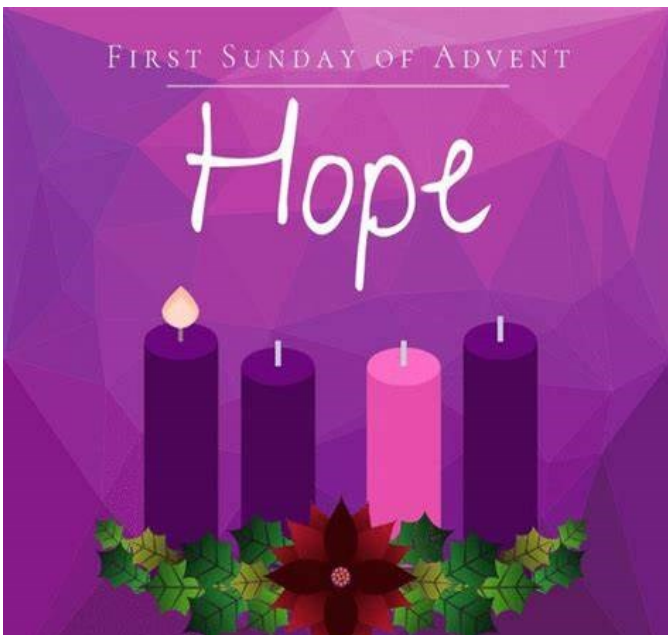




**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin December 1, 2024 Year B

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**THE DAY OF THE LORD**

Sometimes we forget — we’re now living in the end times, the time between Jesus’ first & second coming. This is a time of mercy; His second coming will be a time of judgement.

When you get home, read the Gospel verses not included today (Luke 21:5-20) — they put today’s reading in context. When Jesus is describing the “signs in the sun, moon & stars” He’s using the language of the prophets to describe the shaking of political, religious & heavenly powers that will lead to the destruction of the true temple, His Body, & one generation after that, the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem.

In prophetic apocalyptic language the “sun, moon, & stars” refer to the nations & rulers of their times, the judgement of Jerusalem, & the coming of the Lord; e.g. Babylon & Egypt (Isaiah 13, Isaiah 34, Ezekiel 32, Isaiah 19; Isaiah 26; & Jeremiah 14:13-14).

He tells His disciples that all this will take place within one generation. Biblically, one generation equals 40 years. One generation after the death of Jesus on the cross, Jerusalem & its Temple were destroyed by the Roman Empire (70AD).

These events are but the beginning of the last days.

In the meantime, what are we to do? Do what Jesus tells us to do!

Jesus warns us to be always vigilant & to pray that we have the strength to stand firm in faith among the trials and tribulations of life. Why? Because we have no idea when we’ll stand before the Son of Man & receive His judgment.

That being said, let’s not give in to the anxieties of life. Let’s do this with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit! Jesus tells us to “Stand erect & raise your head!” If you doubt your final end even after you’ve committed your allegiance to Jesus Christ, take a sneak peek at the back of the Book — God wins! That’s a cause for joy!

And let’s remember in the hustle & bustle of this season that Advent is not only a time of waiting but is also a time of penance, a time to prepare our soul for when we’ll stand before Him. This month, make time to go to confession and receive His mercy. He’s waiting for you.

God bless!  
Dcn. Kent

**LAST SUNDAY’S OFFERING**

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**Counters: Charleen Joyce, Kathy Kujak**

**Intention  
December 2 — December 8**

**Monday: NO MASS**

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

+ Anita Lilla

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

+ Roger James

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

+ Deceased Members of the Jaszewski & Klein Families

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

+ George Richtman

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**  
Pastor’s Intention

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

+ Mary Lou Hunter

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

+ Peter, Betty & Monica Knepper

**Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**  
All the People of Our Parishes

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 7**

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

**Ushers: Doreen Emerson, LaVonne Peterson**

**Lector: Theresa Haines**

**Comm. Min: Theresa Haines**

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

**Ushers: Greg Goltz, Volunteer**

**Lector: Kirk Shimek**

**Servers: John Severson**

**Comm. Min: Karen Shimek**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 8**

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

**Ushers: Scott Lamberty, Reagan Lamberty**

**Lector: Joe Mack**

**Servers: Eli Schwertel, Wyatt Rademacher**

**Communion Minister: Darlene Schlessler**

**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 that all of us may prepare for Jesus coming in Advent.**

**Personal Prayer Request: For a teacher or former teacher.**

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Welcome to our new Parishioners: *Bonnie J. Hicks and Kathleen (Kathy) Schwartzhoff.***
- ◆ **Donut Sunday** following the 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass in the church hall. Come and join us in fellowship.
- ◆ **Ecumenical Christmas Gathering** on Tuesday, December 3rd at St. Bartholomew Church Hall. We are hosting, so please bring a dish to pass if you are able and all are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. meal at 6.
- ◆ The PCCW will be sponsoring 2 families in our GET area who are in need this Christmas season. Please take a tag or 2 from the tree in the vestibule, purchase the gift and return it wrapped with the name tag on the gift and place it under the tree by Dec. 15th. We will be delivering the gifts to the families later that week.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **PRAYER MINISTRY:** Jesus promised that "those who believe in Me will lay their hands on the sick & they will recover." A prayer team will be available immediately following Sunday Mass to pray for anyone who would like prayer for healing.
- ◆ Our Annual joint cookie candy sale is Saturday, December 7th 9:00-2:00 at St. Bart's Hall. Families are asked to donate 4 doz. treats. Items may be brought to St. Bart's hall 3:30-6:00 on Dec. 6 or placed on the porch of St. Mary's rectory Friday or before 7:30 AM Saturday.
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- ◆ **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:

What is a characteristic of the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

- + He gives charisms (spiritual gifts). These are noticeable to the senses that He is present and active.
- + The most common charism, a way He makes His presence noticeable, that we see today are gifts of healing.
- + But there are more, whose nature & purpose is explained in the Bible & the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **You can help.** Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 21,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. A second collection will be taken up.
- ◆ There will be a Mass on Monday, December 9 to celebrate the Immaculate Conception at St. Bartholomew at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Bible Study: Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.** The next class will be Saturday, December 7th, at 9:00am in the church rectory for a wonderful study about Jesus.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar, Session 4 of 7: Receiving God's Gift" with Fr. Al Lauer.
- ◆ **ANNUAL JOINT COOKIE CANDY SALE is Saturday, December 7th 9:00-2:00 at St. Bart's Hall.** Please make 4 doz. Cookies or Candy and bring to the church hall from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6. This event is hosted by St. Bartholomew and St. Mary PCCWs.
- ◆ **Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026.** Every year, we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.
- ◆ **Parish Mission at Holy Family, Arcadia** 3 nights Dec. 15-17 @ 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. This mission is sure to deepen your devotion to the Blessed Mother.
- ◆ **Stouthearted Men & Friends Christmas Concert**, Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Osseo-Fairchild Auditorium. Featuring the OF Youth Choir. Freewill Offering.
- ◆ **Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls upcoming Yuletide Breakfast & Bake Sale** on Saturday, December 7 8:30-11AM Bake sale will feature Norwegian specialties and Christmas baking.



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