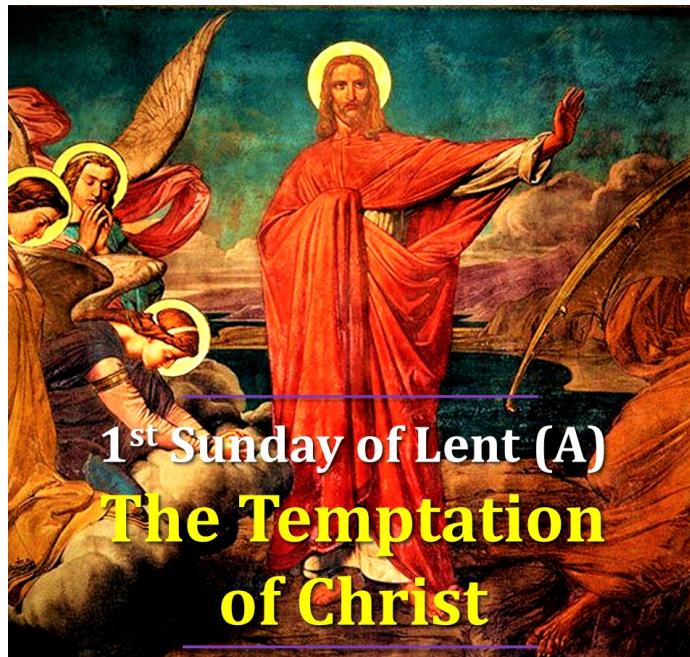




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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin

February 22, 2026

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Walking with Jesus in the Desert

My dear brothers and sisters, as we begin the First Week of Lent, the Sunday readings invite us to walk with Jesus into the desert. In Genesis, Adam and Eve faced temptation and fell because they doubted God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus is also tempted, but He remains faithful and trusts the Father completely.

Lent invites us to reflect on our own lives. At times, we too give in to temptation and choose our own way instead of God's. But the good news is that Jesus has conquered sin and offers us grace, forgiveness, and new life. This first week of Lent is a time to begin again. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, let us walk with Jesus, trusting that He will strengthen us and renew our hearts as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

A Note of Gratitude After My Visit to India

I sincerely thank each one of you for your prayers and loving support during my recent visit to India. By God's grace, I had a safe and peaceful journey.

I arrived in India on January 7 and went directly home. It was a great joy to meet my mother and family after one year. On January 11, we celebrated the Baptism of my niece, my younger brother's daughter. It was a beautiful and grace-filled family celebration.

Most of my time was spent at home with my mother and family. My brothers, nieces, nephews, and relatives gathered often, making each day feel like a joyful family reunion. Although I experienced some jet lag at the beginning, I gradually adjusted to the time and climate and was able to enjoy the visit.

During my stay, I also visited the **Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health**. At this holy shrine, where thousands of pilgrims come to pray, I remembered all of you and entrusted our parish and families to the loving care of Mother Mary.

It was truly a refreshing and blessed time. My family sends their greetings and thanks for your continued support and prayers to my ministry. I am happy to be back with you and grateful for your cooperation and understanding during my absence.

Wishing you all a grace-filled and meaningful Lenten season.

Fr. Sebastian

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Intention

February 23 – March 1

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Edmund G.

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Bill Wason

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Marvin Becker

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

+ Hilde Grulkowski

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

+ Deceased Members of the Pientok & Cory Families

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Deceased Members of the Schmidtknecht Family

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 28

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Doreen Emerson

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Doreen Backler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Mar. 1

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: 8th Graders

Lector: 8th Graders

Servers: Wyatt Rademacher

Comm. Min: Kay Richtman

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Ellen Karow

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Bruce Reedy

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 someone who is not worshiping with others at a weekend Mass.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ♦ 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!

- ♦ **St. Mary's PCCW members:** Please sign up to help with soup suppers on Tuesday's! The sign up is in the entry of the church. Donations of food items and help is needed. All proceeds benefit the Galesville Summer Lunch program and Weekend Food Bags for GET students in need.
- ♦ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Monday, February 23rd, 2:30 pm , St. Mary's Rectory.
- ♦ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, February 27th, 1:00 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.
- + The Indicators of a Parish Fully Alive on Mission, beginning with a Culture of Discipleship, are supported by **Formation, is a Culture of Accompaniment:**

- 1) First-time visitors find their encounters with parishioners to be positive and hospitable.
- 2) Those who are curious, newer to faith, or rediscovering faith feel welcomed & find easy "on ramps" for involvement & the beginnings of discipleship.
- 3) The parish ensures the formation of lay apostles who pray and discern well, who are skilled listeners, & who generously & patiently accompany others.
- 4) Those accompanying others continue their own journey of conversion, allowing themselves to be accompanied by & accountable to companions & mentors. + Are we there yet?

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

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ♦ **Thank you** to all who remembered me on my birthday with wishes, prayers, cards and gifts. Father Sebastian.
- ♦ We are getting low on Mass stipends for both parishes. The donation for having a Mass said is \$20.00
- ♦ **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 22nd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"It's Time to Reject a Passive & Worldly Christianity"** with Fr. Mathias Thelen, St. Patrick's, New Brighton MI, and **"What Do We Do with the Power God Gave Us"** with Fr. Mark Goring, St. Mary's, Ottawa, Ontario CN.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **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.

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