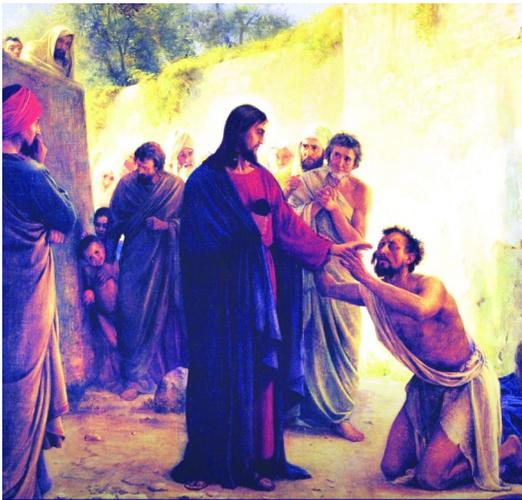




ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

**Sunday
Bulletin
March 15, 2026
Year A**

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From Darkness to Light: Walking with Christ This Lent

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we enter the Fourth Week of Lent, the Church invites us to pause and remember that Lent is not only a season of penance, but also a season of hope.

This Sunday is traditionally called **Laetare Sunday**, which means “Rejoice.” In the middle of our Lenten journey, we are reminded to rejoice because the celebration of Easter is drawing near.

The Gospel of this Sunday tells the story of Jesus healing the man who was born blind. This powerful miracle reminds us that Jesus is the **Light of the world**. Just as He opened the eyes of the blind man, He also wants to open our hearts so that we may see God more clearly in our daily lives.

At times we may experience spiritual blindness. We may fail to recognize God’s blessings, overlook the needs of others, or allow pride and selfishness to guide our actions. Lent invites us to reflect honestly on our lives and ask the Lord to help us see with new eyes—eyes of faith, compassion, and love.

This week is a good opportunity to renew our Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting, and charity**. Through prayer we grow closer to God, through fasting we learn self-discipline, and through acts of charity we share God’s love with those in need.

Laetare Sunday reminds us that God’s mercy is always greater than our weaknesses. Even when we struggle or fall, the Lord lovingly calls us back to Him. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful way to experience His forgiveness and healing during this holy season.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may Christ lead us **from darkness to light**, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

May the Lord bless you and your families during this holy season of Lent.

Assuring you of my prayers,
Fr. Sebastian

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

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Envelopes	\$4,903.00	\$1,026.00
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Easter Flowers	490.00	275.00
Youth Envelopes	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Offering	\$5,511.00	\$ 1,471.50

Counters: Anne Bagley, Lori Mahoney

**Intention
March 16 – March 22**

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

+ Bill Wason

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. St. Mary

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

* Living & Deceased Members of the John & Mary Blohowiak Families

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

* Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Deceased Members of the Philip & Sophie Schwertel Family

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

+ Roy Bentzen

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ George Motszko

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 21

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Kathy Kujak

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Doreen Emerson

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Greg Goltz, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Mar. 22

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kris Krett, Jim Scherr

Lector: Shannon or Kelsey Krett

Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork

Comm. Min: Al Joyce

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tim Babros, Deb Babros

Lector: Becky Harris

Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover

Comm. Min.: Becky Harris

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 all those suffering in the areas that have fighting and that peace may come to the whole world.**

Personal Prayer Request: For one of your doctors..

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **PCCW Bingo - POSTPONED** until March 22, 1-3:30 pm in the church hall. FREE to play. Cash and other prizes will be available. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Come, bring a friend.
- ◆ **PCCW meeting** is rescheduling, again, to Monday, Mar. 23 in the church hall at 6 p.m.
- ◆ PCCW will again be assembling **Easter baskets** for area children. We are in need of donations of candy and small toys. A tote will be available in the vestibule for this collection thru 3/22. Thank you for your generosity
- ◆ **Thank you** to all who helped with the Fish Fry, last Friday. It was a big success. We had a lot of help from the youth, and all that helped were greatly appreciated. We sold everything on the Bake Sale. Thanks, again.
- ◆ **Finance Council** meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** prior to Adoration, Tuesday, March 24th, 3:30 PM, in the Rectory
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, March 20th, 1:00 pm . St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **DAA is under target** by \$2,655.00. We need every ones help to reach our goal.
- ◆ **CHURCH CLEANING** to get ready for Easter will be Monday, March 30 4:00-5:30. Please come help us get ready for Easter services that are being held at St. Mary's this year.
- ◆ 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 (check out the diocesan website):

- + A **Parish Fully Alive on Mission** has **Stable & Healthy Leadership**. Signs of its presence, its fruits, are:
 - 1) Members have been & continue to be transformed by their joyful encounter with Jesus in a way that attracts the curiosity of newcomers.
 - 2) Members regularly engage in all kinds of prayer, including silent prayer. Their prayer & sacramental life allow them to discern God's will & live each day as a "yes" to Him.
 - 3) Young members are discerning & discovering their vocation, with support from other parishioners.
 - 4) Volunteering in ministries in the parish includes experiences of encounter, fellowship, & faith formation, not just an isolated checking off of tasks (cf. Acts 2:42). + Are we there yet?

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

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Deanery Communal Confession** at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. with Benediction and all the Deanery priests will be available for confessions.
- ◆ **MISSION:** We are having a Mission at St. Bartholomew's on **March 17**. Fr. Samuel Martin will be the speakers at 6:30 p.m. **March 16 Mission with Christopher Carstens has been cancelled** due to weather
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** St. Bartholomew's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and St. Mary's Friday, March 20th, 6:00
- ◆ Please join us on **March 21th** in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will return to Brant Pitre with "The Final Tribulation, the "Rapture" and the Second Coming of Christ". Bring your bible and a notebook. Join us for one or many classes.

SOUP SUPPERS Tuesday after mass at 6:30. Except for March 17th there is a schedule change at St. Mary's: Adoration will be from 5-5:30 p.m. with the Mass at 5:30 and Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. **All are welcome!**

- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, **POSTPONED** until next Sunday. St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"REBUILD MY CHURCH Initiative: first steps - review"** with Bp. Battersby.
- ◆ **Ladies** are invited to attend the LDCCW Convention at Holy Family Parish, Arcadia on Saturday, April 25. Special guest speaker, Bishop Battersby. Registration and info: ldccw.com or contact PCCW. It will be a rewarding experience!!.
- ◆ Sacred Heart Parish, Pine Creek is having a Charcoal Chicken Dinner, Sunday, March 22. 11-Until Gone.
- ◆ St. Ansgar, Blair is having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 27. Cost \$15.00. Check Flyer for more information.

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in th hall at 6:00 p.m.



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