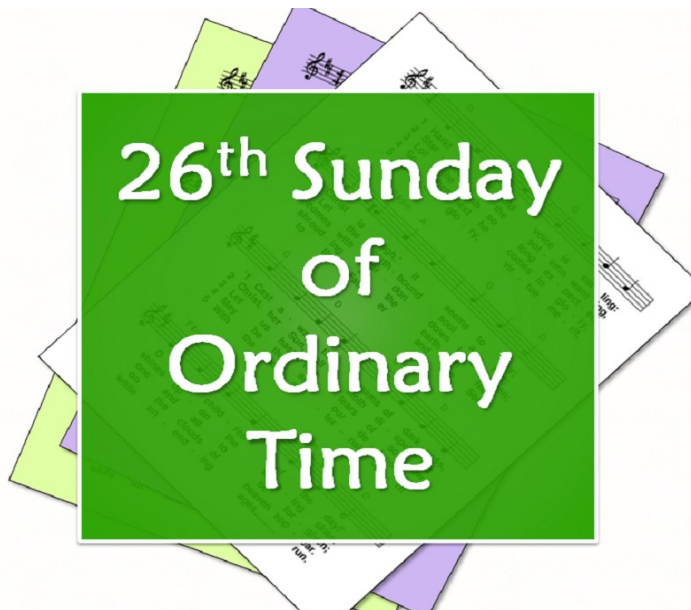




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The Call to Eternal Life

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church calls us to pursue justice and remain steadfast in faith, encouraging us to “fight the good fight of faith until the appearing of the Lord.”

Today’s readings continue the theme of last Sunday, focusing on God’s judgment, the end of the unjust, and the comfort of the poor and righteous.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos speaks against the rich and powerful who oppress the weak. He warns that their fleeting comfort will vanish, for “time reveals all things”. Their injustices will be exposed, and the poor will find consolation and triumph.

The Gospel emphasizes a vital part of Christian life: eschatology, the study of the last things. It reminds us of death, judgment, and reward, offering reassurance to those who suffer now: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”.

A key lesson emerges, we must respond to God’s call while there is still time, like the saying, “Make hay while the sun shines.” Earthly wealth and comfort that do not serve others, especially the poor, cannot secure our place in the eternal kingdom.

We are urged to use our possessions wisely, helping those in need. As the Latin proverb says, “every day, things lose their value”. True worth comes from sharing blessings and serving others. By focusing on God and the “Lazarus” around us, we prepare for the eternal kingdom rather than being distracted by worldly comforts.

St. Paul, in the second reading, exhorts us: “Fight the good fight of faith to win the eternal life to which you are called.” Eternal life is offered to all, but only those who act with mercy, justice, and faithfulness will enter the bosom of Abraham.

So, let us live each day mindful of God’s call, using our lives and resources to serve others, and striving for the eternal reward that surpasses all earthly pleasures.

Have a Blessed weekend! God Bless You All!

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Intention September 29 — October 5

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

+ Mary Ladwig

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

Visiting Priests Intension

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Jerome W.

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

Visiting Priests Intention

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

Visiting Priests Intention

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

Visiting Priests Intention

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, Oct. 4

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Volunteer

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Goltz, Volunteer

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Oct. 5

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Eli Schwertel, Ethyn Aschenbrener

Lector: Kinley Giemza, Zak Guenther

Servers: Austin Bork, Garrett Bork

Comm. Min: Jessi Haney

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Becky Harris

Servers: Sarah Sagler

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 the Archangels for guidance in spiritual as well as earthly dealings.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a friend.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Reminder:** Sunday, October 12, 2025 is St. Bartholomew's Fall Festival. Polka Mass at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast/Brunch is served from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: Adults \$14; Children 5 to 13 \$9:00; 4 and under Free. Bake Sale, Basket Raffle and Children's Game begin at 8:00 a.m. Check flyer on bulletin board for more information. 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. 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.
- ♦ 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's Finance Council** will meet Tuesday, October 7 in the rectory at 6:30.
- ♦ **Parking:** We have noticed that there is very little parking since the water and sewer work. Please use the grass on the west side of the rectory for parking during this time. Hopefully this won't last to long.
- ♦ **ROSARY RALLY** Saturday, October 11 4:45 @ St. Mary's (between the 4:00 mass and 5:30 at St. Bart's).
- ♦ **COMING SOON!** Bible study: "Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls," an eight-week course beginning Thursday, September 9th, 1:00-2:00. Biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma and Franciscan University of Steubenville president Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, discuss the history and mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls, what they reveal about Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the early Church, and why they matter to believers and non-believers today. Contact Dcn. Kent if you are interested in participating.
- ♦ 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: (St. Paul VI, "On Evangelization in the Modern World").

+ "There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed."

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **The Rosary** will be said during the month of October at 3:00 p.m. before the Grotto at St. Bartholomew's.
- ♦ Join us on Saturday, October 4th from 9am until 10:30am in the 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 28th, 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.
- ♦ **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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