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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



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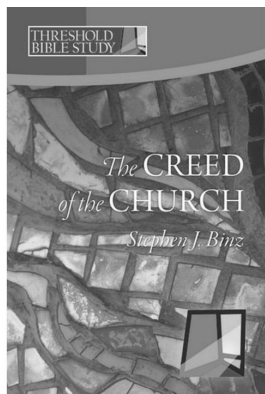
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Examining the Creed

Each statement in the Creed is firmly grounded in Scripture and tradition. This study aims to explore these foundational truths more deeply, helping us understand what we affirm every time we recite it. When we proclaim the Creed with greater clarity and conviction, we enter into a more profound communion with God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and with the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



Join us on Tuesdays from February 17 through March 24, 9:30 to 10:30AM at StCA-GR. To register, contact Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org. A limited number of books will be available thanks to a generous donation. They are also available at <https://twentythirdpublications.com>.

Experiencing the Love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Join us for this presentation by Fr. Francis Assisi on Saturday, February 14, 9:30AM at BIS. For more information, please contact Simon Biagui or Marilyn Ratke in the BIS Parish office, 414-464-5033.

Forgiven: a Lenten series

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent to learn how to more deeply grow your faith through forgiveness. This series will run from February 25 through March 25, 9:15 to 10:00AM, at OLGH in the church.

To register, call or email Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.



St. Bernadette: Ella Enger, Joseph Marecki, and all those on the long-term prayer list in the Book of Assembly Prayer and posted in the gathering area

St. Catherine of Alexandria: All those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Our Lady of Good Hope: Jane Kirst, Marie Lore, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Gospel reflection ~ Matthew 5:1-12a

Today's Gospel presents us with the Beatitudes, Jesus's blueprint for genuine happiness and Kingdom living. How countercultural these teachings must have sounded to the crowds gathered on that mountainside—and how countercultural they remain today. Christ calls blessed not the powerful, the wealthy, or the self-assured, but the poor in spirit, the meek, and those who hunger for righteousness. In a world that prizes strength and success, Jesus reveals that true blessedness comes through humility, mercy, and purity of heart. The Beatitudes challenge us to examine our own lives: Do we seek God's kingdom above earthly comfort? Are we willing to be peacemakers in our families and communities, even when it costs us? As we reflect on these eight pathways to holiness, let us ask the Lord for the grace to embrace His paradoxical wisdom—to find our deepest joy not in what we accumulate or achieve, but in becoming poor enough to receive everything from His loving hands. May we have the courage this week to live at least one of these Beatitudes more intentionally, trusting that Jesus's promise of blessing is true. ~ *Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne*

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

February 1 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: Can Social Media Bring People to Christ? with John Donahue, <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3843179?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

February 1 ~ Littlest Saints: Parable of the Talents, <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3863321?cid=801623>

~ We commend to God ~

JoAnn Nigro (StB), 11/24/2025

Barbara Duckert (StCA), 01/16/2026

Adolph Rothe (StCA), 01/20/2026

May their souls and the souls of all of our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration

February 5, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

February 17, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

February 21, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

A Warm Welcome ... to the following new member who recently registered at StCA Parish:

☺ **Ms. Stacey Ozongwu**



We extend an invitation to all who regularly worship with us to become registered members of any of our parishes at a New Member Registration event after Mass. Alternatively, you are welcome to register at the parish office where you are joining.

Return old palms

As part of our liturgical celebration on Palm Sunday, the priest blesses the palms used to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The congregation took these palms home and displayed them as a remembrance throughout the year. Because these palms have been blessed, they should be disposed of properly. Our parishes are collecting prior years' palms to be burned in the fire at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please place your palms in the receptacles at the back of any of our churches.

Naming Committee volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to be on the Naming Committee, which will be implementing the process of gathering and reviewing name submissions over the next three months. If you are interested in joining this committee, please submit your name and contact information to any parish office by February 3rd so the first meeting can take place by February 7th.

For those interested in submitting a name for our parish, information about the guidelines and submission forms will be available in about two weeks. Any name suggestion will need to include a reason why your suggested name will suit the new parish.



4:30-7:00PM in the StB cafeteria

February 20
March 6

March 20
April 3

April 17
May 15

Catholic trivia

Question: Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after He was born?

Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel

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Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

01/20/26	Leona Schueller
01/21/26	Danielle Taylor
01/22/26	Moualee Thao
01/23/26	Kathy Krieser
01/24/26	Kevin J. Stroik
01/25/26	Mae Gray
01/26/26	Diane Smith

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

01/20/26	Laurie Kotecki
01/21/26	Darcy Eckland
01/22/26	Ginny Jacoby
01/23/26	Herb Phelps
01/24/26	Sally Bissen
01/25/26	Judy Schaumberg-Aigner
01/26/26	Anne Lutz

Strength Training for Seniors

Professional trainer Tyler Schuette, of Milwaukee Personal Training, will be leading another round of strength training classes for seniors on Tuesdays at 2:00PM beginning on Tuesday, February 3 at StCA-Granville room. All levels of skill, strength, and mobility are encouraged to join the class. We look forward to having new and returning participants join us.

It is always wise to consult with your healthcare provider before beginning an exercise program. All physical abilities are welcome. There is no charge and you do not need special equipment. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and join us for exercise, companionship, and fun. Please RSVP to riedijks@nwmcp.org or 414-365-2020.

Ash Wednesday Mass schedule



February 18
8:15AM at StMM and OLGH
6:00PM at BIS
6:30PM at StB

Bless Us, Lord

Jesus, You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek You. May Your blessing accompany us on our way. Amen.

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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

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our pantry is grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. *For February, we are asking for donations of boxed cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. We also need sturdy plastic bags, brown paper bags, and clean egg cartons.* Please bring items and leave them in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to feed more needy families in our neighborhood.



Thank you to StB Parish from Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

Dear St. Bernadette Congregation,
Thank you so very much for your recent donation. Your generosity will help us provide services for veterans who need support but cannot find it elsewhere.

While we do many services one-on-one, we also host events that benefit veterans and their families. For example, in June we had a Bikes for Stripes Resource Fair where almost 200 veterans attended. We distributed 163 refurbished bikes and bike locks to veterans, spouses, and their children. We also held our first Drive-Through Food Drive, where we collected 1900Lbs of food to restock our Emergency Food Pantry.

We had our Back-to-School Fair in August, a Wellness Event for Women Veterans in October, as well as our Holiday Giveaway event in December.

Lastly, we started a new Facebook page. If you are not yet a follower or if you are still following our old page, please check out Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative - SEW and like, follow, and share our page. It's where you will be kept up to date on the many events, successes, and exciting opportunities MHVI has.

Since our founding in 2008, MHVI has run solely on donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and the community. This year is no exception. We sincerely appreciate all you have done to help move MHVI forward and become a safe and trusted space for veterans in need.

Sincerely,
Debbie Buchanan, Executive Director

Gluten-free hosts available

Gluten-free hosts are available at all Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes. To request one, please see an usher or talk to the priest when you arrive before Mass.

Bag lunch ministry update

Since October 2020, our parish communities have prepared around 100 bag lunches each month for the MacCannon Brown Homeless Sanctuary. Thanks to your generosity, we have provided 6,061 lunches to date—a remarkable achievement made possible by your ongoing support. Your outreach contributions allow us to purchase all the essentials that go into each lunch: bread, lettuce, meat, peanut butter and jelly, mustard, fresh fruit, cookies, chips, bottled water, sandwich bags, and brown lunch bags.

Each month, volunteers from all three parishes gather on the second Tuesday at 9:00AM at StB to prepare, assemble, and deliver the lunches. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity. For many of our brothers and sisters experiencing hardship, this may be the only meal they receive that day.

As we begin a new year, we invite you to continue supporting this ministry. Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer at our monthly gathering to prepare lunches
- Donate needed items:
 - ⇒ Sandwich-size flip-top baggies
 - ⇒ Snack-size zipper baggies
 - ⇒ Peanut butter (please avoid chunky or varieties with oil separation)
 - ⇒ Jam or jelly
 - ⇒ Spicy mustard

Please clearly label all donations "Bag Lunches" and leave them in any of the church lobbies.

The MacCannon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, located at 2461 West Center Street in Milwaukee's 53206 zip code, serves as a daytime sanctuary and multi-resource center for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We encourage you to visit their website, www.mbsanctuary.org, to learn more about the incredible work they do. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Nugent at 414-526-5510 or Peg Harloff at 414-588-0454.

Life-size statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe comes to Milwaukee

Witness history as the "Madre Peregrina" (Pilgrim Mother) statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe passes through Milwaukee on its international tour, looking toward the 500th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The presentation and veneration of the statue will take place at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 South 6th Street, from February 20-25.

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, February 1, 2026: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM FA at StCA: †John & Virginia Weiss

10:30AM FA at StB: FATP

Monday, February 2, 2026: The Presentation of the Lord

No Mass

Tuesday, February 3, 2026: St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

4:00PM RM at StB: †Jane Bongard

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8:15AM FA at OLGH: †Janet Moranski

Thursday, February 5, 2026: St. Agatha

12:00PM RM at StCA

Friday, February 6, 2026: St. Paul Miki & companions

No Mass

Saturday, February 7, 2026

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM RM at OLGH: †Helen Reichert & Peter Loehr

Sunday, February 8, 2026: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM RM at StCA

10:30AM RM at StB: †Brandon Becker

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, February 1, 2026

- Fr. Mark out of the office through February 13
- Blessing of throats, after Masses at StCA & StB
- StCA StVdP home visit team mtg, 9:30AM at StCA-pantry
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, February 2, 2026

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- February 8th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- Prayer & Worship Cmte mtg, 6:30PM at OLGH-room 2

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- Strength Training for Seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry
- Intermediate tai chi, 9:15AM at OLGH-NH
- Seated tai chi, 10:15AM at OLGH-room 2

Thursday, February 5, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM
- Adoration, 10:50AM at StCA

Saturday, February 7, 2026

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-6/
Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-11ab, 11d-12/
Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-1

