'll be sharing weekly inspirations, encouragements, & experiences to hopefully buoy you up for the coming week. God bless!

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

The Reverend Edmund Joseph Doerre at the age of 87, and a priest for 52 years, died on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. He was appointed Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Trempealeau and St. Mary Parish, Galesville in 2008. In 2012, He also was appointed to serve St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick. Due to his health he was granted the status of senior priest on June 1, 2015. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29 at St. Patrick Church in Onalaska. Visitation will be on at the church on Monday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, July 28th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following, "Our Context (LWPC)."
- ♦ **Save the Date! October 11-13 | Consecrated Virginity Discernment Weekend:** Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the La Crosse Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the Informational / Discernment Weekend. Check with your pastor for more information or the Diocesan Calendar on the website diolc.org/events/ For more information about consecrated virginity for women living in the world, go to the Diocesan web page: diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins/
- ♦ **Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources** For resources on politics and voting from a Catholic perspective, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

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