



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**

Let The 1st Be The Servant Of All

**25<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**



**Sunday  
Bulletin  
September 22, 2024  
Year B**

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To Be Greatest is to Serve

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, the twenty-fifth Sunday invites us to reflect that Jesus Christ is the wisdom that came down from heaven to serve humanity. So, we are called to listen to him and follow his example by living an orderly and peaceful life.

Today's first reading is fulfilled in the life of Christ. It points to Christ, the Son of God, who was put to death by jealous and wicked people. As a righteous man, Jesus reprimanded and condemned the ambitious Pharisees and scribes of his time. So, they took offense and persecuted and crucified Christ.

Like Christ we too may suffer unjust persecutions today for being right and just. However, we must remain steadfast because God will surely vindicate us.

Our second reading reminds us of the importance of focusing sincerely on the things that unite us rather than on the ones that divide us. We all desire a harmonious life, yet many Christian communities, families, and homes live in frequent conflicts and disorder. So, James admonishes us not to let selfish ambitions destroy our relationships, families, and communities.

Jesus foretells his imminent suffering, death, and resurrection in today's gospel. Unfortunately, instead of reflecting on what Christ was saying, his disciples quarreled secretly over who was the greatest. Their argument was aimed at the earthly government, so His disciples were experiencing a conflict of interest.

We often see this everywhere that personal ambition is considered more important than anything else. There, we see in-fighting, gossip, indifference, aggression, threats to lives and property, hatred, and all sorts of vices. All these come at the expense of the common good and peaceful coexistence. Wherever these exist, there can be no progress, prosperity, and peace.

Therefore, by using a child as an example for us today, Jesus only teaches us that we must become like children to be great. It means that we must live our lives in humble service to God and one another. God Bless You All!

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING**

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**Counters: Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak**

**Intentions  
September 23 – September 29**

**Monday: NO MASS**

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

+ Francis Haines

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

+ Marie Hjelsand

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

*Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.*

+ Harry Paaske

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

+ Tom Kelleher

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Stanley & Frances Eichman

**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ George Richtman

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

All the People of Our Parishes

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Sept. 28**

**St. Mary 4:00 p.m.**

**Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, Sandy Salsman**

**Lector: Tom Ladwig**

**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, Sept. 29**

**St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.**

**Ushers: Tim Jessesky, Charles Muller**

**Lector: Joe Plunger**

**Servers: Wyatt Rademacher, Chaes Suchla**

**Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessor**

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

**Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros**

**Lector: Sheila Collom**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover**

**Comm. Min: Sheila Collom**

**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 the children as they start Religious Education.**

**Personal Prayer Request: For someone who is not worshipping with others at a weekend Mass.**

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Congratulations to Jackson Patrick George**, son of Zach and Jennifer George, who was baptized last Sunday after Mass.
- ◆ Our Fall Festival, Sunday, October 13. Polka Mass at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Brunch from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be a Bake Sale, Kids Games, Basket Raffle and Cash Raffle. Drawings at 11:45.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday, September 24th, immediately following Mass, in the Lower Room (the Basement).
- ◆ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The rosary rally at St. Mary's will be outside in front of the church (inside if weather is not cooperative) at 4:45 Saturday, October 12th.
- ◆ **NEED GOD'S HELP?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com) or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

### THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU:

- + Have you ever wondered, "Where is the Holy Spirit?"
- + St. Bonaventure says, "The Holy Spirit comes where He is welcomed, loved, respected and expected."
- + Is He "welcomed, loved, respected and expected" in your heart? Come, Holy Spirit!

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Diocesan Annual Appeal** will be starting next weekend.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "Natalie's story of Healing Through Encounter with the Holy Spirit" with Fr. Derek Sakowski and Natalie Elskamp.
- ◆ **New Bible Study:** Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, started last Saturday. If you would like to join us, please contact Suzanne Lane 608-484-2901(text) or 608-539-2075 (home) to order your books. There are two books for \$30. We have a couple of angel investors if you need assistance with the cost. The next class will be Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the church hall for a wonderful study about Jesus.
- ◆ **WANTED: YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES.** A mission that the PCCW's of both churches support is the Casa Hogar Optical Mission. We are collecting old prescription, readers and sunglasses, as well as cases for glasses. These glasses are used to provide people in Peru with much needed eyewear. Volunteer doctors travel to South America to serve people who need eye care. St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew both have boxes for your donations in the entrance of the church. If you want to drop them at the church office, you may also do that. Thank you.
- ◆ **Immaculate Conception, St. Lawrence & St. Boniface** Rectory Restoration Dinner & Raffles today, September 22. Dinner serving 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Adult-\$15, 6 to 13-\$8 and 5 and under free. At Immaculate Conception Church 2 N Hill St, Fountain City, WI. Check flyer for more information.
- ◆ **St. John's the Apostle Parish, Whitehall** is hosting the Fall Festival today, September 22. Mass at 10:15 a.m. Chicken & Meatball Dinner, Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 or until gone. Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$10, 5 years & under Free. Bingo starts at noon in the church shed.
- ◆ **Are you Pro-Life? Please join our Life Chain (hosted by Holy Family) and take a stand for life on Sunday, October 6th from 2:30 to 3:30 at the Intersection of Hwys 93/95 by Waumandee State Bank, Arcadia WI. After the Life Chain all are welcome to stay for the Rosary. We will pray for our country and an end to abortion.**
- ◆ Alliance Family Services in La Crosse provides free care and support for pregnant women in a way that is aligned with Catholic ethics. Their first Annual Walk for Life is October 19, 2024, from 9am-1pm at Blessed Sacrament parish in La Crosse. To learn more and support their mission, select "La Crosse Registration" at <https://www.alliancefamilyservices.org/> to register as a walker or to financially support another walker. Feel free to contact Amy G. at [couleeregioncatholics@gmail.com](mailto:couleeregioncatholics@gmail.com) with any questions.
- ◆ Gospel of Life, White Mass & Banquet on Friday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. Check flyer on bulletin board.
- ◆ Cherie will be out of the office from September 23rd through the 27th. She will be back on September 30th.

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