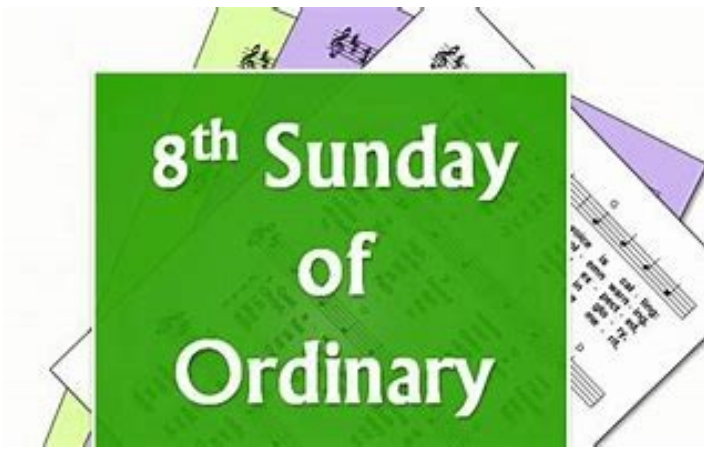




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Sunday Bulletin

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The Heart Produces Good

My Dear brothers and Sisters, On the Eighth Sunday, the Church reminds us that physical appearance could be deceptive, what determines who we are is what comes from within us.

The first reading calls us to be very careful in evaluating people based on their appearance rather than on the wisdom that comes from them.

In today's gospel, Jesus also teaches us that the quality of our heart determines the quality of our words and actions. So, we must live according to the good news to affect others positively. Also, Christ warns us today to be careful in judging others. Instead, we should be humble enough to look inwards before criticizing others.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that God has given us victory through Christ. For this reason, Christ's victory must not be in vain. So, today, may our hearts be filled with joy for what the Lord has done for us. **Happy Sunday.**

The Season of Lent & Ash Wednesday March 05

As we all know, the Lenten season begins with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. This season of Lent is a time of special grace for us in which we acknowledge our sins and clean up our lives to have a new life. We must leave sin behind and grow closer to the Lord by returning to Him with our whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. This season of Lent is also meant to be reconciled to God and men.

The Church encourages us to undertake the most important virtues during Lent as a form of penance: praying more, fasting, and giving alms to the poor.

On the **Ash Wednesday** we receive the ash, which symbolizes our voluntary decision and willingness to walk and suffer with Christ this season. It also reminds us that life passes away on Earth, "Remember, Man you are dust, and unto dust, you shall return."

I wish you a Holy and a Joyful Season of Lent. May the Grace that God gives us during this season of Lent not be in vain. God Bless You All.

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Counters: Anne Bagley, Joy Critzman

Intention March 3 — March 9

Monday: No Mass

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

Paula Smith

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

+ George Richtman

Ash Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. St. Bartholomew

All the Youth of Our Parishes

Ash Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. St. Mary

+ Tom Kopp

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Kyle Prentice

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

+ Lorraine Walske

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Elaine Kamrowski

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

All the People of Our Parishes

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

+ Dominic Kieltyka

We are having a visiting priest staying with Father. He will help with distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday. He will also distribute communion at the Masses.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 8

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Volunteer

Lector: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Mar. 9

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jason Hilton, Aidan Ganz

Lector: Missy Ganz

Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros

Lector: Ellen Karow

Servers: Sarah Sagler

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 sibling (living or deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ◆ **Donut Sunday** follows the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall. Join us and get to know other parishioners.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Finance Committee** meeting on Monday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m., in the rectory.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **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 7 of 7, "Growth", Saturday, March 8th, 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):

+ "Baptism in the Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ known and loved as Lord and Savior."

- ◆ **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

- ◆ Join us for bible study - **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.** We will be meeting every other Saturday from 9am to 10:30am in the church hall. Please join us on **March 15th for 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, March 2nd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: : "Fr. Mathias Thelen: Miracles, Deliverance & the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church, Part 1" with Fr. Mathias Thelen.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration are hosting a Discernment Day called AGLOW on Saturday, April 5th. Visit St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, Wisconsin and learn how to hear God's call for your life. Call 608-782-5610 or email vocations@fspa.org to learn more, or visit FSPA.org to register before March 28th. All are welcome!
- ◆ **The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Lenten regulations are as follows:**
 - Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, and all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
 - In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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