



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



# Sunday Bulletin January 4, 2026 Year A

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

## "A Word of Thanks on Our Faithful Journey"

My dear brothers and sisters, it is my great joy and privilege to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you as I complete my **third year as your pastor** in this parish. I thank God for you and for the tremendous support you have shown me in my ministry. Your thoughtfulness, generosity, and kindness have truly touched my heart.

I sincerely thank all our parishioners, our parish secretary, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, PCCW, Knights of Columbus, the Choir, Altar Servers, and the Faith Formation students and teachers of both parishes for your commitment, service, and generous support. Through your dedication, our parish community continues to grow closer to one another and closer to God.

I am deeply grateful for your love, care, and encouragement, which inspire me each day to carry out my mission with greater zeal. A special word of thanks to all of you for your **Christmas greetings, gifts, sweets, candies, and chocolates**. They are not merely gifts, but signs of your acceptance, blessings, and affection. Thank you for your kindness.

As you know, I will be traveling to India on **January 5** to visit my mother, family members, and my Bishop. It will be a long journey, and I humbly ask you to keep me in your prayers for a safe trip and a blessed time with my family.

## Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as the Savior of all people. The Magi, guided by a star, journey from afar to encounter the Light of the world. Their search reminds us that faith is a journey of trust and perseverance. When they find the Child, they offer their gifts with joy and humility.

Today, Christ continues to reveal Himself to us through His Word, the Church, and one another. As we celebrate this feast, we are invited to follow His light, offer our lives as gifts, and become a light of hope and love to all we meet.

May God bless you all abundantly. **Happy and prosperous New Year 2026.**

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$3,142.00	\$1,583.00
Plate	121.00	199.00
Electronic Dep.	0.00	0.00
Christmas	4,011.50	2,564.00
Ret. Fund for Rel.	30.00	0.00
Youth Envelopes	20.00	0.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$7,324.50</b>	<b>\$ 4,346.00</b>

Counters: **Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak**

## Intention January 5 — January 11

### No Week Day Masses

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

+ Deceased Members of the Pientok & Cory Families

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

+ Charlotte Fugina

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

+ Richard & Toni Pampuch

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

Tammy Grandt (For Health)

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

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 10

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

**Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Carmen Rolbiecki**

**Lector: Theresa Haines**

**Comm. Min: Cindy Baer**

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

**Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer**

**Lector: Kirk Shimek**

**Servers: John Severson**

**Comm. Min: Karen Shimek**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 11

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

**Ushers: Scott Lamberty, Reagan Lamberty**

**Lector: Joe Plunger**

**Servers: Wyatt Rademacher, Eli Schwertel**

**Comm. Min: Al Joyce**

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

**Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy**

**Lector: Deb Baros**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler**

**Comm. Min.: Ellen Karow**

### **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 Father's safe trip to India and a good and relaxing visit with family and friends.

Personal Prayer Request: For a deceased relative.

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ **Welcome to our new parishioners:** David and Adrianna Elzinga and daughter, Ruth.
- ♦ **Donut Sunday:** Join us in the church hall for donuts, coffee, milk, juice and conversations with our parish community. Hope to see you there.
- ♦ **PCCW meeting** on Monday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m in the church hall.
- ♦ **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.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

SBT Income:	<b>\$ 21,813.86</b>	SMG Income:	<b>\$ 12,759.70</b>
Expenses:	<b><u>\$ 20,019.55</u></b>	Expenses:	<b><u>\$ 9,711.65</u></b>
Net Income:	<b>\$ 1,794.31</b>	Net Income:	<b>\$ 3,048.05</b>

## 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!

- ♦ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 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.

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

- + Jesus told St. Francis, "Go and rebuild my Church, which, is falling into ruin." It was a pivotal moment in his life.
- + Our Diocese finds itself in a similar moment today. Several signs point to decline and ruin (see the data).
- + That's why Bishop Battersby invites *all of us* to pivot from maintenance to mission.

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

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ Father Sebastian would like to thank everyone who gave him cards or gifts for Christmas. They were greatly appreciated. Father Sebastian will be leaving for India on Monday, January 4th and will be returning on February 11. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We will have only weekend Masses while he is gone.
- ♦ Please join us on January 17th in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters fourteen and fifteen. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "**The Decision to Be "All In" (Part 4 of 4)**" with Fr. Mathias Thelen, St. Patrick's Parish, New Brighton, MI.
- ♦ 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) . 
- ♦ 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.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal

<u>Target:</u>	<u>Pledged:</u>	<u>Over</u>	<u>Under:</u>	<u>% Reached</u>
SBT: <b>\$24,255.00</b>	<b>\$24,340.00</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>		<b>100%</b>
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