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Advent: A Call to Watch and Prepare

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, this weekend we joyfully enter the season of Advent, a sacred time of preparation and renewal. Advent means “coming,” and the Church reminds us that Christ comes to us in three profound ways:

He came in history at Bethlehem, He comes to us now through grace and the sacraments, and He will come again in glory. This season invites us to open our hearts to all three comings with sincere expectation and hope.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah offers a striking image of peace: nations laying down their weapons and walking together in harmony. This vision reminds us that God desires a world where people choose understanding instead of conflict.

Advent becomes a perfect moment for each of us to bring peace to our homes, our families, or perhaps within our own hearts. Being a peacemaker does not mean avoiding problems, but approaching them with patience, kindness, and compassion. Every step toward peace prepares our hearts for Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Saint Paul urges us this weekend to “put on the armor of light” and leave behind anything that brings darkness into our lives. Advent gives us a spiritual reset—a chance to examine our attitudes and actions. Living in the light is not about being perfect; it is about choosing goodness each day.

This season also invites us to renew our faith in simple, daily ways: a moment of prayer, an act of charity, gratitude for God’s blessings, or intentional awareness of His presence.

Finally, Advent calls us to stay spiritually awake. Like waiting for someone we deeply love, we watch for Christ with hopeful expectation. May this Advent season help us choose peace, walk in the light, renew our faith, and joyfully prepare our hearts for the Lord’s coming.

Have a joyful season of Advent. God Bless You All!!

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Counters: Anne Bagley, Jamie Stetzer

Intention **December 1 — December 7**

Monday: NO MASS

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Michaelene R.

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

+ Dennis Mordja

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Tess Larson

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

+ Louie & Evelyn Jessessky

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Charlotte Fugina

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

All the People of Our Parishes

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

+ Dave Stetzer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 6

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Dave Mueller

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Cindy Baer

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Goltz, Volunteer

Lector: Kirk Shimek

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 7

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jordan Guenther, Ray Tuxen

Lector: Cody Ouellette

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Nolan Lilla

Comm. Min: Jessi Haney

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 are struggling with a spiritual problem.**

Personal Prayer Request: For the priest who administered you the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, December 7, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. **Donut Sunday** following the Mass in the church hall. Join us for donuts, coffee, milk, juice and conversations with our parish community. Hope to see you there.
- ♦ **Ecumenical Christmas Gathering** on Tuesday, December 2nd at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. We are talking about our mission, Box of Joy. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. meal at 6. All ladies are welcome.
- ♦ **Trempealeau County Health Care Center** for Christmas giving. **New items only.** These are **some ideas:** Holiday Shirts, Sweatpants, T-shirts, pants Size L-3XL hair brushes, hats and gloves, Diabetic/Sugar Free Candy, Packer, Badger & Brewer items. There is a list on the bulletin board form more items. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Leave your gifts unwrapped, so that they can best determine the appropriate recipient. They serve more than 250 residents, age eighteen years and older. There will be a box in the vestibule to put your donations in. We will be collecting these items until Sunday, December 14th.
- ♦ Please pick up your 2026 envelopes in the vestibule of the church after Mass.
- ♦ **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 FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 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.
- ♦ **FOLLOWING SUNDAY MASS:** Prayer for healing & other needs. A prayer team is available to pray with you.

EVANGELIZATION & YOU ADVENT & YOU (Prepare the way of the Lord!)

+ Prepare the way by being Christ's presence – reach out to a neighbor, offer a word of encouragement, or guide someone back to the joy of the season.

St. Mary's PCCW Advent project 2025

Two charities have been chosen – The GET Food Pantry and Project Milk for the Casa Hogar mission. Proceeds from our bake sale and basket raffle on December 6 will be given to these groups.

All parish members are invited to help by leaving donations of food in the box at the entrance to the church or if making a cash donation, placed in an envelope in the collection basket. Checks should be written to St. Mary PCCW.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin is a Holy Day of Obligation, Monday, December 8.** There will be Mass at St. Bartholomew Parish at 10:00 a.m. and St. Mary Parish at 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Please join us** on December 13th in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters six and seven. Please bring your bible and a notebook. Join us for one or many classes. You will learn so much about your faith.
- ♦ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, December 7th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"Paul & the Dead Sea Scrolls – Works of the Law & Works of Mercy"**, with Fr. Dave Piivonka & Dr. John Bergsma.
- ♦ If any parish member who are elderly or have physical limitations **need help with snow removal** this winter, please contact Tim Gappa at either 608-780-6490 or email at tgappa94@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Christmas Cookies and Candy Bake Sale**, on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Parish Hall. This is a joint venture between St. Bartholomew and St. Mary Parish/PCCW. Please bring 4 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candy. The Parish hall will be open on Friday, December 5 from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. or on Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 a.m. Come shop for your Christmas goodies.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

	<u>Target:</u>	<u>Pledged:</u>	<u>Under:</u>	<u>% Reached</u>
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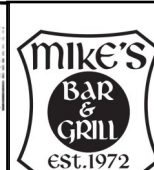
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