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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

— MATTHEW 5:16 —



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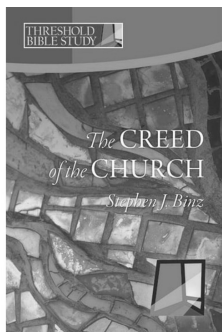
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Examining the Creed

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 will be available thanks to a generous donation. They are also available at <https://twentythirdpublications.com>.



OLGH Outreach Ministry

Next weekend is the second weekend of the month when the loose collection at OLGH will go to support the parish's outreach activities. If you can, please put an extra dollar or two in the collection basket so this vital ministry will continue. If you want to donate toward the Outreach Ministry outside of the offertory collection at Mass, there is a line for it on the bottom section of the monthly letter. May God continue to bless your generosity.

Experiencing the Love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Join us for this presentation by Fr. Francis Assisi on Saturday, February 14, 9:30AM at BIS. For more information, please contact Simon Biagui or Marilyn Ratke in the BIS Parish office, 414-464-5033.

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

Donut Sunday at StCA

Next Sunday is our donut social, which provides us an opportunity to come together in a relaxed community setting. Please come and socialize with new and existing parishioners in the Granville room after Mass.



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: 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

Blood pressure screening at StB & StCA

Blood pressure screening will take place after Masses at StB and StCA next Sunday. All are welcome to get your blood pressure checked by members of our Health Ministry team.

New member registration at StCA

If you would like to become a member of StCA, please come to the Granville room after Mass next weekend to register. A volunteer will be available to help you complete the paperwork. We welcome you to our parish community.

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

February 8 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: Catholic Marriage Advice You'll Actually Use,
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3835435?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

February 8 ~ Littlest Saints: St. David the Warrior,
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3313877?cid=801623>

~ *We commend to God* ~

Mary Catherine Heller (StB), 01/28/2026

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



OLGH home prayer network

OLGH Parish has a confidential home prayer network made up of parishioners who have offered to pray for your needs. All calls are confidential. If you are in need of prayers or would like to become involved in our home prayer network, please contact Mary Jansen at 414-731-2780 or jansenmc@sbcglobal.net.

Forgiven: a Lenten series

Join us on 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 to 10:00AM, at OLGH in the church.

To register, call or e-mail Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.

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

Gospel reflection ~ Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus calls us to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs both preservation and illumination. Salt in the ancient world was precious. It preserved food, added flavor, and sealed covenants reminding us that our faith should preserve what is good and add richness to the lives we touch. Yet Christ warns that salt can lose its saltiness, becoming worthless and trampled underfoot, a sobering reminder that faith without action grows stale and ineffective. Similarly, no one lights a lamp only to hide it under a basket; light exists to shine, to guide, to reveal truth in darkness. Our good works are not meant to draw attention to ourselves but to point others toward the Father, like a lamp that illuminates a room without calling attention to itself. This passage challenges the temptation to keep our faith private or to blend invisibly into the culture around us. We are called instead to a visible, active discipleship that makes a tangible difference in our families, workplaces, and communities. When we live authentically as salt and light, we become living witnesses to God's transforming love, inviting others to "glorify your Father in heaven."

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne



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

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

Catholic trivia

Question: How many votes are needed in a papal conclave to elect a new pope?

Answer: A two-thirds majority

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Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

01/27/26	Mary Johnson
01/28/26	Allen Schueller
01/29/26	Sue Riedijk
01/30/26	Diane Moncher-Webb
01/31/26	Margaret Thorn
02/01/26	Alice Manthey
02/02/26	Dan Poganski

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

01/27/26	Ryan Welcenback
01/28/26	Chelsea Stecker
01/29/26	Jeff Thoma
01/30/26	Carla Schreiner
01/31/26	Sandy MacMurdo
02/01/26	Bill Duckert
02/02/26	Pat Malecki

Ash Wednesday Mass schedule



February 18
8:15AM at StMM and OLGH
6:00PM at BIS
6:30PM at StB

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.*

Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord. Share with us as we share with others. Heal us as we help others to heal. Provide for us as we open our hands in charity. Every gift comes from You. You are at the heart of all that is good. Share that goodness with us today, abundantly. Amen. ©LPi

"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 StB from the Benedict Center

Dear St. Bernadette Parish,

Thank you for believing in the women we serve at the Benedict Center. Your generous gift is already making a difference.

Right now, a woman in Milwaukee is rebuilding her life because of you. She's showing up for counseling, applying for jobs, reconnecting with her kids. She's choosing change—and your support makes that choice possible.

Your gift provides the trauma-informed counseling, job coaching, and case management that women in our programs depend on. Whether they're reentering the community or seeking safety and stability in our Sisters program, you help them find support and a path forward.

Here's what your investment makes possible:

- One-on-one support and advocacy rooted in dignity
- Job training and pathway to stable environment
- A healing community where women rebuild their lives with hope

Thank you for believing in second chances and the power of change.

With gratitude,

Jeanne Geraci, Executive Director

Czech Dinner and Bazaar

at St. Margaret Mary Parish-Sampon Hall

Sunday, February 22

Dinner seating at 11:00AM and 1:00PM

Reservations required

Join us for a delicious celebration of Czech heritage. Enjoy a traditional Czech meal featuring pork or jaternice, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, zeli (sauerkraut), rye bread, bakery treats, coffee, and milk.

\$22 non-member adults, \$15 Sokol member adults,

\$10 children ages 4-12, free for age 3 and under

Online reservations are open until February 14 or until sold out. Make your reservation at sokolmilwaukee.org or call the StMM Parish office at 414-461-6073.

Shop the Czech bazaar: Bohemian garnet jewelry, Czech ornaments, and baked goods.

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SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

How to stay safe:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, gold bars, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of any contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams with your friends, family, and community. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to warn others. Visit ssa.gov/scam for more information.

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Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, February 8, 2026: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM RM at StCA

10:30AM RM at StB: †Brandon Becker

Monday, February 9, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday, February 10, 2026: St. Scholastica

4:00PM Fr. Mike Barrett at StB: †Darlene Odenbrett

Wednesday, February 11, 2026: Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15AM FA at OLGH: †Norb Whittle

Thursday, February 12, 2026

12:00PM Fr. Mike Barrett at StCA: †Ron Malecki

Friday, February 13, 2026

No Mass

Saturday, February 14, 2026: Sts. Cyril & Methodius

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH (Praise): †Janet Moranski

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

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, February 8, 2026

- Fr. Mark out of the office through February 13
- StCA StVdP home visit team mtg, 9:30AM at StCA-GR
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, February 9, 2026

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- February 15th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB
- Strength Training for Seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- Intermediate tai chi, 9:15AM at OLGH-NH
- Seated tai chi, 10:15AM at OLGH-room 2

Thursday, February 12, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, February 13, 2026

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

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

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5 and 10-11/
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37 and 40/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22/
Mk 8:1-10

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

