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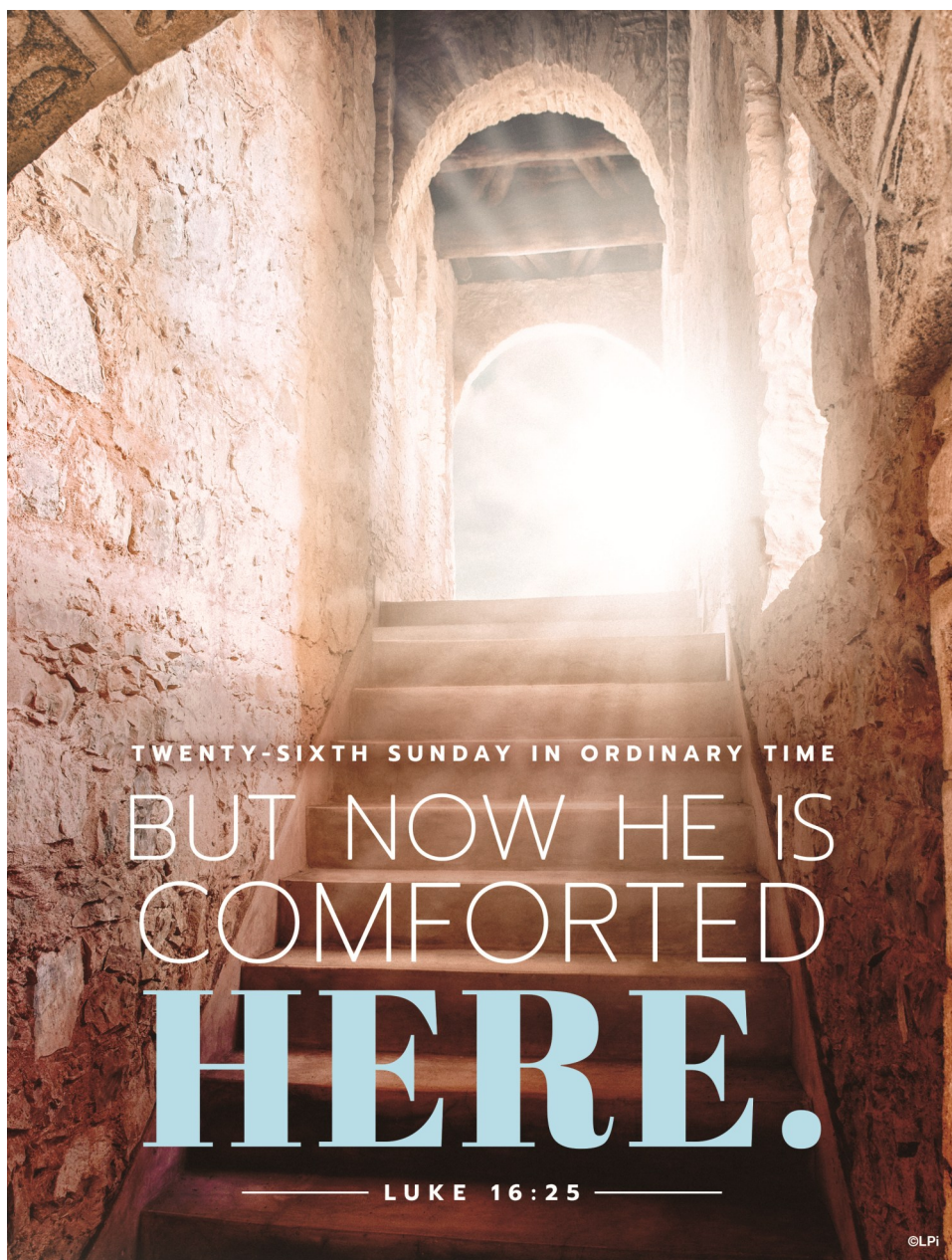
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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Packers Potluck Party and Chili Cookoff

Sunday, November 16
12:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Bring your favorite game day food/drinks to share while we cheer on the Packers as they face the New York Giants at 12:00.

Sign up as a chef or simply join us to judge the winner of the coveted "Best Chili Chef in Northwest Milwaukee."

To volunteer to help or to sign up as a chef, please contact Sue Riedijk at 414-365-2020, ext. 300, or riedijks@nwmcp.org.

Bulletin Deadline Changes

Weekend	Deadline, 10:00AM
October 11-12	October 3
October 18-19	October 7
October 25-26	October 10

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our pantry is grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. *For October, we are asking for donations of canned soup and chili.* 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.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with Your love, care, and mercy,
You who are our healing and hope. Amen. ©LPi



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: Maureen Conaty 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

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

September 28 ~ Powers and Dominions: Angels, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/585548>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

September 28 ~ Time with Jesus-Waving the Palms
<https://app.formed.org/app/audios/1980229?cid=1125547>

Learn about spiritual direction

Do you wonder what spiritual direction is? Please join us on Saturday, October 4, at StB from 9:30 to 10:30AM as Vevette Hill-Nwagbaraocha answers your spiritual direction questions.

Vevette Hill-Nwagbaraocha is a mother of three adult children and a longtime member of All Saints Catholic Church. Her spiritual education includes a Masters degree in Systematic Theology, received in 2022. She received her training as a spiritual director from the Midwest Jesuit Providence seminars in Ignatian Formation, while working as a Campus Minister at Marquette University. Vevette is a member of the Black Catholic Ministry Commission and is on the Board of Catholic Charities.



In her spare time, she loves to spend time with her family.

New Mass Schedule

(began September 1)

Monday, 9:00AM, Blessed Savior
(school prayer services at Blessed Savior TBD)

Tuesday, 8:15AM, St. Margaret Mary
Tuesday, 4:00PM, St. Bernadette

Wednesday, 8:15AM, Our Lady of Good Hope (school Mass)

Thursday, 8:15AM, St. Margaret Mary (school Mass)
Thursday, 12:00PM, St. Catherine of Alexandria

Saturday, 4:00PM, Our Lady of Good Hope
Saturday, 5:00PM, St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, 8:30AM, St. Catherine of Alexandria
Sunday, 9:00AM, Blessed Savior
Sunday, 10:30AM, St. Bernadette
Sunday, 11:00AM, St. Margaret Mary

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is a sacred site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Adele Brise in 1859. Since then, pilgrims have come to its grounds to pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Champion and Adele Brise. Many have encountered healing or blessings that they attribute to the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Adele. Join us on Saturday, October 25, to travel together to the shrine.



The coach bus will depart from St. Bernadette at 7:00AM and will return at 5:00PM.

Please R.S.V.P. to the

St. Bernadette Parish office by October 1.

\$35 per person to cover the cost of the bus.

Please make checks payable to St. Bernadette Parish.

Strength training for seniors

Is it getting harder to get up from a chair or lift a bag of groceries? Do you feel weaker every year? We can help! Professional trainer Tyler Schuette, of Milwaukee Personal Training, will be leading another round of strength training for seniors classes on Tuesdays at 2:00PM beginning on September 30 at StCA-Granville room. All levels of skill, strength, and mobility are encouraged to join the class.

It is always wise to consult with your healthcare provider before beginning an exercise program. All physical abilities are welcome. There is no charge and you do not need special equipment. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and join us for exercise, companionship, and fun. Please RSVP to riedijks@nwmcp.org or 414-365-2020.

Save the date: StB Holiday Craft Fair

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on a new weekend with different hours: Saturday, November 1, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.



We still have space for you to sell your crafts at the fair. If you are a crafter or know one, table applications are available at www.nwmcp.org/blog or call the StB Parish office to have one mailed or e-mailed to you.

Our success, as always, depends on you, so be sure to invite your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

09/14/25	Lucy Dittmann
09/15/25	Meghan McFadden
09/16/25	Nancy Santee
09/17/25	Amy Moncher
09/18/25	Tim Higgins
09/19/25	Sherry Moncher
09/20/25	Sophie Nelson
09/21/25	Diane Smith
09/22/25	Melissa Muehlbauer

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

09/14/25	Barb Hart-Quisno
09/15/25	Kevin Grall
09/16/25	Ellie Luell
09/17/25	Marie Sellke
09/18/25	Anna Laczniak
09/19/25	AnnMarie Kolb
09/20/25	J. Schaumberg-Aigner
09/21/25	Matthew Hamrick
09/22/25	Clara Kotecki

Eucharistic Adoration

October 2, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

October 18, 2:50-3:50AM at OLGH

October 21, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

Plant sale

On October 5, StB parishioner Winnie Aitch will have houseplants and outside plants for sale after the 10:30 Mass at StB. The sale will take place in the StB parking lot. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved into the cafeteria. Anyone else who has an overabundance of plants and flowers is welcome to bring them to sell on October 5, as well. All proceeds will be donated to StB.



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

October 17	February 20	April 17
November 21	March 6	May 15
December 19	March 20	
January 16	April 3	

"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 our parish community

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners who attended our Town Hall meeting this past Sunday, September 21. Your presence and participation demonstrate the strength and commitment of our faith community as we embark on this significant journey together.

Our theme moving forward is “NEW BEGINNINGS: OUR JOURNEY TO BECOME ONE,” and we are filled with hope and anticipation for what lies ahead. On July 1, 2026, we will officially merge corporately, marking a historic milestone in our parish’s history. Our new home will be the beautiful campus of St. Bernadette, where we will gather as one unified congregation. However, Masses will continue as scheduled at all three campuses for the time being.

Together, we will build a strong, vibrant community rooted in faith and fellowship. This merger will provide us with a solid financial foundation that will support our mission for generations to come. We are committed to creating a thriving Catholic presence that will serve our community for years to come.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make Sunday’s presentation possible through their dedication and hard work. Countless hours were spent in prayer, planning, and preparation to ensure that our community was well-informed about this important transition. Thank you to our Steering Committee for their tireless leadership and vision throughout this process.

Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Pastoral Council and all other committees who have worked diligently to unify our parishes as one. The collaboration and spirit of cooperation displayed by all involved has been truly inspiring. Moving forward as a unified community requires both courage and unwavering faith.

Thank you for placing your confidence and trust in this process and in our shared future. Your support and openness to this new chapter fills us with great hope and determination. Together, we will write the next chapter of our parish’s story with faith, love, and unity.

May God bless each and every one of you as we continue this journey together.

~ Fr Mark, the Pastoral Council, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and our supporting committees



A Reflection on Luke 16: 19-31

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus confronts us with one of Scripture’s most sobering reminders about wealth, compassion, and eternal consequences. In this story, Jesus presents two men whose earthly circumstances could not be more different—one living in luxury while the other suffers in poverty at his very doorstep. The rich man’s sin was not in his wealth itself, but in his complete indifference to the suffering of Lazarus, whom he passed by daily without extending help or even basic human dignity. When their positions are reversed in the afterlife, we see that God’s justice encompasses not only our relationship with Him, but how we treat the most vulnerable among us.

The rich man’s plea for someone to warn his brothers reveals a tragic irony—he finally understands the gravity of ignoring those in need, but his concern comes too late. Abraham’s response that “they have Moses and the Prophets” reminds us that Scripture already provides clear guidance about caring for the poor and marginalized. This parable challenges us to examine our own hearts and actions, asking whether we truly see and respond to the “Lazarus” figures in our communities. Ultimately, Jesus calls us to live with both eyes open—one toward heaven’s eternal values and the other toward earth’s immediate needs, knowing that how we respond to suffering around us reflects the authenticity of our faith.

~Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Catholic Charities

For over 100 years, Catholic Charities has provided social services programs for families and adults affected by poverty in ten counties in southeastern Wisconsin. Their mission is “...to provide service to those in need, to advocate for justice, and to call upon others to do the same.”

They offer the following programs and services: community counseling, outreach and case management, adult day services, hoarding intervention and treatment, supporting parenting, pregnancy support, adoption services, refugee and immigration services, and legal services. If you or someone you know needs help, the first step is to reach out. Please check their website, ccmke.org, for detailed information on each program or service, and call the Milwaukee area office, 414-771-2881, for assistance.

Catholic trivia

Question: Apart from the Resurrection, what is the only miracle mentioned by all four Gospels?

Answer: The miracle of the loaves and fishes ©LPi

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, September 28, 2025: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM RM at StCA: FATP

9:00AM FA at StB (Hmong): †Gustave J. Sevela

10:30AM FA at StB: †Leo & Marguerite Pietsch

Monday, September 29, 2025: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Rafael

No Mass

Tuesday, September 30, 2025: St. Jerome

4:00PM RM at StB: †Marlene Drumel

Wednesday, October 1, 2025: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:15AM RM at OLGH: †Richard Klug

Thursday, October 2, 2025: The Holy Guardian Angels

12:00PM RM at StCA: †Carol Hasenyager

Friday, October 3, 2025

No Mass

Saturday, October 4, 2025: St. Francis of Assisi

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM RM at OLGH: †Helen Reichert

Sunday, October 5, 2025: 27th Sunday in Ordinary

8:30AM RM at StCA: †Michael Kramoris

10:30AM AJ at StB: †Andrew Erenyi

†Andy Moncher

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, September 28, 2025

- Bible study, after Mass at StCA-GR
- New member registration, after Masses at StB-cafeteria
- Blood pressure screening, after 10:30 Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, September 29, 2025

- Fr. Mark out of the office through October 13
- October 5th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry

Thursday, October 2, 2025

- Adoration, 10:50AM at StCA
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, October 3, 2025

- October 12th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM

Saturday, October 4, 2025

- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA
- Speaker on spiritual direction, 9:30AM at StB-cafeteria

Sunday, October 5, 2025

- Bible study, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Plant sale, after Mass at StB-parking lot or cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-5/
Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10

