



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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A PERFECT OFFERING

God is telling us today through the prophet Isaiah of the mission He's given to His Son, even from the womb: "You are My servant."

Servant & Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel & to gather & restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation reaches to the ends of the earth.

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice & its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes & the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians & their gods.

In the new exodus, Jesus is the Lamb of God! Today's Psalm declares that He has come to offer His body to do the will of God. In doing so, He is giving us a model to form our lives around. We, too, are to offer our bodies, our lives, to God so that we may please Him by cooperating with Him in bringing His love & healing to wounded people in a broken world. In this, we do the possible & let Him do the impossible. Nothing delights Him more!

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, & sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins. They were meant not to save us but to teach us. In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God & to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. Through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience & made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness.

He's made us children of God, not only having been baptized in water, but in the blood of the Lamb. We're to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to Him. To be a Christian is not primarily about "becoming a good person" or "doing the right thing"—anyone can do any of those things. Rather, baptism draws us into relationship with the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit. Baptism is all about grace—our incorporation, through the power of God's love, into His own life & mission of being light in our world.

God bless!
Den. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$1,795.00	\$ 713.00
Plate	73.00	214.75
Electronic Dep.	581.16	0.00
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Total Offering	\$2,457.16	\$ 927.75

Counters: Anne Bagley, Joy Critzman

Intention January 19 — January 25

No Week Day Masses

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

+ John Cory

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

+ Ray Mertes

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

+ Ross & Bern Jacobson

The Priest for next weekend Masses will be Father Mark Pierce.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 24

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Volunteer

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: LaVonne Peterson

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 25

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Charles Muller, Tim Jessessky

Lector: Missy Ganz

Servers: Nolan Lilla, Chloe Lilla

Comm. Min: Missy Ganz

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Volunteer

Lector: Cindy Anderson

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Sarah Sagler

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 healing in all the communities that are having so much strife.

Personal Prayer Request: For your Mother (living or deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ Kris has decided to retire as our sacristan. Thank you Kris for all you have done. We will need a **new sacristan**. Please, contact the office, 608-534-6652, if you are interested or would like more information.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE:** the PCCW will be holding our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday March 6th. Keep an eye out for flyer information.
- ♦ Mike Dunn is retiring from being the CRE at the end of this year, June 2026. We are looking for a new CRE 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!

- ♦ **PCCW Valentine Project:** parishioners are invited to help make Valentine's for shut-ins, nursing home residents and anyone who might be lonely! All materials will be provided but bringing your own glue, scissors, or craft items to use would be helpful. Dessert and coffee will be served. **Tuesday, January 20 1:00 @church basement.** (Snow date Jan. 27) If you know people who would enjoy receiving a valentine please let Becky Harris know by text message or by emailing their name and address. 608.484.0630 rebeccajoharris73@gmail.com
- ♦ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, January 23rd, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Monday, January 19th, 2:30 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.

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.
- + When most institutions & people in our communities do not consider Jesus, it changes what our mission [personally & as a faith community] looks like!

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

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ Please join us on January 24th in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. Our study will change to Brant Pitre, "Who is the Whore of Babylon?" 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, January 18th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"Unleashing Transforming Power"** with Fr. Mathias Thelen & Peter Herbeck.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting <http://usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking>.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

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