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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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AUGUST 17, 2025 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bulletin Deadline Change

Weekend	Deadline
September 6-7	August 26, 10:00AM

Register for Christian Formation

Jesus stated, "Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)
We bring our children to Christ through the sacraments and formation. Registration for Christian Formation classes for children is open. Registration forms are available on the evangelization tables at each parish.

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

☺ Pierre & Franceska Gilet, and daughter Halia



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.

Lectio Divina

Anyone who is interested in contributing to our Advent Reflections booklet is strongly encouraged to come to our Lectio Divina refresher class on Tuesday, August 19, at 6:30PM, at St. Catherine of Alexandria-Granville room. Call or e-mail Simon Biagui to register: 414-365-2020, ext. 304, biaguis@nwmcp.org.



St. Bernadette: Anita Apazeller, Anonymous Special Intention, Mia Berger, Holly Biersack, Mildred Gest, Guy Gromala, Lois Hermann, Marge Hoffman, Irene Mumm, Lenard Mumm, Carol Valla, Ann Washnesky, 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: Leslie Christofferson, Patrick Christofferson, Sandra Coffey, Winnifred Glasshof, Bruce Nead, Kathy Nead, Sue Niemi, Amanda Nunez, Liz Oke, Barbara Schuetz, Kay Thompson, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Our Lady of Good Hope: Barbara Franecki, Patricia Kilian, Jane Kirst, Marie Lore, Helen Sanem, Bernadette Timm, Eric Timm, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

August 17 ~ The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church with Bshp. Andrew Cozzens

Chapter 3: The Eucharist as Sacrifice: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2579927?cid=837728>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

August 17 ~ Spending Time with Jesus

<https://app.formed.org/app/audios/1980223?cid=1125547>

Christian Formation needs catechists

Our faith formation is in need of catechists. Please call or e-mail Simon Biagui if you are interested: 414-365-2020, ext. 304, biaguis@nwmcp.org.

New member registration will

be held after Masses at OLGH and StB next weekend. We will be pleased to have you join our parish family!



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Donations needed for our StVdP conferences

Both of our StVdP conferences are helping more people who are requesting assistance with obtaining items such as appliances, furniture, and household goods. The need for help with groceries has also increased. Due to rising costs of goods and this greater demand for help, the funds of our conferences have been drastically depleted. Any donations would be immensely appreciated. Cash or checks can be put in envelopes marked for either conference and dropped in any collection or mailed to any parish office. Of course, we continue to need donations of nonperishable food items, which can be left in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to help more needy families in our neighborhood.

Both conferences also need additional home visit volunteers. If you are interested in helping, you can contact Phil Laporte (StB/OLGH) at 414-940-6757 or Rick Korpela (StCA) at 414-617-7554.



Eucharistic Adoration

August 19, 2:50-3:50PM at StB
September 4, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
September 16, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

The Gospel of Luke

A Bible Story Course

Fr. Nicholas King

Sundays after the 8:30AM Mass

at St. Catherine of Alexandria-room TBA

August 17 through November 2,

led by parishioners

Dennis Callies and Bertrand Simpson.

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Blood pressure screening

Blood pressure screening will take place after Masses at StB and OLGH next weekend. All are welcome to get your blood pressure checked by members of our Health Ministry team.

A Reflection on Luke 12:49-53

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks with startling honesty about the radical nature of His mission, declaring that He came to cast fire upon the earth and expressing His eagerness for this transformative work to be accomplished. This "fire" represents the purifying and refining power of God's truth, which burns away falsehood and ignites hearts with divine love, even as it challenges our comfortable assumptions about faith and discipleship. Christ's mention of His upcoming baptism refers to His passion and death, revealing His deep awareness of the cost of redemption and His willing embrace of suffering for our salvation. The Lord's words about division within families remind us that following Him authentically sometimes requires difficult choices that may separate us from those we love most, as His truth cuts through human bonds that resist God's will. This passage challenges our modern desire for faith to be merely comforting, showing us instead that genuine Christianity demands courageous commitment that may disrupt our earthly relationships and securities. Jesus does not promise us an easy path, but rather calls us to choose Him even when that choice creates tension, knowing that temporary division may lead to eternal unity in God's kingdom. The fire He brings is ultimately one of love, purifying our hearts and drawing us closer to the Father, even as it burns away everything that separates us from true holiness. As we reflect on these challenging words, we are invited to examine our own willingness to let Christ's transforming fire work in our lives, trusting that His way, though difficult, leads to authentic peace and joy.

~Fr. Mark Payne

Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

07/24/25	Xiong Thao
07/25/25	Debbie Maertz
07/26/25	Esther Gromala
07/27/25	Hannah Turchi
07/28/25	Jason Fry
07/29/25	Shannon Govern
07/30/25	Anna & Vlad Goeberman
07/31/25	Samantha Wargula
08/01/25	Francesca Webb
08/02/25	Rev. Mike Barrett
08/03/25	Alice Manthey
08/04/25	Kenny Meyer, Jr.
08/05/25	Vincent Zirbes
08/06/25	Houa Vang
08/07/25	Janice Zell
08/08/25	Jodi Schmidt
08/09/25	Kathy Dallen
08/10/25	Darrell Zietlow
08/11/25	Deb & Mike Schlagheck

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

07/24/25	Randy Madritsch
07/25/25	Carl Carby
07/26/25	Rose Schmutzler
07/27/25	Vitoria Schaefer
07/28/25	Julie Bergeron
07/29/25	Samantha Weber
07/30/25	Winnifred Glasshof (for Gwen)
07/31/25	Judith Lacznia
08/01/25	Nicole Hartley
08/02/25	Bob & Ruth Krol
08/03/25	Amelia Buckley
08/04/25	Guenther Behre
08/05/25	Karen Braun
08/06/25	Rita Suchon
08/07/25	Winnifred Glasshof (for Tabatha)
08/08/25	Gladys Hintz
08/09/25	William Bergeron
08/10/25	Sally Bissen
08/11/25	Chris Williams

~ We commend to God ~

Frederick Berger (StB), 07/31/25

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

"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

Reading tutors needed at NWCS

The Northwest Catholic School Happy Readers Program is seeking caring adults to serve as volunteer reading tutors for the coming school year. No experience is necessary. If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a way to make a lasting difference in a child's life, this could be the perfect volunteer opportunity. Each tutor gives two hours a week and works one-on-one with the same students throughout the school year so meaningful relationships can develop. Training, materials, and staff give tutors the support they need to succeed. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Driscoll at mbdathome@gmail.com. If you would like to learn more, or to register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SetonHappyReadersFall25>.

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,
In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.
Amen.

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Honduras Presentation

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:30PM

St. Bernadette Parish
8200 West Denver Avenue
Milwaukee, WI

Make plans to join us in the church to learn about the Honduras Mission. Videos, pictures, and stories will be shared. Hear and see how it started, who is involved, and how you can make a difference.



REPORTING ABUSE OF A MINOR

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the sexual abuse of a minor.

If you or someone you know is being abused, or you suspect abuse is occurring, contact your local law enforcement department immediately.

After contacting law enforcement, a formal complaint of abuse by someone representing the Church can be made by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 414-758-2232.

**THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE
COORDINATOR IS AVAILABLE
TO SUPPORT ABUSE SURVIVORS.**

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, August 17, 2025: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM MP at StCA: †Robert Borchardt

10:30AM MP at StB: †Zita Nugent

Monday, August 18, 2025

No Mass

Tuesday, August 19, 2025: St. John Eudes

4:00PM RM at StB: For a special intention

Wednesday, August 20, 2025: St. Bernard

No Mass

Thursday, August 21, 2025: St. Pius X

12:00PM MP at StCA: †Carol Hasenyager

Friday, August 22, 2025: Queenship of Mary

No Mass

Saturday, August 23, 2025: St. Rose of Lima

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM MP at OLGH: Mary Ellen & †Danny Keating

Sunday, August 24, 2025: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM RM at StCA: For all the parishioners

9:00AM MP at StB (Hmong): †Jim Hoida

10:30AM MP at StB: †Todd Wargula

MP = Fr. Mark Payne

FA = Fr. Francis Assisi

AJ = Fr. Alan Jurkus

RM = Fr. Roman Mueller

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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- StB Holiday Fair Cmte mtg, 9:00AM at StB-cafeteria
- New member registration & donut Sunday, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Bible study, after Mass at StCA-parish office
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, August 18, 2025

- August 24th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP meeting, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- OCIA, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

- Preparing bag lunches for the homeless, 9:00AM at StB-LMR
- Senior strength training (for pre-registered participants only), 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Adoration & rosary, 2:50PM at StB
- Lectio Divina refresher class, 6:30PM at StCA-GR

Thursday, August 21, 2025

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM
- Evangelization Committee mtg, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Friday, August 22, 2025

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

- New member registration, after Mass at OLGH
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at OLGH

Sunday, August 24, 2025

- Bible study, after Mass at StCA-GR
- New member registration, after Masses at StB-cafeteria
- Blood pressure screening, after 10:30 Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/
Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30

