



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



**Fourth Sunday  
of Advent**

# Sunday Bulletin

## December 21, 2025

## Year A

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## Emmanuel: God Is with Us

My dear brothers and sisters, **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** brings us to the very edge of Christmas. Our waiting is nearly complete, and the readings invite us to pause and reflect on the Child we are about to welcome. He is called **Emmanuel**, a name that reveals the heart of our faith: **God is with us.**

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a sign given to a fearful people, a child born to a virgin. God does not promise an easy path, but His living presence among His people. Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's long-standing promise, born from the line of David, truly human and truly the Son of God.

In the Gospel, Saint Joseph shows us quiet faith and obedience. He listens, trusts, and acts with courage. As we prepare for Christmas, may we open our hearts like Joseph and welcome Emmanuel into our daily lives.

Have a blessed Fourth Week of Advent.

## The Solemnity of Christmas: The Light Has Come into the World

My dear brothers and sisters, I wish all of you a **Merry Christmas** and a blessed Christmas season. On December 25, we celebrate the joyful Solemnity of Christmas, the mystery of God becoming one of us. In the birth of Jesus, the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. God enters our world not in power or glory, but as a humble child, born in love.

Christmas proclaims that God is close to us, in our joys and sorrows, our hopes and struggles. The manger reveals a God who chooses humility, compassion, and mercy. In Jesus, we see the face of a God who understands our human life and walks with us.

As we celebrate this holy day, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and peace. Let us welcome Christ anew into our families and communities and may His light shine through our words and actions. **Today, a Savior is born for us. May the newborn Jesus bring peace, love, and joy to you and to all your loved ones.**

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Total Offering	\$3,477.11	\$ 1,490.08

Counters: Anne Bagley, Joy Critzman

## Intention December 22 — December 28

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

+ Charlotte Fugina

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

*Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.*

+ John Cory

### **Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary**

\* Hammer & Klein Families (Living & Deceased)

### **Christmas Eve: 8:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Louie & Evelyn Jessessky

### **Christmas Dqy: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Jeanne Piller

### **Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary**

+ Don S.

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

+ Tess Larson

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

+ Francis Haines & Eugne & Clara Pronschinske

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Kaye Benrud

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

All the People of Our Parishes

## Christmas Ministry for St. Bartholomew

### **8:00 p.m. Lector: Joe Mack / 8:30 a.m. Kelsey Krett**

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Vol. / Jim Scherr, Kris Krett

Servers: John S., Vince Mack / Garrett & Austin Bork

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane / Al Joyce

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 27

### **St. Mary 4:00 p.m.**

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Sandy Salsman

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Gail Strange

### **St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.**

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Doreen Backler

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 28

### **St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.**

Ushers: Charles Muller, Tim Jessessky

Lector: Annalise

Servers: Nathan, Brian

Comm. Min: Barbara Bice

### **St. Mary 10:30 a.m.**

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Nancy Wagner

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Nancy Wagner

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve:** St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Carols will start at 3:45 p.m.

**St. Bartholomew** 8:00 p.m.

Carols will start at 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day:** St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

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

## **ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS**

- ♦ Please pick up your 2026 envelopes in the vestibule of the church.
- ♦ 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!

- ♦ **CHURCH CLEANING** A big thank you to those that cleaned the church last Monday. Dedicated volunteers like yourselves are so appreciated
- ♦ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **ST MARY PCCW** will meet Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30
- ♦ Please pick up your 2026 envelopes in the vestibule of the church.
- ♦ Need God's Help? Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 608-582-2688 or [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com) or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

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

+ As we wait in Advent hope, prepare the way of the Lord:

+ Slow down, notice who needs love, & make room for Christ through kindness, generosity, & quiet acts of mercy.

### **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**

- ♦ Start your year off positive. Please join us on January 3rd in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters twelve and thirteen. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"The Answer to the Deepest Questions of our Hearts (Part 3 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.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates](http://www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates)



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