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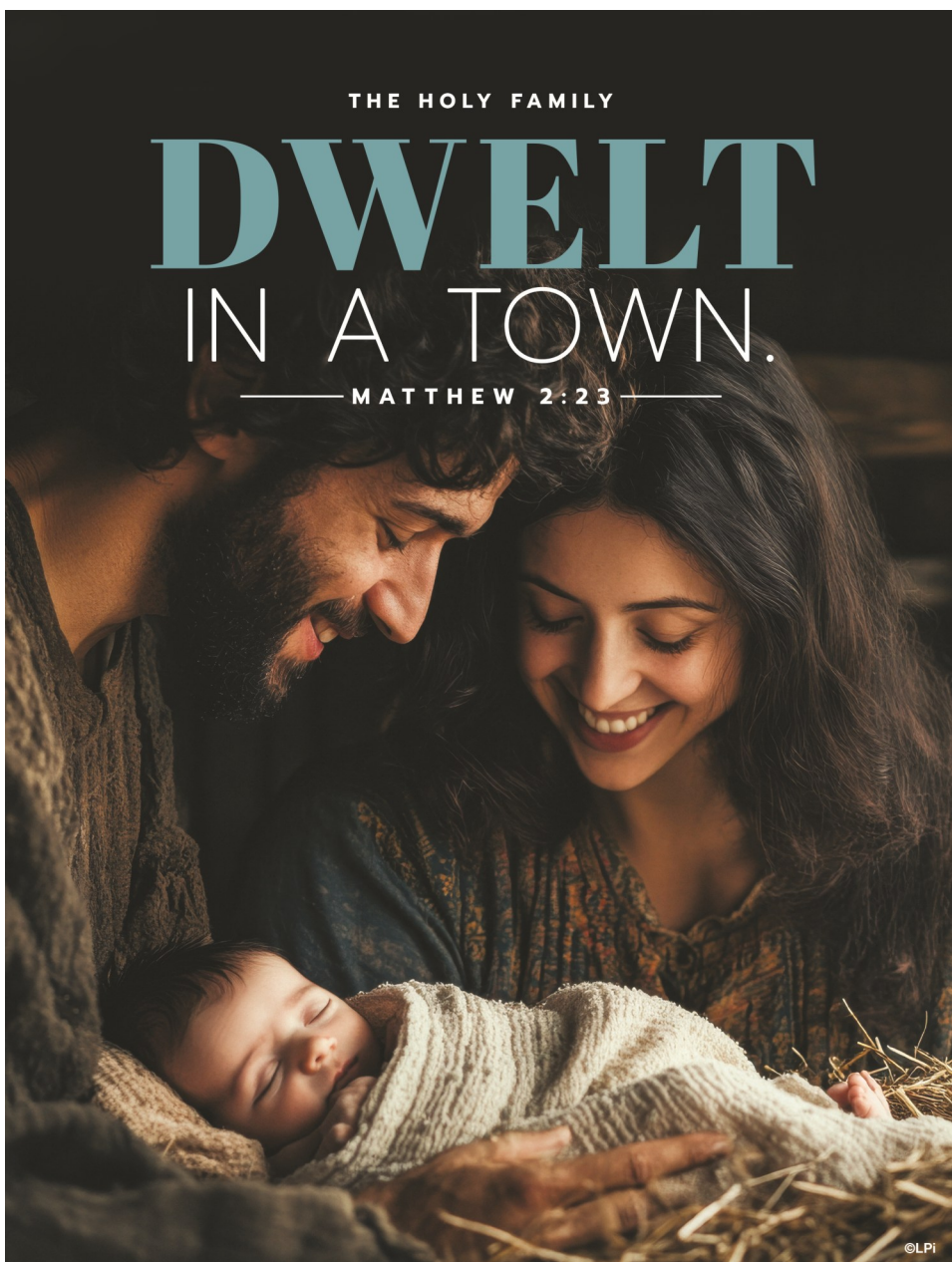


MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

THE HOLY FAMILY

DWELT IN A TOWN.

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DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

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.

Year-end contributions

IRS regulations declare that contributions are deductible in the year that they are made. Cash or check donations for 2025 will be credited to your year-end statement as long as they are received in the parish office by December 31, 2025. If you mail your contribution to the parish, the postmark should be no later than December 31, 2025. All contributions postmarked January 1, 2026, or later will be recorded as 2026 contributions. Thank you for your continued support of your parish!

New Year toast at OLGH

All are invited to join us after the 4:00PM Mass at OLGH on December 31 for a New Year toast and fellowship, with snacks and refreshments. If you'd like, you may bring a bottle of wine to share.

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our pantry is grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. *For January, we are asking for donations of peanut butter and jelly.* Please bring nonperishable food items and leave them in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to feed more needy families in our neighborhood.



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: Anonymous intention, Becky Parr, 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

Gospel reflection: Feast of the Holy Family

In these profound verses, we witness the Holy Family's journey into exile—a reminder that even the Savior of the world experienced vulnerability, displacement, and uncertainty. Joseph's immediate obedience to God's warning in the night reveals a faith that responds without hesitation, teaching us that trust in divine guidance often requires courage to act even when the path ahead is unclear. The flight to Egypt transforms Jesus into a refugee, connecting Him intimately with all who have fled danger and sought sanctuary in foreign lands throughout history. This passage invites us to see Christ in the faces of displaced families today, recognizing that when we welcome the stranger, we may be welcoming the Holy One Himself.

God's protection of the infant Jesus demonstrates His faithfulness to complete the redemptive work He began, yet this protection came through ordinary means—dreams, difficult journeys, and the sacrificial love of earthly parents. The family's eventual return to Nazareth, though born from caution and continued divine direction, fulfilled ancient prophecy in ways no one expected, showing us that God's purposes often unfold through humble and unexpected circumstances. Their settling in Nazareth, a place of little reputation, reminds us that God delights in working through the overlooked and ordinary to accomplish extraordinary purposes. May we, like Joseph and Mary, remain attentive to God's guidance in our lives, ready to trust and obey even when the journey leads through difficulty toward a future we cannot yet fully see.
~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

December 28 ~ The True Meaning of Christmas with
Dr. Michael Barber: Coming Home for Christmas ~
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1885591?cid=762144>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

December 28 ~ The Saints and Heroes Collection:
Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure ~
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/586991?cid=115862>

Eucharistic Adoration

January 8, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
January 17, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH
January 20, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

Buy and sell calendar raffle tickets!

Don't miss your chance to win multiple prizes in the StB and StCA calendar raffles. They make excellent Christmas gifts, too! *All tickets are \$25 each.* Please put the completed ticket stubs and cash or check in an envelope marked calendar raffle and put it in the collection basket or return it to any parish office.

All tickets must be purchased by December 31, 2025.

If we do not sell enough tickets, the raffles cannot be held.
Our goal for each parish is to sell at least 500 tickets per parish. Tickets sold as of December 21:

StB: 344

StCA: 290

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Mass schedule

Saturday, December 31, Mass of Anticipation
4:00PM at OLGH

Sunday, January 1
10:00AM at StCA



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

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

Catholic Stewardship Appeal update

Through your support, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal raises funds for programs and ministries throughout our ten-county archdiocese. Thank you for bringing help, hope, and healing.

Appeal results as of November 20, 2025:

StB Parish reached 60.97% of its goal of \$17,877, with donations totaling \$10,900.

StCA Parish reached 74.86% of its goal of \$29,698, with donations totaling \$22,231.

OLGH Parish reached 81.77% of its goal of \$23,280, with donations totaling \$19,035.

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic trivia

Question: Which saint is the patron saint of priests ?

Answer: St. John Vianney

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Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

12/13/25	Mary Adkins
12/14/25	Michael S. Stroik
12/15/25	Judy Morgan
12/16/25	Sue Schwerm
12/17/25	Hope Dohman
12/18/25	Marie Bruskiwicz
12/19/25	Roger A. Wargula
12/20/25	Sue Wargula
12/21/25	Hannah Thorn
12/22/25	George Renniecke

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

12/13/25	Sue Riedijk
12/14/25	Kathy Palzewicz
12/15/25	Ellie Palzewicz
12/16/25	Barbara Prengel
12/17/25	Andrew Schmutzler
12/18/25	Virginia Behre
12/19/25	Barbara Gahagan
12/20/25	Barb Duckert
12/21/25	Angela Foy
12/22/25	Karl Mente

~ We commend to God ~

Barbara Franecki (OLGH), 12/03/25

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

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

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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



*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE*

Installation

*OF
Fr. Mark Payne*

AT ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

8200 West Denver Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53223

10:30am Mass
Sunday, January 11, 2026
Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob presiding

Please join us in the cafeteria after Mass for food and fellowship.

Please RSVP to the St. Bernadette Parish Office at 414-358-4600 by January 5.

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, December 28, 2025: The Holy Family

8:30AM FA at StCA: †William Mente

10:30AM FA at StB: FATP

Monday, December 29, 2025: St. Thomas Becket

No Mass

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

4:00PM MP at StB: †Fred & Shirley Berger

Wednesday, December 31, 2025: St. Sylvester I

4:00PM MP at OLGH (holy day Mass of anticipation): FATP

Thursday, January 1, 2026: Mary, Mother of God

10:00AM MP & FA at StCA: †Janet Moranski

†Peter J. Govern

Friday, January 2, 2026: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory

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No Mass

Saturday, January 3, 2026: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH: †Edward Kuriga, Jr.

Sunday, January 4, 2026: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30AM FA at StCA: †Robert Borchardt

10:30AM FA at StB: †Paul & Bernice Buttitta

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, December 28, 2025

- New member registration, after Mass at StB-cafeteria

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

- *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book read/discussion, 9:00AM at OLGH-room 2

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

- Parish offices closed

- Champagne toast, after 4:00PM Mass at OLGH

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- Parish offices closed

Friday, January 2, 2026

- Parish offices closed

Saturday, January 3, 2026

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

Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Ps 128:1-5/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-1



Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy...together. Amen.

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