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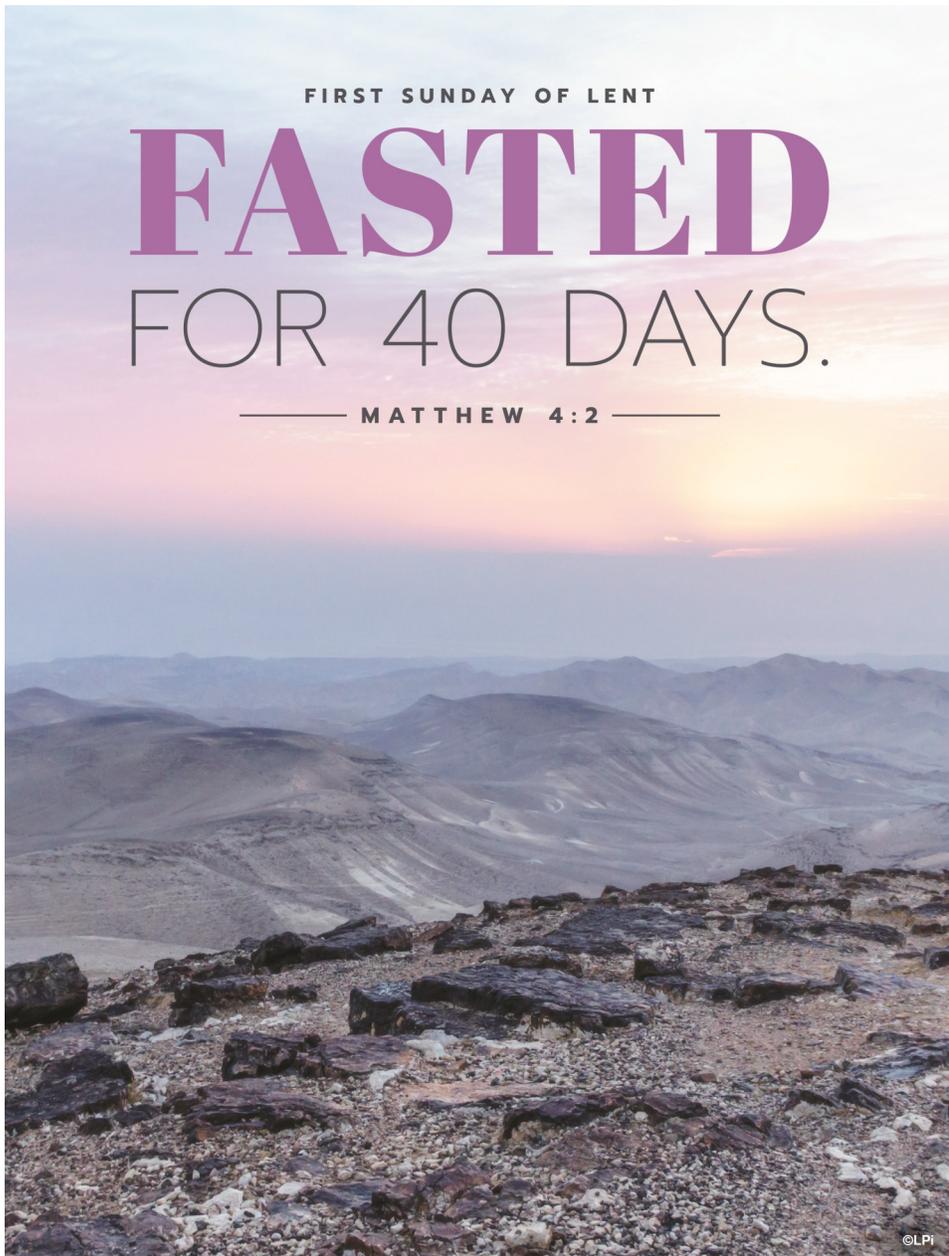


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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— MATTHEW 4:2 —



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Suggest a name for our new parish

As we prepare for the merging of our three parishes in July, we're grateful for the ways our community is coming together during this time of transition. One special step in this journey is choosing a name for our new parish—and we'd love your ideas! Your suggestion can help shape our shared future. Please send in your idea by filling out a New Parish Name Submission Form that is available in the back of any church or electronically in the Friday Footnotes and return it to any parish office. ***Suggestions must be received by March 1. Late suggestions will not be considered.***

If you prefer to join others in naming discussions, plan to attend either or both of our upcoming **Town Hall meetings** held in the parish hall at StB on **February 24** at 6:00PM and **March 8** immediately following the 10:30AM Mass.

Thank you for being such an important part of this journey together!

Continental breakfast at StB

Continental breakfast will be served in the StB cafeteria after Mass next Sunday. Please join us for doughnuts and beverages.

Stations of the Cross

- ✠ February 22, after Mass, at StB
- ✠ February 25, after Mass, at OLGH
- ✠ March 8, after Mass, at StCA
- ✠ March 15, after Mass, at StB
- ✠ March 22, after Mass, at StCA



PRAY FOR US *St. Bernadette:* Anita Apazeller, Anonymous Special Intention, Mia Berger, Holly Biersack, Guy Gromala, Lois Hermann, Marge Hoffman, Joseph Marecki, Irene Mumm, Lenard Mumm, 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, 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

Donate toward the Easter candle

Every year, each of our parishes orders an Easter candle which receives a ceremonial blessing at the Easter Vigil. The Easter candle continues to be an important part of our liturgies, not only at Eastertime but throughout the year, especially at baptisms and funerals. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating toward the cost of the Easter candle at any of our parishes, please call that parish office. Any money collected over the cost of the Easter candle will be used to offset the cost of the candles that are on the parish's altar throughout the year.



Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

February 22 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: Why Is Prayer So Hard?,
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3820441?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

February 22 ~ Lent with Fr. Francis: A Time to Repent,
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1980843?cid=686627>

Bag lunch program schedule correction

Please note a correction to a previous announcement: Volunteers for the bag lunch program meet on the third Tuesday of each month, not the second Tuesday as previously stated. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to this ministry!

Eucharistic Adoration

March 5, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
March 17, 2:50-3:50PM at StB
March 21, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH



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

March 6	April 3	May 15
March 20	April 17	

Catholic trivia

Question: According to the Acts of the Apostles, who was selected to replace the Apostle Judas?

Answer: St. Matthias

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Join us Wednesdays during Lent to learn how to more deeply grow your faith through forgiveness. This series will run from February 25 through March 25, 9:15-10:00AM, at OLGH-church. To register, call or e-mail Simon Biagui at 414-465-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.

Gospel reflection ~ Matthew 4:1-11

Tested in the Wilderness ~ The story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness meets us at the threshold of Lent, reminding us that even the Son of God faced the full force of human vulnerability. After forty days of fasting, at His weakest moment—hungry, isolated, alone—Jesus encounters Satan. Yet it is precisely here that His deepest strength is revealed. Each temptation offers Jesus a shortcut, a way to prove Himself or seize power without suffering, but He counters every offer with Scripture, anchoring Himself in His Father's word rather than His own desperate needs. We see in this encounter that temptation often comes disguised as reasonable solutions to real problems, appealing to our legitimate desires in illegitimate ways. As we enter our own Lenten wilderness, Jesus shows us that faithfulness isn't about never feeling weak or tempted, but about choosing dependence on God when every fiber of our beings wants to choose ourselves. The wilderness strips away our pretenses and securities, leaving us face to face with what we truly hunger for and whom we truly trust. This season invites us to recognize our own patterns of temptation—the ways we're offered bread when we need the Word, spectacle when we need faith, or worldly power when we're called to humble service. In following Jesus through this wilderness testing, we discover that victory over temptation isn't won by our strength alone, but by clinging to God's promises even when they seem far away.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

10 Hours of Reconciliation

March 25, 10:00AM-8:00PM at St. Margaret Mary
We invite all parishioners to join us for 10 Hours of Reconciliation, a special opportunity to experience God's mercy, healing, and peace. Priests will be available throughout the day for the sacrament of reconciliation. Come whenever you can, stay as long as you need, and allow this sacred time to renew your heart during this holy season of Lent.

"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

Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

02/10/26	Nang Thao
02/11/26	Marge Franz
02/12/26	Sarah Jabara
02/13/26	Linda Callan
02/14/26	Natalie Buckles
02/15/26	Diane Smith
02/16/26	Kelly Grable

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

02/10/26	Ulrik Forsberg
02/11/26	Bobbi Conrad
02/12/26	St. Vincent de Paul-Mke
02/13/26	Arlo Springman
02/14/26	Ruth Walker
02/15/26	Patti Schirger
02/16/26	John Buckley



Submit Easter Memorials

Donations for Easter Memorials, in whatever amount you choose, may be placed in the collection basket or sent to your parish office anytime **before March 29**. Please include the legible name(s) of your departed loved one(s) to be held in memory and your name to receive credit for the donation. Identify it as "Easter Memorial." Your loved ones' names will be remembered on display in the back of church at OLGH or StCA or in the gathering area at StB, and they will be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at the Easter Vigil.

Strength Training for Seniors-thank you

We are grateful to share that this session of Strength Training for Seniors has been generously donated in memory of Carol Hasenyager by a kind and thoughtful parishioner. We give thanks for this gift, which supports the health and wellbeing of our community while honoring Carol's memory in a meaningful way.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen. ©LPi

Thank you to OLGH from Repairers of the Breach

Dear Our Lady of Good Hope Parish,
It is with sincere appreciation we acknowledge your support to Repairers of the Breach this past year. Because of your selfless generosity, we offered life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-restoring programs and services to our Members (homeless and at-risk), the tools that enable their self-reliance.

It is with great pleasure that I convey our appreciation. For the people you help, they not only improve their own situation, but they improve our community as a collective. You are truly a Repairer of the Breach.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. James W. West, Jr.
Executive Director

Men's and women's retreats offered

Are you looking for more? Experience God's love like never before by attending a retreat offered by Cursillo. The men's weekend is February 26-March 1. The women's weekend is March 19-22. Both retreats will take place at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. Go to www.milwcursillo.com for more information.

Lenten Soup & Substance ~ 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



JOIN US FOR A
Lenten Day of Reflection
"Reconnection and
Deepening Our Faith"

Saturday, March 7
8:30 a.m. - noon

St. Francis of Assisi Church
1937 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave., Milwaukee

Speaker: Fessahaye Mebrahtu

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Register here:
tinyurl.com/y7bpj462



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Walking with Moms in Need
Support and resources within the Archdiocese

(414) 769-3454

bit.ly/MomsResources



Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, February 22, 2026: 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30AM MP at StCA: †Carol Hasenyager

9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Patricia Moniot

10:30AM MP at StB: †Zita Nugent

Monday, February 23, 2026: St. Polycarp

No Mass

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

4:00PM MP at StB: †Todd Wargula

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:15AM MP at OLGH: †Gerald Paprocki

Thursday, February 26, 2026

12:00PM RM at StCA

Friday, February 27, 2026: St. Gregory of Narek

No Mass

Saturday, February 28, 2026

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM RM at OLGH: FATP

Sunday, March 1, 2026: 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30AM RM at StCA: †Linda Radder & Carol Hasenyager

10:30AM RM at StB: †Erich Stapelfeldt

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 22, 2026

- Anointing of the sick, after Masses at StB & StCA
- Rite of Continuous Conversion, during 10:30 Mass at StB
- Stations of the Cross, after Mass at StB
- New member registration, after Masses at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, February 23, 2026

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- March 1st bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH
- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

- *The Creed of the Church* book read, 9:30AM at StCA-GR
- Human Concerns Cmte mtg, 1:00PM at StCA-parish ofc
- Strength Training for Seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB
- Town Hall mtg, 6:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

- Stations of the Cross, after Mass at OLGH
- Intermediate tai chi, 9:15AM at OLGH-NH
- Forgiven Lenten series, 9:15AM at StCA-GR
- Seated tai chi, 10:15AM at OLGH-room 2

Thursday, February 26, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, February 27, 2026

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

Saturday, February 28, 2026

- New member registration, after Mass at OLGH
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at OLGH
- Soup & Substance: Get Connected to Christ, after 5:00PM Mass at StMM

Sunday, March 1, 2026

- 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

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/
Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/
Mt 17:1-9