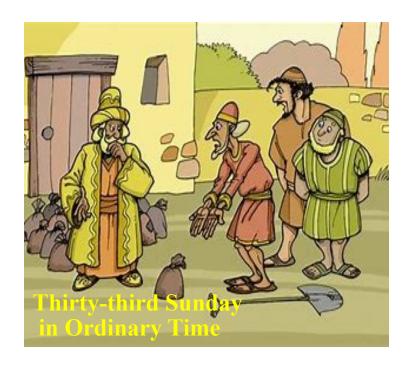




ST. BARTHOLOMEW, TREMPEALEAU

ST. MARY'S, GALESVILLE



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Faithfulness to Christ Our Head

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, from this Sunday readings, the church encourages us to remain faithful and dedicated to Christ our head. As good servants, we must be devoted to Him. Also, we must be ready to render a full account of our talents to Him.

In the first reading, the virtuous woman of Proverbs radiates as a bright star. The virtuous woman is good, faithful, and knows what to do to keep her family together. In addition, "she holds out her hand to the needy." Hence, this is call for us to emulate the qualities of the virtuous woman.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of the inevitable – The Lord's Day. He is simply encouraging us to be vigilant and active in our preparation for this day of the Lord. We are therefore to live like soldiers in active service and like the virtuous woman working to please her husband and children.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the talent to equally remind us that we must be ready to render a good account of our talents. God has endowed each one of us with different talents. Each, according to our various capacities. So, as faithful servants, he expects to render a good account of the "talents" we have received.

Jesus challenges us to be prudent and productive with our talents. We must not wait for this return in idleness. Rather, we must be active and industrious with the talents we have received. So, we must use our talents to the glory of God.

As trustworthy servants, we should avoid indifference, apathy, licentiousness, sloth, complacency towards our mission. These will not fetch us any reward from Christ. If we are faithful and productive with the talents we have received, Christ our head will also say to us: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May our Thanksgiving be full of peace, love, and joy. Let us bless the Lord for the incredible blessings we've received. Happy Thanksgiving to us and the memories we continue to make. God bless you all!

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Intentions November 20 - November 26

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

+ David Wallace Raymond

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

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Mike Moran

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

+ Ralph & Eunice Haines

Thanksgiving Day: 9:00 a.m. St. Mary

+ Marilou Hunter

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

+ Bill Schuth

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

+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

+ Mary Simerson

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

+ Louis Jessessky

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

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Nov. 25

ST. MARY- 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Kathy Kujak, Volunteer

Lectors: Becky Harris

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkil, Volunteer

Server: John Severson Lectors: Kirk Shimek

Communion Minister: Karen Shimek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY Nov. 26

ST. BARTHOLOMEW - 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: John Giemza, Carter Giemza Servers: Austin Bork, Garrett Bork

Lectors: Joe Plunger

Communion Minister: MaryKay Plunger

ST. MARY-10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Deb Babros, Tim Babros

Lectors: Cindy Anderson

Servers: Sarah Sagler, Steve Grover

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: To give thanks for the people around us and for all the things that God has given to us.

Personal Prayer Request: Your Mother (living or de-

ceased).

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!

- Welcome to James Thompson, who has joined our parish.
- St. Mary's PCCW Advent Project: We are collecting items for the Galesville Elementary School. Items can be placed in the boxes in the entry of church. Items needed are individually wrapped (non-peanut) snacks, child size mittens and hats. Monetary donations are also appreciated to pay for students who can not afford to pay filed trip fees. Make checks out to St. Mary's PCCW and placed in an envelope, these can be put into the collection basket.
- ◆ December 2nd is our joint Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale with St. Bartholomew's. We are asking each family to try to donate 4 dozen cookies? Candy. If you could bring them to St. Bartholomew's hall on Friday from 4:00-7:00 or 8:00-9:00 Saturday morning. Items can also be placed on the porch of St. Mary's rectory and we will get them transported to Trempealeau for you. Note: if you cannot bake, monetary donations will be accepted and PLEASE COME SHOP. Questiions: Becky at 608-484-0630
- <u>NEED GOD'S HELP?</u> Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 582-2688 or <u>ekarow@hotmail.com</u> or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEM FOR YOU.

- + OUR VISION: "Awaken the faithful, reach the lost, make church matter."
- + When are the faithful awake? When they center life on Jesus & His kingdom, not on themselves & worldly values.
- + It begins with a decision to follow Jesus, no matter what.
- + The 1st thing He did every morning was to think of His heavenly Father & pray to Him. Do likewise.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- Welcome these families who have joined our parish: Joe & Tricia Mack, children: Vincent, Rachel & Victor; Dale & Anne Sonsalla.
- Ecumenical Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, December 5th at the Methodist Church. Doors open at 5:30.
- Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale is on Saturday, December 2. We are doing this with St. Mary's during "Christmas in Trempealeau."
- Finance Committee meeting on Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ Trempealeau County Health Care Center for Christmas giving. New items only. These are some ideas: Sweatpants, T-shirts, pants Size L-3XL hair brushes, hats and gloves, throw blankets and Decks of Cards. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Leave your gifts unwrapped, so that they can best determine the appropriate recipient. They serve more than 250 residents, age eighteen years and older. There will be a box in the vestibule to put your donations in. We will be collecting these items until Sunday, November 26th.
- 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.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- Thanksgiving Day Mass is 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's.
- The Annual Report for both St. Bartholomew and St. Mary's is on a table in the vestibule of your church. Please pick one up if you would like.
- **Bible Study:** Saturday, December 2nd and 16th, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Parish hall.
- ◆ *LIVING WATER!* Sunday evening, November 19th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Teaching on "Vatican II Thoughts on the Current Controversy," with Dr. Ralph Martin.
- Congratulations to our 4 winners in the Football Sweepstakes (as of week 10 in the NFL season): Faye Hanson, Jenny Betthauser, Tom Longwell and Mike Dunn. Good luck on the rest of the season. Check your ticket online at www.fundcrazr.com, using your CRAZRSAVR discount code. Winners are sent a check to their address automatically.
- ♦ **GETogether Community Thanksgiving Dinner Free**. Catered traditional "Turkey & Fixins" sit-down dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 23 from 11 am 2 pm at the Trempealeau Town Hall/Centerville Curling Club as well as home-delivery. Call Marilyn Reedy, 608-797-6177 by 7 pm Nov. 22 for home delivery.
- Are you in need of prayer for healing in spirit, mind, or body? We are ready to pray with you for God's gift of healing. Monday, December 4, at Sacred Heart Church Cashton there will be Confessions and Adoration starting at 4:30 pm; Mass at 5:30 pm; and a healing service beginning immediately after with Confessions and Adoration continuing. Catch the article on this important ministry in the latest issue of Catholic Life.

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