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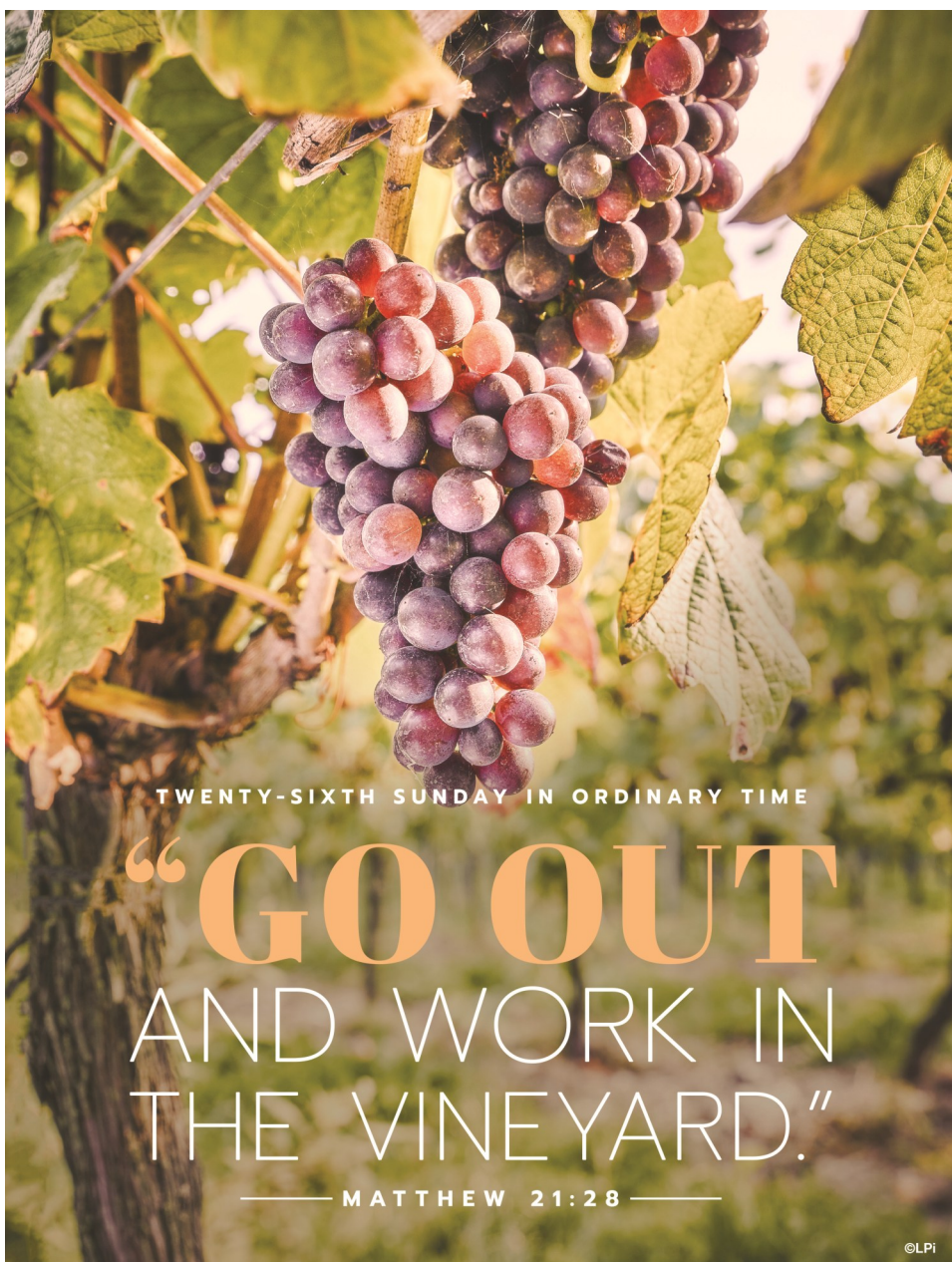
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”

— MATTHEW 21:28 —

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Blessing of Pets

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we invite you to bring your pets for a Blessing of



Animals on Sunday, October 4, at 12:00PM, in the grotto at StB. In the event of inclement weather, the pet blessing will take place indoors. Please have your pets in cages or on leashes as appropriate, and bring supplies to pick up after them if necessary.

Advent booklet contributors needed

We are looking for volunteers to write reflection pieces for our Advent booklet. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Janet Axtell from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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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 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.

September 27 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: Why 4th Century St. Augustine Is More Relevant Than Ever Today
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4149902?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

September 27 ~ The Mark 10 Mission: Do Not Be Anxious
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4077706?cid=1496885>

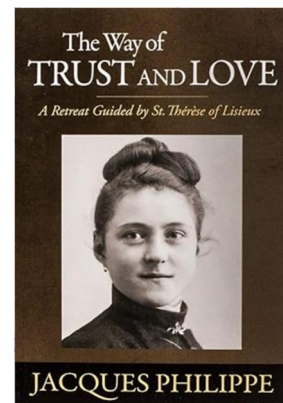
Holiday craft fair update

Our annual holiday craft fair will not be held this November, but we are hoping to hold a reimagined craft fair next year. As we enter a new chapter of our combined parishes and with the blessing of Fr. Mark and the Pastoral Council, we are holding a new event that celebrates our future and pays tribute to our past. Please save the date, Saturday, November 14, from 4:00 to 7:00PM in the StB parish hall. A full description of the event will follow soon, but it will include a meal, basket raffle, and bake sale.

The Way of Trust and Love book read

St. Thérèse had a simple yet powerful message that still resonates in the hearts of millions today. Her "little way" of allowing God to work through her life has become a guiding light for the faithful.

You are invited to join our book read at StB-LMR at 10:00AM on Wednesdays from October 7 through November 11. To register, please contact Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.



Donation checks

The date of our merger is January 1, 2027. Until we officially become St. Christopher Parish, please continue to make any checks payable to your current parish. Also, please do not make checks payable to Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes.

Eucharistic Adoration

October 15, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
October 17, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH
October 20, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two sons—one who refuses his father's request but later changes his mind and obeys, and one who politely agrees but never follows through. It's a simple story, but it cuts right to the heart of what it means to really live our faith. Jesus isn't impressed by the son who says the right words; He's moved by the one who eventually does the right thing. This is a challenging world for all of us who can be quick to say "yes, Lord" on Sunday and slower to live it out on Monday. The tax collectors and sinners Jesus mentions weren't holier on paper, but they heard the call to conversion and actually turned their lives around. That's the invitation held out to us, too: not perfection from the start, but a willingness to keep saying yes with our actions, even after we have said no. God isn't looking for flawless resumes of faith; He's looking for hearts that keep turning back toward Him. May we have the humility this week to let our deeds, not just our words, speak our "yes" to God.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark

StVdP monetary donation information

StCA StVdP envelopes available at StCA church ~ There are StCA StVdP envelopes on the table in the back of church and at the ADA entrance for you to use to make a monetary donation. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Donations can also be submitted via the monthly letter tear-off section. All donations support our monthly home visits and three open pantry dates. The StCA StVdP home visit team averages 12-14 home visits per month. Each open pantry day serves an average of 54 families.

StB/OLGH StVdP donations ~ You may donate to the StB/OLGH StVdP conference via the monthly letter tear-off section or by submitting a check at any time. Please be sure to note that the donation is for this conference.

Thank you for all donations.

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 October, we are asking for donations of canned vegetables. 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.



Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

09/15/26	Dan Poganski
09/16/26	Moualee Thao
09/17/26	Bernadette Timm
09/18/26	Marie Bruskiewicz
09/19/26	Laura Gromala
09/20/26	Wayne Tomkowiak
09/21/26	Juliet & Tommy O'Keefe

Congratulations to our StCA

09/15/26	Jeni Carey
09/16/26	Brad Dilling
09/17/26	Sue Welcenbach
09/18/26	Karen Braun
09/19/26	Sue Nelson
09/20/26	Steve Kon
09/21/26	Ken Braun



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

October 16	February 12	April 16
November 20	February 26	May 21
December 18	March 12	
January 15	March 26	

Pictorial directory reminder

We have scheduled an additional day of photography sessions for anyone who is new to the parish, missed the previous sessions, or had a change in the household that would require a new photo. The session is on Tuesday, September 29, from 2:00 to 8:30PM at StB. To register for a time slot, go to ucdir.com and click on the Photography Session Sign-up button. Enter our Church Code *wi398* and Church Password *photos*. You may also call your parish office for help registering.

Franciscan pilgrimage close to home

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with a half-day pilgrimage featuring prayer, learning, fellowship, and sacred places on Fridays October 2 and November 6 from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Begin at the Basilica of St. Josaphat with a talk and tour, then travel to St. Francis of Assisi Church for Mass, lunch, and a blessing. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by the Tuesday prior to the pilgrimage. To register and for more information, visit thebasilica.org/pilgrimage.

"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 October 19 and running through December 21
- Beginner, Mondays at 11:00AM: for first-time students or those who wish to repeat previous beginner classes, starting on October 19 and running through December 21
- Intermediate, Wednesdays at 9:15AM: for those progressing from the beginner class or who have experience at the intermediate level, starting on October 21 and running through December 23
- Seated, Wednesdays at 10:30AM: for those who do not feel comfortable standing, starting on October 21 and running through December 23

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.

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes, the birds migrate, and autumn's flowers, colors, and clouds make their entrance, we thank You for the gift of this beautiful season. Help us use this season to draw closer to each other and to You. ©LPi

Blood pressure screening at StB

Stop in the StB parish hall after Mass next Sunday and get your blood pressure checked by members of our Health Ministry team.

Family rosary and social

The Faith Formation program at BLS invites you and your family to join them in honoring the Blessed Mother and praying the rosary for peace, protection, stronger faith, and family unity. There will be a procession, meditation on the four sets of mysteries of the rosary, and refreshments, on Friday, October 9, starting at 6:30PM at BLS Parish.

Christian Women in Action breakfast

Christian Women in Action announces the October 3 breakfast with guest speaker Brian Mason at the Hilton Hotel Conference Center, 11600 West Park Place. Brian will talk about his struggles from darkness into the light of truth through the saving grace of God. The program runs from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Doors open at 7:30AM with an optional Mass at 8:00. All are welcome, regardless of faith. Visit cwiaholyspiritwi.org to register. For more information, please call 262-707-3339 or 262-853-3349.

Thank you for your generosity toward the needy people in Honduras

Thank you to everyone who donated items, packed boxes, and loaded the truck. Because of you the following items are on their way to needy families in Honduras:

553 BOXES/TUBS PACKED		ITEMS NOT BOXED	
Clothing	291	Bicycles	2
Household Items	117	Wheelchairs	2
Kitchen Items	22	Rakes	2
Purses	6	Stations of the Cross	14
Religious Items	4	Jesus statue & cross	
Shoes	73		
Tools	4		
Toys	36		

Catholic trivia

Question: What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?

Answer: They were a sister, a brother, and a cousin. ©LPi

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, September 27, 2026: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM FA at StCA: †Robert Borchardt
- 9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Joseph & Martha Moniot
- 10:30AM FA at StB: †Dan Morgan & Deb Morgan

Monday, September 28, 2026: St. Wenceslaus;

St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions

No Mass

Tuesday, September 29, 2026: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

- 4:00PM MP at StB: †Ceil & Einard Davidson

Wednesday, September 30, 2026: St. Jerome

- 8:15AM Prayer service at OLGH

Thursday, October 1, 2026: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

- 12:00PM MP at StCA

Friday, October 2, 2026: The Holy Guardian Angels

No Mass

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
- 4:00PM MP at OLGH: †Norb Whittle

Sunday, October 4, 2026: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM MP at StCA: †Thomas H. Hoppa
- 10:30AM MP at StB: †Ken & Marcy Basta

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, September 27, 2026

- Anointing of the sick, after Masses at StCA & StB
- New member registration, after Mass at StB
- Christian Formation classes, 11:30AM at StB-classrooms
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-parish hall

Monday, September 28, 2026

- October 4th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

- Pictorial directory photo makeup day, 2:00-8:30PM at StB-parish hall
- Strength training for seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB
- Merger Steering Cmte mtg, 5:00PM at StB-LMR

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry

Thursday, October 1, 2026

- Parish staff mtg, 10:00AM at StCA-GR
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Saturday, October 3, 2026

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

Sunday, October 4, 2026

- Christian Formation classes, 11:30AM at StB-classrooms
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB-parish hall
- Pet blessing, 12:00PM at StB-grotto
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-parish hall

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2026

- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32
- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-15/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4

