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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT.

— MATTHEW 4:16 —



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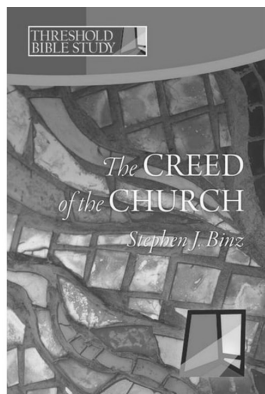
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Examining the Creed

Each statement in the Creed is firmly grounded in Scripture and tradition. This study aims to explore these foundational truths more deeply, helping us understand what we affirm every time we recite it. When we proclaim the Creed with greater clarity and conviction, we enter into a more profound communion with God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and with the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



Join us on Tuesdays from February 17 through March 24, 9:30 to 10:30AM at StCA-GR. To register, contact Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org. A limited number of books will be available thanks to a generous donation. They are also available at <https://twentythirdpublications.com>.

Forgiven: a Lenten series

Join us on 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 to 10:00AM, at OLGH in the church.

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Return old palms

As part of our liturgical celebration on Palm Sunday, the priest blesses the palms used to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The congregation took these palms home and displayed them as a remembrance throughout the year. Because these palms have been blessed, they should be disposed of properly. Our parishes are collecting prior years' palms to be burned in the fire at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please place your palms in the receptacles at the back of any of our churches.



St. Bernadette: Joseph Marecki 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, Becky Parr, 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

Gospel reflection: John 1:29-34

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins His public ministry with a clear and urgent message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This call to conversion isn't a condemnation but an invitation to turn toward the light that has dawned in Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that those walking in darkness would see a great light. Jesus doesn't wait for perfect disciples; He calls ordinary fishermen in the midst of their daily work, showing us that holiness isn't reserved for the spiritually accomplished but offered to all who are willing to follow. The immediacy of Peter, Andrew, James, and John's response challenges us to examine our own willingness to leave behind what holds us back from deeper discipleship. Like those first apostles, we are called not just to believe in Jesus but to follow Him actively, allowing our nets and boats—whatever keeps us comfortable and complacent—to be left behind. Jesus promises to make us "fishers of men," reminding us that discipleship is never just about our own salvation but about drawing others into the kingdom. As we hear this Gospel today, let us ask ourselves: What is Jesus calling me to leave behind, and how am I being invited to participate in His mission of proclaiming the kingdom? May we respond with the same courage and trust as those first disciples, knowing that Jesus walks ahead of us, calling us by name.
~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

January 25 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: How to Hear God's Voice: Discernment, Prayer, and Finding Peace in God's Will, <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3852245?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

January 25 ~ Littlest Saints: The Desert Fathers (Part 2), <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3766047?cid=801623>

Annual NWMCP retreat for men

Save the date for our annual weekend retreat for men: March 13-15, at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

Eucharistic Adoration

February 5, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

February 17, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

February 21, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH



2025 year-end donation statements

Donation statements for your 2025 contributions will be sent by the end of January via e-mail if your e-mail address is on record at your parish office. Otherwise the statement will be sent via postal mail. If you need a statement and do not receive one by mid-February, please contact your parish office.

~ We commend to God ~

Helen Sanem (OLGH), 12/18/25
Ferdinand Jozwiak (StB), 01/07/26

May their souls and the souls of all of our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our pantry is grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. *For February, we are asking for donations of boxed cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. We also need sturdy plastic bags, brown paper bags, and clean reusable egg cartons.*

Please bring 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.



Dying Well: The Catholic Art of Spiritual and Sacramental Care

Join the talk, "Dying Well: The Catholic Art of Spiritual and Sacramental Care," to deepen your understanding of the Church's timeless teachings on preparing for death. Explore sacred practices, including the commendation of the soul, remedies for temptations faced by the dying, and guidance for their caregivers, all grounded in the redemptive example of Christ's Passion. Come to Mass and then attend the presentation by guest speaker Fr. John LoCoco to learn how to approach eternity with steadfast faith and reverence. Mass and presentation will take place January 31, at 8:00AM, at St. Mary's Visitation Parish, 1260 Church Street, Elm Grove. For more information and to register, go to <https://mgcma.org/events>.

Catholic trivia

Question: When Jesus was praying alone in the desert, how many times did the devil tempt Him?

Answer: Three

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Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

01/13/26	Rosemary Garske
01/14/26	Michael S. Stroik
01/15/26	Donna K. Mrugala
01/16/26	Kathy Krieser
01/17/26	Pavel Sharapa
01/18/26	Thomas Bongard
01/19/26	Theresa Moniot Olivares

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

01/13/26	Chris Hintz
01/14/26	Anna Laczniak
01/15/26	Winnifred Glasshof (Tabatha)
01/16/26	Andrew Kawleski
01/17/26	Eddie Springman
01/18/26	Sarah Rosingana
01/19/26	BJ Schumacher

Strength Training for Seniors

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 Tuesday, February 3 at StCA-Granville room. All levels of skill, strength, and mobility are encouraged to join the class. We look forward to having new and returning participants join us.

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.



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

February 20	March 20	April 17
March 6	April 3	May 15

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen. ©LPi

"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

Catholic Schools Week
January 25-February 1, 2026

a dozen reasons *to choose Catholic Schools*



Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, January 25, 2026: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM MP at StCA: †Karen Purtell
- 9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): †Br. Roman Jarosz
- 10:30AM MP at StB: †Fred & Shirley Berger

Monday, January 26, 2026: St. Timothy, St. Titus

No Mass

Tuesday, January 27, 2026: St. Angela Merici

- 4:00PM MP at StB: †Mickey & Candy Posnanski

Wednesday, January 28, 2026: St. Tomas Aquinas

- 8:15AM MP at OLGH: †Janet Moranski

Thursday, January 29, 2026

- 12:00PM MP at StCA

Friday, January 30, 2026

No Mass

Saturday, January 31, 2026: St. John Bosco

- 3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
- 4:00PM FA at OLGH: †Anne Harris & Amanda Banks

Sunday, February 1, 2026: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM FA at StCA: †John & Virginia Weiss
- 10:30AM FA at StB: FATP

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, January 25, 2026

- Catholic Schools Week
- 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, January 26, 2026

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- February 1st bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH
- February 1st bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

- Human Concerns Cmte mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

- Intermediate tai chi, 9:15AM at OLGH-NH
- Seated tai chi, 10:15AM at OLGH-room 2

Thursday, January 29, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Saturday, January 31, 2026

- Blessing of throats, after Mass at OLGH

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- Blessing of throats, after Masses at StCA & StB
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
- Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

