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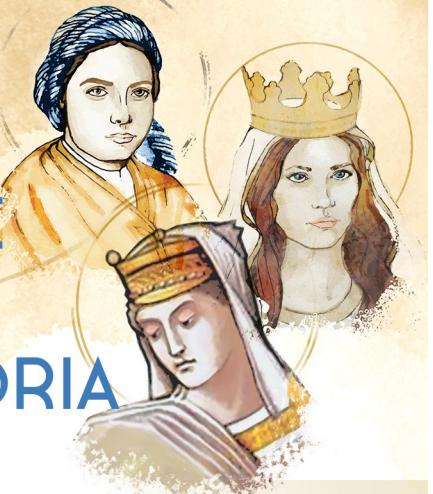
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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO YOU.

MATTHEW 5:34



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FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Suggest a name for our new parish

As we prepare for the merging of our three parishes in July, we're grateful for the ways our community is coming together during this time of transition. One special step in this journey is choosing a name for our new parish—and we'd love your ideas! Your suggestion can help shape our shared future. Please send in your idea by filling out a New Parish Name Submission Form that is available in the back of any church or electronically in the Friday Footnotes and return it to any parish office. **Suggestions must be received by March 1. Late suggestions will not be considered.** Thank you for being such an important part of this journey together!



Ash Wednesday Mass schedule

February 18

8:15AM at StMM and OLGH

6:00PM at BIS

6:30PM at StB

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

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

Examining the Creed book study

Join us for Examining the Creed 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, *The Creed of the Church* will be available thanks to a generous donation. They are also available at <https://twentythirdpublications.com>.

StB new member registration will be held after Masses *next* weekend. There will be a table in the cafeteria where you can sign up. We will be pleased to have you join our parish family!



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: Joanne Collins, and 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

Donate toward the Easter candle

Every year, each of our parishes orders an Easter candle which receives a ceremonial blessing at the Easter Vigil. The Easter candle continues to be an important part of our liturgies, not only at Eastertime but throughout the year, especially at baptisms and funerals. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating toward the cost of the Easter candle at any of our parishes, please call that parish office. Any money collected over the cost of the Easter candle will be used to offset the cost of the candles that are on the parish's altar throughout the year.



Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

February 15 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: Why You Struggle to Pray—and How to Fix It,
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3827787?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

February 15 ~ Littlest Saints: The Confessions of St. Augustine,
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279961?cid=801623>

Stations of the Cross

†February 22, after Mass, at StB

†February 25, after Mass, at OLGH

†March 8, after Mass, at StCA

†March 15, after Mass, at StB

†March 22, after Mass, at StCA



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

February 20

March 6

March 20

April 3

April 17

May 15

Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,

Ignite us with Your love. Reveal to us Your will, guide us in Your path. Pour Your blessings upon us, You who are the giver of every good thing. Help us to live, work, act, and speak in ways that bring honor and glory to You. Amen. ©LPI



Forgiven

Join us Wednesdays during Lent to learn how to more deeply grow your faith through forgiveness. This series will run from February 25 through March 25, 9:15-10:00AM, at OLGH-church. To register, call or e-mail Simon Biagui at 414-465-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.

Gospel reflection ~ Matthew 5:16-37

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to move beyond mere external observance of the law to embrace its deeper spiritual meaning. He doesn't abolish the commandments but fulfills them, calling us to a righteousness that penetrates the heart rather than stopping at outward behavior. When Jesus speaks of anger, lust, and honesty, He reveals that sin begins in our interior lives, in the thoughts and desires we harbor before they ever become actions. This teaching can feel overwhelming, as it exposes how far we all fall short of God's perfect holiness. Yet Christ doesn't leave us in despair; by showing us the ideal, He invites us to rely on His grace rather than our own strength. The impossibly high standard Jesus sets demonstrates our need for a Savior who can transform us from within. As we reflect on these words, we are called to examine not just what we do, but who we are becoming in our hearts. This Sunday reminds us that authentic Christian life is about allowing God's love to reshape our deepest motivations, making us people of integrity whose inner and outer lives align with the Gospel.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal plants seeds of hope for the many ministries of the Archdiocese. Every gift is needed and welcomed, no matter the size. To donate, visit www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2026 to 414-348-8380, or mail your check to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 South Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235. Be sure to list your parish with any contribution so your gift will be credited toward our parish goal.

Catholic trivia

Question: What are the names of the three theological virtues of the Catholic Church?

Answer: Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity)

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Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

02/03/26	Nang Thao
02/04/26	Ginny McFadden
02/05/26	Thomas Bongard
02/06/26	Mary V. Beck
02/07/26	Sandra Gazdecki
02/08/26	Susan Tatsak
02/09/26	Cindi Pennell

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

02/03/26	Hung Dang
02/04/26	Susan Tatsak
02/05/26	Analese Gilles
02/06/26	Paul Schumacher
02/07/26	David Phelps
02/08/26	Alex Smith
02/09/26	Marge Borchardt

Soup & Substance ~

Lent: Missionary Discipleship

StMM Parish invites you to their annual Lenten Soup & Substance on Saturdays during Lent after the 5:00PM Mass. Soup will be served around 6:00. The program will begin at 6:30. Each evening will include a video and a short reflection from one of our featured speakers—Fr. Mark Payne, Simon Biagui, Br. Joe Pense, and Fr. Francis Assisi—followed by a guided discussion.

February 28: Get Connected to Christ

March 7: Run with Jesus after the One

March 21: Defining the Mission of Evangelization

March 28: Drive and Sustain the Mission

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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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

Thank you to NWMCP from Ladies of Charity

The Ladies of Charity of Milwaukee thank you for your generous donation of children's clothing to our Clothing Center. This donation supports our mission to supply school clothing to families in need, including new socks and underwear and gently-used (sometimes new) apparel items like uniforms, jeans, sweaters, winter jackets, hats, gloves, underwear, and socks. Their school's social workers/principals identify families in need and provide them with a voucher that they present at the Clothing Center.

On behalf of our families, we want to thank you again for supporting our mission.

Gratefully,
Marlene Kollmeyer, President

Thank you to NWMCP from Life's Connection

We are so appreciative of the beautiful gifts you gave so generously. They helped make our families' Christmases blessed.

God's richest blessings to you all.
Love,
Life's Connection

Moving End-of-Life Decision Making Away from the End of Life: A Catholic View

Sunday, February 22, 11:45AM, at St. Joseph Parish,
12130 West Center Street, Wauwatosa

Mark Repenshek, VP of Healthcare Ethics and Church Relations for Ascension, will give a presentation on surrogate decision making, advance directives, withdrawing and withholding life-sustaining interventions, and do-not-resuscitate orders. Mark has served as a member of the Catholic Health Association's Steering Committee, authored articles in important ethical journals, and is co-author of the book, *An Introduction to Healthcare Ethics*.

Donate used jewelry to St. Ann Center

Donate your used and vintage jewelry to St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care. They clean, repair, and repurpose it to be sold at their seasonal jewelry sales, with all proceeds supporting vital health and wellness services for people of all ages. If you have unwanted jewelry you would like to donate, please bring it to any parish office.

Thank you to StB from Women's Care

Center of Milwaukee

Dear friends,

Your generosity and financial promise allows Women's Care Center to carry out our mission to serve women and their babies in our community. The future is bright and filled with hope.

With gratitude,
Sheryl Land, Executive Director

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE STATUE

in the ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

Witness history as the "Madre Peregrina" (Pilgrim Mother) statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe passes through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on its international tour, looking toward the 500th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



PRESENTATION
AND VENERATION
OF "MADRE PEREGRINA"
LIFE-SIZE STATUE OF
OUR LADY
OF GUADALUPE

Feb. 20 – Feb. 25
*Basilica of St. Josaphat,
Milwaukee*

Feb. 27 – Mar. 4
*Holy Family Parish,
Fond du Lac*



To register: www.guadalupewi.org



Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, February 15, 2026: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM FA at StCA (Praise): FATP
- 10:30AM FA at StB (Praise): †Fred & Shirley Berger

Monday, February 16, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 4:00PM RM at StB: †Lynn Stapelfeldt

Wednesday, February 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday

- 8:15AM Fr. Tom Perrin at OLGH: †Janet Moranski
- 6:30PM MP at StB: †Marguerite Brown

Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 12:00PM MP at StCA

Friday, February 20, 2026

No Mass

Saturday, February 21, 2026: St. Peter Damian

- 3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
- 4:00PM MP at OLGH: †Raymond Harris & Rosemary Steele

Sunday, February 22, 2026: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM MP at StCA: †Carol Hasenyager
- 9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Patricia Moniot
- 10:30AM MP at StB: †Zita Nugent

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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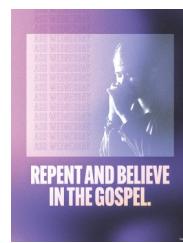
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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, February 15, 2026

- New member registration, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Donut Sunday, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Continental breakfast, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, February 16, 2026

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- February 22nd bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- Preparing bag lunches for the homeless, 9:00AM at StB-LMR
- *The Creed of the Church* book study, 9:30AM at StCA-GR
- Strength Training for Seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Adoration & rosary, 2:50PM at StB

Wednesday, February 18, 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 19, 2026

- Evangelization Cmte mtg, 6:00PM via Zoom
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, February 20, 2026

- Naming Cmte mtg, 11:00AM at OLGH-rm 2
- Prayer shawl ministry, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- Fish fry, 4:30-7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Saturday, February 21, 2026

- Adoration, 2:50PM at OLGH
- Anointing of the sick, after Mass at OLGH

Sunday, February 22, 2026

- Anointing of the sick, after Masses at StB & StCA
- Rite of Continuous Conversion, during 10:30 Mass at StB
- Stations of the Cross, after Mass at StB
- New member registration, after Masses at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2026

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14 and 17/
2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/

Mt 4:1-11