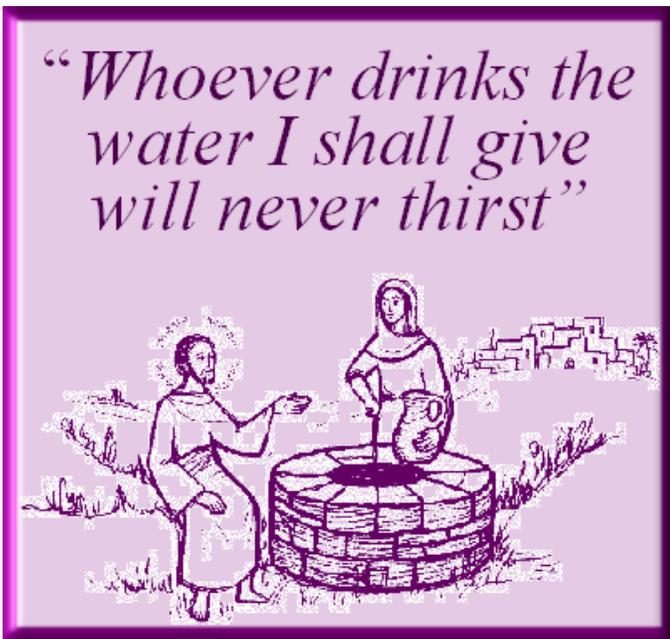




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**ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE**



**Sunday  
Bulletin**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8, 2026**  
**Year A**

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## LIVING WATER & WHITE FIELDS

Did you know that for every person that enters the Catholic Church, eight leave? They come expecting a sense of the transcendent & leave after experiencing, what Pope Francis called, ‘spiritual worldliness,’ its members having the form of religion but denying its power. They come to draw living water from the Church’s well but pull up dry sand instead.

St. JP II says, “Sometimes even Catholics have lost or never had the chance to experience Christ personally: not Christ as a mere ‘paradigm’ or ‘value’, but as the living Lord, ‘the way, & the truth, & the life.’”

Did you know that research by the CARA Institute identified that for Catholics under 70, the level of attendance at Mass was directly correlated to the *certainty* that it is possible to have a *personal relationship* with God?

The majority of Catholics in the United States are *sacramentalized* but not *evangelized*. They don’t know that an explicit, personal attachment to Christ—personal discipleship—is normative Catholicism as taught by the Apostles & reiterated time & again by popes, councils, & the saints of the Church.

Intellectual integrity, data, as important as it is, is not enough. As BXVI told us, “One doesn’t begin to be a Christian because of an ethical decision or a great idea, but rather because of an encounter with a Person.”

Enter the Samaritan woman of today’s Gospel. Like today’s Protestants she believed in God, but as a Samaritan her understanding was incomplete, even flawed, & she worshipped in a way that had been corrupted. Yet Jesus asked her to help Him, was kind & listened to her, conversed with her, & spoke truth into her life. Then she went & told others what she had experienced with Him.

So should it be with us—to act differently is to be a modern-day Pharisee. We need to constantly call to mind what Paul declares in the second reading, “God proves His love for us in that *while we were yet sinners* Christ died for us.” We are **all** sinners in need of mercy.

Jesus calls each one of us to make disciples. See, the fields are ripe for harvest”. Remember: **God the chooses the willing**, not the qualified. He tells us, “I AM with you always”. With St. Joan of Arc let’s put our trust in Him, not ourselves, & say with her, “I am not afraid. God is with me. I was born for this.”

God bless! Dcn. Kent

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

|                        | <u>SBT</u>   | <u>SMG</u>  |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Envelopes</b>       | \$2,185.00   | \$2,069.00  |
| <b>Plate</b>           | 164.15       | 96.45       |
| <b>Electronic Dep.</b> | 0.00         | 0.00        |
| <b>Easter Flowers</b>  | 55.00        | 20.00       |
| <b>Youth Envelopes</b> | <u>27.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| <b>Total Offering</b>  | \$2,431.15   | \$ 2,185.45 |

**Counters: Judy Kowalewski, Joy Critzman**

## Intention March 9 – March 15

**Monday: No Mass**

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

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

+ Deceased Members of the Pientok & Cory Families

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

Bonnie Kelleher ( Health)

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

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

+ Dan Jaszewski & Deloris Konkel

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

+ R. Joseph Ouellette

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

+ Mary Ladwig

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Stacey McMahon

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

All the People of Our Parishes

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Mar. 14

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

**Ushers: Doreen Emerson, Kathy Kujak**

**Lector: Tom Ladwig**

**Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman**

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

**Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer**

**Lector: Kirk Shimek**

**Servers: John Severson**

**Comm. Min: Karen Shimek**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Mar. 15

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

**Ushers: James Kinscher, Bruce Brenengen**

**Lector: Annalise**

**Servers: Brian, Nathan**

**Comm. Min: Mary Skroch**

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

**Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler**

**Lector: Deb Babros**

**Servers: Sarah Sagler**

**Comm. Min.: Ellen Karow**

### 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 relative’s health.**

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **PCCW Bingo** - Sunday, March 15, 1-3:30 pm in the church hall. FREE to play. Cash and other "fabulous" prizes will be available. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. Come, bring a friend.
- ◆ **PCCW meeting** on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ **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.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

|             |                     |             |                    |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| SBT Income: | <b>\$ 18,902.97</b> | SMG Income: | <b>\$ 8,628.95</b> |
| Expenses:   | <b>\$ 18,340.83</b> | Expenses:   | <b>\$ 9,048.37</b> |
| Net Income: | <b>\$ 562.14</b>    | Net Loss:   | <b>\$ (419.42)</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!

- ◆ **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, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm. St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **DAA is under target** by \$3,225.00. We need every ones help to reach our goal.
- ◆ **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** (check out the diocesan website):

+ Another indicator of a **Parish Fully Alive on Mission** is how the parish lives its **Stewardship**.

- 1) Its members are regularly called to **discern & grow into their baptismal charisms**. The pastor discerns & orders the community's gifts in ways that promote stable leadership, maximum involvement, & visible communion.
- 2) The parish has adequate, if not abundant, volunteers for its operations & **especially for its evangelizing mission**.
- 3) The parish honors the human needs of priests, staff, & volunteers with **realistic** expectations & support.
- 4) The parish's tithing is sufficient to provide for clergy & a justly paid staff **suitable for evangelizing mission** (*beyond mere self-preservation*). + 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 2 night Mission at St. Bartholomew's on **March 16 & 17**. Plan ahead and save these dates. Christopher Carstens and Fr. Samuel Martin will be the speakers at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **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!**
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus** meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at St. Mary's rectory 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** St. Bartholomew's on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and St. Mary's Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm
- ◆ Please join us on **March 14th** in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters twenty-one and twenty-two 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, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "I'm Telling You\_ The ONE THING Your LIFE Needs" with Fr. Mark Goring, pastor of St. Mary's, Ottawa, Ontario, CN, and "Entering a New Springtime – What Does That Mean?" with Fr. Derek Sakowski, Director of REBUILD MY CHURCH, Diocese of La Crosse.
- ◆ St. John's Catholic Church, Whitehall is having a St. Patrick Day luncheon on Saturday March 14. Check flyer.
- ◆ St. Ansgar, Blair is having a Fish Fry on Friday, March 27. Cost \$15.00. Check Flyer for more information.
- ◆ KC Pancake Breakfast, Sunday March 15 from 8—noon or gone. **Holy Family Church Basement, Arcadia.**

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Next meeting is on March 12  
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