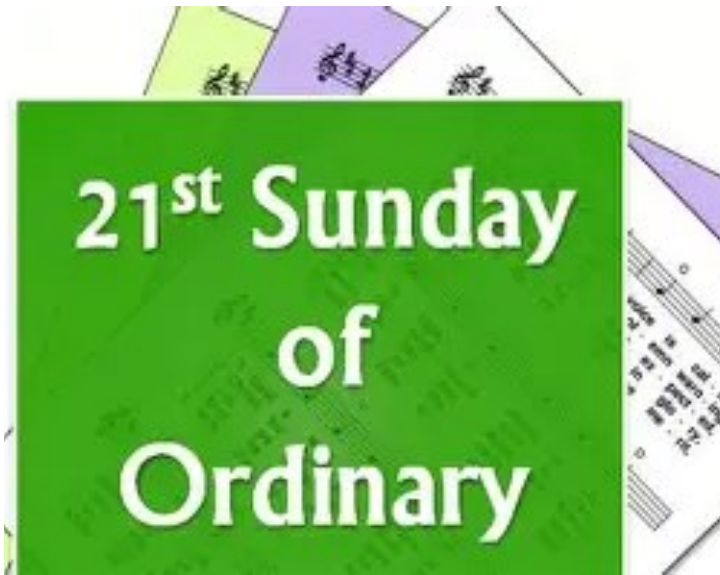




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ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

This Sunday, the church reminds us of the reunion of all God's people, those of all nations who willingly submit to His reign.

The first reading, a prophecy about the return of God's People to Jerusalem, is an assurance that God will fulfill His promises to us. Here, the prophet makes three essential points:

1. Soon God will fulfill His promise of restoring us to Himself. In doing so He will show forth His love & saving power.

2. God has a purpose for His people—to glorify His Name. Every work He does gives glory to Him, showing His worth & value, far above all created things.

3. Besides gathering us to Himself, God will also make us His ambassadors to others, even to those far away. He promises, "I will give them a sign & send some to the nations that have never heard of Me or seen My glory."

This underscores the missionary nature of our baptism where He commissioned us to, "Go out to the whole world & proclaim the good news!" Jesus is the Good News, the Narrow Gate, the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter God's Kingdom.

The second reading reminds us that "God loves those whom He disciplines." Know that trials teach us to rely only on Him, the source of all that is good. He is the potter; we are the clay. As did Jesus, so we too need to learn obedience through suffering. Recognizing this is important if we are to bear the fruit of righteousness & in the end to witness the glory of God.

In today's gospel, Jesus answers a challenging question: "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" His straightforward response? "Strive to enter by the narrow door!" He's reminding us that the invitation to His feast is open to all, yet each of us must struggle to get there. We are to "work out our salvation with fear & trembling," to prepare ourselves by using every opportunity to bring His love & mercy to those around us. He's telling us again today to focus, to be disciplined, in order to be part of that great gathering of the saints.

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$1,832.00	\$ 2,921.00
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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

Intention August 25— August 31

Monday: NO MASS

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Nick Pientok

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

+ Jeanne Piller

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving

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

+ Ora (Sonny) Braudt, Jr.

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Delores Hare

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

+ Andrea & Tim Kenney (Thank You)

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Aug. 30

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Kirk Shimek

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 31

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Scherr, Craig Boyer

Lector: Joe Plunger

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Nolan Lilla

Comm. Min: MaryKay 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 all those who are suffering from the affects of wars.

Personal Prayer Request: For a sibling (Living or Deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Congratulations to Morgan June Gappa**, daughter of Kyle & Melanie Gappa, who was baptized last Sunday.
- ♦ **Feast of St. Bartholomew - August 24:** We will have a polka Mass at 8:30 a.m.. Donuts and coffee in the church hall following Mass and Bingo all cash prizes! There will not be a free will offering everything is free. We hope to have everyone attend. See you there! The Fall Festive tickets will be ready for you to pickup.
- ♦ We are still looking for some one to **volunteer to be the helper in the 6th grade class**. Prayerfully consider taking on this ministry. Please contact the office at 608-534-6652.
- ♦ **Fall Festival letter:** If you can't find your letter for the Fall Festival with your tickets in please let the office know and I will make sure that you will have one. Thank you, Cherie.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ The parish of St. Mary would like to say thank you to Tom Ladwig, and to honor Mary, for sharing their time and skills to take care of the church grounds for so many years. They both spent many hours mowing, changing the mower from snow clearing to grass cutting, and making repairs. The church's mower worked thanks to Mary's mechanical skills, which she developed through an engine repair class she completed, and her time working on the family farm. Their spirit of volunteering is inspirational.
- ♦ **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 Benedict XVI)

- + "Let us ask the Virgin Mary to obtain a renewed Pentecost for the Church again today,
- + a Pentecost that will spread in everyone the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel."

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Eucharist Ministers:** The workshop for Eucharist Ministers will be held Monday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's church. This will be for both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's people. We would like to encourage all current and new people to attend. Jacob said that it would be around an hour.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, August 24th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"Evangelization: The Basics"**. Presented by Dr. Mary Healy. This course provides the fundamentals of not only the Gospel message, but how to bear witness to it in one's own life.
- ♦ **BEGINNING THIS FALL:** our Diocese' **REBUILD MY CHURCH Initiative**. In 2020, the Congregation for Clergy issued an instruction entitled "The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church." The Instruction describes how the conversion of parish structures (aka internal organizations) themselves must happen side-by-side with personal conversion. Necessary or appropriate changes of structures are to be discerned by the local communities in a way that best serves the shared evangelizing mission that is at the core of our baptismal and Eucharistic identity in Christ. This instruction is a continuation of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the teachings of the last several popes regarding the New Evangelization.
- ♦ **The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration** in La Crosse, Wisconsin invite young women who are interested in exploring how they might be called to live a life of community, prayer, and service according to the Gospel and the teachings of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi to join us for a Charism Immersion at St. Rose Convent September 17-21, 2025. Contact us by August 1st: vocations@fspa.org or 608-782-5610 ext. 292.
- ♦ Join us for the 44th annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, Sept. 22! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00 AM will be followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops, and machinery and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.
- ♦ **Catholic Charities: Support Specialists Needed!** Are you passionate about helping others and seeking a rewarding part-time opportunity? We are looking for dedicated Support Specialists to join our Adult Day Services program. As a Support Specialist, you will provide direct support to adults with developmental, cognitive, and physical needs. Hours are 15-29 hours per week and pay is \$15-\$18 per hour (based on education and experience). We're looking for someone who is patient, compassionate, and has a genuine desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others! For immediate consideration, please submit your application online at <https://cclse.org/employment-opportunities/> and attach your resume and cover letter. We look forward to hearing from you!
- ♦ Marinuka Manor Chicken-Q Fundraiser on Friday October 10. Cost \$10. Request tickets in advance.

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