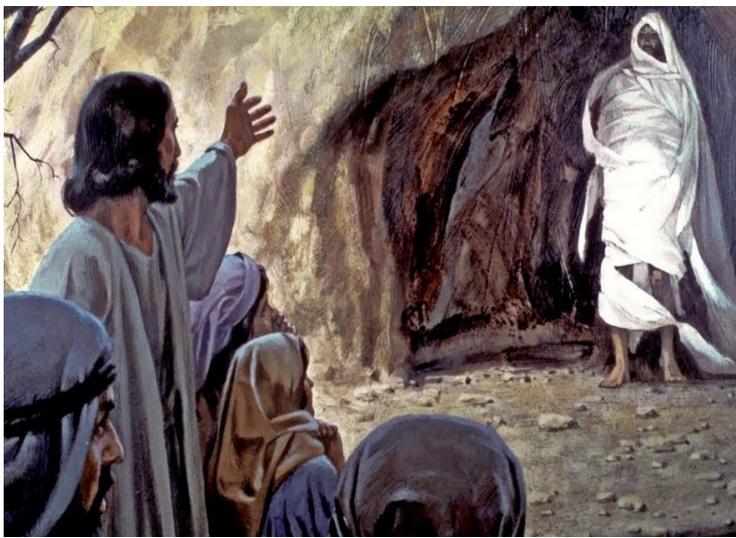




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## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

# **Sunday Bulletin March 22, 2026 Year A**

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## Called to New Life in Christ

As we enter the Fifth Week of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect more deeply on God's power to bring life from death and to renew our hope. The readings remind us that even in sorrow and loss, God's Spirit works to restore and transform.

In the **First Reading**, God promises through Ezekiel to open the graves of His people and breathe His Spirit within them. This is a vision of hope and renewal: even when life seems lost or hopeless, God can bring restoration. His Spirit gives new life and draws us back to Him.

In the **Second Reading**, Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. This same Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies and strengthens us in faith. Paul's words assure us that resurrection is not only a future promise but a reality that begins now, as we live in the Spirit and trust in God's power.

The **Gospel** presents the raising of Lazarus. Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life," show His authority over death and His compassion for those who mourn. Martha and Mary respond in different ways—one with confident faith, the other with deep sorrow—but Jesus meets both with love. He calls Lazarus forth, reminding us that death is never the final word.

Together, the readings challenge us to trust in God's promise of new life. Whether our faith is quiet and thoughtful, like Martha, or emotional and heartfelt, like Mary, Jesus meets us where we are. He shares our grief, transforms our fears, and invites us to live as witnesses of hope.

As we journey through Lent, let us open our hearts to the Spirit, place our trust in Jesus, and embrace the new life He offers. In Him, life triumphs over death, and sorrow is transformed into hope.

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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<b>Envelopes</b>	\$1,650.00	\$ 891.00
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<b>Total Offering</b>	\$2,594.27	\$ 1,511.46

**Counters: Charlene Joyce, Kathy Kujak**

## Intention March 23 — March 29

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

+ Toni Pampuch

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

*Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.*

+ Bern Jacobson

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

+ Clayton Backler

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

*Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.*

+ Sister Alma Bill

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

+ George Richtman

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Evelyn Jessesky

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

+ Tom Kelleher

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

All the People of Our Parishes

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 28

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

**Ushers: LaVonne Peterson, Dave Mueller**

**Lector: Becky Harris, Sheila Collom**

**Comm. Min: Cindy Baer**

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

**Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer**

**Lector: Greg Goltz, Kirk Shimek**

**Servers: John Severson**

**Comm. Min: Karen Shimek**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Mar. 29

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

**Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza**

**Lector: Joe Mack, Joe Plunger**

**Servers: Madalyn Giemza, Vince Mack**

**Comm. Min: Jessi Haney**

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

**Ushers: Bruce Reedy, Sheryl Reedy**

**Lector: Ellen Karow, Cindy Anderson**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover**

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

**Personal Prayer Request: For a Friend..**

**Mass Schedule for the Triduum. It will be held at St. Bartholomew Parish due to construction on the streets.**  
**Holy Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Adoration following until 10:00 p.m. Personal Adoration on Friday 6:00 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m. Service at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday: St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m. and St. Mary 10:30 a.m.**  
**We will start offering Holy Communion in both forms starting at the Easter Vigil.** Since it has been a while since we have offered the chalice, here a few rules to follow: 1) If you are feeling sick do not drink from the chalice. 2.) Parents remind your children how to drink from the chalice and only a sip is needed. 3.) No Intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) is **not** allowed, only the priest may do this.

### ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **PCCW Bingo** - 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 Monday, Mar. 23 in the church hall at 6 p.m.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **CHURCH CLEANING** to get ready for Easter Sunday will be Monday, March 30 4:00-5:30. Please come help us get ready for Easter Sunday. The Triduum will be at St. Bartholomew due to the construction.
- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** prior to Adoration, Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM, in the Rectory
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm . St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **St. Mary's PCCW** will meet Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @6:30 downstairs in 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.
- ◆ **Following Sunday Mass:** Prayer for healing & other needs. A prayer team is available to pray with you.

**REBUILD MY CHURCH INITIATIVE & YOU** (check out the diocesan website):

+ A **Parish Fully Alive on Mission** has a **Vibrant Sunday Mass**. Signs that this is so are:

- 1) Masses are celebrated in a dignified manner that follows liturgical norms & includes adequate & well-trained liturgical ministers.
- 2) Newcomers have a positive Sunday Mass experience at the parish & are likely to return or tell others about it (possible considerations: culture of hospitality, music, preaching, accessibility for the disabled, amenities for parents & families, etc.).
- 3) Masses are scheduled (& not over-scheduled) in such a way that allows for a fuller church, inspiring music, & a dignified liturgy, including adequate & well-prepared liturgical ministers.
- 4) The Mass schedule allows priests to pray well & be more present to God & people both during & outside of Mass. As a baseline, each priest celebrates no more than 3 Masses on a Sunday & its Vigil (allowing for weddings, funerals, quinceañeras, First Saturday Mass, etc. earlier in the day on Saturday). + Are we there yet?

### COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **Deanery Communal Confession at St. Bartholomew's** is today, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. with Benediction and all the Deanery priests will be available for confessions.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** St. Bartholomew's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and St. Mary's Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"REBUILD MY CHURCH Initiative: first steps"** with Bp. Battersby & a brief look at the diocesan timeline.
- ◆ **LAST SOUP SUPPER** Tuesday, March 24 after mass at 6:30. Adoration at 5:00 with Mass at 6:00. All donations will be used for the Galesville Summer Lunch Program and the Weekend Food Bags for GET Students in need. **All are welcome!**
- ◆ **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](http://ldccw.com) or contact PCCW. It will be a rewarding experience!!.
- ◆ Sacred Heart Parish, Pine Creek is having a Charcoal Chicken Dinner, today, 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.
- ◆ Guardian Angels Parish, Black River Falls, Fish Fry is Friday, March 27. Check the flyer for information.

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**St. Bartholomew's  
PCCW**

Next meeting is on March 23  
in th hall at 6:00 p.m.



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