



ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPPEALEAU



ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Jesus The Good Shepherd: Leading Us to Life
 My Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, The Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the voice of Christ, who calls each of us personally and lovingly. In the Gospel from Gospel of John, Jesus presents Himself as the Shepherd who leads, protects, and gives life to His sheep.

The First Reading from Acts of the Apostles shows how this voice continues to echo in the life of the Church. When the people hear the message of Peter, their hearts are moved. They are not just informed, they are transformed.

The Shepherd's voice reaches them through preaching, and they respond with repentance and commitment. This reminds us that God still speaks today, inviting us to renewal and deeper faith.

In the Second Reading from First Letter of St. Peter, we are given a profound image of Christ as the Shepherd who suffers for His flock. He does not lead from a distance but walks the path of sacrifice. "By His wounds you have been healed." This is the Shepherd who searches for the lost, carries the weak, and restores the broken.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is a reminder that the voice of the Good Shepherd continues to call men and women to follow Him in a special way, as priests, religious, and dedicated servants of the Church. Just as the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice, so too must we create silence in our hearts to hear God's call.

As a parish community, we are invited to pray for vocations and to encourage one another to listen courageously. The world needs shepherds after the heart of Christ, gentle, faithful, and self-giving.

May we learn to recognize His voice in our daily lives, trust His guidance, and follow Him with confidence. And may those whom He is calling have the courage to say "yes," trusting that the Shepherd always leads us to life.

God Bless You All... Have a Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!!!

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**Intention
 April 27 – May 3**

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

+ Hilde Grulkowski

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Deceased Members of the Jospheh Ratajczak Family

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

+ Ernest & Bertha Brassine

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Andy & Mary Eickman

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

+ Diane Swartling

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Andrea Mlynczak

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

All the People of Our Parishes

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

First Communicants from St. Mary's

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, May 2

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Sandy Salsman, Cindy Baer

Lector: Tom Ladwig

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer

Lector: Greg Goltz

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Greg, Karen, Kirk

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, May 3

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Jim Scherr, Charles Muller

Lector: Annalise

Servers: Nathan, Brian

Comm. Min: Joe, Kay, Jessi

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 there are more vocations in our dioceses.

Personal Prayer Request: For a child that you are not related to.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **First Communion** will be next Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- ◆ **NEWS FROM YOUR FINANCE COUNCIL:** we have completed another Inspired by the Spirit capital campaign project. New garage doors have been installed. Thank you Roger Betthausser for your many years of service on this committee! Your help will be missed.
- ◆ **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. Bring a friend. Entertainment will be music by their Pastor Alex Jerve.
- ◆ **BEGINNING THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY** we will be offering the first weekend of each month, plus feast days, communion under both species. **WE NEED MORE** extraordinary ministers to offer communion this way more often. **PLEASE PRAY** about serving our Lord in this way.
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, May 1st, 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):

+ You have a place in God's plan. When you see an opportunity to help or to share the message of God, take heart and be bold.

+ Reflect on ways that you can be the light of Jesus to others. Use the gifts that God has given you to serve Him and others. We are God's eyes, hands, feet, and mouth."

- ◆ **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 26^h, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"STUNNED BY SCRIPTURE: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, Part 5"** with Dr. John Bergsma & Dr. Mary Healy.
- ◆ **Roses:** St. Bartholomew & St. Mary PCCW's will be selling roses on May 9 & 10 for the RIGHT TO LIFE organization of Trempealeau County. They will be offered at both masses on Mother's Day weekend. Suggested price will be \$3 each or 2/\$5. Please support this organizations efforts.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Walk to Mary from St. Norbert Collage in De Pere to Our Lady of Champion, Champion WI on May 2. This will be their 13th year. The opportunity to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion attracts pilgrims from all over our country. They anticipate 15,000 people this year. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board.
- ◆ The Diocese of La Crosse Chapter of **Catholic Rural Life**, in partnership with a local family farm and a seed dealership, has been entrusted with a generous opportunity to give back to our farming community. We are pleased to offer 30 bags of current-year, high-quality 99-day seed corn -- free of charge -- to be shared among three deserving recipients. This gift is intended to support approximately 25–30 acres for each family farm. We recognize that agricultural finances can present challenges, and it is our privilege to walk alongside those in our community during difficult seasons. Please direct all inquiries to our Rural Life Committee Chair -- Anne Marie Ellwing: Annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

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