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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —



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Update to collections at joint Mass celebrations

When St. Bernadette, Blessed Savior, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and Our Lady of Good Hope are celebrating holidays and holy days as one community, the joint collection is handled as follows: All envelopes dropped in the collection basket will be sorted at the parish where the collection was taken. Envelopes and loose checks will be transferred to the parish designated either on the pay to line of the check or by the envelope assignment. Any loose change/bills or any cash in an envelope not designated for a parish will be divided evenly among the four parish communities. For Assumption, a contribution placed into the collection at St. Margaret Mary that is intended to be transferred to another parish must be directed to the intended parish on the pay to line of your check or by envelope assignment.

If you are visiting from one of our collaborating parishes, envelopes are available in the back of our church for your cash offering so that you can designate which parish the funds should be transferred to.

Assumption of Mary Masses

The Assumption of Mary, celebrated on August 15, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 8:15AM and 6:00PM at St. Margaret Mary (3970 North 92nd Street) and at 6:30PM at St. Bernadette.

Lectio Divina

Anyone who is interested in contributing to our Advent Reflections booklet is strongly encouraged to come to our Lectio Divina refresher class on Tuesday, August 19, at 6:30PM, at St. Catherine of Alexandria-Granville room. Call or e-mail Simon Biagui to register at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.



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: Barbara Franecki, 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.

August 3 ~ The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church with Bshp. Andrew Cozzens

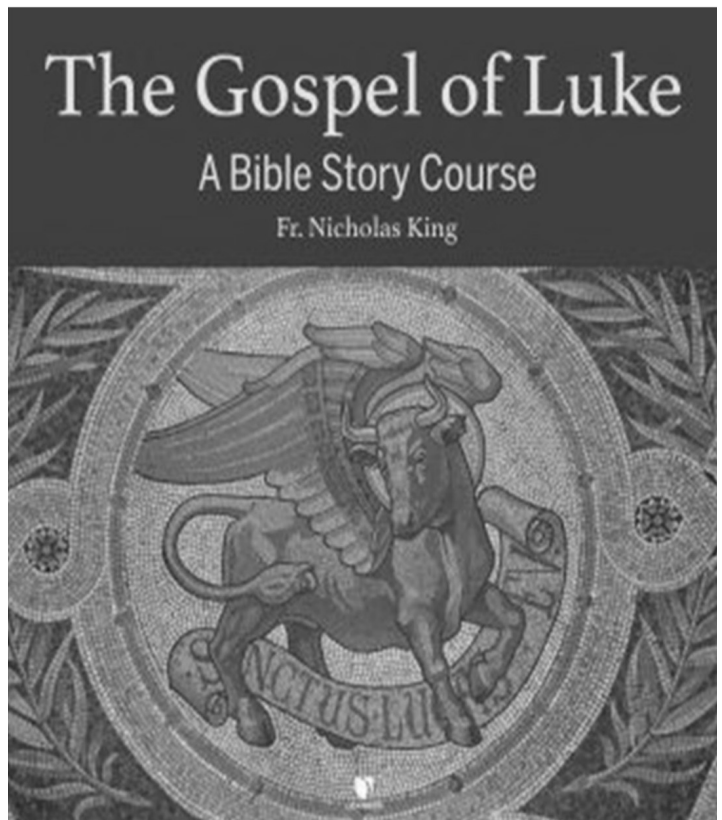
Chapter 1: Introduction: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2580054?cid=837728>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

August 3 ~ Spending Time with Jesus

<https://app.formed.org/app/audios/1980225?cid=1125547>



Sundays after the 8:30AM Mass
at St. Catherine of Alexandria-room TBA

August 17 through November 2,

led by parishioners

Dennis Callies and Bertrand Simpson.

Call or e-mail Simon Biagui to register:

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Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.
Help me to live according to Your invitations. Amen.

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Quarterly outreach offering

As our Human Concerns Committee continues to move into deeper collaboration, St. Catherine of Alexandria has instituted a new Quarterly Outreach Offering in their monthly envelopes to collect funds to support the good work of the Human Concerns (HC) Committee at StCA. Each parish's Human Concerns Committee has specific priorities for funding outreach organizations and HC member at each parish determine the amount of funding to give out of their parishioners' outreach contributions. Please help NWMCP support worthy causes by giving to Human Concerns on the StB monthly letter, to Outreach on the OLGH monthly letter, or by returning your contribution in the StCA outreach envelope. Thank you for helping support all of God's children in need.

Beyond the Barns:

A Reflection on Luke 12:13-21

In Luke 12:13-21, Jesus confronts our culture's obsession with material security through the parable of a wealthy man who built bigger barns to store his abundant harvest. The rich man's fatal mistake was not his prosperity itself, but his assumption that accumulating possessions could guarantee his future and provide ultimate security. Jesus calls this man a "fool" because he failed to recognize that life's true meaning cannot be found in the abundance of things we own or control. The parable reveals how easily we can become so focused on storing up earthly treasures that we neglect our relationship with God and our responsibility to others. When we place our trust in material possessions rather than in God's provision, we risk becoming spiritually impoverished even amid physical wealth. The rich man's sudden death serves as a stark reminder that our earthly goods are temporary and cannot accompany us beyond this life. Jesus challenges us to examine our own hearts and ask whether we are "rich toward God" or merely accumulating possessions that will ultimately pass away. True security comes not from what we have stored in our barns, but from our trust in God's faithful provision and our willingness to share generously with others. The passage calls us to hold our material blessings lightly, recognizing them as gifts from God to be stewarded wisely rather than hoarded selfishly. As we reflect on this teaching, may we choose to invest in eternal treasures—acts of love, service, and faithfulness—that will endure long after our earthly possessions have turned to dust.

~Fr. Mark Payne

Catholic trivia

Question: How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?

Answer: Three

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Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

07/19/25	Dawn Zirbes
07/20/25	Theresa Olivares
07/21/25	Tony Novak

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

07/19/25	RoseMarie Schmutzler
07/20/25	John Fox
07/21/25	Mark Suchon

Due to early bulletin submission for printing, a full week of winners is not shown. Winners for the remainder of the week will be listed in upcoming bulletins.

Register for Christian Formation

Jesus stated, "Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14) We bring our children to Christ through the sacraments and formation. Registration for Christian Formation classes for children is open. Registration forms are available on the evangelization tables at each parish.

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our pantry is grateful for the support of NWMCP! The impact of our parishes working together is seen in our expanded days and hours of operation. *For August, we are asking for donations of breakfast cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. We also need brown paper bags.*



Please leave these items and other nonperishable food items in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to help more needy families in our neighborhood.

On the second and fourth Fridays of each month (except for the week of Thanksgiving, when it moves to Wednesday), the StCA StVdP food pantry is open from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. They could use some new volunteers to help distribute food on those days. If you are interested in giving some of your time to help, please contact Rick Korpela at 414-617-7554.



Because of vacation days, the parish offices might not always be open at the regular times. It would be best to call before your visit to be sure that someone is available.

"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 from Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative for OLGH outreach donation

Thank you so very much for your recent donation. Your generosity will help us provide services for veterans who need support but who cannot find it elsewhere.

Every year MHVI sees more veterans than in the previous year and 2024 was no exception. We served 1,432 veterans, with 194 of those being female veterans. We also serve family members of veterans. Last year we helped 243 couples and 403 children in crisis. Not only are we seeing increasing numbers, but the complexity of the issues veterans face is also increasing.

For example, we have veterans who are grandparents who have never needed services before. But they find themselves as unexpected guardians of their grandchildren and need help. We not only provide furniture, car seats, food, bedding, toys, and diapers, but we help them navigate systems to get their grandchildren services.

Since our founding in 2008, MHVI has run solely on donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and the community. This year is no exception. We sincerely appreciate all you have done to help move MHVI forward and become a safe and trusted space for veterans in need.

Sincerely,

Debbie Buchanan, Executive Director



OLGH Outreach Ministry

Next weekend is the second weekend of the month when the loose collection at OLGH will go to support the parish's outreach activities. If you can, please remember to put an extra dollar or two in the collection basket so this vital ministry will continue. If you want to donate toward the Outreach Ministry outside of the offertory collection at Mass, there is a line for it on the bottom section of the monthly letter. May God continue to bless your generosity.



Honduras Presentation

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:30PM

St. Bernadette Parish
8200 West Denver Avenue
Milwaukee, WI

Make plans to join us in the church to learn about the Honduras Mission. Videos, pictures, and stories will be shared. Hear and see how it started, who is involved, and how you can make a difference.



Christ Child Society anniversary

The Christ Child Society is looking forward to a special Mass followed by a reception on Saturday, August 9, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Resale Shop being at the OLGH location. Bishop Hying, who was the pastor at OLGH when the CCS Resale Shop relocated there, will be celebrating Mass at 10:00AM. After Mass, there will be a reception at the Resale Shop. All parishioners, CCS members, and friends are invited to the Mass and reception. The Resale Shop will be open and there will be a special sale on almost everything to celebrate the anniversary.

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Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, August 3, 2025: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Fr. Greg Greiten at StCA: *Michael Kramoris

10:30AM Fr. Greg Greiten at StB: *Deb Morgan

Monday, August 4, 2025: St. John Vianney

No Mass

Tuesday, August 5, 2025: Dedication of the Basilica of

St. Mary Major

4:00PM RM at StB: *Dona Tais Cordoso

Wednesday, August 6, 2025: Transfiguration of the Lord

No Mass

Thursday, August 7, 2025: St. Sixtus II & companions,

St. Cajetan

12:00PM RM at StCA: For holy souls in purgatory

Friday, August 8, 2025: St. Dominic

No Mass

Saturday, August 9, 2025: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH (Praise): *Michael Ross

Sunday, August 10, 2025: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30AM FA at StCA (Praise): *Lena Pitzenburger

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

MP = Fr. Mark Payne

FA = Fr. Francis Assisi

AJ = Fr. Alan Jurkus

RM = Fr. Roman Mueller

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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, August 3, 2025

- Mission Appeal at Masses
- Baptism: Halia Gilet, during Mass at StCA
- StCA StVdP home visit team meeting, 9:30AM at StCA-GR
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, August 4, 2025

- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

- Senior Strength Training (for pre-registered participants only), 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Thursday, August 7, 2025

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

Friday, August 8, 2025

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

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

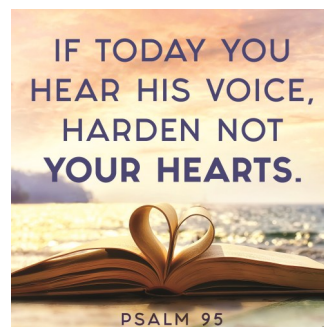
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/
Lk 12:32-48



Eucharistic Adoration

August 7, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

August 16, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

August 19, 2:50-3:50PM at StB