

# ST. BERNADETTE

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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

# THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED.

— JOHN 3:17 —



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## Help needed in the parish offices

Volunteers are needed to help cover in the parish offices when the administrative assistants are out of the office for meetings or vacations. Hours can vary, but are typically 10:00AM to 2:00PM or shorter. We are especially looking for help every Thursday at StB and every other Thursday at StCA and OLGH from 9:45AM until about 12:00PM. Duties primarily involve admitting people to the offices and answering phone calls. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact any parish office.



## 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.

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](mailto:riedijks@nwmcp.org).*

## 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](mailto:jansenmc@sbcglobal.net).

## Prayer of Love

Dear God,  
Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love. Amen.

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*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 14 ~ The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church with Bshp. Andrew Cozzens

*Chapter 7: Our Transformation: The Eucharist is a Mystery to be Lived:* <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2579948?cid=837728>

## FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

September 14 ~ Spending Time with Jesus

<https://app.formed.org/app/audios/1980233?cid=1125547>

## Save the date: StB Holiday Craft Fair

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM (*note different weekend than in the past and new hours*). Your favorites are returning—chicken dinner, bake sale, gift basket raffle, and most importantly, the crafters. We will have new and returning kids' activities, and we are in the process of booking Santa Claus's appearance.

Our success, as always, depends on you. Share this news with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. If you are a crafter or know one, table applications are available at [www.nwmcp.org/blog](http://www.nwmcp.org/blog) or call the StB Parish office to have one mailed or e-mailed to you.



We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

*Your Holiday Craft Fair Committee: Jim Brown, Sue Degenhardt, Tim Higgins, Alice Manthey, Ginny McFadden, Kristen Moncher, Linda Nugent*



## Eucharistic Adoration

September 16, 2:50-3:50PM at StB  
October 2, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA  
October 18, 2:50-3:50AM at OLGH

*Adoration on September 20 at OLGH has been canceled.*



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

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

## 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.

### *Itinerary*

- 9:15 Arrival to Mother of Mercy Hall
- 9:45 Confessions
- 10:30 Rosary
- 11:00 Mass
- 12:00 Healing service
- 1:00 Lunch provided by Order of Malta, typically includes pasta, chips, salad, cookie, and beverage
- Free time to visit the grounds until departure at 3:00PM.



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.

## **Congratulations to our StB**

### **Calendar Raffle winners**

08/29/25	Julie Stamm
08/30/25	Karen Novy
08/31/25	Luther Govern
09/01/25	Dolores Bruskiwicz
09/02/25	James Brown
09/03/25	Rosie Garske
09/04/25	Susan Dirk
09/05/25	Donna Jensen

## **Congratulations to our StCA**

### **Calendar Raffle winners**

08/29/25	Emilie Mason
08/30/25	Emily Kolb
08/31/25	Charlotte Selix
09/01/25	Peter Steffen
09/02/25	Erin Kolo
09/03/25	Emma Imig
09/04/25	Stephen Bushmaker
09/05/25	Rosa Verkuiten

## **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.

## **All-Parishes Mass and Town Hall Meeting**

*Come and worship together as one community at*

**Our Lady of Good Hope Parish**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 9:30AM.**

*All other Masses on September 20th and 21st at NWMCP have been canceled.*

*Immediately following Mass, come to the  
Town Hall meeting and buffet lunch at*

**The Wisconsin Country Club**

**6200 West Good Hope Road**

**Business casual attire—no jeans please.**

*We wish to acknowledge the generosity of The Wisconsin Country Club  
in waiving rental fees and offering special menu pricing.*

*"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*



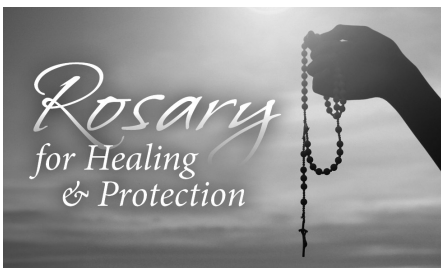
## A Reflection on Luke 3: 13-17

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of being "lifted up" like the bronze serpent Moses raised in the wilderness, transforming an instrument of death into a source of healing and salvation. The cross, which the world sees as defeat and shame, becomes in God's hands the ultimate expression of divine love and the pathway to eternal life. Just as the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent and were healed from their afflictions, we are called to gaze upon the crucified Christ and find our redemption. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross reminds us that God's ways are not our ways—what appears to be the end of hope becomes the beginning of our salvation.

Through His lifting up on Calvary, Jesus draws all people to Himself, breaking down the barriers that separate us from God and from one another. The cross reveals the depth of God's love for the world, a love so profound that He gave His only Son not to condemn but to save. In our own times of suffering and trial, we can find strength in knowing that Christ has transformed even our deepest pain into a means of grace. Today we exalt the cross not as an instrument of torture, but as the tree of life that bears the fruit of our redemption. ~Fr. Mark Payne

## Pro-Life Wisconsin quarterly magazine

Pro-Life Wisconsin is a legislative and educational organization whose mission is "to restore and protect the inalienable right to life of all citizens of our state whether born or preborn, young or old, disabled, or terminally ill...." They publish a quarterly magazine called *The Banner*. Copies are available in the church lobbies. You can also have it sent directly to your mailbox or e-mail address. Their website is [prolifewi.org](http://prolifewi.org).



Saturday, September 27, 10:00AM  
Archdiocesan Marian Shrine  
141 North 68th Street, Milwaukee

Join us in praying the rosary for all those impacted by sexual abuse. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede with her son, our Lord, for the continued protection of all God's children.

## Ladies of Charity thank you to OLGH

Dear Our Lady of Good Hope:

The Ladies of Charity of Milwaukee thank you for your generous donation. This donation supports our mission to supply school clothing to families in need, including new socks and underwear and gently-used (sometimes new) apparel items like uniforms, jeans, sweaters, winter jackets, hats, gloves, underwear, and socks. Their school's social worker or principal identifies families in need and provides them with a voucher that they present to the Clothing Center.

Your generous donation may also be used to pay for our rent and utilities for the Center located on the campus of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Milwaukee.

On behalf of our families, we want to thank you again for supporting our mission. You can learn more about us at [www.locmilwaukee.com](http://www.locmilwaukee.com).

Gratefully,  
Marlene Kollmeyer, President

## Catholic Stewardship Appeal update

Through your support, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal raises funds for programs and ministries throughout our ten-county archdiocese. Thank you for bringing help, hope, and healing.

Appeal results as of August 8, 2025:

*StB Parish* reached 46.71% of its goal of \$17,877, with donations totaling \$8,350.

*StCA Parish* reached 71.93% of its goal of \$29,698, with donations totaling \$21,361.

*OLGH Parish* reached 75.64% of its goal of \$23,280, with donations totaling \$17,610.

Thank you for your generosity!

To donate, text APPEAL2025 to 414-348-8380, give online at [www.catholicappeal.org](http://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.

## Catholic trivia

**Question:** What is the time limit that cardinals have to elect a new pope?

**Answer:** There is no official time limit.

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## Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, September 14, 2025: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30AM MB at StCA (Praise): †Carol Hasenyager

10:30AM MB at StB (Praise): For all the parishioners

Monday, September 15, 2025: Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass

Tuesday, September 16, 2025: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

4:00PM RM at StB: †Victoria Poganski

Wednesday, September 17, 2025: St. Robert Bellarmine,

St. Hildegard of Bingen

8:15AM MP at OLGH: †Ed & Carol Wienser

Thursday, September 18, 2025

12:00PM MP at StCA: For the intention for the strength for a friend to have good health & find the career he desires

Friday, September 19, 2025: St. Januarius

No Mass

Saturday, September 20, 2025: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn &

Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions

No Mass

Sunday, September 21, 2025: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM MP at OLGH: †Rosemary Bonniwell

†Evelyn Winefeld

†Lee Cesarec

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, September 14, 2025

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

Monday, September 15, 2025

- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

- Preparing bag lunches for the homeless, 9:00AM at StB-LMR
- Adoration & rosary, 2:50PM at StB

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry
- Pastoral Council mtg, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Thursday, September 18, 2025

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM
- Evangelization Cmte mtg, 6:00PM at StCA-GR
- SP Steering Cmte mtg, 6:00PM at StB-LMR

Friday, September 19, 2025

- Prayer shawl ministry, 1:00PM at StCA-GR
- Fish fry, 4:30-7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Sunday, September 21, 2025

- NWMCP Town Hall mtg, 11:00AM at The Wisconsin Country Club (6200 West Good Hope Road)
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

## Readings for the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

