



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU**



**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



# Sunday Bulletin December 8, 2024 Year B

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## Be Prepared for The Lord's Day

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this second week of Advent, the church invites us to celebrate this season, we wait in joyful hope for the "Day of the Lord".

All the readings of this Sunday are wake up calls for us to prepare to receive the Lord who is coming soon in his glory and splendor. However, His coming will be of no use to us unless we receive him and share in the joy that he will bring.

The first reading announces that God is ready to display the splendor of the Messiah to all nations. And He is about to do great things for us. Very soon, we shall joyfully welcome the Lord.

In the second reading, Paul encourages us to remain steadfast in good works, and to continue to improve in it until "the *Day of the Lord.*" It is, the fulfillment of our desire to receive Christ, and to share in the joy that He brings to our world. This demands preparing and purifying ourselves through prayer, charity and reconciliation.

In today's gospel, Luke captured and recalled the world's political and historical situation at the birth of the Messiah. The kings and rulers of the Roman empire were completely and recklessly in charge of the world.

However, it was time for change. The King of kings is on His way. Thus, it was in this context that Luke echoes the prophesy of Isaiah: "*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight.*"

So, we must remove whatever will constitute an obstacle to receiving Christ at the end of this season. For us to experience the joy, glory and splendor of His coming, we must be prepared to receive him.

Finally, as we wait and prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ this season, may the Almighty God fill us with the strength and the patience we need to persevere without fainting. God Bless You All!

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,342.00	\$ 1,233.56
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<b>Youth Envelopes</b>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Offering</b>	\$2,822.27	\$ 1,882.16

**Counters: Anne Bagley, Joy Critzman**

## Intention December 9 – December 15

**Monday: Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
**St. Bartholomew Rosary at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

+ Fr. Edmund Doerre

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

+ Mary Ladwig

**Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**  
+ Tom Kelleher

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

+ Jim & Sallyann Keeffe

**Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew**  
\* Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Clayton Backler & Henry Kohnle

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

+ Steven M. Bork

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

All the People of Our Parishes

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 14

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

**Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Dave Mueller**

**Lector: Becky Harris**

**Comm. Min: Becky Harris**

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

**Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer**

**Lector: Greg Goltz**

**Servers: John Severson**

**Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 15

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

**Ushers: Chaes Suchla, Tony Suchla**

**Lector: Anne Bagley**

**Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork**

**Communion Minister: Joe Plunger**

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

**Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler**

**Lector: Nancy Wagner**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler**

**Comm. Min: Nancy Wagner**

### 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 experience Mary's love and help.

Personal Prayer Request: For a sibling (living or deceased)

**There is a Mass on Monday, December 9 to celebrate the Immaculate Conception at St. Bartholomew at 10:00 . Monday, December 9, 2024, is Now a Holy Day of Obligation:** In past years, when the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) fell on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Immaculate Conception was transferred to Monday, December 9, but the obligation did not transfer. After a recent clarification from the Holy See, this will no longer be the case: rather, the obligation will also transfer. Consequently, Monday, December 9, 2024, will celebrate the Immaculate Conception and be a holy day of obligation in the Dioceses of the United States. HOWEVER, given the short notice of this change, in a decree emailed to priests on October 25, 2024, Bishop Battersby has dispensed the faithful from this obligation in 2024. Still, he asks each pastor “to have at least one Mass in which the people of God may celebrate the great gift of the Immaculate Conception...[and] each of the faithful to do some form of extra prayer if unable to attend the holy Mass, particularly praying the Rosary with at least one other person in community.”

**ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.**

- ◆ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- ◆ 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.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

SBT Income:	<b>\$ 15,162.64</b>	SMG Income:	<b>\$ 10,801.92</b>
Expenses:	<b>\$ 17,455.19</b>	Expenses:	<b>\$ 9,017.12</b>
Net Loss:	<b>\$ (2,292.55)</b>	Net Income	<b>\$ 1,784.80</b>

**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!

- ◆ **FAITH FORMATION FAMILY MASS** at St. Mary’s, Wednesday, December 18, 6:15 p.m. Mass-Is-Class.
- ◆ **Church Cleaning:** Monday, Dec. 16 4:00-6:00 Please come help us get our church ready for Christmas! Bring cleaning rags/dust cloths, vacuums & extension cords. There are jobs for everyone even if you can only donate an hour of your time.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St. Mary’s PCCW** will be doing **two Advent Projects** this year: **We will** be collecting items for **Marinuka Manor’s** bingo games for the residents, families and Eden House residents. Suggested items are: king sized candy bars, aftershave, small decorative items for their rooms, body spray, quilts or throws. **Our PCCW** will also be collecting monetary donations for the **Casa Hogar Optical Mission**. Doctors, medical personnel and lay people make an annual trip to help 1,000-1,500 with eye care. Used eye glasses are collected and reused. The volunteers pay their way and donate their time. Donations will be used to purchase readers, sunglasses and other supplies needed. The next mission trip is in January 1025. Checks can be written to **St. Mary’s PCCW** and **put into the collection basket**. Please **designate Casa Hogar Optical Mission on the envelope or memo**.
- ◆ Need God’s Help? Contact St. Mary’s Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 608-582-2688 or [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com) or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU:**

What is the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

- + It is a life transforming experience of the love of God the Father;
- + poured into one’s heart by the Holy Spirit where His presence is often known and felt;
- + and received through a desire to surrender one’s life to the Lordship of Jesus.

**COMMUNICATION TO ALL**

- ◆ **Support a Lifetime of service.** Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous.
- ◆ **Bible Study: Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.** The next class will be Saturday, December 21st, at 9:00am in the church hall for a wonderful study about Jesus.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary’s Rectory. Following: “LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar, Session 5 of 7: Receiving God’s Gift” with Fr. Al Lauer.
- ◆ **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.



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