



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



**Fourth Sunday
of
Lent**

March 30, 2025

Sunday Bulletin Year C

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Reconciliation calls to Rediscover

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church encourages us to: "Rejoice and be joyful" because Christ is willing to reconcile us to his Father.

In today's second reading, Paul tells us that we are "products of Christ's reconciliation." Christ took the first initiative of reconciling us to God. In other words, owing to sin, we were cut off from God. However, through the sacrifice of Christ, we became God's adopted children. So, we are all children of the same father through Christ's sacrifice.

In today's gospel, through the story of the prodigal son, Jesus reassures us of God's readiness to reconcile with us. The parable of the prodigal son is the story of a loving father and a humble and repented son. Most importantly, it reflects our own daily story and struggle.

Hence, it does not matter how far we have gone away from God or how terrible our past was. What matters is that Christ is willing to reconcile us to his Father and restore our lost glory.

Therefore, this season we must constantly seek reconciliation with God through Christ. We must humbly rediscover ourselves, and like the prodigal son, we must confess: "I have sinned against heaven and earth." We must also say to God, "I am coming home." This is what Paul means when he appeals to us to reconcile to God. He simply asks us to realize who we are and change our track and mind like the prodigal son.

So, we must cast away all shame and pride to reconcile with God and others through Christ. Through his church, Christ has made things easy for us. He has given us the sacrament of reconciliation as a means of constantly reconciling ourselves to God.

Therefore, this Lent, invites us to reconcile ourselves with God and with our neighbors through the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament is a blessing to all of us because it mediates God's grace to us. God Bless You All!

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| Total Offering | \$ 1,971.25 | \$ 2,118.42 |

Counters: Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak

**Intention
March 31 — April 6**

Monday: 11:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

Funeral Mass Evelyn Jessesky

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Elise (Kopp) Plaisted

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Anita Lilla

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Katie Scarborough

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

+ Peter Knepper

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Roy Bentzen

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

+ Steven M. Bork

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, April 5

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, LaVonne Peterson

Lector: Becky Harris

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, April 6

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: James Scherr, Ayden Aschenbrener

Lector: 4th Graders

Servers: Nolan Lilla, Chloe Lilla

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Sheryl Reedy, Volunteer

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 all of us that we may finish with a holy Lenten season.

Personal Prayer Request: For one of your doctors.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, April 6 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.
- ♦ The Finance Committee is hosting an **Altar Server Bowling Party** scheduled for Sunday April 6th at 12:30 at Gale Lanes. Bowling, Pizza and Beverages provided. The servers and families are invited. Please RSVP.
- ♦ **Lenten Fish Fry & Bake Sale** - If you would like to help with the event, work schedules are posted in the vestibule, please sign up. NOTE - students of St. Bart's can count their time helping towards scholarship hours. If you would like to make a donation for the bake sale, please drop off your baked goods on Friday, April 4 after 11 am to the church hall.
- ♦ Our PCCW will again be assembling **Easter baskets**. Because of your past generosity, we are only in need of candy to complete the baskets. A tote will be available in the church entry for candy donations until April 6th.
- ♦ Again this year, PCCW will not be requesting payment of yearly dues. We sincerely appreciate all the support both in time and needs we receive throughout the year.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE** - Sunday, August 24th, the feast of St Bartholomew, 8:30am Polka Mass with coffee and donuts following sponsored by PCCW.
- ♦ **Little Hearts Project** - PCCW invites you to participate in this project's mission to spread hope & love while bringing awareness to suicide & suicide prevention. Please return crocheted or knitted hearts to church (a receptacle will be available) and PCCW will deliver them to the project. Details and pattern suggestions/instructions are available at <https://www.thelittleheartproject.org>
- ♦ **THANK YOU**, to the Brenengens and the Backlers for snow plowing and shoveling the sidewalks.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **CHURCH CLEANING** Monday, April 14 4-6:00. Please come help us get ready for Easter mass and spring! Bring vacuums, dusting cloths, etc.
- ♦ 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: (Cardinal Reneiro Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household).

+ "We believe that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit makes real and revitalizes our Baptism."

- ♦ **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

- ♦ **Deanery Communal Confession** is today, March 30 at St. Bartholomew's. Starting at 3:00 p.m. with a Benediction and all the Deanery priests will be available for confessions.
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross:** St. Bartholomew's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. and St. Mary's on Fridays at 6:00 pm.
- ♦ **Lenten Fish Fry: St. Bartholomew's** PCCW invites you to enjoy dine in or carry out on Friday, April 4th. Serving from 4-7 p.m. or until gone. Menu: Baked or Batter Fried Fish, choice of potato - baked or cheesy, vegetable, coleslaw, roll, with milk or coffee. Cost is \$12/dinner and bake sale items as marked with proceeds going to our PCCW Helping Hands Scholarship fund.
- ♦ 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 April 5th for class. Please contact Suzanne Lane if you have any questions. (608-484-2901 cell and text)
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, March 30th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following the meeting: "Four Phrases Catholics Should Stop using with Protestants" with Trent Horn, Catholic convert & apologist.
- ♦ **ST. MARY SOUP SUPPERS** There are 2 soup suppers left: April 1 & April 8. Please consider signing up to help or providing food needed or serving. The sign up is in the entry of the church. All Proceeds go to Project Milk & GET delinquent lunch accounts. PLEASE ATTEND, we would love to see you!
- ♦ **KC Fish Fry** on Friday, April 11 serving 4-7 or until gone at St. Bartholomew's Hall. Cost: 2 pieces \$11; 3 pieces \$13. Baked Potato or cheesy, coleslaw, roll, dessert. St. Bart's PCCW will have a Basket Raffle.

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