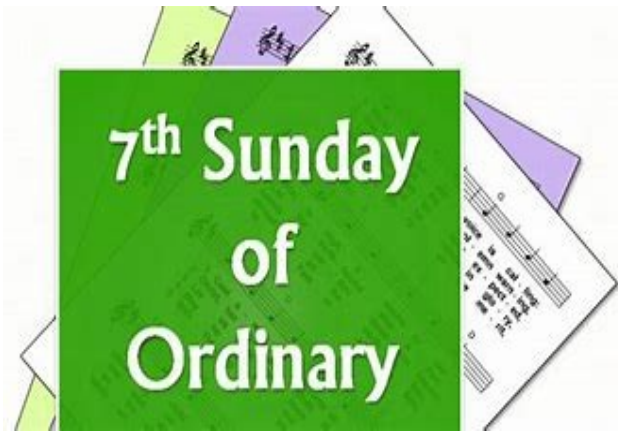




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A Call to Love and Forgive

The Church on this seventh Sunday, reminds us of the essential virtues and elements of our Christian life. They include mercy and compassion, love of God and neighbor.

Today's first reading is dramatic. David had the death warrant of his enemies in his hands, yet he refused to pronounce it. Instead, he left it for God to pronounce in his way and at his appropriate time. He heeded God's word: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Do not take revenge. Vengeance is mine".

In today's Gospel, Jesus gave a very important sermon that guides our lives and actions as Christians. It is a new commandment because it overrules the Old Testament law of retributive justice. It is a very difficult one. However, it demands a lot of sacrifice and courage.

Hurts and wounds do not heal so fast. In some cases, their scars do not disappear entirely during one's lifetime. However, Christ knew this perfectly well. He not only preached this sermon, but he also lived it. So, he is asking us to do what he did.

Paul reminds us in the second reading that we derived our body and way of life from the earthly man (Adam). In contrast, we derived the spirit that gives life and animates our body from the heavenly man (Christ).

Hence, the spirit guides those who have received Christ. Christ's new commandment may seem complicated, but his spirit and grace will enable us to live these new commandments.

Therefore, we must learn to leave vengeance for God. So, we must not take every opportunity for revenge against our offenders. Forgiveness heals all wounds and wipes all scars away. In revenge we may win the war but not peace, love, and friendship.

All lives belong to God, and only he has the right to take them away. He knows what to do, how to do it, and the best time to do it. So, we must let God be God." Happy Sunday. God Bless You All!

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**Intention
February 24 – March 2**

Monday: No Mass

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

+ Deceased Members of the Ratajczak Family

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Michelle Martone

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

+ Magdelene & Floyd Klein, Sr.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Ruth Severson

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary
+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew
+ Jeanne Piller

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew
All the People of Our Parishes

+ **Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**
Deceased Members of the Sacia Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 1

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, LaVonne Peterson

Lector: Tom Ladwig

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Mar. 2

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: 5th Graders

Lector: 5th Graders

Servers: Annalise, Nathan

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Ellen Karow

Servers: Sarah Sagler

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 Pope Francis that he will recover from his illness.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a teacher or former teacher.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, March 2 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. **Donut Sunday** follows the Mass in the church hall.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **HELPING HANDS SCHOLARSHIP:** If you are a graduating HS Senior and you/your parents are members of St Bartholomew Parish you qualify for the PCCW Helping Hands Scholarship. This reward is to help you with books and tuition if you choose to continue your education to a school of your choice. The dollar amount is TBD, with a minimum amount of \$500.00. Applications can be picked up in the vestibule of the church or at the parish office. The completed and signed application must be returned to the parish office by April 1st. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions directed to Kay Richtman 507-459-4115.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ St. Mary's PCCW will meet Tuesday, February 25th in the church basement at 6:30. We are in need of a co-chair for one of our sets. Would you consider signing up? Questions about this position? Call Becky @ 608-484-0630.
- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday, March 4th, immediately following Mass, in the Lower Room.
- ◆ **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, March 1st, 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 (1997 US Bishops Statement):

+ "It is our conviction that baptism in the Holy Spirit...is part of the normal Christian life."

- ◆ **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 23rd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: "Meeting Jesus in the Bible" with Rosiland Moss, convert to the Faith and Catholic apologist.
- ◆ We are looking for palms to burn for Ash Wednesday. Please get them to St. Bartholomew's by March 3.
- ◆ **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. Registration by Feb. 25 \$35. Great day of camaraderie and prayer!
- ◆ **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** at St. John's Church, Whitehall. Saturday, March 15 serving noon to 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00. Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, Salads, Dessert and Beverage. Carry Outs Available. Bake Sale and Raffle. Sponsored by PCCW. Mass at St. John's at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ 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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