



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Thanks Be to God for The New Year 2025

My dear people, I wish all of you a Happy new year. At this new beginning, we shall thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant blessings and plentiful goodness that we have received from Him in the year 2024. Also, God has blessed us with one more New Year 2025. That is what we believe that there are no boundaries for His Love.

I happily inform you that I am also completing my second year of serving as pastor in our two parishes. At this moment I express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all our parishioners, and the Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, PCCWs, Knights of Columbus, CCD Teachers and the Students, Altar servers, the Secretary and the Deacon for your valuable and generous service, support, cooperation for the growth of our parishes and for your tremendous support in my mission too in the year 2024. With the same spirit we shall step into the new year 2025.

I think of all our special events in the year 2024 in our two parishes. For those of you who have invested time, labor, energy, and the finance and given yourselves in different ways for the growth of our churches, be assured that what you give of yourselves is a glory to God. So, be sure of His Blessings. Also, we shall together pray and ask for His guidance and wisdom for the new year.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Epiphany. On this special day the three kings brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, mire, and frankincense.

Today's gospel gives us some lessons for us. First, the three kings offered a genuine worship to Christ, the King of kings. So, our worship must be sincere like theirs. Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. The best gift to offer to God is the gift of oneself. Third, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. Therefore, Trusting in God, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. God Bless You All in the New Year!

Father has made it safely to India. He wanted to thank everyone for remembering him at Christmas. And for praying that he has a good and safe vacation. May God bless you all.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$2,022.00	\$ 2,812.00
Plate	87.00	127.25
Electronic Dep.	0.00	0.00
Christmas	985.00	25.00
Youth Envelopes	<u>2.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 3,096.00	\$ 2,964.25

Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

**Intention
December 30 — January 5**

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

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

+ Mary Ladwig

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

+ Katie Scarborough

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

+ Theresa Stanislawski

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

Peter Baldini

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 11

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, LaVonne Peterson

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Becky Harris

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Heinz, Volunteer

Lector: Judy Heinz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Judy Heinz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 12

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Brian Brenengen, Jim Kinscher

Lector: Anne Bagley

Servers: Wyatt Rademacher

Communion Minister: Joe 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 the priests that are coming to help us, while Fr. Sebastian is in India.

Personal Prayer Request: For one of your doctors.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **PCCW next meeting** is scheduled for Jan. 20th at 6:30pm at the church hall
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ A coat was mistakenly taken from the Ecumenical Gathering in December. The coat was a black puffy coat with gloves in the pocket. There is a coat in the church hall that was left. If you have this coat please bring it to the office and I will help get yours and return the coat to its owner. Thank you.
- ◆ **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 DECEMBER

SBT Income:	\$ 29,346.00	SMG Income:	\$ 15,937.21
Expenses:	\$ 20,995.02	Expenses:	\$ 9,520.32
Net Income	\$ 8,350.98	Net Income	\$ 6,416.89

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!

- ◆ **ST. MARY PCCW** meeting on Tuesday, January 7 @6:30 church hall. We will be making Valentine's at this meeting. Please bring glue, scissors, and any stickers/hearts/ribbon that you might want to use. Join us if you can!
- ◆ **St. Mary's Finance Council will not meet in January, we have rescheduled for February 18 when Father is back. 6:30 in the rectory.**
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, January 18th, 10:30-11:45 AM, St. Mary's Rectory, "Finding New Life in The Spirit" Seminar, a seven-week series to help deepen one's personal relationship with Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit. If interested, contact Dcn. Kent for more details. *"The Holy Spirit is the key to authentic Christian life – to discipleship – and without His empowerment, teaching and guidance it is impossible to live faithfully."*
- ◆ **PLEASE PRAY FOR** a keyboard accompanist for Saturday evening Masses. If interested, call or text Joseph Hellerude, 608.484.0278.
- ◆ 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: (Pope Francis, 16.04.13).

+ In our personal life the Holy Spirit can often annoy us, because He moves us & pushes us forward to take a more evangelical path.

+ This is bothersome; convenience is nicer. We would like the Holy Spirit to doze off, to subdue Him.

+ That just won't work. For He is God, that wind that comes & goes, and you do not know from where.

+ Don't resist the Holy Spirit: this is the grace for which I wish we would all ask the Lord: docility to the Holy Spirit, who comes to us and makes us go forward on the path of holiness.

- ◆ **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

- ◆ **Mass Intentions are needed.** Please remember your dearly departed and have a Mass said for them. The donation for a Mass is \$20.00.
- ◆ **Bible Study: Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.** The next class will be Saturday, January 18th, at 9:00am in the church hall for a wonderful study about Jesus.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, January 5th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: "ABANDONMENT TO THE SPIRIT" with Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., Napa Institute Summer 2022
- ◆ **"Behold: Prayer of the Saints" Young Adult Retreat | Jan. 25, 2025 | Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse:** This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at tinyurl.com/beholdprayer.

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