



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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## SALT? OR SAND...

Jesus says to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out & trampled underfoot."

What does He mean by "Salt"?

Salt brings out flavor; sand does not.

Being God's "salt" is to care for others enough to give them hope—beginning with those closest to us. It's to pray with them—not just for them—reminding them that Jesus brings hope in the midst of whatever their situation is. It's to share the hope found in His word & being there for them when life gets difficult. That's being salt! That brings the flavor of God's presence into their lives!

The essence of Christian life is to so live, to so love, that people see the Father's love flowing through us. James writes that if somebody is aware of a person in need & does nothing for him, what good is that? How can he see the love of God?

Reveal the Father! Show those around you the love of the Father in your attitude, in your expression, in the words you speak, & in the way you act. Speak the truth in love. Say only the good things others need to hear. Show the love of the Father by your kindness. Sometimes the silence of listening speaks love more clearly than speaking. Remember Fr. Pierce's homily, his four points: put your inner life in order, listen, share what Jesus has done for you in a difficult situation, & then shut up!

John writes that we're to love in deed & in truth. That first means to love in deed. No warm fuzzies here—just do it! Be salt! Live the truth, the love, the compassion of the Father through Jesus Christ, alive in you through your Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist!

The Quality profession puts it this way, "Say what you do & do what you say." If we're not doing what we say, that we're Christian but not acting like Jesus, we're hypocrites, pharisees, sand; an irritant, only good to be walked on. Let's be salt! Let's bring the flavor of God's goodness into our world!

God bless!

Dcn. Kent

## LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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| Total Offering  | \$3,095.00 | \$ 1,971.85 |

Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Lori Mahoney

**Intention  
February 9 — February 15**

## No Masses Mon. Tues. or Wed.

**Thursday: 6:00 p.m. St. Bartholomew**

+ Fred Schwertel

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

+ Hilde Grulkowski

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

+ For Pastor's Intention

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

+ Bea & Jerry Stellpflug

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

+ All the People of Our Parishes

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

+ Gordon Bateman

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Feb. 14

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

Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Carmen Rolbiecki

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Theresa Haines

**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. 15

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

Ushers: Tony Suchla, Chae Suchla

Lector: Missy Ganz

Servers: Chloe Lilla, Nolan Lilla

Comm. Min: Joe Plunger

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

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Ellen Karow

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 Father Sebastian's good and safe trip from India to Trempealeau.

Personal Prayer Request: For a teacher or a former teacher.

## 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. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions can be directed to Kay Richtman.
- ◆ **Sacristan is needed.** Please, contact the office, 608-534-6652, if you are interested.
- ◆ PCCW meeting is on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday February, 19 in the rectory at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:** PCCW will be holding our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday March 6th. Look for flyer info.
- ◆ 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.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

|             |                            |             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| SBT Income: | <b>\$ 23,007.44</b>        | SMG Income: | <b>\$ 10,246.86</b>        |
| Expenses:   | <b><u>\$ 21,270.86</u></b> | Expenses:   | <b><u>\$ 10,208.38</u></b> |
| Net Income: | <b>\$ 1,736.58</b>         | Net Income: | <b>\$ 38.48</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!

- ◆ **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 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Rectory.
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm. St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 all hinge on a Culture of Discipleship consisting of 4 segments:
  - + a) members have been & continue to be transformed by their joyful encounter with Jesus in a way that attracts the curiosity of newcomers;
  - + b) members engage in all kinds of prayer, allowing them to discern God's will & live each day as a "yes" to Him;
  - + c) young members are discerning & discovering their vocation, with support from other parishioners; and
  - + d) volunteering in ministries includes experiences of encounter, fellowship, & faith formation, not just tasks.
- + Are we there yet?

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

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Father Sebastian** will be back on February 12. He will have Mass at 6:00 p.m. Pray for his safe return.
- ◆ Please join us on **February 14th** in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. Our study will return to the Ascension series and study Chapters sixteen through eighteen of the book of Revelation. Join us for one or many classes. You will learn so much about your faith.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 2**, 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.
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus** meeting on Tuesday, February 10 in St. Mary's basement at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 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.

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