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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE

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AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART

Jesus came not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses & the teachings of the prophets, not just by following rules of behavior, but from a mind & heart totally devoted to loving His Father & His people.

In this, He shows us also how we too can fulfill the Law & the Prophets. But just keeping the rules is not enough!

Jesus’ Law—the New Covenant—is one that God has written on our heart, the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words & actions proceed—not the place of our emotions, as perceived by many.

Jesus tells us to train our hearts, to master our passions & emotions. He knows us, so He never demands more than we’re capable of. He knows we’re capable of choosing to love Him with our whole heart, soul, mind & strength, of breaking our attachments to this earthly stuff that we perceive to be ours, of choosing to be & act like stewards of these things, not owners—it’s all His anyway. It is up to us to choose the Kingdom of God or the kingdom of the world, light or dark, good or evil, life or death.

By His life, death, & Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that keeping His commandments is possible. Painful, yes—but possible! It’s spiritual warfare. The battlefield is our mind; either one remains in service to sin & remains in spiritual bondage, or one lives in obedience to God & enjoys liberation from sin’s captivity. It’s a stark either-or, no fence-sitting, no third option.

Don’t be MIA! That’ll put your soul in grave danger! Jesus overcame all this. We can too if we live His way, abiding in Him, taking up our cross daily, surrendering control of our life over to Him, living, not in our own power, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Don’t know how? Swallow your pride! Ditch your complacency! Seek Him! He promised if you did you’d find Him. He promised not to leave us as orphans to fight this battle alone!

So, with St. Paul, let’s pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit & to love God with our whole heart. And with the Psalmist let’s pray that our eyes be opened to the wonders of His law & the grace to observe it.

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

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Intention February 16 — February 22

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

+ Henry & Rose Kohnle

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Bern Jacobson

Ash Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Faye Benrud

Ash Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Fred Schwertel

Ash Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. St. Mary

For All the Youth of Our Parishes

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Joseph & Helen Jaszewski

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

+ Joann Moe

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Charlotte Fugina

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

+ Roy Bentzen

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 21

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Dave Mueller

Lector: Becky Harris

Comm. Min: Doreen Emerson

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Greg Goltz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 22

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kris Krett, James Scherr

Lector: Shannon or Kelsey Krett

Servers: Nathan, Brian

Comm. Min: Joe Plunger

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy

Lector: Deb Babros

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Tim Babros

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 that during the Lenten season we turn our hearts and spirit to the Lord.**

Personal Prayer Request: For a sibling (Living and/or Deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ 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, to the parish office. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions can be directed to Kay Richtman.
- ♦ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday February, 19 in the rectory at 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ PCCW will be holding our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday March 6th. We will have a Bake Sale with the proceeds going to the Helping Hands Scholarship Fund.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** immediately following Mass, Tuesday, February 17th, in the Rectory.
- ♦ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, February 20th, 1:00 pm . St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Monday, February 16th, 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.
- + The Indicators of a Parish Fully Alive on Mission, beginning with a Culture of Discipleship, are supported by **Faith Formation**, three segments of which are applicable to our parish:
 - 1) **Adults**, especially parents, have easy access to resources that allow them to grow & be formed in their faith.
 - 2) Faith formation does not assume the evangelization & discipleship of parish members. The parish provides resources to meet **adults** where they are on the path of discipleship, rather than one-size-fits-all programming.
 - 3) The parish is resourced to offer **adequate** faith-formation & fellowship opportunities for those family's children.
- + Are we there yet?

- ♦ **Following Sunday Mass:** Prayer for healing & other needs. A prayer team is available to pray with you.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18.** Lenten regulations are as follows: 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- ♦ **MISSION:** We are having a 2 night Mission at St. Bartholomew's on March 16 & 17. Plan ahead and save these dates. There will be more information coming soon.
- ♦ Please join us on **February 28th** in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters nineteen and twenty of the book of Revelation. 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, February 15th, 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 3**, at the 2024 Encounter Conference in Toledo, OH.
- ♦ **St Mary Soup Suppers** will start February 24, Tuesday's immediately after 6:00 mass. All are welcome to attend! All donations will be used for the Galesville Summer Lunch Program and the Weekend Food Bags for GET Students in need. There is a sign up in the entry of church to donate food or sign up to help.
- ♦ 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 shavailable through your parish office.
- ♦ **Lenten Retreat: Leading Ourselves through the Stations of the Cross**, March 6–7 at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse. Friday 6:30–9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Led by Dr. Mike Durnin, DMin. Register at: https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=101:2:7397759408042:::PROGRAM_ID:10357

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