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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MUST BE
PREPARED.

— MATTHEW 24:44 —



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Bulletin Deadline Changes

Weekend	Deadline, 10:00AM
December 6-7	was November 20
December 13-14	December 1
December 20-21	December 4
December 27-28	December 10
January 3-4	December 15

Parish calendar scheduling

Parish organizations, groups, and committees: Our three parishes are blessed with many gatherings and ministries. To keep our shared calendar accurate and to ensure harmony in the use of parish facilities, we ask that all meetings and events be scheduled through the parish offices. Since the offices work together to maintain one calendar, please send your 2026 dates and times to your parish office promptly, along with the contact person for any scheduling concerns. This way, we can keep our parish life running smoothly.

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

November 30 ~ Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Week One: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2414300?cid=770630>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

November 30 ~ The Saints and Heroes Collection

Francis: The Knight of Assisi - <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578431?cid=115862>

Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord. Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent. Inspire us with new visions. Be with us as we climb closer to You. Amen.

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St. Bernadette: 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

Important announcement: parish merger and transition plan

We are pleased to announce that St. Bernadette, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and Our Lady of Good Hope will unite as a corporate sole effective July 1, 2026. This merger represents an important step forward in our shared mission to serve God and our community.

As we navigate this transition together, we want to share why we will continue to celebrate Mass and hold liturgical services at all three church sites. Until the properties of Our Lady of Good Hope and St. Catherine of Alexandria transition to new ownership, maintaining an active presence in these sacred spaces serves several important purposes. It helps us preserve and protect these beloved buildings that have been houses of worship for generations, ensures a gradual and prayerful transition for all parishioners, and allows us to remain good stewards of these properties while supporting our unified parish community.

Therefore, after July 1, 2026, we will maintain the same Mass schedule that we currently observe across all three locations. This means you will continue to attend Mass at your current parish church as you do now. All liturgical events, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other sacramental celebrations, will continue at their respective locations during this transition period.

As the properties of Our Lady of Good Hope and St. Catherine of Alexandria are sold, those faith communities will gradually transition to worship together at our St. Bernadette location, where we will unite as one parish family in a shared sacred space.

We ask for your patience, prayers, and continued support as we journey together as one faith community while honoring the sacred spaces that have nurtured our faith.

Submit Christmas Memorials

A Christmas Memorial is a gift for the parish in memory of a loved one. Donations for Christmas Memorials, in whatever amount you choose, may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office anytime before December 15. Please include the legible names of your departed loved ones to be held in memory and your name to receive credit for the donation. Identify it as Christmas Memorial. Your loved ones' names will be remembered on display in the back of church at OLGH and StCA or in the gathering area at StB, and they will be mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful at the Christmas Masses.



Our calendar raffles are back for 2026!

We're thrilled to announce that even though we expect to be a merged corporation as of July 1, St. Bernadette and St. Catherine of Alexandria are still able to hold calendar raffles for the full year of 2026.

Let's kick off the season with joy and generosity:

- Calendars are \$25 each.
- Daily prizes range from \$25 to \$100.
- Winning tickets go back in the hopper—you can win more than once!
- They make perfect Christmas gifts—easy for you, meaningful for them.

Calendars will be available in the back of each church after Masses, at events such as StB fish fry and bingo, and in any parish office. Please consider purchasing calendars for yourself, your friends, and your loved ones this holiday season. Your support helps our parishes and spreads cheer all year long.

We must sell enough tickets by December 31 or the raffles cannot be held. Let's make this year's raffles a joyful success!

A Warm Welcome ... to the following new members who recently registered at StB Parish:

- ☺ Adonis Anura & Alejandra Hernandez
- ☺ Justin & Lilly Copeland
- ☺ Leepo Her & My Vang, and children
Theodore, Katheryn, Eric, Izabella, & Chance
- ☺ Kaylie Podvin



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.

Eucharistic Adoration

December 4, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

December 16, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

December 20, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH



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

December 19	February 20	March 20	April 17
January 16	March 6	April 3	May 15

Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

11/15/25	Dolores Bruskiewicz
11/16/25	Josh McKenzie
11/17/25	Bert Eichler
11/18/25	Sharon Suettinger
11/19/25	Stacy Yauger

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

11/15/25	Jon Phelps
11/16/25	Nicole Hartley
11/17/25	Connie Serbiak
11/18/25	Dawn Miller
11/19/25	Carissa Braun

Due to early bulletin publication deadlines, a full week of winners is not shown. Winners for the remainder of the week will be listed in upcoming bulletins.

~ We commend to God ~

Sue Niemi (StCA), 11/11/25

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

On our journey to become one parish, pastoral care is available

Rev. Mark, Pastor: 414-358-4600, ext. 143

Rev. Francis, Associate Pastor: 414-461-6073

Br. Joe Pense, SDS, Pastoral Associate: 414-461-6073

Mary Dahl, Pastoral Minister: 414-365-2020, ext. 301

Together, this team stands ready to nurture our faith and to bring peace into our lives and the lives of those around us. If you or someone you know needs pastoral support, contact your parish office to connect with someone on our pastoral team.

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.*

Catholic trivia

Question: What dog breed is named after a saint?

Answer: St. Bernard ©LPi

"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

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Please join us for a book read of *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, at OLGH in room 2, Tuesdays, December 2 through 30, 9:00 to 10:00AM with Br. Joe Pense and Simon Biagui. The book *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* will be provided.



Gospel reflection: First Sunday of Advent

In this Gospel, Jesus calls us to wake from our spiritual slumber and recognize that His coming will arrive unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. The comparison to Noah's time reminds us that ordinary life—eating, drinking, marrying—continued right up until the flood swept everyone away, catching them unprepared for God's decisive action. We too can become so absorbed in our daily routines that we lose sight of what truly matters, drifting through life on autopilot. Advent challenges us to live with alert hearts, always ready to welcome the Lord whether He comes at the end of time or in the present moment through grace, through others, or through unexpected circumstances. This doesn't mean living in fearful anxiety, but rather in joyful expectation, keeping our priorities straight and our souls attentive to God's presence. The call to watchfulness is really an invitation to live intentionally—to make each day count, to love more deeply, and to remain faithful even when Christ's coming seems delayed. As we begin this season of preparation, we are reminded that the spiritual life requires vigilance, for we know neither the day nor the hour. Let us ask God for the grace to stay awake, to remain ready, and to greet Christ with joy whenever and however He chooses to come to us.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Donate used jewelry

Turn your unwanted jewelry into a blessing. St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care accepts donations of used and vintage pieces, which are cleaned and repaired or reimagined, then sold to benefit their programs. Proceeds fund the necessary health and wellness services for clients of all ages and abilities. Jewelry donations may be dropped off at any parish office.

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Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, November 30, 2025: 1st Sunday of Advent
8:30AM FA at StCA: †Anton & Bernadette Bennett,
Maria Perera, & Prahanthika
10:30AM FA at StB: †Todd Wargula
Monday, December 1, 2025
No Mass
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
4:00PM RM at StB: †Francois Riedijk
Wednesday, December 3, 2025: St. Francis Xavier
8:15AM MP at OLGH: †Janet Moranski
Thursday, December 4, 2025: St. John Damascene
12:00PM MP at StCA: †Annie Markin
Friday, December 5, 2025
No Mass
Saturday, December 6, 2025: St. Nicholas
2:00PM Communal reconciliation at OLGH
4:00PM MP at OLGH: †Ed & Carol Wienser
Sunday, December 7, 2025: 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30AM MP at StCA: FATP
10:30AM MP at StB: †Fred & Shirley Berger

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

Monday, December 1, 2025
- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- December 14th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR
- Prayer & Worship Cmte mtg, 6:30PM at StB-LMR
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
- *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book read/discussion, 9:00AM at OLGH-room 2
- Strength Training for Seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
- 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
- *33 Days to Morning Glory* book read/discussion, 6:30PM at StB-LMR
Thursday, December 4, 2025
- December 21st bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Parish staff mtg, 10:00AM at StCA-GR
- Adoration, 10:50AM at StCA
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM
Saturday, December 6, 2025
- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA
- Communal reconciliation, 2:00PM at OLGH
Sunday, December 7, 2025
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12

