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Bulletin Deadline Changes

Weekend	Deadline, 10:00AM
December 5-6	was November 23
December 12-13	November 30
December 19-20	December 7
December 26-27	December 14
January 2-3	December 21

Calendar raffle ticket sales have begun!

We're happy to announce that our first calendar raffle as St. Christopher Parish has begun.

Let's kick off the season with joy and generosity:

1. Calendars are $25 each.
2. Daily prizes range from $25 to $200, and on some special days, prizes are even larger than in past years.
3. Winning tickets go back in the hopper—you can win more than once!
4. They make perfect Christmas gifts—easy for you, meaningful for them.

Please consider purchasing calendars for yourself, your friends, and your loved ones this holiday season. Your support helps our parish and spreads cheer all year long.

Calendars will be available in the back of each church after Masses, at events such as StB fish fry, and in the parish office. We must sell enough tickets by December 31 or the raffles cannot be held. Let's make this year's raffle a joyful success!

Please note: While it is the St. Christopher Parish 2027 Calendar Raffle, because tickets are being sold in 2026 we are using the StB raffle license. Therefore, **please make checks payable to St. Bernadette Parish**.



Blessing for Advent Week 1

Dear Lord,
As this Advent season begins, pour Your blessing upon us. Bless our Advent wreaths and readings, our retreats and reconciliations. You are our God and our guide; be with us as we journey. Amen. ©LPi

PRAY FOR US

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.

November 29 ~ SEEK23: Focus
Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna
https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2765838?cid=652332

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

November 29 ~ The Saints and Heroes Collection
Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe
https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578445?cid=115862

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our StVdP food pantry volunteers are grateful for the support of NWMCP! ***For December, we are asking for donations of canned vegetables and canned fruit. We are also in need of more brown paper bags and sturdy plastic bags.*** Please put these items and other nonperishable food items in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. We are thankful for the food and monetary donations of our parishioners, which allow us to help more people in need.



Keep Awake: A Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent

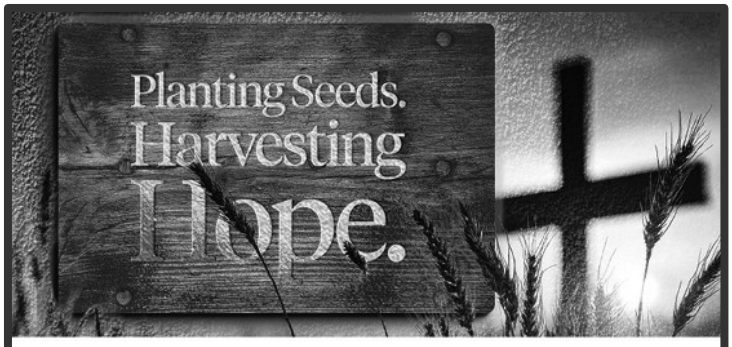
"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

Advent begins with a warning to stay awake. Jesus tells a story of a household whose master has gone on a journey, leaving each servant with a task and the doorkeeper with the charge to watch. We are never told when the master will return—whether in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, or at dawn—and so every hour becomes holy ground. This kind of watchfulness is not anxious fear but patient, hopeful attention to the ways Christ is already coming among us. It shows up in small, faithful acts: a word of kindness, a prayer before sleep, a door opened to a stranger. In a season that rushes us toward busyness and noise, Advent invites us to slow down and keep our eyes lifted. Christ may come in the face of a neighbor in need, in the quiet of Scripture, or in the breaking of bread at this very table. Let us light the first candle this week and pray together, "Come, Lord Jesus," ready to welcome Him whenever He appears. *~ Blessings, Fr. Mark*



4:30-7:00PM in the StB parish hall

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



Your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal plants seeds of hope for the many ministries of the Archdiocese. Every gift is needed and welcomed, no matter the size. To donate, visit **www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2026 to 414-348-8380** or mail your check to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Foster parents needed

"Whoever welcomes a child such as this in my name, welcomes me." ~ Matthew 18:5

Currently there are more than 1,800 children in foster care in Milwaukee County. Foster parents provide a safe and nurturing home for children until they can reunify with family members or find permanency through adoption or guardianship. Foster parents are needed for children of all ages, especially older youth and sibling groups. If you are interested in learning more, visit childrenswi.org/fostering or contact Ashley Argall at aargall@childrenswi.org or 414-435-8894. There are options for short-term foster care (stays of a few days at a time) or long-term foster care.

Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

11/17/26	John Keller
11/18/26	Paula Moncher
11/19/26	George Rennicke
11/20/26	Tim Higgins

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

11/17/26	Debby Korpela
11/18/26	Michael Korpela
11/19/26	Greg Konsionowski
11/20/26	Matthew Buckley

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.

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RESPECT LIFE *Mass*

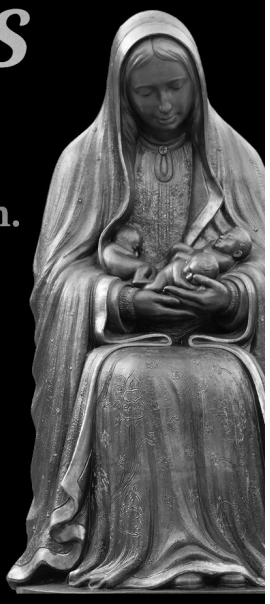
Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob

January 22, 2026 | 6 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church
1441 W. Oakwood Rd., Oak Creek

All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass in observance of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Even though the Roe vs. Wade decision was overturned, the work to protect the unborn continues. Please join us as we pray for these vulnerable children and the promotion of legislation and policies that uphold the dignity and sanctity of life.

Rich Fedor, *Director of Respect Life Ministry*
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Mother of the Unborn statue, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin Used with permission

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Morning with Guadalupe

Join us at St. Mary Catholic Faith Community in Hales Corners for a special morning exploring the story, significance, and enduring devotion surrounding Our Lady of Guadalupe as we celebrate her feast day. We will gather on Saturday, December 12, at 10:00AM, in the St. Mary Parish Gathering Space, 9520 West Forest Home Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

To help us plan for seating and refreshments, please RSVP by December 5, if possible, to Sam Rasp at rasps@stmaryhc.org or 414-425-2174.

"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

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

November 28, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise be to God!

Please join us in thanksgiving for the success of the Love One Another Campaign! We give glory and praise to the Lord for the commitment in faith that the community of this archdiocese has demonstrated through the support of this campaign.

Thank you to all who have made their contributions and to the many who continue to fulfill their commitments! The campaign beautifully reflects the deep-rooted faith that unites our community here in southeastern Wisconsin.

In 2019, the archdiocesan Love One Another Campaign was established to put our faith into action as an outward sign that we are committed to spreading the Gospel and bringing all people closer to Christ. Parishes actively participated in waves since 2021, when the campaign re-launched after its halt due to COVID-19. Parishioners continue to fulfill their pledged commitments monthly, quarterly, and annually, acknowledging the importance of sustaining our mission for future generations. We are unwavering in our care and purpose for this mission.

As of today, we have received **29,647 pledges** totaling **$150,953,739**—exceeding our $150,000,000 goal! This result is a testament that many believe and continue to answer the call in faith for the preservation of our faith.

We know this journey has also included difficult transitions and sacrifices for many in our archdiocese. We hold those most affected close in our prayers, trusting that the Lord will bring healing and that moving forward sparks a new hope for those most affected.

As good and faithful stewards, we remain committed to fulfilling the responsibility and integrity of the intent and purpose set forth by the Love One Another Trust. Parish renovations abound. We see the improvements made to our worship spaces and school structures. We hear about updates to formation programs and the increased resources we are able to provide for our outreach—the many ministries helping all God's children. Every donation has brought us to this monumental place.

We humbly ask that you accept our gratitude for every donation, every prayer, and the time and work that the clergy, staff, and volunteer teams have so generously given to this campaign.

With grateful hearts,

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop Emeritus of Milwaukee

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, November 29, 2026: 1st Sunday of Advent
8:30AM MP at StCA
9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Martha Nickerson
10:30AM FA at StB: †Wild family
Monday, November 30, 2026: St. Andrew
No Mass
Tuesday, December 1, 2206
4:00PM RM at StB: †Jane Bongard
Wednesday, December 2, 2026
8:15AM MP at OLGH: †Thomas Gray
Thursday, December 3, 2026: St. Francis Xavier
12:00PM MP at StCA
Friday, December 4, 2026: St. John Damascene
No Mass
Saturday, December 5, 2026
3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
4:00PM FA at OLGH: †Rosemary Hackett
Sunday, December 6, 2026: 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30AM FA at StCA: FATP
10:30AM FA at StB: †John & Mary Dumke

MP = Fr. Mark Payne FA = Fr. Francis Assisi
AJ = Fr. Alan Jurkus RM = Fr. Roman Mueller
FATP = For all the parishioners of StB, BlS, StCA, StMM, OLGH

Please note:
Due to the consolidation of the parish offices, some staff members' extensions have changed.

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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, November 29, 2026
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB-PH

Monday, November 30, 2026
- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at StB
- December 13th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at StB

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry
- Intermediate tai chi, 9:30AM at StB
- Evangelization video series, 10:00AM at StB-PH
- Seated tai chi, 11:00AM at StB

Thursday, December 3, 2026
- Parish staff mtg, 10:00AM at StCA-GR
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Saturday, December 5, 2026
- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA

Sunday, December 6, 2026
- Christian Formation classes, 11:30AM at StB-classrooms
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-PH

Eucharistic Adoration

December 15, 2:50-3:50PM at StB
December 17, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
December 19, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2026

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9ab and 10-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8



Abbreviation key: StB-St. Bernadette, BlS-Blessed Savior, StCA-St. Catherine of Alexandria, StMM-St. Margaret Mary, OLGH-Our Lady of Good Hope, NWCS-Northwest Catholic School, GR-Granville room at StCA, LMR-lobby mtg room at StB, NH-North Hall at OLGH, PH-parish hall at StB