



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



**Sunday
Bulletin
August 4, 2024
Year B**

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Christ the Bread of Life

On this eighteenth Sunday, we rejoice because of the incredible nourishment that God gives us daily through Christ, the bread of life. As Christians, by receiving and putting on Christ, we undergo a spiritual revolution. So, Christ provides us the spiritual food for our journey through the Eucharist.

The first reading reminds us that the Israelites murmured and revolted against Moses, and consequently, against God. They doubted and put God to the test. They hastily forgot how good and merciful He has been to them. However, God proved that He is a great provider. He feeds them to satisfaction.

In the gospel, Jesus read the mind of the people following him, like the Israelites, his followers become obsessed with food. They were carried away by physical hunger. They came to search for their daily bread but failed to recognize that Christ was the bread of life.

Therefore, when we pay too much attention to material things, we forfeit the spiritual meaning of life. Unfortunately, at times we act like the Israelites by murmuring against God. For some of us, "God is good" only when things are okay. However, when we are faced with difficulties, we forget all his goodness.

Hence in the second reading Paul advised us to give up our old ways of life which are corrupted by illusory desires. Illusory desires prevent us from appreciating God's goodness. They leave us with spiritual starvation.

Spiritual starvation is the root of all weaknesses. So, to put on the new man means to protect and nourish our soul spiritually, especially when our physical body is weak and suffers.

My dear brothers and sisters, Christ is the bread of our life. He is present in the Holy Eucharist. Each time we celebrate Him, we celebrate and receive life. We are indeed blessed as we pray at every Mass: "Blessed are those called to the Lord's supper."

God Bless You All!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

| | <u>SBT</u> | <u>SMG</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes | \$1,550.00 | \$ 644.00 |
| Plate | 195.00 | 360.74 |
| Electronic Dep. | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Youth Envelopes | <u>6.00</u> | <u>80.00</u> |
| Total Offering | \$1,751.00 | \$ 1,084.74 |

Counters: Dan Kelleher, Joy Critzman

**Intentions
August 5 – August 11**

- 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.
+ John & Logan Grant
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Marie Hjelsand
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ LaVern & Phyllis Sonsalla
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**
+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Ernest & Nathalie Dapogny
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Stacey McMahan
- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**
All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Aug. 10

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, Sandy Salsman
Lector: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Volunteers
Lector: Kirk Shimek
Servers: John Severson
Comm. Min: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 11

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Scott Lamberty, Brian Brenengen
Lector: Joe Plunger
Servers: Reagan Lamberty, Eli Schwertel
Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler
Lector: Ellen Karow
Servers: Sarah Sagler

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 all our parishioners, that they may come to see God as Father and Lord.

Personal Prayer Request: Pray for your mother (Living or Deceased)

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ Please join us for **Donuts after Mass** today in the church hall. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Finance Council** meeting on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 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 a Religious Education Teacher** (9th grade) 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.
- ◆ **Religious Education Teacher's** meeting on Wednesday, August. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ **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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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|-------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| SBT Income: | \$ 16,169.11 | SMG Income: | \$14,550.09 |
| Expenses: | \$ 18,138.76 | Expenses: | \$14,187.81 |
| Net Loss: | \$ (1,969.65) | Net Income | \$ 362.28 |

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!

- ◆ **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Teacher's Meeting, Wednesday, August 14th, 6:15 PM, St. Mary's Basement (the Lower Room).
- ◆ **WOULD YOU** be willing to teach a Religious Education class this year? We need 3rd, 5th, 8th & 9th grade teachers. If you would like to do this Spiritual work of Mercy, please contact Maggie Gengler or Dcn. Kent.
- ◆ **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:

- + Who is the Holy Spirit? He's not an "it"—not wind, not fire, not water (although being Spirit, He can act like this).
- + He's a Person! One who loves you, just as the Father & His Son love you, one you can have a conversation with.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, August 4th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following, "Our Vision."
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Save the Date! October 11-13 | Consecrated Virginitly 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/
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Pilgrimage to India. Date January 21—February 2, 2025.** Visit Mother Teresa Tomb, St. Thomas Tomb, Tajmahal, New Delhi etc. For more information contact: St. Maximilian Kolbe Church: Sharon Christenson, 715-281-7784; email sharon.jc@live.com or Dennis Boucher email: dboucher136@gmail.com or 386-315-9994. Web: indianmissionjoy.org. Fr. Peter Manickam is Pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Almond and will be the host. Check the flyer on the bulletin board.

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