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A Call to Walk in the Light of Peace

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we enter the **Second Week of Advent**, our hearts turn toward the theme of **Peace**. The second purple candle on the Advent wreath, often called the “Candle of Peace”, reminds us that Christ comes to calm our fears, heal our wounds, and guide our world toward harmony.

In the **first reading**, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a new shoot that will rise from the stump of Jesse. This small, tender shoot represents the coming of a Messiah who will rule with justice and wisdom.

Even in places that feel broken or forgotten, God promises new life. This week, we are invited to reflect on where God may be planting new hope and healing in our own families, relationships, and community.

St. Paul, in the **second reading**, encourages us to “welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.” During this season, let us be especially mindful of those who may feel alone, discouraged, or far from the Church. A simple smile, a kind word, or an invitation can be a powerful sign of Christ’s love.

The **Gospel** introduces us to John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare the way of the Lord by changing our hearts. His message of repentance is not meant to frighten us but to free us. John reminds us that our faith should bear “good fruit”, actions that reflect God’s goodness in our daily lives. Jesus wants us to **grow good fruit** in our hearts so we can be more loving and caring.

This week, let us pray for the grace to bring peace wherever we go: in our homes, at work, in school, and in every encounter. May the light of the second Advent candle guide us to become instruments of Christ’s peace and hope in a world that deeply longs for both.

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

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Counters: Tues. Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak

Intention **December 8 — December 14**

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

+ Jeanne Piller

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

For All Our Parishioners Who are Sick

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Nick Pientok

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

* Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Kaye Benrud

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

+ Bonnie Konkell

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

+ Pastor’s Intention

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

+ Clayton Backler & Henry Kohnle

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

+ Jim Ritter

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Dec. 13

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Carmen Rolbiecki

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Greg Goltz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 14

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Brenengen, Jason Hilton

Lector: Jaylen Hilton

Servers: Wyatt Rademacher, Vince Mack

Comm. Min: Joe Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros

Lector: Becky Harris

Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover

Comm. Min.: Becky Harris

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 in the world and in our hearts.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a relatives health

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ PCCW is again sponsoring 2 families this Christmas season. We have a small family of a mom and daughter and a larger family of 5. The “small” family items are ONLY on white candle tags and need to be returned to the Church no later than Dec. 12th. 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ We plan on decorating the church after the 8:30 am Mass on December 21. 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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

SBT Income:	\$ 15,933.83	SMG Income:	\$ 8,005.61
Expenses:	\$ 16,875.69	Expenses:	\$ 6,259.70
Net Loss:	\$ (941.86)	Net Income:	\$ 1,745.91

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.
- ♦ 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!)

+ As we light the Advent candles, let's prepare the way:

+ invite a friend to Mass, bring hope to someone hurting, & share Christ's light with simple acts of kindness.

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: **“WAKE UP - Getting to Heaven Does Not Happen by Accident (part 1 of 4)”** with Fr. Mathias Thelen, St. Patrick's Parish, New Brighton, MI.
- ♦ **A lifetime of service deserves care in return.** “Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community,” says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. There will be a **second collection next for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

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