

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU

ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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A Word of Thanks

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, I express my sincere thanks to every one of you for your prayerful support and concern throughout my trip to India. I had a pleasant flight journey without any trouble.

On January 4th I reached India and went directly home. I was happy to meet my mom and family members after a year. Most of the days I stayed at home and spent time with my mom, and I had a very good time with my family.

The following day after my arrival home, on January 5th my aunty, my dad's brother's wife expired due to old age. My presence for her funeral was the plan of God. Because she used to say that I must come for her funeral and celebrate mass.

On January 12th we had the first Holy Communion of my niece, my younger brother's daughter. We celebrated the day very grandly as my niece received Jesus. I am happy to share with you that we have constructed a new house for ourselves and so, on the same day we had a housewarming ceremony. My parish priest came and blessed the new house. I, especially my mom, was delighted to be in our new house cherishing the presence of my loved ones at home.

For a couple of weeks, I found it difficult with "Jet lag". I hardly slept for two hours at night. Gradually I got used to the Climate. We had pleasant weather with 76°F.

I visited one of the Marian Apparition places, the famous Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health in Veilankanni, Tamil Nadu, where thousands of people from all over the world block the way and stand in the queue to meet her. I thought of you all and prayed to Mary our Mother and offered holy Mass to all our parishioners.

My mom and my family members convey their wishes and prayers to each one of you. They express their gratitude for your supportive presence in my ministry.

Thank you so much for co-operating with all the adjustments made during my absence. Indeed, I am so happy to be back home and meet you all. Happy Sunday. God Bless.

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Intention February 17 — February 23

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Mary Ladwig

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

* Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

<u>Thursday:</u> 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew *Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.*

Marian Schindler

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

+ Theresa Stanislowski

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Dolorous Heffner

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

+ Al Rustad

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 22

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Kirk Shimek Servers: John Severson Comm. Min: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 23

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Scherr, Avden Aschenbrener

Lector: Anne Bagley

Servers: Austin Bork, Garrett Bork

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, 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 all those who have to travel in this winter weather.

Personal Prayer Request: For a child you are not related to.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- PCCW meeting on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.
- Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- PCCW Bingo Sunday, March 9th 1-3:30pm in the church hall. FREE to play. Cash and other "fabulous" prizes will be available. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend.
- 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.
- The Year end Financial Report is on the table in the vestibule.

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!

- **Finance council** will meet Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 in the rectory.
- St. Mary's PCCW will meet Tuesday, February 25th in the church basement at 6:30. We are in need of a cochair for one of our sets. Would you consider signing up? Questions about this position? Call Becky @ 608-484-0630.
- Soup suppers will again be held during lent on Tuesday's after the 6:00 Mass. Members are asked to sign up on the sheets in the entry of the church to help or bring needed items.
- FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar, Session 6 of 7, "Growth ", Saturday, February 22nd, 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.
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THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU (Quote from Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household):

- + "Baptism in the Spirit is not a human invention; it is a divine invention.
- + It is a renewal of baptism and of the whole of Christian life, of all the sacraments."
 - **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

- ♦ It's not too late to 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 March 1st for our second class. 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, February 16th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: ""A Divided Church Cannot Unite a Divided World" with Fr. Mathias Thelen, Transformation Night, Encounter Ministries.
- ▶ Ladies you are invited to attend a Catholic Women's Retreat "Embracing Your Call to Holiness" at St. James the Greater Parish, Eau Claire on Saturday, March 8. Registration: LDCCW website or contact Janet Amundson 608-534-6541. Early Registration \$25 by Feb. 15 save \$10 otherwise. Registration by Feb. 25 \$35. Great day of camaraderie and prayer!
- ◆ The Jubilee Year of 2025 ("Pilgrims of Hope") is underway worldwide, and the first big event in our Diocese will be an Evening of Hope with Bishop Battersby at the Cathedral in La Crosse. This will be next week Saturday, February 22: 4:30 PM − Holy Mass with Papal Blessing − Main Cathedral Church 5:30 PM − Adoration with Jubilee Reflection by: Bishop Battersby − Main Cathedral Church 5:30 PM − 7 PM − Confessions − Main Cathedral Church 7:00 PM − Benediction − Main Cathedral Church
- ♦ Dioceses of La Crosse is sponsoring Men of the Cross **Freedom in Forgiveness** on Saturday, March 8 at Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse. By coming together with like-minded men, attendees are empowered to find Freedom in Forgiveness and hope in healing to live out their faith boldly and courageously, Equipped with the Wisdom and Strength to lead lives of purpose, virtue, and holiness. Register at menofthecross.org.

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