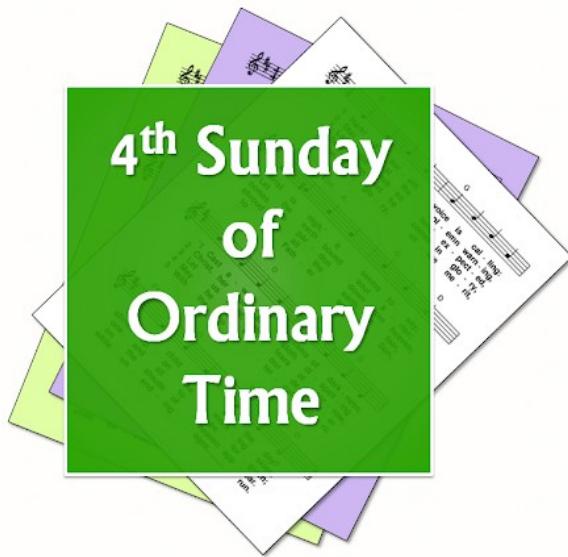




ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



# Sunday Bulletin February 1, 2026 Year A

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**Pastoral:** Kent Jacobson, Cindy Baer, Cindy Anderson, Sarah Sagler, Joseph Hellerude

## THE BLESSED PATH

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants God would bless all the nations of the world.

Jesus, the son of Abraham, the son of David, and the Son of God, bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

He chooses to bless the weak & lowly, the foolish & despised in the eyes of the world. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit His mercy & grace, the humble remnant of the 1st reading who seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

Are we poor in spirit? Have we recognized that no matter our social status, no matter our financial standing, no matter our intellectual acuity, we are saved by God's grace and not by who we are or anything we have done? As it is written, "God is no respecter of persons." (Acts 10:34, Rom. 2:11). Pride in who we are, in what we've done, or in what we have, is anathema to God Who has given us all we have & all we are out of His love for us—for His glory, not for ours!

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path & purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek & holy of heart; merciful & makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living the law of Kingdom out of love for God.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials & persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning & a great reward in the end.

Even when life gets messy, relationships get difficult, our job becomes a grind, a loved one dies, we need to remember that we are not made for this world. St. Francis De Sales tells us to, "Say frequently in the midst of your contradictions, 'This is the path to heaven.'" It works! When we look at our present reality through an eternal perspective, seeing our life in light of heaven, everything changes.

The Kingdom we inherit is not of earth, but the promised land of heaven, where the Lord reigns forever. As we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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## Intention February 2 — February 8

### No Week Day Masses

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

+ Mary Ladwig

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

+ Charlotte Fugina

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

+ Evelyn Jessessky

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

+ Gert S.

The Priest for next weekend Masses will be Father Eugene Wolf.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 7

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

**Ushers: Dave Mueller, Kathy Kujak**

**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, Feb. 8

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

**Ushers: Bruce Brenengen, James Kinscher**

**Lector: Joe Plunger**

**Servers: Austin Bork, Garrett Bork**

**Comm. Min: Al Joyce**

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

**Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros**

**Lector: Cindy Anderson**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler**

**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 peace and healing in all the communities that have so many conflicts.

**Personal Prayer Request: For a child that you are not related to.**

## 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.
- ◆ Attention Graduating Seniors. It is time to turn in the PCCW Helping Hands Scholarship. An application can be picked up from Kay Richtman or at the parish office. Please complete and return by April 1st. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions can be directed to Kay Richtman.
- ◆ **Sacristan is needed.** Please, contact the office, 608-534-6652, if you are interested or would like more information. This ministry gives you a chance to pray while working near Jesus in the tabernacle.
- ◆ **PCCW** meeting is on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:** the PCCW will be holding our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday March 6th. Keep an eye out for flyer information.
- ◆ We are looking for a **new Coordinator of Religious Education** to walk with Mike during the last few months. Please pray about it and contact the office if you are interested.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ Finance council will meet in the rectory following Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's. Mass will be at 6:15.
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm. St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com) or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

### REBUILD MY CHURCH INITIATIVE & YOU (from the Diocesan website):

- + After months of listening, Bishop Battersby is inviting ***all of us*** to pivot from maintenance to mission.
- + Of the seven indicators of a parish fully alive on mission. # 3), A Culture of Discipleship, is the item on which all others hinge, both personally and as a parish.

- ◆ **FOLLOWING SUNDAY MASS:** Prayer for healing & other needs. A prayer team is available to pray with you.

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Learn more about CCHD at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd). Please return envelopes in collection basket. Makes checks payable to your parish.
- ◆ Please join us on February 14th in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. Our study will return to the Ascension series and study Chapters sixteen through eighteen of the book of Revelation. Join us for one or many classes. You will learn so much about your faith.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, February 1<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: Bishop Joseph Espaillat of the Archdiocese of New York, **on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, part 1**, at the 2024 Encounter Conference in Toledo, OH.
- ◆ Embracing the Call to Holiness – The Eau Claire Deanery and the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women jointly sponsor the “Call to Holiness” A Woman’s Retreat day being hosted by St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Eau Claire on March 14, 2026. Registration forms should be available through your parish office, early bird registration ends February 15th. Women from all over the diocese are welcome to attend.
- ◆ **The “No Offense Huddle.”** Check out another short video. Fr. Derek Sakowski explains what it means for our parishes to be fully alive on mission. Football fans are familiar with a “no huddle offense.” But what happens when some of us prefer a “no offense huddle”? Find the video here <http://www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates>.
- ◆ Bishop Battersby has requested that the parishes of the diocese have one or more of the following in the course of the next two weeks: A Votive Mass for Peace, a Holy Hour for Peace and/or a Rosary for Peace.

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Of The PCCW  
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