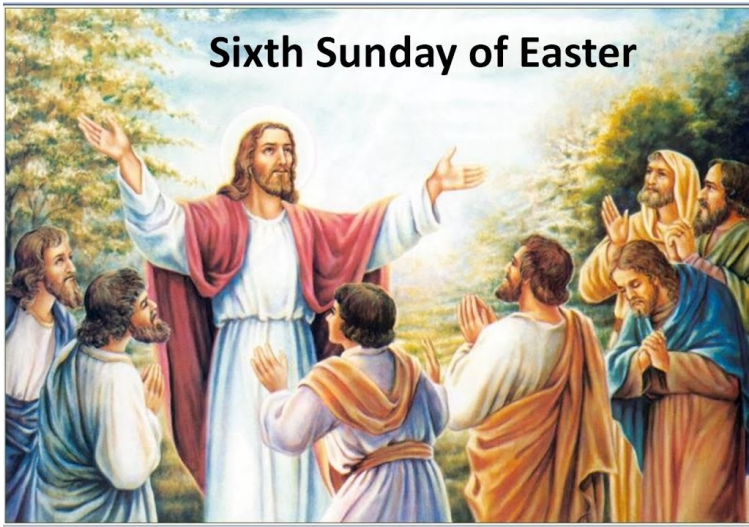




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Come, Holy Spirit: Strengthened to Witness

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and as we draw closer to Pentecost, the Church gently turns our hearts toward the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate.

He is the Spirit of truth who strengthens us to proclaim the Good News with courage and conviction. The message we carry is not our own; it comes from God and is confirmed by His Spirit.

In the first reading, we see the early Church growing through the dedicated witness of the apostles. The Samaritans had accepted the Word of God and were baptized, yet Peter and John came to lay hands on them so they might receive the Holy Spirit.

This moment highlights an important truth about our faith: the fullness of Christian initiation comes through the unity of Baptism and Confirmation. The apostles, and their successors, ensure that the same Spirit given at Pentecost continues to strengthen believers in every generation.

The second reading reminds us that living the Gospel is not always easy. Saint Peter encourages us to remain steadfast, to give witness with gentleness and reverence, even when we face misunderstanding or opposition. Our strength comes not from ourselves, but from the Spirit who gives us life, the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a beautiful promise: He will not leave us orphans. He will send the Advocate to remain with us forever. But He also gives us a condition: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Love is not just a feeling; it is shown in faithful action, loving God and loving one another.

As we await Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. May He renew us, strengthen us, and help us live as true witnesses of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

God Bless You All!!

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Counters: Monica Bentzen, Kathy Kujak

**Intention
May 11 – May 17**

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

+ Bonnie Konkel

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Deceased Members of the Pientok Family

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

+ Richard & Diane Lynch

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

+ Magdalene & Floyd Klein, Sr.

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

Bonnie Kelleher (For Health)

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

Paul & Kay Schneider (For Health)

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Marilyn Heinz

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, May 16

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, LaVonne Peterson

Lector: Tom Ladwig

Comm. Min: Sandy Salsman

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Kirk Shimek, Volunteer

Lector: Doreen Backler

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne, Doreen, Volunteer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, May 17

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza

Lector: Joe Mack

Servers: Madalyn Giemza, Vince Mack

Comm. Min: Al, Jessi, Mary

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Justin Sagler, Sarah Sagler

Lector: Sheila Collom

Servers: 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 that there are more vocations in our dioceses.**

Personal Prayer Request: For your Mother (Living or Deceased)



*May all our Mother's be blessed
with a Wonderful day. Full of Love,
Appreciation and Enjoyment!*



ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **Congratulations to our graduates:** *Coyan Backler, Adain Busch, Carter Giemza and Maren Kromrey.*
- ◆ **Congratulations to Sophie Rose Stratman,** daughter of Brandon & Jessica Stratman who was baptized last Sunday.
- ◆ **A Big Thank You to our teacher's:** Megan Timm, Jennifer Lilla, Jessi Haney, MaryKay Plunger, Megan Christianson, Carol Krett, Greg Rademacher, Amy Greylak, Al Joyce, Tim & Tricia Gappa. **Thank you to their helper's:** Betsy Scherr, Stacey Giemza, Cherie Schwertel, Craig Boyer, Emily Lilla, Deb & Chris Schwertel, Kay Richtman, Taylor Haney & Barbara Bice. We appreciate all the time you have taken to teach our children about God, Jesus and our faith. You have done a wonderful job. A special thank you to Mike Dunn, our retiring CRE.
- ◆ PCCW meeting on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. After the meeting we will have a Silent Auction. Don't forget bring bake goods, flowers, bulbs and other interesting items.
- ◆ **We need a Sacristan for our church, this is a paid position. Please call the office if interested.**
- ◆ **Coordinator for Religious Education (CRE)** is needed. Call the office if interested. Please pray for this.
- ◆ **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!

- ◆ **A Big Thank You** to our teacher's: Reed Lally, Maggie Gengler, Jim Gilligan, Julie Kitchner, Cindy Aderson, Cindy Baer, Dennis Servais, Joseph Hellerude and subs: Kris Gengler, Jessica Medema and Jamie Stetzer. We appreciate all the time you have taken to teach our children about God, Jesus and our faith. You have done a wonderful job. A special thank you, to Maggie Gengler for being our CRE.
- ◆ The Finance Council needs your help in reaching our annual appeal for the diocese this year. We are short \$1,525. and any amount we have not raised will come out of regular church operating budget! We will be having a second collection the weekends of May 16-17 and 23-24. PLEASE help us reach our goal, we need our operating budget for all the expenses our church/rectory require!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, May 15th, 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 share the message of God, take heart & be bold.
- + Ask our Blessed Mother Mary to help you bring Christ into the world around you.

- ◆ **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 at 3:00 p.m.** Come join us.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, May 10th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: "STUNNED BY SCRIPTURE: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, Part 7" with Dr. John Bergsma & Dr. Mary Healy.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

	<u>Target:</u>	<u>Pledged:</u>	<u>Over</u>	<u>Under:</u>	<u>% Reached</u>
SBT:	\$24,255.00	\$25,310.00	\$1,055.00		104%
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