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Christ: The Defender of the Poor and the Oppressed

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to reflect on our attitude toward money, material things, and especially toward the poor and marginalized. Injustice, greed, and oppression remain among the greatest causes of poverty in our world today.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos condemns those who exploit the poor for personal gain. He warns that God sees every act of dishonesty, corruption, and oppression.

Sadly, similar situations continue in our own time: while some struggle to eat one meal a day, others waste resources on things that do not bring lasting value. Too often we excuse ourselves, saying the poor are lazy or that poverty is inevitable, but in truth much of it comes from human greed and injustice.

In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to pray for all people, especially rulers and those in authority. Prayer for leaders is vital, because God desires all to be saved and to know the truth. If leaders are guided by wisdom and conversion of heart, they can help eliminate corruption and work for justice and peace.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that money and possessions do not last forever. What matters is how we use them. Wealth is not evil in itself, but it becomes destructive when used selfishly or to oppress others. True wisdom is to invest in people, especially the poor, because in serving them, we serve Christ Himself.

God entrusts us with resources not only for our own families but for the good of others. When we share generously, we store up treasure in heaven. But when wealth is misused, it cries out to God for justice. Christ is the defender of the poor and lifts up the lowly.

As His disciples, we are called to use all that we have with integrity, generosity, and compassion. Have a Blessed weekend! God Bless You All!

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Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

Intention
September 22 — September 28

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

+ Henry & Rose Kohnle

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

Funeral Mass for Toni Pampuch

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Nick Pientok

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

+ Kaye Benrud

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Joe & Mary Lou Paurazas

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

+ Living & Deceased of the LeRoy Bentzen Family

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

+ Mary Ladwig

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Jeanne Piller

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Sept. 27

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Dave Mueller

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Becky Harris

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 28

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Scott Lamberty, Reagan Lamberty

Lector: Joe Plunger

Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork

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 our catechist that they may teach our children about our Lord.**

Personal Prayer Request: For one of your doctors.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Donations Needed** – We are in need of bottled drinks, 16 oz or larger, for the kids Ring Toss and prizes for ALL kids games. Please drop off your donations in the back of church and label as Kids Games
- ♦ **Fall Festival Volunteers needed** – PCCW Set chairs will be reaching out for shift workers. Any remaining slots needing volunteers will be posted in the back of the church, weekend of Sept. 27 & 28th. Some slots are great opportunities for our Confirmation 1 & 2 students to get Community Service hours completed as a part of their Confirmation preparation requirements. All kids games require an adult to work, if a student is also working the game(s). Most work has 2 shifts, please consider donating your time for a shift or two to keep the Fall Festival a great success. Your donations and time allow this part of our church to be well maintained during the Rebuild Our Church mission.
- ♦ **Date Changed:** We will be giving our pews another polishing with Lemon Oil on Monday, October 6 at 10:00. We would appreciate help in doing this. Call the office, 608-534-6652 to let us know if you can help.
- ♦ The Year end Financial Report is on the table in the vestibule.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **St. Mary PCCW** will meet Tuesday, September 23rd downstairs in the church @ 6:30.
- ♦ **St. Mary's Finance Council** will meet Tuesday, October 7 in the rectory at 6:30.
- ♦ The Year end Financial Report is on the table in the vestibule.
- ♦ **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: (Blessed Paul VI, "On Evangelization in the Modern World", 14).
+ "Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity.
+ She exists in order to evangelize."

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 21st, 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.
- ♦ **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 until 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.
- ♦ **Are you Pro-Life? Join the Holy Family Catholic Church and Take a Stand for Life.** This year's Life Chain in Arcadia will be the weekend before Pine Creek's Fall Festival. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th, at 2:30- 3:30 PM. It will be held at the same location at the intersection of Hwys 93/95. (near Waumandee State Bank in Arcadia WI). We have posted on our Holy Family Facebook Page our yearly Life Chain Flyer. Please share it with your friends and family and invite them to this special sidewalk gathering.

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