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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Call to Humility

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to reflect on one of the most important Christian virtues: **humility**. It is a quality that belongs to God Himself, and one that Jesus lived perfectly. As His followers, we are called to imitate His humility in our daily lives.

In the first reading, Sirach gives us wise advice: *"Behave humbly, and you will find favor with the Lord."* Humility allows us to live in friendship with God and with others. Pride, on the other hand, separates us and leads to destruction. The good news is that pride has a cure—the imitation of Christ's humility.

The second reading from Hebrews reminds us that our true home is Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. In this city, all are children of God and true citizens. But only the humble can dwell there, for a proud heart cannot worship the Lord. As Christ is our Mediator, we too must clothe ourselves with humility.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: *"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* He teaches that true greatness comes through simplicity and service, not through seeking honor.

Mary, the Blessed Virgin, is our perfect model. In her Magnificat she proclaimed: *"He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness... He has lifted the lowly."* Her humility opened the way for God to do great things through her. so, we too must emulate the humility of Christ and Mary in order to be like them.

The Book of Proverbs teaches: *"Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth, honor, and life."* Pride ends in downfall, but humility brings blessing. The Catechism also reminds us: *"Humility is the foundation of prayer."*

So today, let us ask the Lord: **"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours."**
Have a Blessed weekend! God Bless You All!

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Intention September 1 — September 7

Monday: NO MASS

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

Grandt Family

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

+ Jerry Stellpflug

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Louie & Evelyn Jessesky

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

+ Scott Kowalewski

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

+ Pastor's Intention

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

+ Charlotte Fugina

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, Sept. 6

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 7

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza

Lector: Missy Ganz

Servers: Madalyn Giemza, Wyatt Rademacher

Comm. Min: Missy Ganz

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 were injured or killed in the shooting in Minnesota.**

Personal Prayer Request: For someone who is not worshipping with others at a weekend Mass.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ PCCW meeting Monday, September 8 in the church hall at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ Our Sacristan is wondering if someone would like to volunteer to help her out at certain times. Please contact Kris or the office, 608-534-6652.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **Family Faith Formation** begins on Sept. 3rd at 6:15 with Mass for the whole family, followed by a short parent meeting. Registration forms will be available for anyone who needs them.
- ♦ **Thank you to all the mum sale buyers last weekend. A big thanks to the volunteers who helped pick them up and sell them last weekend. St. Mary PCCW benefits from this fund raiser to support our many missions that we serve throughout the year.**
- ♦ 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 rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit;"
- + "let us be aware again of our baptism and of our confirmation, sources of grace that are always present."

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, August 31st, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"Introduction to the Kerygma"**. Presented by Dr. Peter Herbeck, Vice President and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries. This course trains the evangelist in the kerygma, ways to deliver it, and shows the power of God that is behind it, giving hope for forgiveness and salvation.
- ♦ Ladies are welcome to attend the **LDCCW Share Shop** on Saturday, September 20 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, 5250 Justin Rd, La Crosse. Free admission. Come and show us what wonderful projects PCCW and Deanery have done. Plus Mass, Lunch, Speaker: St Terese Foundation...they build wells for villages in Africa. Time to self-guide the grounds. Please email Kay Kesler to register for lunch: kay@pmcmgmt.com by Sept. 13. Need a ride contact Janet Amundson 608-534-6541.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Healing Service:** Come and experience God's supernatural love! Join us at **Sacred Heart Church, 1223 Front St., Cashton on Friday, Sept. 12** for Adoration & Confession at 4:30 PM, Mass at 5:30 PM, and Healing Prayer to follow. This evening is not only about physical healing but also about encountering Jesus and meeting the Divine Physician, who heals the heart, mind, and soul. Jesus promised, *"They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* (Mark 16:17) Contact: **Sara Clements, 608-385-5285**
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Marinuka Manor Chicken-Q Fundraiser on Friday October 10. Cost \$10. Request tickets in advance.

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