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on your
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APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Help needed with mowing

We are looking for volunteers to help with mowing in the StB grotto and in the front of church. If you are able to help, please contact Kristen Moncher at 414-324-2705.

OLGH monthly letter correction

An error in the OLGH March monthly letter was discovered by some of our parishioners who brought it to the attention of office staff. OLGH's letter incorrectly directed parishioners to make checks payable to St. Bernadette. Please continue to write your checks to your home parish until a merger or sale is completed.

Earlier this year, NWMCP started using a new parishioner database system. With this system, we are able to produce our monthly letters more efficiently than in the past. However, we are still working through a few issues as we adjust to the new platform. If you notice any errors or have questions about your information, please don't hesitate to contact one of the parish offices.

We apologize for this error and any confusion it caused.

Volunteer catechists needed

We're seeking volunteer catechists for our Vacation Bible School and the upcoming school year. Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment training will be provided at no cost. Please contact Simon Biagui, Director of Evangelization & Discipleship, at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org, to volunteer or learn more.

Eucharistic Adoration

April 21, 2:50-3:50PM at StB
May 7, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
May 16, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

Gluten-free hosts available

Gluten-free hosts are available at all Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes. To request one, please see an usher or talk to the priest when you arrive before Mass.



St. Bernadette: Dori Chaconas, James Quesnell, II, 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: Weston J. Welcenbach, 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.

April 19 ~ Wild Goose Episode 2: Breath of God
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582740?cid=116527>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

April 19 ~ Extraordinary Stories for Children: A Leg to Stand On
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/573458?cid=115601>

Safe Environment Awareness Week

To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love with deep abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality—we cannot approach all God's creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee's program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God's children protected and safe.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee mandates that all people who work and volunteer with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo safe environment education. The education details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs.
2. Control access to children and youth by carefully selecting the adults who interact with them.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children and youth.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority.

Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 19-26, 2026, as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Gospel reflection ~ Luke 24:13-35

The Road to Emmaus

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples walked away from Jerusalem heavy with grief and shattered hope, certain that the story of Jesus had come to a bitter end. A stranger joined them on the journey, one they did not recognize, and gently asked what weighed so heavily on their hearts. In their honest, wounded telling, they revealed the universal human experience of faith disappointed: "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." Jesus did not rebuke their doubt, but instead walked with them, opening the scriptures and illuminating how suffering and glory are never truly separate. There is deep comfort in knowing that the Risen Christ does not wait for us to have everything figured out. He comes to us precisely in our confusion and grief, on whatever road we are walking. It was not until the breaking of the bread that their eyes were opened, reminding us that we often encounter the living Christ most powerfully at the table, in the simple, shared act of Communion. The moment they recognized Him, He vanished as if to say: now you carry this flame yourselves, and you do not need to see me to know I am present. May we, like those disciples, find our hearts burning within us as we hear the Word proclaimed, and may we rush to share with others the astonishing news that the Lord has risen indeed.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2026

Your contributions to the CSA support the Church's sacred duty of spreading the Gospel and extending a helping hand to those in need. To donate, text APPEAL2026 to 414-348-8380, give online at www.catholicappeal.org, or mail your contribution to Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 South Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235. Envelopes are available at each of our parishes. Be sure to list your parish with any contribution so your gift will be credited toward our parish goal.

Donate used jewelry

Donate your used and vintage jewelry to St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care. They polish and resell it, helping elderly or disabled clients receive needed care they can't afford. If you have unwanted jewelry, bring it to any parish office.

Catholic trivia

Question: What is the name of the Jewish feast day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on?

Answer: The Passover Feast

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Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

04/07/26 Amy Moncher
04/08/26 Kris Brienza
04/09/26 Jennifer Rutter
04/10/26 Tyler Kazmierski
04/11/26 Simon Biagui
04/12/26 Susan Dirk
04/13/26 Peter Schneider

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

04/07/26 Kelly Kleppin
04/08/26 Shawn Govern
04/09/26 Susan Tatsak
04/10/26 Kelsey Kotecki
04/11/26 Mr. & Mrs. David Foti
04/12/26 Jason Fleishauer
04/13/26 Sally Bissen



Congratulations to
Sterling Christopher Mouachee T.
Baptismal date: 04/12/26



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

May 15

"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

Summer Action Retreat

All current middle school boys are invited to the Summer Action Retreat at St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary from June 15 through June 17 for three days of field Olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You are sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith. The \$50 cost includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats.

Grieving Grace Pregnancy Loss Retreat

April 24–25 at Zechariah House, Kaukauna
Have you experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss? You are not alone. Grieving Grace is a faith-filled, compassionate retreat offering prayer, reflection, and gentle support as you honor your child and begin healing.

- Safe, confidential environment
- Guided prayer and reflection
- Fellowship with others who understand

Cost: \$325

Register: www.elizabethministry.com/events

Info: info@elizabethministry.com

Cultural Spotlight: Asian Catholic Community

The Blessed Savior Multi-Cultural Commission invites you to a special gathering featuring the Milwaukee Asian Catholic Community, in partnership with St. Michael Parish. This event is part of our ongoing effort to learn about and appreciate the rich cultural traditions present within our parish and the wider community.

Please join us on Sunday, April 26, in the BLS Parish Hall following the 9:00AM Mass. All are welcome to attend and share in this opportunity for fellowship and cultural appreciation.



Be alert for motorcycles and bicycles!

Beware of scam e-mails!

The proliferation of bad e-mails continues, especially this time of year. Please be aware of these RED FLAG areas when reading emails.

"From" line:

- Do you recognize the sender's e-mail address?
- Does the sender's account or domain look suspicious?
- Are there misspellings of a known website (e.g. www.bankofamerica where the m is two characters r and n)?
- Is the e-mail from outside your organization and not related to your responsibilities?

"To" line:

- Was the e-mail sent to an unusual mix of people (i.e. a seemingly random group)?
- Were you cc'd on an e-mail but do not know the other people to whom it was sent?

"Date" line:

- Was the e-mail received during normal business hours or at an unusual time?

"Subject" line:

- Does the subject line seem irrelevant or does it not match the message content?
- Does the subject line use terms like, "Urgent, you must act now"?

Content:

- Does the e-mail have bad grammar or spelling errors?
- Does the message ask for unexpected payments? Even if you know the sender, confirm by calling the person with a number you know to be accurate. Do not simply reply to the message.
- Is the sender asking you to click on a link or open an attachment to avoid a negative consequence or to gain something of value?
- Is the sender asking you to click on a link or open an attachment that seems odd or illogical?

Hyperlinks:

- When you hover your mouse over a hyperlink displayed in the e-mail message, is the address for a different website? (STOP—this is a BIG RED FLAG!)
- Does the e-mail only have a long hyperlink with no further information and the rest of the message is blank?

We can all protect ourselves and our systems by this simple but effective vigilance.

Blessing for the Way

Dear Lord,

As we journey through life, journey with us. As we wrestle with uncertainty, comfort us with Your presence. Through distances, walk alongside us. Bless us with Your companionship, Your prayer, Your sacred presence in the Eucharist. Amen.

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Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, April 19, 2026: 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30AM MP at StB*

10:30AM MP at StB: †Darlene Odenbrett

**Masses moved to StB due to construction at StCA*

Monday, April 20, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday, April 21, 2026: St. Anselm

4:00PM MB at StB: †Jack Weiss

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

8:15AM MP at OLGH: †Rosemary Hackett

Thursday, April 23, 2026: St. George: St. Adalbert

12:00PM MB at StCA: †Linda Radder & Carol Hasenyager

Friday, April 24, 2026: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

No Mass

Saturday, April 25, 2026: St. Mark

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH: †Thomas Gray

Sunday, April 26, 2026: 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30AM FA at StCA: FATP

9:00am RM at StB (Hmong): †Br. Roman Jarosz

10:30AM AJ at StB: †Ralph Apazeller & Ann Troka

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

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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, April 19, 2026

- First Communion, during 10:30AM Mass at StB
- Continental Breakfast, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- NWMCP confirmation, 2:00PM at St. Catherine Parish (5233 West Center Street)
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, April 20, 2025

- April 26th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- Preparing bag lunches for the homeless, 9:00AM at StB-LMR
- Symbolon, 9:00AM at StCA-GR
- Adoration and rosary, 2:50PM at StB
- Strength training for seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR

Thursday, April 23, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, April 24, 2026

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

Saturday, April 25, 2026

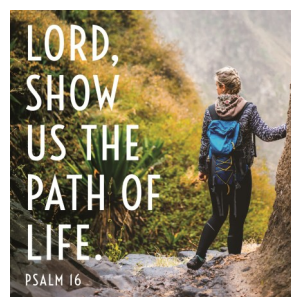
- New member registration, after Mass at OLGH
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at OLGH

Sunday, April 26, 2026

- Baptism: Joseph H., during the 8:30AM Mass at StCA
- New member registration & donut Sunday, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StCA-GR
- New member registration, after Mass at StB-csfeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of April 19, 2026

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-11/
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,
17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-1





Archdiocese of Milwaukee Child and Youth Protection and Compliance Safe Environment Week - Proclamation

WHEREAS, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

WHEREAS, the theme for this years' Safe Environment Week will be "Strengthening Trust Through Protection, Prevention, and Compliance."

WHEREAS, acknowledging that as a Church we have much work to do to rebuild the trust that has been broken;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that as bishops, clergy and church leaders we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob proclaim the week of April 19th– April 25th, 2026 as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love, respect, and mercy as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee