



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Rejoice! The Lord Is Near

My dear Brothers and Sisters, this weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a joyful pause in our Advent journey. The word *Gaudete* means "Rejoice". To reflect this spirit of joy, the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit, reminding us that the coming of Christ is very near.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks to the people of Israel during their time of exile in Babylon. Although they were discouraged and longing for freedom, Isaiah brings them a powerful message of hope: God will soon restore them and lead them back to their homeland.

He describes a future filled with healing, renewal, and joy, a vision of deserts blooming and the weak made strong again. Isaiah's words remind God's people that their suffering will not last forever because God is faithful.

Today's Responsorial Psalm continues this theme: "*Lord, come and save us!*" It is a prayer of trust, celebrating God's compassion for the poor, the blind, the oppressed, and all who call on His name.

In the second reading, St. James encourages the early Christian community to be patient as they wait for the coming of the Lord. He compares this waiting to a farmer who must trust the process of growth. Just as the earth produces fruit in its proper time, God's promises will also be fulfilled.

In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the questions of John the Baptist, who is in prison and seeking confirmation about the Messiah. Jesus points to His works, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead, and preaching Good News to the poor, fulfilling exactly what Isaiah had foretold.

Therefore, as we light the rose candle this Sunday, let us rejoice, for the Lord is near, His promises are true, and His saving love continues to break into our world.

Have a blessed Third Week of Advent! God Bless You All!!

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	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$4,552.00	\$2,381.00
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Christmas Flowers	770.00	300.00
Youth Envelopes	5.00	0.00
Total Offering	\$6,455.95	\$ 3,298.81

Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

Intention **December 15 — December 21**

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

+ Toni Pampuch

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

Jane M. (For Health)

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

+ Hilde Grulkowski

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Janet Gibbons

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

+ Ray Mertes

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Richard & Diane Lynch

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 20

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Volunteer

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Doreen Emerson

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 21

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tony Suchla, Chaes Suchla

Lector: Missy Ganz

Servers: Nolan Lilla, Chloe Lilla

Comm. Min: Missy Ganz

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Ellen Karow

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 for Mother Mary to help give peace to the Americas, the world and in our families.**

Personal Prayer Request: For one of your doctors.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Welcome to our new parishioner: **Derek Remen**.
- ♦ PCCW is again sponsoring 2 families this Christmas season. A larger family of 5. The “large” family is ONLY on Red, Yellow and Green candle tags and need to be returned to the Church no later than Dec. 18th. Please drop off the wrapped gift(s) with ONLY the top portion of the candle, keep the bottom for your scrapbooking or recycle. Any questions please contact Jessi Haney at 507-459-3151.
- ♦ **Decorating the church** after the 8:30 am Mass on December 21. The more people to help the faster we can get it looking beautiful for Christmas. Please stay and help. Thanks!
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ **SMG Advent** cleaning is Monday, December 15, 4-6 pm. Please come help for all or part of this time. We have jobs for all abilities. Men & Women are needed!
- ♦ **ST MARY FINANCE COUNCIL** meeting rescheduled for Tuesday December 16 at 6:30 in the rectory.
- ♦ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Tuesday, December 16th, 2:00 pm, St. Mary's 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.

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

+ Prepare the way for the coming King:

+ extend an Advent invitation, deliver a small blessing bag, or pray with someone who needs peace.

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

- ♦ **Please join us** on December 20th in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters eight through eleven. 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 14th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **“There is more! Come up higher! (Part 2 of 4)”** with Fr. Joshua Fons, St. Patrick's Parish, New Brighton, MI.
- ♦ **They gave their lives in service - now they need your help.** For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please be generous to the Retirement Fund for Religious. There will be a **second collection today for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**
- ♦ This summer and fall, 3,622 of our people participated in 40 listening sessions to help launch Rebuild My Church, an ongoing effort of renewal and pastoral planning for our Diocese. Stay tuned for regular updates. You can view the recording of the listening sessions, and see the latest updates here: www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates



Diocesan Annual Appeal

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