

# ST. BERNADETTE

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# OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

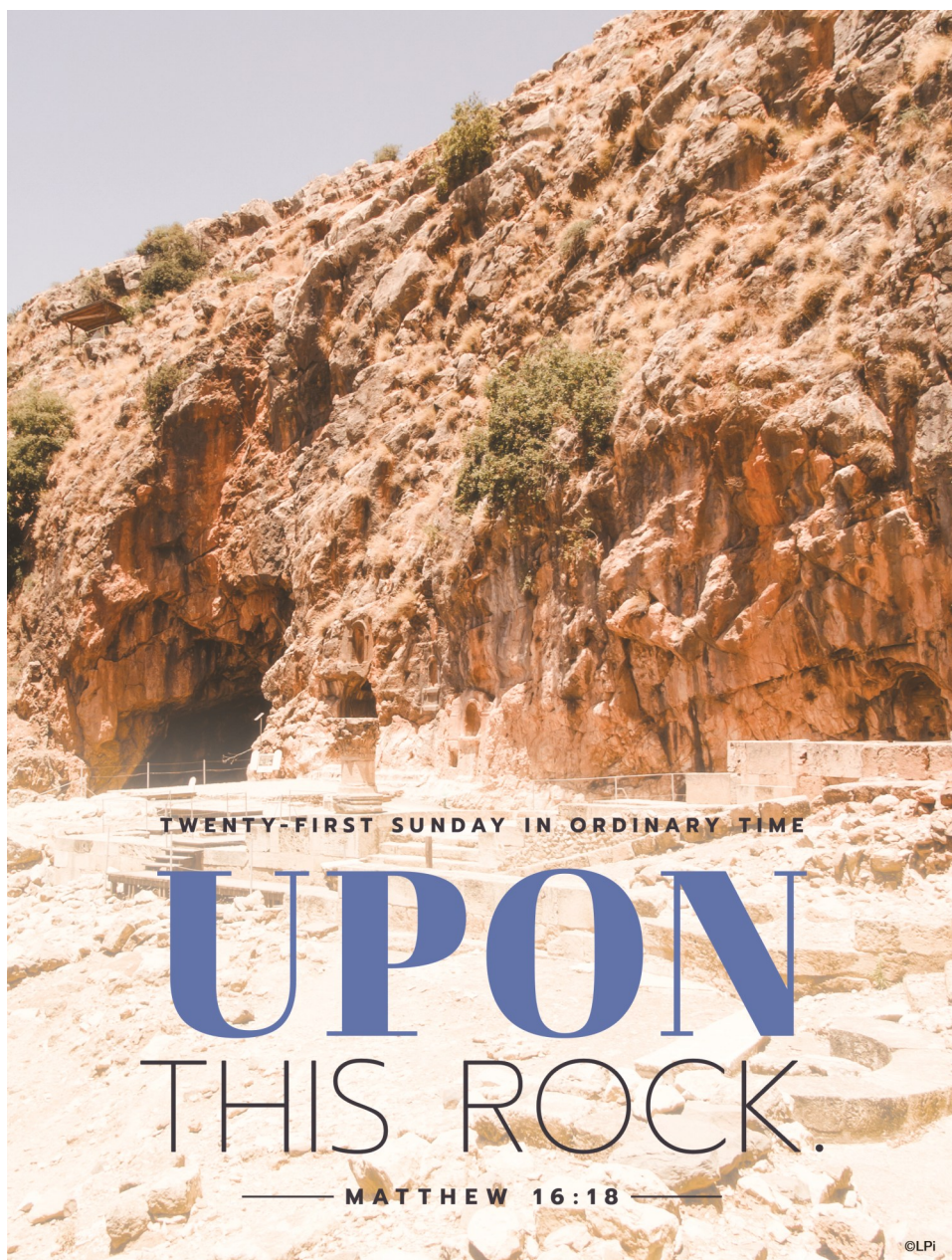
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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# UPON THIS ROCK.

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AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

You are invited to travel to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion on Saturday, September 26. The coach bus will depart from StB at 7:00AM. Please RSVP to the StB office, 414-358-4600, by Monday, September 14. The fee of \$35 per person covers the cost of the bus. Please make checks payable to St. Bernadette Parish.

## Issue with monthly letters

We have heard from several of our parishioners that they did not receive their monthly letter in August. We are working with the post office to determine what might have happened with the mailing that was delivered to the post office on July 30. In the meantime, if you want to make a contribution, please make sure to mark an envelope with your name, envelope number (if known), and the parish that you would like your contribution to be directed to. Copies of the letter and contribution envelopes are also available in the back of church/gathering area at each parish. We are sorry for this delay.

## Q&A on the new contribution system

We are offering a Q&A on Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30PM at StCA for anyone who is struggling with the new monthly letter contribution system. A staff representative will answer your questions about how to handle different giving situations while using the new tear-off portion of the letter. Please come with your questions ready.

### ~ We commend to God ~

Noreen Weber (OLGH), 08/04/26

May her soul and the souls of all of our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember Noreen and her family in your prayers.



*St. Bernadette:* Anonymous Special Intention, Mia Berger, Holly Biersack, Guy Gromala, Lois Hermann, Marge Hoffman, Irene Mumm, Lenard Mumm, Carol Valla, and Ann Washnesky

*St. Catherine of Alexandria:* Anonymous, Leslie Christofferson, Patrick Christofferson, Corinne Coffey, Sandra Coffey, Joanne Collins, Maureen Conaty, Winnifred Glasshof, Bruce Nead, Kathy Nead, Amanda Nunez, Liz Oke, Becky Parr, Barbara Schuetz, and Weston J. Welcenbach

*Our Lady of Good Hope:* Anonymous, Jane Kirst, Dennis Sobiech, Paul Sobiech, Bernadette Timm, and Eric Timm

## Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

August 23 ~ *Practicing Catholic Podcast:*

What It Means to Be a Disciple Today

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4070553?cid=1439538>

## FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

August 23 ~ *The Saints and Heroes Collection*

The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578429>

## Faith Formation

As we grow our faith formation program at all five parishes, we ask for your prayers and support. We are in need of volunteer catechists. Please prayerfully discern how you can help share the faith with our children and teens. If you have questions or would like to know how you can help, please contact Simon Biagui at [biaguis@nwmcp.org](mailto:biaguis@nwmcp.org) or 414-365-2020, ext. 304.

To help us plan our formation opportunities, please register your children and teens for classes. Forms are available at each parish.

### *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Would you like to experience the love of God in your life?

Are you an adult missing some of your sacraments? If your answer is yes, if you are unsure, or if you want to explore more, please contact Simon Biagui at [biaguis@nwmcp.org](mailto:biaguis@nwmcp.org) or 414-365-2020, ext. 304.

## Discontinuing Zooming of the Mass

The Pastoral Council has made the decision to discontinue Zooming the weekly Sunday Mass as of September 1. The decision was based on low attendance, equipment malfunction, internet issues, and the limited number of volunteers to do the Zooming.

We encourage those of you who cannot attend Mass to watch the *Heart of the Nation* broadcast on channels 18 and 24 on Sundays at 5:30AM, 9:00AM, or 11:00AM.

## Eucharistic Adoration

September 15, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

September 17, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

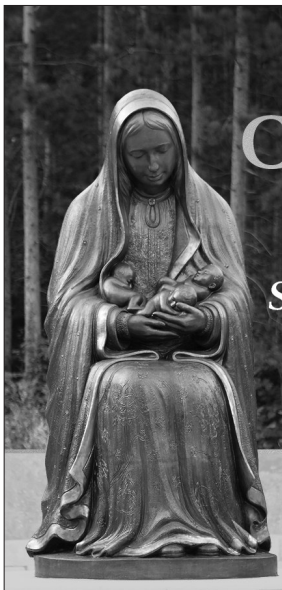
September 19, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

*Please note: Beginning in September, Adoration at StCA will take place at 10:50AM on the third Thursday of each month.*

## Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Pharisees test Jesus with a question about divorce, hoping to trap Him in a dispute over the Law of Moses. Jesus responds by pointing past legal technicalities to God's original design: from the beginning, man and woman were created to become "one flesh," united in a bond meant to reflect God's own faithfulness. He reminds His listeners that Moses permitted divorce only because of the hardness of human hearts, not because it was God's plan from the start. This teaching can feel challenging, especially for those who carry the pain of a broken marriage or a difficult family history. Yet at its heart, this passage isn't primarily about rules; it's about the beauty and permanence God intends for love. When the disciples react with surprise at such a high standard, Jesus goes further, speaking of those who choose to remain unmarried "for the sake of the kingdom," lifting up celibacy as its own generous gift. Whether married, single, or consecrated, each of us is invited to love with the same fidelity and self-giving that God has shown us. This week, we might ask: where in my own relationships am I called to greater faithfulness, patience, and grace?

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark



RESPECT LIFE  
**Church Hall Meeting**  
Saturday, September 19  
9 a.m. – noon  
Optional Mass at 8 a.m.

Holy Apostles Catholic Parish  
16000 W. National Avenue  
New Berlin, WI 53151

You're invited to an open forum to learn more about respect life initiatives in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Admission is free, but registration is required.



ADMISSION IS FREE,  
BUT REGISTRATION  
IS REQUIRED.



ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE  
Respect Life Ministry

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Mother of the Unborn statue. Shrine of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Used with permission

## Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| 08/08/26 | Sue Morgan             |
| 08/09/26 | Courly Ludwig          |
| 08/10/26 | Dan Kucharski          |
| 08/11/26 | Juliet & Tommy O'Keefe |
| 08/12/26 | Kathy Krieser          |
| 08/13/26 | Kathy Ludwig           |
| 08/14/26 | Mark Valla             |
| 08/15/26 | Simon Biagui           |
| 08/16/26 | Fr. Mark Payne         |
| 08/17/26 | Katie Pietsch          |

## Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

|          |                        |
|----------|------------------------|
| 08/08/26 | Sharon Mattano         |
| 08/09/26 | Peter Steffen          |
| 08/10/26 | John Reickert          |
| 08/11/26 | Michael Konshak        |
| 08/12/26 | Rick Korpela           |
| 08/13/26 | Elin Gilles            |
| 08/14/26 | Mia Núñez              |
| 08/15/26 | Nick Fersch            |
| 08/16/26 | Judy Schaumberg-Aigner |
| 08/17/26 | Deb Phillips           |

## Thank you for Sri Lanka flood relief support

Dear NWMCP parishioners,

This is an acknowledgement of your generous gifts totaling \$3,227.75, which have been designated for flood relief in Sri Lanka-Diocese of Mannar. Thank you for your commitment to supporting the global Church through your faithful generosity. We give thanks to God for your partnership in ministry, remembering the words of the Apostle Paul: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

Thank you for partnering with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to share Christ's love and support the work of the global Church. May God richly bless you for your generosity.

In Christ,  
Antoinette Mensah, Ph.D, Director

## Catholic trivia

**Question:** What is the name of the very first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held in 325AD?

**Answer:** The First Council of Nicaea

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*"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." ~ Pope Saint John XXIII*

## OLGH 2026 Outreach donations

### *International ministry*

- ♦ Honduras Outreach, \$1,000

### *Homelessness services*

- ♦ Street Angels, \$600
- ♦ MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, \$600
- ♦ Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative, \$900

### *Food security*

- ♦ Cathedral Center (Open Door Café), \$500

### *Domestic violence and safety*

- ♦ Sojourner, \$500
- ♦ St. Bakhita Catholic Worker House, \$700
- ♦ Milwaukee Women's Center, \$700

### *Cultural and LGBTQ+ support*

- ♦ The Hmong American Women's Association, \$600
- ♦ Courage MKE, \$900

### *Health and cancer support*

- ♦ Cynthia's Breast Cancer Giving Circle, \$500

### *Children and family services*

- ♦ Ladies of Charity-Milwaukee, \$500

### **How these organizations serve our communities**

#### *Meeting basic needs*

Our supported organizations address fundamental human needs by providing food through food pantries and meal programs; distributing essential items like clothing, hygiene products, water, and blankets; and offering safe shelter and housing assistance for the homeless and survivors of violence.

#### *Supporting vulnerable populations*

These ministries serve some of our community's most at-risk individuals, including homeless veterans, through

specialized programs; survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking with safe housing and advocacy; LGBTQ+ youth across Wisconsin with affirmation and resources; and Southeast Asian women and families affected by violence through culturally-specific support.

#### *Healthcare and healing*

Several organizations focus on health and recovery by supporting cancer patients and survivors with financial assistance and emotional support, providing medical supplies and medicine to impoverished families in Honduras, and offering comprehensive treatment for those affected by addiction and mental health issues.

#### *Community building and empowerment*

These groups strengthen our community by creating transformational solidarity communities for healing and recovery, connecting individuals to county services and long-term support systems, and building advocacy networks for social justice and systemic changes.

#### *Serving children and families*

Special attention is given to families through free clothing for over 1,100 Milwaukee children annually, supporting families affected by domestic violence with comprehensive services, and ensuring LGBTQ+ youth understand they are valued and celebrated.

Through these diverse ministries, OLGH Parish's \$8,000 in outreach extends from the streets of Milwaukee to the villages of Honduras, embodying Christ's call to serve "the least of these" in our local community and around the world.



### **Wedding Banns**



Debra Thao and Michael Nelson  
September 11, 2026

"Father, hear our prayers for these who will be united in marriage before Your altar. Give them Your blessing, and strengthen their love for each other. We, your people at Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes, ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!"



### **School supplies collection**

Our NWMCP Human Concerns Committee is sponsoring a school supplies collection for NWCS.

#### **Donation suggestions:**

paper towels  
#2 pencils  
facial tissue  
hand wipes

Containers are available in each church's lobby/gathering area. You may bring your donations to the StB or StCA Parish offices during usual business hours. It is best to call first to be sure someone is there to receive your donations.

The NWCS students and staff deeply appreciate your generosity.

## Schedule of Masses & Intentions

### Sunday, August 23, 2026: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM FA at StCA: †Debbie Hintz  
9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Br. Roman Jarosz  
10:30AM FA at StB: †Charles & Mary Zacharias family

### Monday, August 24, 2026: St. Bartholomew

No Mass

### Tuesday, August 25, 2026: St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

- 4:00PM MP at StB: †Pete Moncher

### Wednesday, August 26, 2026

- 8:15AM MP at OLGH

### Thursday, August 27, 2026: St. Monica

- 12:00PM RM at StCA: †Thomas H. Hoppa

### Friday, August 28, 2026: St. Augustine

No Mass

### Saturday, August 29, 2026: The Passion of St John the Baptist

- 3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH  
4:00PM FA at OLGH

### Sunday, August 30, 2026: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM FA at StCA  
10:30AM MP & FA at StB: †Annie Marken

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| MP = Fr. Mark Payne                                           | FA = Fr. Francis Assisi |
| AJ = Fr. Alan Jurkus                                          | RM = Fr. Roman Mueller  |
| FATP = For all the parishioners of StB, BIS, StCA, StMM, OLGH |                         |

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## This Week at Our Parishes

### Sunday, August 23, 2026

- Bible study: Gospel of Matthew, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Anointing of the sick, after Masses at StB and StCA
- New member registration, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

### Monday, August 24, 2026

- August 31st bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM

### Tuesday, August 25, 2026

- Human Concerns Cmte mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB
- Merger Cmte mtg, 5:00PM at StB-LMR

### Thursday, August 27, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

### Friday, August 28, 2026

- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA

### Sunday, August 30, 2026

- Bible study: Gospel of Matthew, after Mass at StCA-GR
- StCA StVdP home visit team mtg, 9:30AM at StCA-food pantry
- Parish name reveal and potluck, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

## Readings for the Week of August 23, 2026

- Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
- Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mk 6:17-29
- Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-2



## Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,

Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen. ©LPi