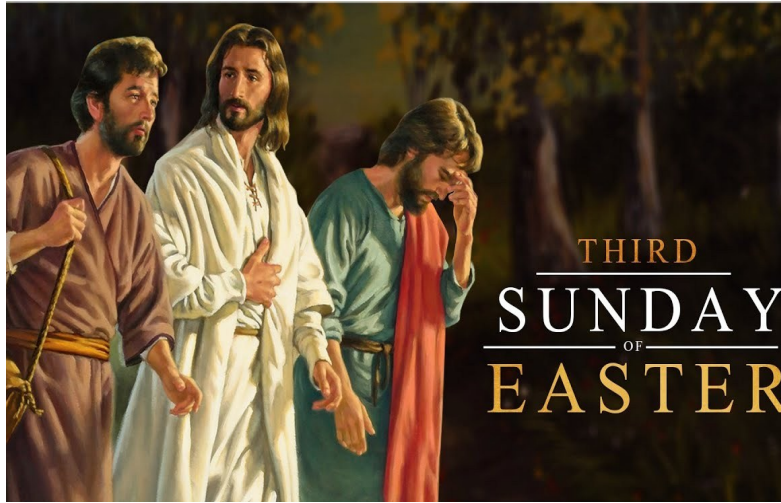




ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



Sunday Bulletin April 19, 2026 Year A

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MASS ON THE MOVE

In today's Gospel we encounter two discouraged & downcast men making their way to Emmaus. They're looking down, not up. The One they thought would liberate Israel has been cruelly killed. It is late afternoon & they're leaving town.

They cannot see or understand God's plan, that Jesus must be alive, just as the women reported. They're blind to the miracle that happened just hours before.

Aren't they like us? We often struggle to understand life's sufferings when, in Jesus Christ, we've already won the victory over its vicissitudes. In Him, this life is NOT the end! Too easily our eyes are cast downward in depression rather than upward in faith.

How will the Lord give them (& us) this vision? How will He enable them to see His risen glory? How will He encourage them to look up, away from their downward focus, & behold new life?

He'll do it in the context of the Mass He'll open their eyes & they'll recognize Him. There they'll see His glory & the new life.

Jesus enters their little group (Gathering Rite), asks what's troubling them (Penitential Rite), breaks open & interprets the scriptures (Liturgy of the Word). Having heard the Word, they make a request of Jesus (Intercessory Prayer). Then the bread is blessed, broken & given (Liturgy of the Eucharist). They are the same actions that took place at the Last Supper; it opens their eyes & they recognize Him.

The liturgy & the sacraments are not mere rituals; they are encounters with the risen Christ. When our faith drops the 18" from our head to our heart, our eyes are opened & we learn to see & hear Jesus Christ in the liturgy, & to experience His ministry to us.

The two disciples ran seven miles back to tell their brethren how they encountered Jesus.

How about us? At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon says, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace." *Ite Missa Est Go, you have been dismissed.* This does not mean, "We're done, go home & have nice day." It means, "Go into the world & bring the Christ you've received to others." It's a perfect time to do some evangelization & works of mercy. Bring God's love into your world!

God bless!
Dcn. Kent

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$1,970.00	\$4,781.00
Plate	155.00	176.67
Elec Deposit	484.45	0.00
Youth Envelopes	<u>12.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Offering	\$2,621.45	\$ 4,957.67

Counters: Monica Bentzen, Jamie Stetzer

Intention April 20 — April 26

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary
Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Barb & Mark Jacobson

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

+ Rick Kowalewski

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Myra Klos

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

Bonnie Kelleher (For Health)

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

+ Ray Mertes

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Apr. 25

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, Dave Mueller

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Kirk Shimek

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Karen, Suzanne, Doreen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Apr. 26

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Tony Suchla, Chaes Suchla

Lector: Candice Guenther

Servers: Nolan Lilla, Chloe Lilla

Comm. Min: Mary, Al, Kay

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Deb Babros, Tim Babros

Lector: Ellen Karow

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 that the wars in our world come to an end.**

Personal Prayer Request: For your Father (Living or Deceased).

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **Congratulations to our First Communicants: Zoey Bawek, Archer Cusick, Brookes Greylak, Averie Schank, and Brody Schwertel.**
- ◆ Welcome to our new Parishioners: **Michael & Ceclia Bradford and Jeff & Kristine Barry.**
- ◆ **RSVP by April 25th!** Year-End Religious Education Family Potluck on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:00 AM in the St. Bartholomew Church Hall—student families, grandparents and teachers are invited for food, fellowship, and fun. Hot dogs & beverages will be provided. RSVP and sign up for the potluck by contacting Jennifer at 507-450-9227 or Megan at 608-865-0746.
- ◆ **We need a Sacristan for our church. Please call the office if interested.**
- ◆ **Coordinator for Religious Education (CRE)** is needed. Call the office if interested. Please pray for this.
- ◆ **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the rectory.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ Congratulations to **Briggs Matthew Dunn**, son of Matthew & Monica Dunn, who was baptized last Saturday.
- ◆ **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** prior to Adoration, Tuesday, April 21st, 3:30 PM, in the Rectory
- ◆ **St. Mary's ladies** are invited to the Ecumenical Salad Luncheon on May 1st at the Presbyterian Church 12:00. Bring a salad to share. Entertainment will be music by their Pastor Alex Jerve.
- ◆ **Finance Council** will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 in the rectory
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, April 24th, 12:30 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 (check out the diocesan website):

- + **It's Not About You.** It's not about our personal preferences. What is best for our parish as a whole? We must remember, it's Jesus' Church, not ours! Focus on the mission!
- + The decline of our parish isn't my fault, but it is my responsibility. Don't let what God did for you end with you.
- + When asked to assist with this initiative, instead of immediately responding with a "No," take time to consider in which ways you could say "Yes."

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

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ We will be saying the **Rosary** in front of the **Grotto** during the month of **May**. Starting on Friday, May 1st.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, April 19th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"STUNNED BY SCRIPTURE: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, Part 4"** with Dr. John Bergsma & Dr. Mary Healy.
- ◆ **LDCCW Collection:** thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministries of the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. St. Bartholomew - \$431 and St. Mary - \$333.
- ◆ Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 17 to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats
- ◆ **Scam.** We have been receiving information that Father's email has been scammed. If you receive something from Father asking for help or money, call the office to ask about it. Father **will not** email asking for money.
- ◆ Walk to Mary from St. Norbert Collage in De Pere to Our Lady of Champion, Champion WI on May 22.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

	<u>Target:</u>	<u>Pledged:</u>	<u>Over</u>	<u>Under:</u>	<u>% Reached</u>
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