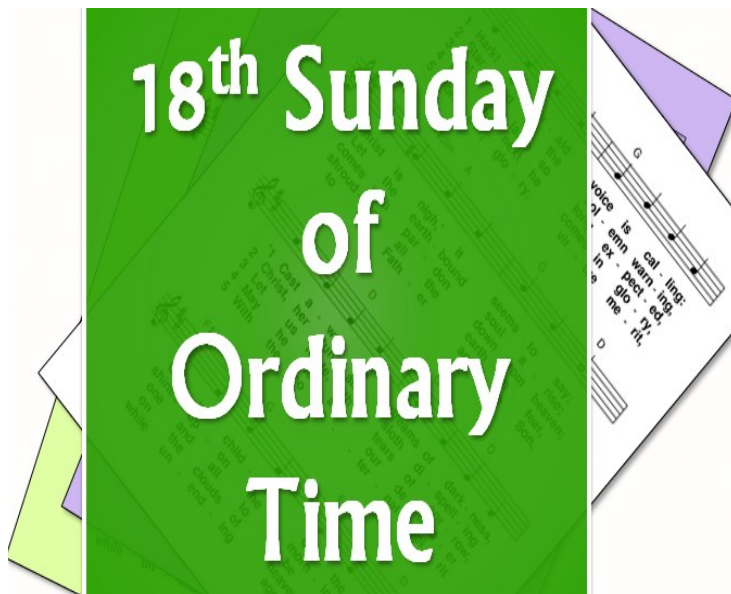




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Seek What Is Above

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church calls us to focus our hearts on heaven and to live a Christ-centered life. We are encouraged to focus our attention on the heavenly realities more than on the earthly shadows.

The readings remind us that the things of this world are temporary, and only when we make heaven our ultimate goal will the full meaning of life be revealed.

The first reading from *Ecclesiastes* opens with the striking words: “*Vanity of vanities!*” reminding us of the fleeting nature of worldly pursuits. The Preacher urges us to remember God in all we do, for everything on earth will eventually pass away.

In the second reading, St. Paul speaks powerfully about the need for transformation. He challenges us to “seek what is above” and to put to death all forms of sin—especially greed, impurity, and lies. Paul’s message is clear: a life centered on Christ leads us to eternal life. We must not allow earthly desires to distract us from our heavenly calling.

The Gospel brings this message home through the parable of the rich fool. Jesus warns against avarice and the illusion that security comes from wealth. Jesus says, True life, does not consist in possessions, but in being “rich in what matters to God.”

Avarice, or greed, is a subtle but dangerous enemy. As St. Thomas Aquinas noted, material goods should serve our needs, not become our life’s purpose. When we place our hope in wealth, we risk losing sight of our eternal home.

Therefore, let us fix our eyes and minds on heavenly things, and not only on the vain things of this earth. Real greatness lies in loving Jesus above all things. May we use what we have wisely, live with eternity in mind, and store up treasures in heaven. Have a Blessed weekend! God Bless You All!

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Joy Critzman

Intention August 4 — August 10

Monday: NO MASS

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Peter Baldini

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

Special Intention

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

Funeral Mass for Hilde Grulkowski

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

+ Rose Marie (Baran) Stachowitz

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

+ Pastor’s Intention

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

+ Al Bagley

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

+ Stacey McMahon

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Aug. 9

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Volunteer

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer

Lector: Kirk Shimek

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 10

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Charles Muller, Tim Jessesky

Lector: Annalise

Servers: Brian, Nathan

Comm. Min: Mary Skroch

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Cindy Anderson

Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover

Comm. Min: Cindy Anderson

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 suffering because of wars.

Personal Prayer Request: For your father (living or deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS.

- ♦ **Donut Sunday** today, August 3. Join us in the church hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship.
- ♦ **PCCW** meeting is on Monday, August 4th at 6:30 in the church hall. We hope to plan for Fall Fest tickets ready by August 24th at Feast Day celebration.
- ♦ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- ♦ We are still looking for some one to volunteer to teach our 9th grade class for the 2025-2026 school year. We also need a 4th grade helper. Prayerfully consider taking on this ministry, not only do you teach the children but you learn a lot about your faith as well. Please contact the office at 608-534-6652 or email secretary@stmstb.diolcparish.org.
- ♦ **Teachers' meeting** will be on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 in the church hall.
- ♦ **Feast of St. Bartholomew - August 24:** We will have a polka Mass at the 8:30 Mass. Donuts and coffee in the church hall following Mass and Bingo! We hope to have everyone attend. See you there!
- ♦ **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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

SBT Income:	\$ 18,094.07	SMG Income:	\$ 10,755.23
Expenses:	<u>\$ 17,664.54</u>	Expenses:	<u>\$ 8,363.09</u>
Net Income:	\$ 429.53	Net Income:	\$ 2,392.14

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!

- ♦ **Congratulations to Emma Ray Bardosy**, daughter of Gregory and Amanda Bardosy who was baptized on Sunday, July 20.
- ♦ **Finance Council** will meet in the rectory Tuesday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **1st Grade Teacher Needed** to share teaching responsibilities every other week for Family Faith Formation classes starting in September! If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Maggie Gengler at (608)865-1216 or genglermaggie@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Family Faith Formation: Teachers' meeting** will be on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:15 in the 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: : (Jesus, Luke 9:11-13, TNLT).

+ "I tell you, keep on asking, & you will receive; keep on seeking & you will find; keep on knocking & the door will be opened to you.

+ Even so, if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Eucharist Ministers:** For anyone who would like to become an Eucharist Minister at either St. Bartholomew or St. Mary parishes, please contact the office, 608-534-6652 or email: secretary@stmstb.diolcparish.org. We are planning to have a workshop with someone from the dioceses, so we need to have a number and we will coordinate with them to set a date.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, August 3rd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: *"Is Discipleship Catholic?"* with Dr. Scott Hahn and Fr. Jeff Kirby.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ Catechetical leaders, **along with the catechists**, all of us need time for spiritual renewal. You are invited to attend *"Still the Answer,"* the Eucharistic Rally at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire on **Saturday, August 9th**. Bishop Battersby would appreciate our presence at this important event to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ, which each of us needs for our mission of walking with others on their path of conversion. We need time for quiet prayer in adoration, walking in a beautiful eucharistic procession, receiving the Sacrament of reconciliation and hearing compelling presentations to be strengthened for the beginning of a new year of formation. Visit diolc.org/still-the-answer for more information and to register. The entire day will count for certification credit.

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