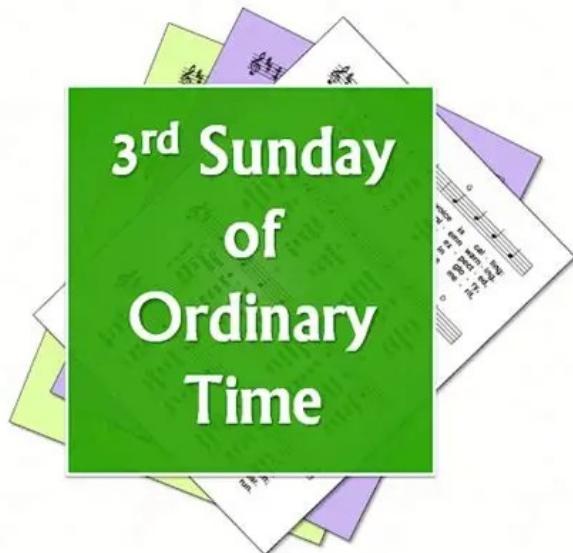




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CHANGE, FOLLOW, HEAL

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus telling us to "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." He then personally invites you & I to follow Him & engage in His mission. It closes with Jesus going around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming this gospel of the kingdom, & curing every disease & illness among the people.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, writes that "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission & of Christian faith in general. It can even be said that Christianity is a 'therapeutic religion, a religion of healing.'"

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* asserts that, "Christ's compassion toward the sick & His many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that 'God has visited his people' & that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; He has come to heal the whole man, soul & body; He is the physician the sick have need of".

Jesus also tells us that "These signs will accompany those who believe "in my name they will drive out demons, ... they will lay hands on the sick, & they will recover"". In the light of what Jesus said, any baptized believer can pray for the sick. We're to do as He said. The results, though, are up to Him, not us—His time, His way, His will.

Here at St. Mary's, we have witnessed Him working through everyday people to do some wonderful things: a heart healed (surgery cancelled), a cancer healed, joints brought into alignment, eyesight & hearing restored, to name a few. Not everyone prayed for has received physical healing, but He assures us through His Word that He is for us & will do whatever best prepares us to be with Him forever. He never gives up on anyone.

He promises us, "I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, ... nothing will be impossible for you." How much faith is that? Enough to ask a person if it's OK to pray with them, not just for them, to put your hand on their shoulder, & then ask Jesus to heal them, waiting a few minutes to give them time to receive His blessing. Our task is to ask, His is to do.

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$1,905.00	\$1,026.00
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Electronic Dep.	106.11	197.40
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Total Offering	\$2,165.11	\$ 1,381.00

Counters: Monica Bentzen, Jamie Stetzer

Intention January 26 — February 1

No Week Day Masses

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

+ Nick Pientok

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

+ Kaye Benrud

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

+ Hubert & Margaret Lettner

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

+ Phil S., Sr.

The Priest for next weekend Masses will be Father Steven Weller.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 31

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, Dave Mueller

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Gail Stranc

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 1

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Scherr, Carson Christianson

Lector: 3rd Graders

Servers: Brian, Annalise

Comm. Min: Kay Richtman

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Nancy Wagner

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Nancy Wagner

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 Father (living or deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, February 1, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. **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.
- ♦ **Poinsettias** need to be taken care of and taken home. Please pick them up after Mass today.
- ♦ We will need a **new sacristan**. Please, contact the office, 608-534-6652, if you are interested or would like more information.
- ♦ **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!

- ♦ Thank you to the Valentine crew for making Valentine's on Tuesday afternoon. We made almost 80 Valentine's!
- ♦ 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, January 30th, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Monday, January 27th, 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.

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.
- + Seven indicators of a parish fully alive on mission: 1) Vibrant Sunday Mass, 2) Stable & Healthy Leadership, 3) A Culture of Discipleship, 4) A Culture of Accompaniment, 5) Missionary Outreach, 6) Faith Formation, and 7) Stewardship, including regularly calling its members to discern & grow into their baptismal charisms.

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

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). We will have a special collection for CCHD next week. Nearly 37 million people in the Untied States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd. Please use the envelopes attached to today's bulletin and return in collection basket. Makes checks payable to your parish.
- ♦ Please join us on January 31st in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. Our study will continue with 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 25th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: Closing keynote form FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) "SEEK 2026" with Pete Burak, Vice President of Renewal Ministries.
- ♦ 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>.
- ♦ World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life,

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