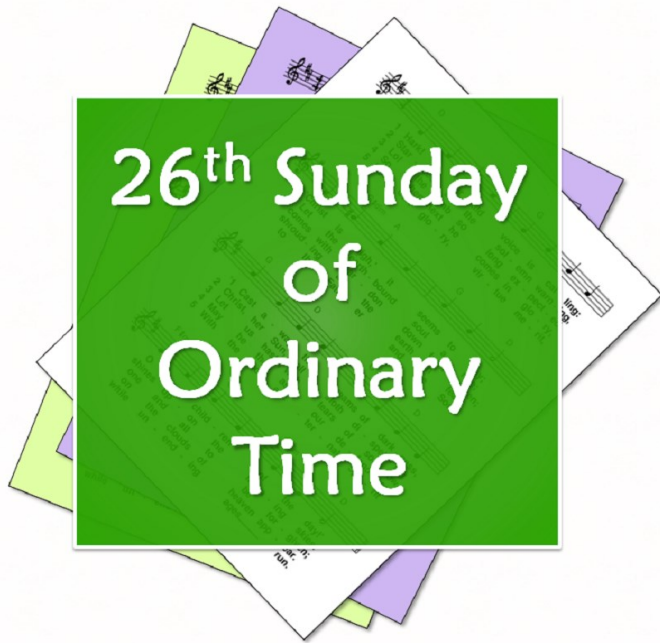




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MILLSTONE OR LIFE PRESERVER

Jesus tells us today, that “whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

There are so many “little ones” that believe in Him in a “little” way. We simply can’t tell by how they’re living whether they believe in God or not. So many say they are “spiritual but not religious,” that they believe there’s a God, or at the least, some spiritual entity, but they don’t know who He is or what He’s like.

They can’t see that Jesus makes a difference in anyone’s life because they don’t see it making a difference in our lives.

These are today’s “little ones.”

Let’s face it— most Catholics, as the bishops have said, live like baptized pagans. If we’re the only Gospel the “little ones” read, it’s a pretty short book.

We’ve lost sight of the fact that Jesus, and His Body the Church, calls us to holiness and mission.

In fact, if I were to describe how the average Catholic looks at and lives in the world today, I’d describe it like this: broad and wide is the way that leads to heaven, and everybody’s going that way; and narrow is the door that leads to hell, and hardly anybody’s going that way.

But you know what? That’s just the opposite of what Jesus Himself tells us. The situation is this: “Broad and wide is the way that leads to destruction, and many are traveling that way; and narrow is the door that leads to life, and few there are who are finding it.”

Now, Jesus didn’t say this because this is how it has to be. People who are on the broad way don’t have to stay on the broad way.

And that’s where we come in. That’s where our prayer, our love, our witness comes in. We really need to invite people to leave the path that’s leading to destruction and find the person of Jesus Christ who can lead them to true life here on this earth, and eternal life in heaven.

God bless! Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING

| | <u>SBT</u> | <u>SMG</u> |
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| Envelopes | \$1,847.00 | \$ 1,660.00 |
| Plate | 213.00 | 204.00 |
| Electronic Dep. | 43.45 | 120.96 |
| Youth Envelopes | <u>2.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Offering | \$2,105.45 | \$ 1,984.96 |

Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

**Intentions
September 30 — October 6**

- Monday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Dolorous Heffner
- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary**
Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.
+ John Cory
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Bernie & Jim Schmidtknecht
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.
+ Carol Bagley
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Marylou Paurazaf
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**
+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Dorothy Walski & Anita Lilla
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**
+ Louis Jessesky
- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**
All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Oct. 5

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, Kathy Kujak

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Becky Harris

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Oct. 6

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: 8th Graders

Lector: 8th Graders

Servers: Zak Guenther, Jordan Guenther

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

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 a successful Diocesan Annual Appeal.**

Personal Prayer Request: For the priest who administered you the sacrament of Holy Communion.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, October 6 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. **Donut Sunday** follows the Mass in the church hall.
- ◆ 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!

- ◆ **Thank you** to Dan Baer for installing new railings to basement stairs.
- ◆ **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 or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU:

- + St. Bonaventure says, "The Holy Spirit comes where He is welcomed, loved, respected and expected."
- + During this past week have you made Him "welcomed, loved, respected and expected" in your heart?
- + Come, Holy Spirit, come!

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Diocesan Annual Appeal** will be starting this weekend.
- ◆ **The Rosary** will be said during the month of October at 3:00 p.m. before the Grotto at St. Bartholomew's.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, September 22nd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "LESSONS FROM PENTECOST - Ways the Holy Spirit Makes Us Different, Part 1" with Pete Burak. (29:53 minutes). Pete Burak is Vice-President of Renewal Ministries, a ministry dedicated to Catholic renewal and evangelization around the world. He is a 2010 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, and has a Master's Degree in Theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan.
- ◆ **Bible Study: Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.** 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. The next class will be Saturday, October 5th, at 9:00am in the church hall for a wonderful study about Jesus.
- ◆ **St. Bartholomew & St. Mary's PCCW** members are invited to Fall Spirituality Day at St. Lawrence in Alma at 10:30 AM, on Saturday, October 26. The speaker will be Cindy Sjolander who will speak about the Casa Hogar Optical Mission. Note: there is more information in the bulletin about this mission.
- ◆ **St. Bridget's Parish, Ettrick** is having a BBQ Pork Dinner serving from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2. \$15.00 per plate, dine-in or carry out includes Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Desserts and more. Raffles.
- ◆ **Sacred Heart Parish, Pine Creek-Dodge**, will be celebrating our **Annual Fall Festival Dinner on Sunday, October 6**, Mass at 10:00 a.m. Serving Butter-Browned Chicken & Baloney, with all the fixings. Adult Dinners-\$20, Children \$10, 5 and under Free. Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until sold out). Carry Outs
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 with any questions.
- ◆ Gospel of Life, White Mass & Banquet on Friday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. Check flyer on bulletin board.

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