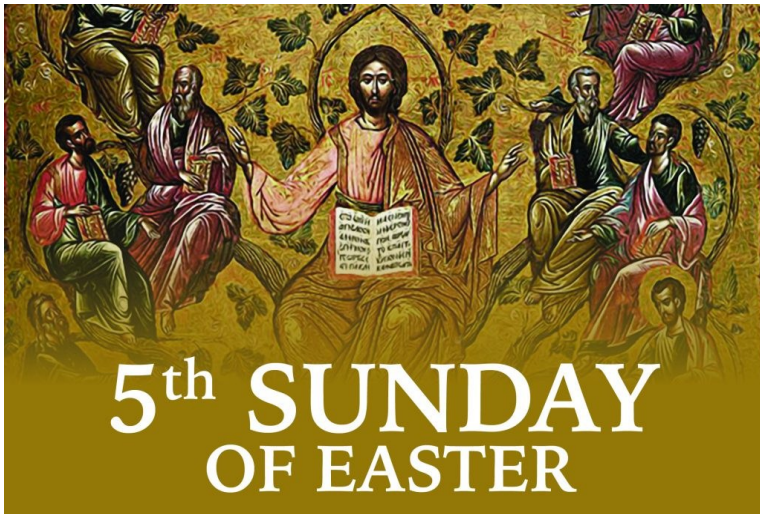




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ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Christ Our Way, Our Truth, Our Life

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the readings invite us to renew our faith in Christ and to live as a loving and serving community. The early Church shows us a beautiful example of unity, prayer, and care for one another. Even when challenges arose, they responded with faith and generosity.

In the first reading, we see that some widows were being neglected. The Apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, chose others to serve, ensuring that no one was forgotten. This reminds us that the Church must always care for both spiritual and human needs.

In the second reading, we are called “living stones,” built into a spiritual house with Christ as the cornerstone. Each of us has dignity and a mission, called to reflect God’s presence in our lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus comforts us: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” He reveals Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the path that leads us to the Father.

Jesus is the Truth in a world of confusion. As Saint Augustine reminds us, truth is not something we create, but Someone we encounter. Jesus is the Life, sharing His divine life with us through His Word and the Sacraments.

To follow Jesus, our Way, is to walk a path of love, humility, and service. It is not always easy, but it leads to true life.

Let us remember that a healthy Church is a growing Church, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we care for the poor, the lonely, and the vulnerable, we make Christ’s love visible in the world.

Let us trust in Him always and walk together in hope and joy.

God Bless You All!!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

	<u>SBT</u>	<u>SMG</u>
Envelopes	\$1,957.00	\$ 873.00
Plate	184.00	274.05
Elec Deposit	96.71	0.00
Youth Envelopes	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Offering	\$2,238.71	\$ 1,147.05

Counters: Charlene Joyce, Joy Critzman

**Intention
May 4 – May 10**

Monday: NO MASS

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

+ John Cory

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

+ Judy Schreier

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

Exposition and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

Ethel Ouellette (Happy Birthday)

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

+ Bea Stellpflug

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

+ Pastor’s Intention

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

+ Andrea Jessesky (5th Anniversary of Death)

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

+ Dana Backler

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, May 9

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Carmen Rolbiecki, Doreen Emerson

Lector: Theresa Haines

Comm. Min: Gail Stranc

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne, Doreen, Volunteer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, May 10

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Kris Krett, Bruce Brenengen

Lector: Joe Plunger

Servers: Austin Bork, Garrett Bork

Comm. Min: Joe, Al, Kay

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Sheryl Reedy, Bruce Reedy

Lector: Becky Harris

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Kris Gengler

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 teacher or former teacher.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **Donut Sunday** today after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Come to the church hall and join us for donuts and fellowship.
- ◆ **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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

SBT Income:	\$ 20,711.72	SMG Income:	\$ 14,679.29
Expenses:	\$ 20,286.44	Expenses:	\$ 13,122.84
Net Income:	\$ 425.28	Net Income	\$ 1,556.45

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!

- ◆ **Congratulation to our First Communicants:** *Lilah Grover, Easton Hammer, Rowan Medema, James Morehouse and Weston Lally*
- ◆ **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 8th, 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):

+ God chooses to partner with us in His work of transforming the world. The Father is right beside you, and together both of you build His kingdom.

+ Never forget that you carry God's presence within you. Wherever you go, you bring His life."

- ◆ **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 3rd, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"STUNNED BY SCRIPTURE: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, Part 6"** 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
- ◆ 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.

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%
SMG:	\$14,760.00	\$13,035.00		\$1,725.00	88%

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