

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES



## ST. BARTHOLOMEW

**JANUARY 1, 2017**  
**SOLEMNITY OF**  
**MARY, THE HOLY**  
**MOTHER OF GOD**

**Today's Readings:**

**1st Reading**

**Nm 6:22-27**

**2nd Reading**

**Gal 4:4-7**

**Gospel**

**Lk 2:16-21**



## ST. MARY

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Dear Friends,

We are in the New Year 2017. Let us thank the Lord for giving us breath of life in the New Year. As we are in the New Year, we take some resolutions. Many of you are well ahead in preparing your resolutions. I also want to share with you three ways to make the New Year meaningful. First, Have a dream: Life without a dream becomes a void. I think none of you forget the beautiful speech of Martin Luther King Junior, "I have a dream." Second, Have something to do. Life without a work becomes misery. So, do something always. Third, Have someone to love always. It is the best idea to remember someone each day. Love of neighbour leads to Love of God.

Today's Gospel tells us that the first people who came to adore the Baby Jesus were the shepherds. They were taking care of their flocks of sheep when an angel appeared to them and communicated to them the Good News concerning the birth of the Son of God. The angel told them that they should not be afraid. Through this Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, the Church tells us that we should not be afraid, that we should prepare ourselves for the beginning of the New Year by asking Our Lord and our Most Beloved Mother, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, to come to our aid.

We should ask her, not just today (although today is an especially important occasion for doing so), but always, to help us to live like people who have been renewed and are ready, with her aid, to identify ourselves more closely with the teachings of the Church and with the Commandments, so that we may follow Christ more closely. Today's Gospel also mentions that Jesus was given the name Yeshua – "The Lord saves." So, Jesus is born to save us all from the bondage of life.

Let us give ourselves to the Care of Mother Mary and the Child Jesus.

**I wish you all a Prosperous New Year 2017!**

With the blessings of the Infant Jesus,

Fr. Antony Joseph

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## **Mass Schedule and Intentions January 2 – January 8**

**Monday:** NO MASS

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

*Exposition and Confession before Mass*

+ Ann Schaller

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

+ Kathleen Jessesky

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

*Exposition and Confession before Mass*

+ Betty Olson

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

+ Claire Williams

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

+ Floyd Klein, Sr./Jr., Leif Erickson, Keith Kramer, Danette Hammer

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

Those who are Serving in the Armed Forces from Our Parishes

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

All the People of Our Parishes

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

+ Brookes & Dorothy Smith

### **Ministry Schedule For Sunday, January 8**

**ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.**

**Greeters:** Butch Vaughn, Volunteer

**Altar Server:** Gracie Grandt

**Lector:** Roger Betthauser

**Communion Ministers:** Theresa Haines, Sandy Salsman, Jessica Miller

**Ushers:** Butch Vaughn, Volunteer

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.**

**Greeters:** Judy Heinz, Roy & Monica Bentzen

**Altar Servers:** Genna O'Neill

**Lector:** Kirk Shimek

**Communion Ministers:** Judy Heinz, Greg Goltz, Anne Bagley

**Ushers:** John Giemza, Doug Woestman

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.**

**Greeters:** 6th Graders

**Altar Servers:** 6th Graders

**Lector:** 6th Graders

**Communion Ministers:** Cherie Schwertel, Doreen Backler, Suzanne Lane

**Ushers:** 6th Graders

**ST. MARY—10:30 a.m.**

**Greeters:** Steve Grover, Mike Dunn

**Altar Server:** Hailyn Grandt

**Lector:** Becky Harris

**Communion Ministers:** Ellen Karow, Joy Critzman, Tammy Grandt

**Ushers:** Steve Grover, Mike Dunn

**Counters For  
The Week**

**SBT  
Monica Bentzen**

**SMG  
Mary Ladwig**



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

- ◆ No Youth Mass in January for St. Mary's.
- ◆ Finance Committee meeting is Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.
- ◆ Our Prayer Chain has started here at St. Mary's. If you are interested to pray for those in need of prayers, contact Ellen Karow at (608) 582-2688 or email: [ekarow@hotmail.com](mailto:ekarow@hotmail.com). Prayer requests can be given to Ellen or call the parish office, 534-6652.
- ◆ Thank you to those who decorated our parish for Christmas. It looked beautiful.

## ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ Youth Mass is on Sunday, January 8 at 8:30 a.m. Please come with your children and participate in the Mass. Bring a non-perishable food item for the GET Food Pantry. Donuts in the hall after Mass.
- ◆ PCCW meeting on Tuesday, January 10 p.m. at 6:30 in the church hall.
- ◆ Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.
- ◆ Thank you to all who worked on getting our parish decorated for Christmas. It was a lot of work and you all did a wonderful job, both inside and outside. It was very bright and beautiful.

## COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ **COMING SOON: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!** An eight week study which will help you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Beginning Tuesday morning, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 to 12:00 noon at Saint Mary's. Registration fee \$10.00 to help pay for materials. Registrations due by Sunday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. To register, email [kent73j@yahoo.com](mailto:kent73j@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 608-582-4138.
- ◆ This year marks the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision (Roe v. Wade) legalizing abortion. The WI Right to Life chapter invites you to join with other prolife members in making a public statement of our belief in the sanctity of human life with a full-page ad which will appear in the Lacrosse Tribune on Sunday, January 22, 2017. Signature sheets can be found at the entrances of church. The ad will cost close to \$4,000, so if possible to help defray cost, it is asked that a \$2 donation per name or total \$5 per family be provided. Please print your names on the sheets provided for ease of reading.
- ◆ March for life: Chicago, January 15. Gather with others from around the Diocese and the Midwest for the March for Life: Chicago! - Sunday, January 12, 2-4 p.m.—Federal Plaza—50 W. Adams—Chicago, IL. Pro - Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses for transportation to/from Wausau, Plover, La Crosse and Sparta. For information and to register, visit [www.prolifewi.org](http://www.prolifewi.org) and click on "Chicago March." Anyone wishing to go contact the office, 534-6652.
- ◆ Looking to start the New Year right? Made a resolution to learn more about your faith this year? Formed.org is the place to start. If you're looking to learn more about the faith check out Symbolon on the programs tab. It has 20 sessions designed to lead the viewer through what we believe and why. Want to understand the Bible more? Check out the Bible studies available under the Lectio series. Want to start a small discipleship or faith sharing group? There are resources to get started with many different topics. All for free! Check it out and get your New Year off to a great and holy start. Login to Formed using our parish's code. [formed.org/register](http://formed.org/register) - Parish Code: MYVW6T.
- ◆ **Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 3-4, 2017. New Class for Deacon Formation Begins in Fall of 2017.** A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate will be held Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. For information and a registration form, visit [www.dioc.org/deacon-discernment](http://www.dioc.org/deacon-discernment). The Discernment Retreat is mandatory for those considering applying for the class beginning fall 2017.
- ◆ **New Class for Lay Formation Institute Begins in Fall of 2017. Renew your parish, energize leadership!** Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle of the Lay Formation Institute. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at [www.dioc.org/lay-formation](http://www.dioc.org/lay-formation). Questions-contact the office for Ministries and social Concerns at [cruff@dioc.org](mailto:cruff@dioc.org) or (608) 791-2664.
- ◆ Our Website: Alive in Christ/family: Username: GETCathCom Password: St.Neri!

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**JANUARY 4**



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