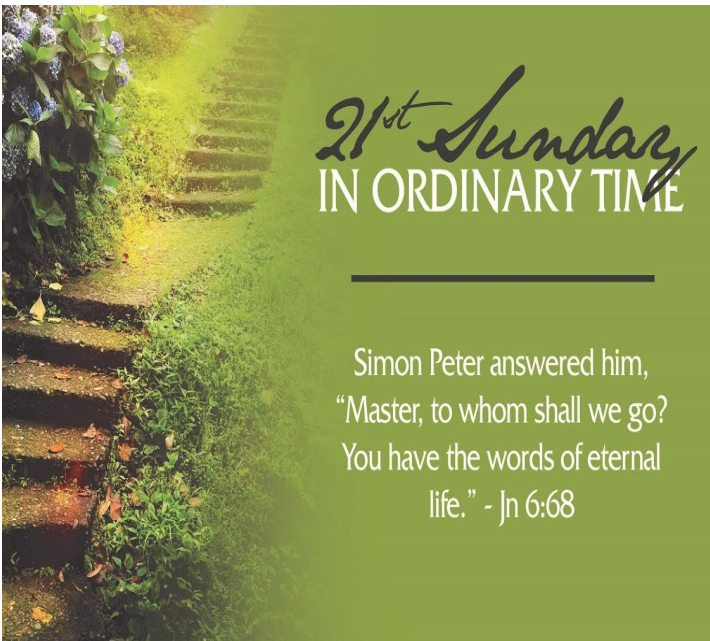




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Sunday Bulletin

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A CHOICE TO MAKE

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

His disciples in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice — to choose to remain His disciples by believing what He so clearly said about eating His Body & drinking His blood in order to attain to eternal life — or disbelieve & leave. Many left. Only the Twelve remained. How about you?

The choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem, where he issues them a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations—light or darkness, good or evil, life or death.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist — a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland & eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh & drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It's a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Even today many don't believe what He has said in truth. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water & word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes & cherishes us, making us His own flesh & blood, in the same way as husband & wife become one flesh.

Let's renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants, who we choose to be

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$2,250.00	\$ 1,421.00
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Total Offering	\$2,777.53	\$ 1,936.40

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Intentions August 26 — September 1

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary
Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Deceased Members of the Cory Family

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

+ George Richtman

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Margaret Wood

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

+ Tom Kelleher

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

+ Jim Ritter

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Aug. 31

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 1

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Jessesky, Charles Muller

Lector: Joe Plunger

Servers: Annalise, Brian

Communion Minister: Anne Bagley

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Sheila Collom

Servers: Sarah Sagler

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 all families prepare their children for school.**

Personal Request: Pray for a child you are not related to.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **We are in need of a Religious Education Teacher** (9th grade), this could be a couple, a parent or a college student who maybe interested. And we need, 3 helpers (4th, 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 Classes** will begin on September 18. Registration forms will be sent out soon.
- ◆ **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 a 7th grade teacher. If you would like to do this Spiritual work of Mercy, please contact Reed Lally, Maggie Gengler or Dcn. Kent.
- ◆ **PARENTS** of Faith Formation students: Registration of your students, annual Safe Environment Training, and sharing how we can do this spiritual work of mercy together. Wednesday, September 4th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's basement.
- ◆ **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:

- + Do you make a meeting place in your heart and in your mind for the Holy Spirit?
- + Get this – He desires YOU. He is how God shares His love with you – if you make room for Him! Will you?

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.
- ◆ **Word Among Us** for September and **Living Faith** for Oct, Nov, Dec. are in the vestibule to take, free.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, August 25th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "Why We Evangelize" with Marcel Lejeune, president and founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples.
- ◆ **BIBLE STUDY: Jesus & the End times**, with Dr. Brant Pitre. Thursday afternoon, August 29th, 1:30-3:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. For more information, contact Dcn. Kent.
- ◆ **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

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

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Next meeting is on Thursday, Sept. 10.



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