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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# I AM THE GATE.

— JOHN 10:9 —



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APRIL 26, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Bulletin Deadline Changes

Weekend	Deadline, 10:00AM
May 9-10	April 29
May 16-17	May 1
May 23-24	May 4
May 30-31	May 6
June 6-7	May 8

## OLGH monthly letter correction

An error in the OLGH March monthly letter was discovered by some of our parishioners who brought it to the attention of office staff. OLGH's letter incorrectly directed parishioners to make checks payable to St. Bernadette. Please continue to write your checks to your home parish until a merger or sale is completed.

Earlier this year, NWMCP started using a new parishioner database system. With this system, we are able to produce our monthly letters more efficiently than in the past. However, we are still working through a few issues as we adjust to the new platform. If you notice any errors or have questions about your information, please don't hesitate to contact one of the parish offices.

We apologize for this error and any confusion it caused.

## Eucharistic Adoration

May 7, 10:50-11:50AM at StCa  
May 16, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH  
May 19, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

**PRAY FOR US**  
*St. Bernadette:* Anita Apazeller, Anonymous Special Intention, Mia Berger, Holly Biersack, Dori Chaconas, Guy Gromala, Lois Hermann, Marge Hoffman, Joseph Marecki, Irene Mumm, Lenard Mumm, James Quesnell, 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:* Anonymous intention, Leslie Christofferson, Patrick Christofferson, Sandra Coffey, Maureen Conaty, Winnifred Glasshof, Bruce Nead, Kathy Nead, Amanda Nunez, Liz Oke, Becky Parr, Barbara Schuetz, Kay Thompson, Weston J. Welcenbach, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

*Our Lady of Good Hope:* Jane Kirst, Marie Lore, 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.

April 26 ~ Wild Goose Episode 3: Baptism in the Holy Spirit & Fire  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582742?cid=116527>

## FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

April 26 ~ Extraordinary Stories for Children: The Tigers vs. the Saints  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/573459?cid=115601>

## Donations needed for the food pantry

Our StVdP food pantry volunteers are grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. *For May, we are asking for donations of personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, and shampoo. We are also in need of more brown paper bags and sturdy plastic bags.* Please put these items and nonperishable food items in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to help more needy families in our neighborhood.



## OLGH parish sign

If you have come to our OLGH campus recently, you probably noticed the missing parish sign out front. In the early morning hours of March 21, a reckless driver on Good Hope Road ran off the road and into our sign, causing significant damage. To reduce the risk of injury or further damage to the sign should it fall, we had it removed by a company that will provide us with an estimate for repairs. An insurance claim was filed, but unfortunately the driver left the scene. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

## Help needed with mowing

We are looking for volunteers to help with mowing in the StB grotto and in the front of church. If you are able to help, please contact Kristen Moncher at 414-324-2705.

## Catholic trivia

*Question:* In religious art, it is common to use a circle of light above Jesus or another holy person's head to set them apart. What is this "circle of light" called?

*Answer:* Halo

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## Gospel reflection ~ John 10: 1-10

### *The Gate and the Good Shepherd*

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the vivid image of a shepherd and his sheep to reveal something profound about who He is and how He loves us. He draws a sharp contrast between the true shepherd, who enters through the gate, and the thief, who sneaks in by another way, reminding us that not every voice calling for our attention deserves our trust.

Jesus declares, "I am the gate," inviting us to see Him not as one guide among many, but as the very way through which life is found. The sheep know the shepherd's voice, and this intimate knowledge is not accidental. It is the fruit of time spent listening, following, and trusting. In a world filled with noise, competing demands, and countless voices promising fulfillment, this passage challenges us to ask: whose voice are we truly following? The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, and we are wise to recognize the forces in our lives—fear, greed, distraction—that would lead us away from abundant life. But Jesus comes so that we might have life and have it to the full—not a life of mere survival, but one of meaning, connection, and grace. This Sunday, may we quiet ourselves enough to hear the Shepherd's voice, trust the gate He opens before us, and step forward into the fullness of life He promises.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

## Mother's Day rose sale at StCA

Fresh, long-stemmed roses will be for sale for \$2 after Mass at StCA on Mother's Day, May 10. All proceeds will benefit the prolife programs of Wisconsin Right to Life-Milwaukee Chapter. Please support the right to life of the most helpless members of our society.

### ~ We commend to God ~

Steven Golembiewski (OLGH), 04/09/26

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

## 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.



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

May 15

## Congratulations to our StB

### Calendar Raffle winners

04/14/26 Doug Greiten  
04/15/26 Julie Bryson  
04/16/26 Tricia Peck  
04/17/26 Cindy Wargula  
04/18/26 Terri Welbes  
04/19/26 Judy Kohnlein  
04/20/26 Kenneth Meyer, Sr.

## Congratulations to our StCA

### Calendar Raffle winners

04/14/26 Elizabeth Kawleski  
04/15/26 Winnifred Glasshof for Roxy  
04/16/26 Theresa Olivares  
04/17/26 Shawn Kotecki  
04/18/26 Tripp Hanson  
04/19/26 Winnifred Glasshof for Michelle  
04/20/26 David Westrick

## Join us on volunteer appreciation weekend

All volunteers of NWMCP are invited to attend any Mass on the weekend of May 2 and 3, during which we will be honoring our volunteers for the many ways they enable the parishes to serve the larger faith community and one another. This invitation is extended to all parishioners who share their gifts and time in parish ministries and activities. Plan on participating in this special tribute to volunteers of the NWMCP family.

We will continue the recognition and appreciation of our volunteers at a reception in their honor at the Elks Lodge, 5555 West Good Hope Road, on Thursday, May 7, at 6:00PM. Please RSVP to Sue in the StCA office, 414-365-2020 or riedijks@nwmcp.org, by Friday, May 1, so we can plan accordingly.



## Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,  
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.  
Help me to know Your voice and to respond.  
Help me to find Your fold and the paths on which You lead.  
Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.  
Refresh my soul.  
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*

## Tai chi classes to resume

Tai chi is a low-impact, “meditation in motion” practice that improves physical and mental health by combining slow, intentional movements with deep breathing. Research shows that key benefits include improved balance, reduced fall risk in older adults, increased muscle strength and flexibility, reduced stress and anxiety, better cardiovascular health, and lowered blood pressure.

Tai chi is naturally “self-calibrating,” allowing each person to participate at his or her own level. Classes focus on improving balance, coordination, and confidence. These are the skills you will gain—not prerequisites for joining. Sessions are fun, accessible, and free of pressure. If you are unsure whether it is right for you, feel free to try a couple of classes and judge for yourself. There is no cost to participate.

We offer the following classes:

- Advanced, Mondays at 9:30AM: for those who have been doing tai chi for multiple years, starting on May 11 and running through August 3 (no classes on May 25 or July 6)
- Beginner, Mondays at 11:00AM: for first-time students or those who wish to repeat previous beginner classes, starting on May 11 and running through August 3 (no classes on May 25 or July 6)
- Intermediate, Wednesdays at 9:00AM: for those progressing from the beginner class or who have experience at the intermediate level, starting on May 13 and running through August 5 (no classes on July 15)
- Seated, Wednesdays at 10:30AM: for those who do not feel comfortable standing, starting on May 13 and running through August 5 (no classes on July 15)

Even though tai chi is considered one of the safer forms of physical fitness, you should still talk with your doctor before starting a new exercise program, especially if you have any existing health conditions.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Classes take place in north hall at OLGH. Enter at the parish office on 41st Street and try to arrive about 15 minutes early for the first class. If you have questions, contact Ron Mackiewicz (Mac) at [r.mackiewicz52@icloud.com](mailto:r.mackiewicz52@icloud.com).



Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob invites  
you to attend the

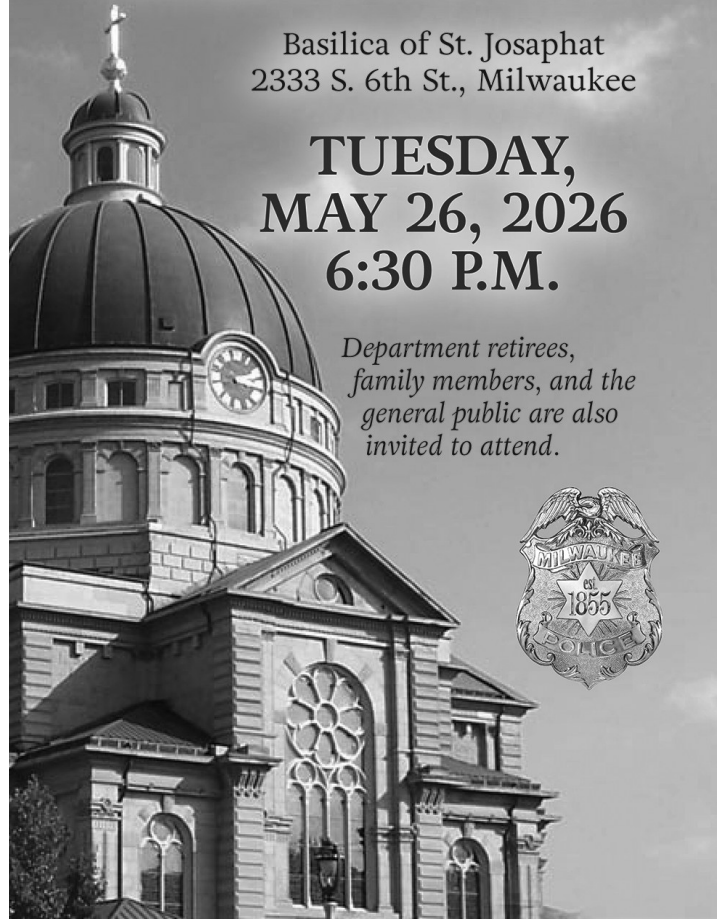
# Blue Mass

for Law Enforcement,  
First Responders and their families

Basilica of St. Josaphat  
2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

**TUESDAY,  
MAY 26, 2026  
6:30 P.M.**

*Department retirees,  
family members, and the  
general public are also  
invited to attend.*



**ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE**

## Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2026

Your contributions to the CSA support the Church's sacred duty of spreading the Gospel and extending a helping hand to those in need. To donate, text **APPEAL2026** to 414-348-8380, give online at [www.catholicappeal.org](http://www.catholicappeal.org), or mail your contribution to Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 South Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235. Envelopes are available at each of our parishes. Be sure to list your parish with any contribution so your gift will be credited toward our parish goal.

## Schedule of Masses & Intentions

### Sunday, April 26, 2026: 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8:30AM FA at StCA: FATP
- 9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Br. Roman Jarosz
- 10:30AM AJ at StB: †Ralph Apazeller & Ann Troka

### Monday, April 27, 2026

No Mass

### Tuesday, April 28, 2026: St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis

Grignon de Montfort

- 4:00PM MP at StB

### Wednesday, April 29, 2026: St. Catherine of Siena

- 8:15AM FA at OLGH: †Rosemary Hackett

### Thursday, April 30, 2026: St. Pius V

- 12:00PM MP at StCA

### Friday, May 1, 2026: St. Joseph the Worker

No Mass

### Saturday, May 2, 2026: St. Athanasius

- 3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
- 4:00PM MP at OLGH: †Peter Loehr

### Sunday, May 3, 2026: 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8:30AM MP at StCA: †John Buckley, IV

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, April 26, 2026

- Baptism: Joseph H., during the 8:30AM Mass at StCA
- Anointing of the sick, after all Masses at StCA and StB
- New member registration & donut Sunday, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StCA-GR
- New member registration, after Mass at StB-csfeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

### Monday, April 27, 2026

- May 3rd bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR
- Deanery meeting, 6:30PM at StB-LMR

### Tuesday, April 28, 2026

- Symbolon, 9:00AM at StCA-GR
- Human Concerns Cmte mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- Strength training for seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

### Wednesday, April 29, 2026

- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry
- May 10th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM

### Thursday, April 30, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

### Friday, May 1, 2026

- May 17th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM

### Saturday, May 2, 2026

- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA
- Volunteer recognition, during Mass at OLGH

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

- Volunteer recognition, during Masses at StCA and StB
- StCA StVdP home visit team mtg, after Mass at StCA-GR
- May crowning, during Mass at StB
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

## Readings for the Week of April 26, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/  
Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5-6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12

