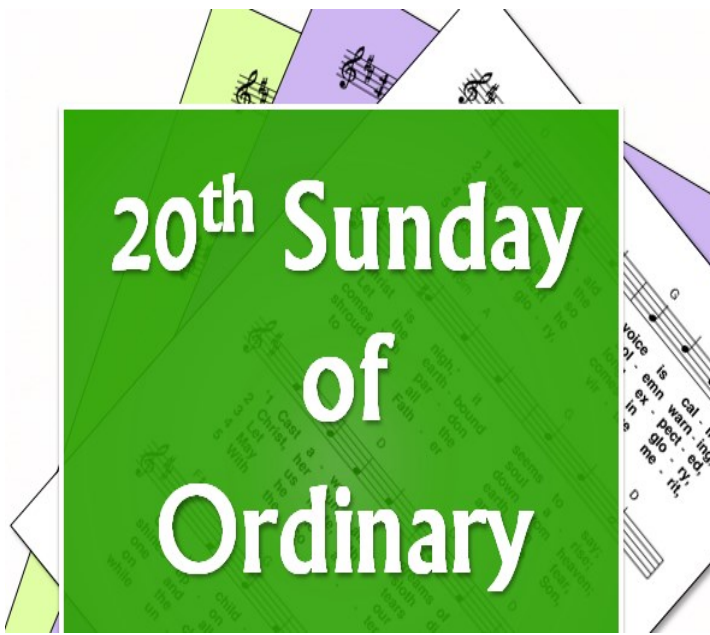




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Eucharist the Wonderful Gift of God

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, the twentieth Sunday readings especially, the gospel continues to tell us that Jesus is the bread of life. This is simply to remind us of the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our Christian life. Eucharist means thanksgiving. So, today we give thanks to God for this precious gift.

In today's first reading, God who himself is Wisdom, invites us to his banquet. However, only the humble can appreciate and take advantage of this invitation. The Eucharist is a special banquet where Christ is both the giver and the gift.

In today's gospel when Christ said: "*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, anyone who eats this bread will live forever*", the Jews became enraged. The reason is simple. They were full of pride and lacked true wisdom. They could not comprehend what Christ meant. They refused to be humbled, in order to become wise in the ways of God.

At times, some people try to analyze and comprehend this great mystery of Faith only with our limited human wisdom. So, like the Jews, some still wonder: "How could He give us His body and blood to eat and drink?" Is Christ really present in the Eucharist?

Hence, Paul warns us today to Be careful about the sort of lives we live, like intelligent and not senseless people. Only intelligent and thoughtful people see and encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

They are the ones who do not doubt that Christ is the living bread of life and is present in the Holy Eucharist. They respond to God's invitation to have life and real wisdom. They know that the fullness of life is in Christ, the living bread of life.

Therefore, let us respond positively to God's invitation to share the Eucharistic banquet and true wisdom. So, let us humble ourselves and as Palmist says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" God Bless You All!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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| Plate | 151.00 | 180.26 |
| Electronic Dep. | 484.45 | 0.00 |
| Youth Envelopes | <u>6.00</u> | <u>9.00</u> |
| Total Offering | \$3,026.45 | \$ 1,450.26 |

Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

Intentions
August 19 – August 25

- Monday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Aggie Literski
- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary**
Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.
+ Betty Brandtner
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Larry Heffner
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.
+ Imelda Lilla
- 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**
+ Clayton Backler & Ed Schmitz
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Fay Mitchell
- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**
All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Aug. 24

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, Kathy Kujak

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Mary Ladwig

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 25

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza

Lector: Joe Plunger

Servers: Austin Bork, Garrett Bork

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros

Lector: Ellen Karow

Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover

Comm. Min: Ellen Karow

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: **Pray for peace in our world and our families.**

Personal Request: Pray for your father (living/deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **We are in need of a Religious Education Teacher** (9th grade), this could be a couple, or a college student who maybe interested. And we need, 4 helpers (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.
- ◆ Fall Festival Raffle Tickets are ready to pickup in the back of church.
- ◆ **Religious Education Teacher's** meeting on Wednesday, August. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ Religious Education Classes will begin on September 18. We will meet in the church by 6:15 p.m.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **A BIG THANK YOU** to LaVonne, Todd, Carmen, Kathy & Theresa for painting the basement of our church. It was a big job and it looks so nice. Walk downstairs and take a look! Our wonderful volunteers have come through again! Our parish runs on volunteer help. How can you help?
- ◆ **WOULD YOU** be willing to teach a Religious Education class this year? We need 8th & 9th grade teachers. If you would like to do this Spiritual work of Mercy, please contact Maggie Gengler or Dcn. Kent.
- ◆ **PARENTS** of Faith Formation students: Meeting for Annual Safe Environment Training and registration of your students for this coming year, Wednesday, September 4th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Basement.
- ◆ **Finance Council meeting** will be Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 (following 6:00 mass) in the rectory.
- ◆ **PCCW meeting** will be Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 (following 6:00 mass) in the basement of the church.
- ◆ **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.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU:

+ Did you know that you can learn to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from all those other thoughts running around in your head?

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **On the 1st Friday's of the month** Father is willing to bring communion to the homebound. Please call the office, 608-534-6652, and let us know if you are homebound and would like to receive communion.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, August 18th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following, "Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit" with Dr. Brant Pitre.
- ◆ **BIBLE STUDY: Jesus & the End times**, with Dr. Brant Pitre. Thursday afternoon, August 22nd 1:30-3:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. For more information, contact Dcn. Kent.
- ◆ **DATE CHANGE.** **The Knights of Columbus** are moving their monthly meeting this month to Wednesday August 21st at 7:00PM in the basement of St. Mary's.
- ◆ **St. Mary's PCCW** will be holding their annual Mum Sale on Saturday, August 24th, 10:00 a.m. until Mass and Sunday, August 25th, 10:00 a.m. until gone. These are beautiful 10" pots in a variety of colors. \$20 each or 2/\$35. Location: in front of the rectory, St. Mary's Church, 20344 W. Ridge Ave, Galesville.
- ◆ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples:** Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends in our area are September 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call (563)920-9419 for more information or sign up at wwme.org.
- ◆ **Attend Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:** All are invited to Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it. Learn more at diolc.org/rural-life
- ◆ **Job Opportunity** at the Diocese of La Crosse. Please go to Indeed.com and search for Diocese of La Crosse.

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