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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ARE YOU NOT THE CHRIST?

— LUKE 23:39 —



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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.

Thank you to St. Bernadette Parish

When a patient walks into the Bread of Life Clinic, they are met with dignity, compassion, and a team ready to care for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit.

When a volunteer provider walks into the Clinic, they are reminded why they chose a life of service, greeted by a community that values their time and talents.

When a new doctor arrives for their clinical rotation, they step into a learning environment like no other—one grounded in equity, empathy, and justice.

All of this is possible because of generous partners like St. Bernadette Parish.

Thank you! On behalf of the individuals above—and the countless lives they touch—we are deeply grateful.

With gratitude,
Dr. Barbara Horner-Ibler
Medical Director, Bread of Healing Clinic



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.

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

November 23 ~ Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns
Introduction: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2414300?cid=770630>

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

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!

Gospel reflection: Feast of Christ the King

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, we contemplate a paradox that transforms our understanding of power and majesty: our King reigns from a cross. While the crowds mock Jesus and challenge Him to save Himself, one criminal sees what others cannot—the truth of Christ's kingship revealed not in worldly power but in divine mercy. This thief, facing his own death, recognizes Jesus as the only one who can grant entry into an eternal kingdom, and his simple prayer, "Jesus, remember me," becomes the perfect act of faith. Christ's response, "Today you will be with me in Paradise," demonstrates that His kingdom is open to all who turn to Him, regardless of their past or their final moments. The scene reveals that Christ's throne is the cross, His crown is made of thorns, and His royal decree is one of forgiveness and salvation. We celebrate today that our King does not rule by force or domination but by love that conquers death itself. As we profess Christ's kingship over all creation, we are called to follow a King who serves, suffers, and saves. May we, like the repentant thief, look beyond worldly definitions of power and recognize the true majesty of sacrificial love.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Catholic trivia

Question: What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Answer: Disciples are "called," and apostles are "sent." ©LPi

Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

11/11/25	Kathleen Krieser
11/12/25	Ryder Gromala
11/13/25	Kevin Brown
11/14/25	Rosemary Garske

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

11/11/25	Les Palzewicz
11/12/25	Drew Miller
11/13/25	Tripp Hanson
11/14/25	Clayton Selby

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.



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

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

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,

I see the kingdom You love, the one full of the broken and forgotten. I see the crown You wear— thorns out of love for me. I pick You as my King. Mold my heart to be a worthy member of Your kingdom. ©LPi

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.*

"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

Packers Potluck Party & Chili Cookoff



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the Packers Potluck Party & Chili Cookoff. We enjoyed sampling delicious chili, pairing it with recommended beers, and sharing plenty of game day snacks together. Your presence made the event a fun and spirited success.

Congratulations to our chili cookoff winners!

1st place: Barb Raasch
2nd place: Jim Baran
3rd place: Judy Dollhausen

Thank you to all the chefs who prepared their delicious chili. Your creativity and effort brought extra flavor and fun to the day!

Jim Baran
Amy Blimbergs
Steve Brengosz
Dennis Callies
Judy Dollhausen
Diane Govern
Tim Higgins

Al & Theresa Olivares
Anne Lutz
Mark Mrozek
Fr. Mark Payne
Barb Raasch
Sue Riedijk

A gracious thank you to the staff and volunteers whose hard work in planning, setting up, and cleaning up made this event possible.



Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, November 23, 2025: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30AM MP at StCA: †Carol Hasenyager

10:30AM MP at StB: †Deborah Gannon

Monday, November 24, 2025: St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & companions
No Mass

Tuesday, November 25, 2025: St. Catherine of Alexandria

4:00PM MP at StB: †Victoria Poganski

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

8:15AM FA at OLGH: †Norb Whittle

6:30PM MP at BIS (Thanksgiving Mass of Anticipation)

Thursday, November 27, 2025: Thanksgiving Day

8:15AM FA at StMM (Thanksgiving Mass)

Friday, November 28, 2025
No Mass

Saturday, November 29, 2025

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH: †Richard Klug

Sunday, November 30, 2025: 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30AM FA at StCA: †Anton & Bernadette Bennett,
Maria Perera, & Praphanthika

10:30AM FA at StB: †Todd Wargula

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, November 23, 2025

- Baptism: Grady Alton Springman, during Mass at StCA
- New member registration, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Continental breakfast, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, November 24, 2025

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

- Symbolon, 9:30AM at StCA-GR
- Human Concerns Cmte mtg, 1:00PM at OLGH-rm 2
- Strength Training for Seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB
- Merger Cmte mtg, 6:00PM at StB-LMR

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA
- Intermediate tai chi, 9:15AM at OLGH-NH
- Seated tai chi, 10:15AM at OLGH-room 2
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM
- *33 Days to Morning Glory* book read/discussion, 6:30PM at StB-LMR

Thursday, November 27, 2025

- Parish offices closed—happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28, 2025

- Parish offices closed

Saturday, November 29, 2025

- *A Place at the Table* viewing and discussion part 2, 9:30AM at StB-cafeteria

Sunday, November 30, 2025

- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-4

