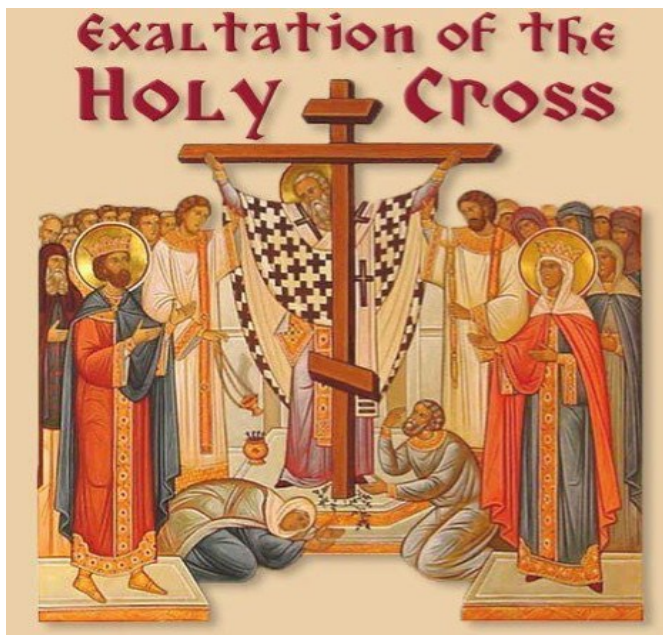




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The Cross: In This Sign, We Conquer

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, First and foremost, I wish all of you a Happy Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross! Today, September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is not just a feast, but the very heart of our faith: the Cross of Christ.

This feast reminds us that the cross, once a sign of curse and shame, has become for us the ultimate symbol of victory and salvation in Christ. By His death and resurrection, Jesus transformed the cross into a sign of hope, healing, and eternal life.

In the first reading the Israelites, bitten by serpents, were healed when they looked upon the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses. This foreshadows Christ, who by being lifted up on the cross brings forgiveness and healing to all who believe. God does not always remove our trials, but He provides the grace and strength we need if we look to Him with faith.

St. Paul, in the second reading presents Christ's humility in emptying Himself and becoming obedient unto death on a cross. His patience and faithfulness brought about His exaltation. For us, this means that bearing our crosses with humility and trust leads to God's glory. Every cross we endure is a step closer to victory.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares Himself to the bronze serpent, declaring that He must be lifted up so that all who believe may have eternal life. The cross, therefore, is no longer a symbol of defeat but of triumph, humility, and endurance.

The Cross teaches us that grace often comes through suffering. Illness, loss, or trials become moments when God's love is most present. Each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim our faith in this victory: *"In this sign, you will conquer."*

Let us never forget the deeds of the Lord, who through the Cross has shown us His boundless love and compassion. Have a Blessed weekend! God Bless You All!

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Intention September 15— September 21

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

* Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Mary R.

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

+ Charles Kirk

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Mark & Floyd Klein, Jr.

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

+ Katie Scarborough

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Jerry & Bea Stellpflug

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

+ Connie Greylak

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Sept. 20

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Carmen Rolbiecki

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Doreen Backler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 21

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Ayden Aschenbrener, Bruce Brenengen

Lector: Annalise

Servers: Nathan, Nolan Lilla

Comm. Min: Al Joyce

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros

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 to Our Lady of Sorrows that all the gun violence will stop and we can have peace throughout the world.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a relative's health.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Religious Education Classes** start this Wednesday, September 17 with a Mass at 6:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Fall Festive Raffle Tickets** are now available \$5 for one or 3 for \$10. If you need some or need more to sell, please contact Janet Amundson, 608-385-4187, Jessi Haney 507-459-3151 or Amy Gappa 608-780-4289.
- ♦ **Save the Date** - October 12, 2025 St. Bartholomew's Fall Festival.
- ♦ We will be giving our pews another polishing with Lemon Oil on Monday, September 22. We would appreciate help in doing this. Call the office, 608-534-6652, for the time we will start.
- ♦ **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** immediately following Mass, Tuesday, September 16th 6:35 PM, The Lower Room (basement).
- ♦ St. Mary PCCW will meet Tuesday, September 23rd downstairs in the church @ 6:30.
- ♦ Dear friends at St. Mary's, All the groceries you bring to the G-E-T Food Pantry are put to immediate use. They help fill the grocery bags for weekly distribution. On a typical Wednesday, for example, we go through 20 boxes of cereal, 60 cans of soup, 40 boxes of mac & cheese, etc. We are so grateful for your help in keeping up with the need. Thank you! The G-E-T Community Food Pantry.
- ♦ Dear St. Mary's Catholic Church members, Year 9 of the Galesville Community Summer Lunch Program was very successful in so many ways. We served over 1,835 lunches to people in our community in the Cance Park shelter. Each meal consisted of a hot main dish with a variety of fresh vegetables and fruits. Free gallon milk coupons were sponsored by the Dairy Pricing Association from Taylor. The Galesville Elementary School Garden, under the leadership of Jean Wallner, was a significant provider of fresh food. Over 900 pounds of lettuces, cucumbers, carrots, zucchini, garlic, onions, strawberries, raspberries and so much more. Over 36 volunteers helped with preparing serving the meals. During the 2024-2025 school year, they also gave 550 weekend food bags to Galesville Elementary, the GET Middle School and the GET High School for the school counselors and staff to distribute. Thank you, Barb Longwell, Galesville Community Summer Lunch Program coordinator
- ♦ 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 Leo XIV).

+ "May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us ... and grant us the grace of encounter with God."

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ Join us on **Saturday, September 27th** from 9am until 10:30am in St. Bartholomew's church hall for an informative study of the book of Revelation. Bring your Bible and a notebook. Walk with us through this beautiful prophecy of John. Call or text Suzanne Lane if you have any questions 608-484-2901.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, September 14th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"Basic Evangelization Strategies, Part 1"**, with Patrick Brennan, Director at St Paul Evangelization Institute.
- ♦ **BEGINNING THIS FALL:** our Diocese' **REBUILD MY CHURCH Initiative**. A team will travel to 40 locations. Sessions are 90 minutes long. These are the closest to us: Whitehall-St. John the Evangelist on Sat., Oct 4 at 10:30 a.m.; La Crosse-Blessed Sacrament on Thurs., Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.; Arcadia-Holy Family on Sat., Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m.; La Crosse-Mary Mother, Sun., Oct. 19 at 1:00 p.m. and Onalaska-Saint Patrick on Tues., Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Learn more / sign up: diolc.org/rebuildmychurch. Sign up is needed.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **St. John the Apostle Parish, Whitehall** is having their Fall Festival on September 28. Carryouts ONLY \$18. Food Served from 11 am to 1:30 pm or until gone. Please check flyer for more information.
- ♦ **Sacred Heart Parish, Pine Creek** is having their Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 5. Serving 11 am to 1 pm. Adults \$20, Children 6-10 \$10, Children 5 & under Free. Check flyer for all more information.
- ♦ **40 Days for Life** September 24 til November 2. Opening rally with Ramona Trevino on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St, La Crosse. Check flyer for more information.
- ♦ Marinuka Manor Chicken-Q Fundraiser on Friday October 10. Cost \$10. Request tickets in advance

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