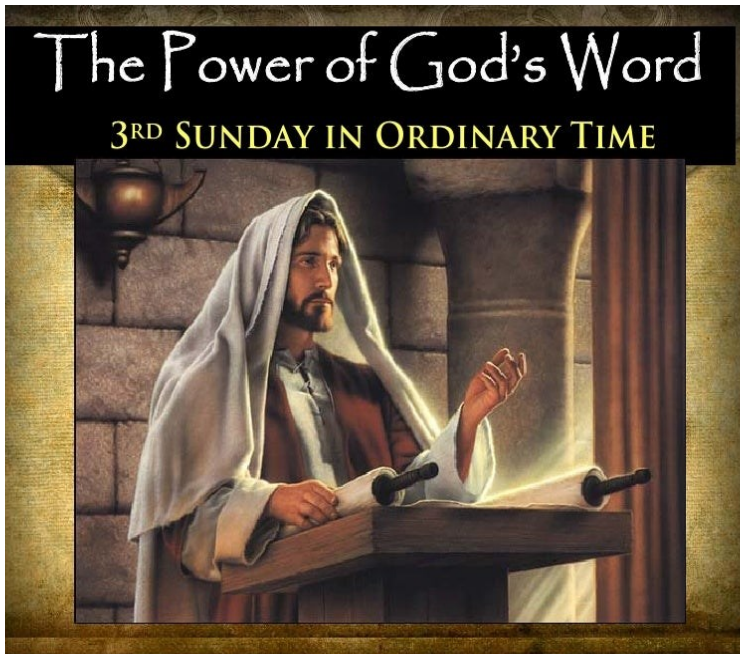




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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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January 26, 2025
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TODAY!

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus' preach His first homily. After His baptism & temptation in the wilderness, He went to Nazareth where He grew up, *in the power of the Spirit*, to participate in the synagogue's Sabbath worship. As He stood up to read, He was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, & unrolling it, He found the passage where it's written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives & recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, & to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Everyone was looking intently at Him. He then told them, *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

This word "today" that Jesus declares to His listeners is the "today" that runs through all ages & always remains valid. When you read the Word of God, a "today" begins in your soul. Isaiah's prophecy dates back centuries, but Jesus, *"in the power of the Spirit"*, makes it relevant &, above all, brings it to fulfilment. He shows us how to receive the Word of God—it's not ancient history, it's today. "Today" speaks to the heart.

What Jesus "fills with meaning" by the power of the Spirit, is today. Because whatever the Holy Spirit touches, He changes. And He does it today, in the now. For example, He has touched the lives of many who have requested prayer for healing after Sunday's Mass at St. Mary's in a tangible way. The "today" that Jesus preached back then is still "today" for us now. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today & forever.

Today the Church celebrates the *Sunday of the Word of God*. God's Word is indeed alive & active; it changes us if we allow it to; it enters into our affairs; it illuminates our daily lives; it comforts & brings order. God's Word transforms an ordinary day into *the today in which God speaks to us*.

Here's a suggestion: on the Sundays of this liturgical year the Gospel of Luke is proclaimed. Let's familiarize ourselves with this Gospel. Let's read & re-read a small passage every day & ruminate on it. It'll bring us the newness & joy of God-with-us!

God bless!
Dcn. Kent

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

**Intention
January 27 — February 2**

Monday: No Mass

**Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
Kaye Benrud Funeral Mass**

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

**Saturday: 12:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
Jeanne Piller Funeral Mass**

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary
+ Ed Rolbiecki

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Dolorous Heffner

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Stacey McMahon

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary
+ Jeff Kieltyka

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 1

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Volunteer

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer

Lector: Judy Heinz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 2

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: James Kinscher, Craig Boyer

Lector: 3rd Graders

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Nolan Lilla

Communion Minister: Joe Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Sheryl Reedy, Volunteer

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 those who have been affected by the fires and those who are fighting them.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a grandparent.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **PCCW next meeting** is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church hall.
- ◆ **We will be holding children's choir practice right after CCD on Wed., Jan. 29 to get ready for Sun., Feb. 2.** Anyone who is interested, please stay after for about a ½ hour. There will be homemade cookies for those who do attend.
- ◆ The Pastoral Council was approached about having an early Mass during the week. We are willing to try a 6:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays starting during Lent. Please call the office if you are interested, 608-534-6652. I have had only one person call, so far, please let me know.
- ◆ We need more Saturday ushers, lectors and communion ministers. Sunday morning we could have more lectors, communion ministers and choir members. Call the office, 608-534-6652.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ Father asked if there was someone who would serve Mass at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. They don't have to be a child, they can be any age. He would greatly appreciate some volunteering for this.
- ◆ **FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT** Seminar, Session 2 of 7, "Our Salvation," January 25th, 10:30-11:45 AM, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ Need God's Help? Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 608-582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU (Quote from Pope Benedict XVI):

- + The Holy Spirit gives us joy; He is joy. Joy is the gift in which all the other gifts are included.
- + It belongs to the nature of joy to be radiant; it must communicate itself.
- + The missionary spirit of the Church is none other than the impulse to communicate the joy which has been given.

- ◆ **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.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** We will have a second collection for this campaign next weekend. Please give generously.
- ◆ Please join us for a wonderful bible study - **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.** This is an eight (8) week study. We will be meeting every other Saturday from 9am to 10:30am in the church hall. Please join us on February 8th for our first class, changed from February 1st. There is a workbook with this class. The cost of the book is \$23.00. Please contact Suzanne Lane to purchase your book for this class. (608-484-2901 cell and text)
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, January 26th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: "Seek First God's Kingdom" with Dr. Kerry McMahon.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is on the weekend of Feb. 1-2. Keep them in your prayers.
- ◆ **Seeking Full and Part-time Nursing Faculty:** Saint Mary's University is actively recruiting full-time and part-time faculty for its new BSN pre-licensure program in Winona, MN. The program focuses on the Art & Science of Nursing, Holistic View of the Human Person, and Lasallian Catholic Transformative Educational Experiences. Prospective students find our direct-entry cohort model appealing because they begin nursing courses in the first year of study. Find full job descriptions and apply here: <https://faculty-saintmarysuniversity.icims.com/jobs/1549/full-time-nursing-faculty-position/job> For more information, please contact Carlyn Wardwell at cwardwel@smumn.edu.
- ◆ Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently seeking interested families for the 2025/2026 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Please contact Jamie Thompson at lacrossecatholicsschoolhouse@gmail.com if you'd like to receive additional information.

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