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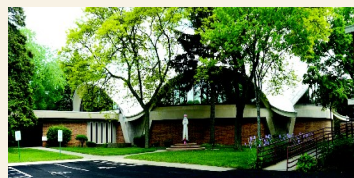
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OCTOBER 4, 2026 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Spaghetti, Fellowship, & Fun

Please join us on Saturday, November 14, from 4:00 to 7:30PM for our newest event—a spaghetti dinner accompanied by a gift basket raffle and a bake sale. Your favorite gift baskets will be there—Packers, Brewers, wine, beer, Thanksgiving, and art (for kids). Basket sneak peeks begin on October 18 before and after the 10:30 Mass.

Our popular bake sale will be there, too, with an emphasis on fall flavors. Think pumpkin, pecan, apple, cranberry, caramel, cinnamon, maple syrup, chocolate... pies, cakes, sweetbreads, cookies, bars, candy. Our creative bakers will provide a wide variety of items.

As a special treat, there will be live music by BTW from 5:15 to 7:00PM.



Baby blankets donations

In May we shared with you a request from Aurora Sinai Midwifery and Wellness Center for baby blankets to be gifted to families delivering babies at the Center. Our wonderful volunteers started knitting and crocheting, and produced 18 beautiful, soft, warm blankets. Father Francis blessed them and Winnie Aitch (StB volunteer) will deliver them to the Center.

Thank you volunteers from our three parishes for your generosity, skill, and artistry.

We would like to continue this outreach. We encourage and challenge all our knitters, crocheters, sewers, and quilters to make more blankets. When completed, please drop them off at any parish office. When we have collected a number of blankets, we will have them blessed and delivered to the Center. For anyone who needs yarn, knitting needles, or crochet hooks, the ladies of StCA's Prayer Shawl Ministry have an abundance on hand and would love to share them with you. Please call Sue at 414-365-2020 to stop by and "shop" their inventory.

~ Human Concerns Committee

Catholic trivia

Question: What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?

Answer: The Body of Christ/The Blood of Christ ©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: Kay Thompson, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Our Lady of Good Hope: Jane Kirst, 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.

October 4 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: How Music LIFTS the Soul to God with The Annie Moses Band
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4150151?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

October 4 ~ The Mark 10 Mission: Rest on His Sacred Heart
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4071328?cid=1496885>

Gospel reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants who forget that the vineyard was never theirs to begin with. It was entrusted to them, given in trust, meant to bear fruit for the owner who planted it. How easily we fall into the same trap, treating our gifts, our time, our very lives as possessions to hoard rather than blessings to steward. The tenants' violence toward the servants, and finally the son, reveals what happens when we let entitlement replace gratitude: we start to see grace as something owed to us rather than something given. Jesus speaks this parable to the chief priests and elders, but it lands just as pointedly on us today, calling us to examine what we do with what God has entrusted to us. The stone the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone. God's plan is never thwarted by human refusal, even when that refusal costs everything. This is both a warning and a hope: a warning against complacency and self-interest, and a hope that God continually finds new ways to bring forth the kingdom, even through our failures. As we listen to this parable, we might ask ourselves what fruit we are producing with the vineyard of our own lives, our relationships, our talents, our faith community. May we respond not with the tenants' fear and grasping, but with the humility of good stewards, ready to return to God the abundance we did not create but were only ever asked to tend.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark



4:30-7:00PM in the StB parish hall

October 16
November 20
December 18
January 15

February 12
February 26
March 12
March 26

April 16
May 21

Eucharistic Adoration

October 15, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
October 17, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH
October 20, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes Human Concerns Outreach Funding Report July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Our three parishes annually contribute funds to organizations that serve the underserved, both locally and internationally. Your Human Concerns Committee recommends which organizations to support, primarily those serving the homeless, the elderly, the disabled, women and children, veterans, the environment, and international outreach.

During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, our three parishes donated \$11,861 to 17 organizations. Our outreach efforts are funded by our parishioners, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity. Each parish and the organizations they supported are listed below.

St. Bernadette - \$2,400

- Catholic Ecology Center
- Life Navigators
- MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary
- Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative
- Women's Care Center

St. Catherine of Alexandria - \$1,461

- Central City Catholic Parish Foundation
- Convergence Resource Center
- MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary
- Sojourner Family Peace Center

Our Lady of Good Hope - \$8,000

- Cathedral Center (Open Door Cafe)
- Courage MKE
- Cynthia's Breast Cancer Circle
- Honduras Outreach
- Ladies of Charity
- MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary
- Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative
- Milwaukee Women's Center
- Sojourner Family Peace Center
- Street Angels
- St. Bakhita Catholic Worker House
- The Hmong American Women's Association

Every organization listed strives to aid, assist, and advocate for their target populations. We encourage you to visit their websites to find out more about their missions, activities, and accomplishments. Thank you for your generosity and support.

~ Human Concerns Committee

Blessing for Life

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath. Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well. Amen. ©LPi

Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

09/22/25	Mary Dahl
09/23/25	Monica Baran
09/24/25	Houa Vang
09/25/25	Theresa Olivares
09/26/25	Jenny Kazmierski
09/27/25	Michael Thao
09/28/25	Sue Riedijk

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

09/22/25	Tristan Weber
09/23/25	Karen & John Boutell
09/24/25	Peter Fracchia
09/25/25	Sue Welcenbach
09/26/25	Rick Korpela
09/27/25	Dean Rosingana
09/28/25	Diane Smith

BIS Getting to Know Us event

The BIS Multicultural Commission will host the annual Getting to Know Us event in the BIS Parish hall following the 9:00AM Mass. Come get to know the people around us and make new friends. We will have light refreshments. Bakery treats are welcome. Any questions, please contact Mike Malloy at 414-550-2537 or Phil Kreamsreiter at 414-405-7823.



Fall COMBINED COLLECTIONS

OCTOBER 10-11



- Catholic Relief Services
- Peter's Pence
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- World Mission Sunday
- Church in Latin America



Twice per year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participates in the USCCB National Collections, which we refer to as "Combined Collections." The faithful are encouraged to support this wonderful initiative this October: qrco.de/combined2026

"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



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Respect Life Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the sacredness and dignity of every human life.

This year, I want to draw your attention to an issue gaining momentum throughout the world and here in the United States: the legalization of assisted suicide. Legislation to make assisted suicide legal was passed in Illinois last year and has recently been proposed here in Wisconsin. It is an issue that deserves the attention of every Catholic.

The Catholic Church teaches that intentionally causing the death of an innocent person is always wrong, regardless of the circumstances or the person's condition. Our lives are gifts from God, and our worth does not depend upon our health, independence, productivity, or ability to avoid suffering. We remain beloved sons and daughters of God when we are seriously ill, disabled, elderly, or approaching death.

For this reason, the Church cannot support assisted suicide. At the same time, our response must be about more than public policy. We must ask: How can we better accompany people who are suffering and support those who are caring for them?

When someone is facing serious or terminal illness, that person needs to know that he or she is not a burden. Families need support. Patients need compassionate medical care, including appropriate palliative and hospice care, that seeks to relieve suffering while respecting the dignity of the person. No one should feel that death is the only way to escape pain, loneliness, or fear.

We know that suffering and death do not have the final word. Jesus Christ entered fully into human suffering and death, and through his Resurrection transformed them. In Christ, even the hour of death is illuminated by the promise of eternal life.

I encourage every Catholic to take time to learn more about assisted suicide and the Church's teaching on human dignity, compassionate care, and end-of-life decisions. Throughout October, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will offer information and opportunities for reflection, including presentations at parishes throughout the archdiocese. Watch our social media and your parish bulletin for details, and visit the archdiocese website to learn more.

Join me in praying for all who face serious illness, those who care for them, and those who mourn the loss of a loved one. May the Lord give us the courage and compassion to protect life, accompany those who suffer, and proclaim with confidence the hope of the Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

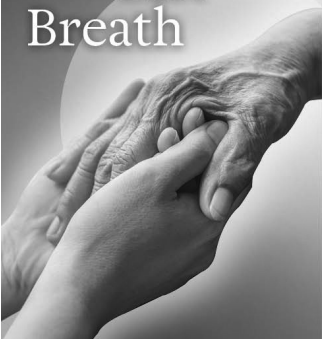
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LOVE—
Until the Last
Breath



Our lives are gifts from God.

Assisted suicide, which denies the dignity of human life, is gaining influence in our world. Throughout October, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is providing opportunities to learn more about this issue, including presentations at parishes.

Go to www.archmil.org/love-until-the-last-breath for details.



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Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, October 4, 2026: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Respect Life Sunday

8:30AM MP at StCA: †Thomas H. Hoppa

10:30AM MP at StB: †Ken & Marcy Basta

Monday, October 5, 2026: St. Faustina Kowalska,

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

No Mass

Tuesday, October 6, 2026: St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

4:00PM RM at StB: †Ron & Patti Davidson

Wednesday, October 7, 2026: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15AM MP at OLGH

Thursday, October 8, 2026

12:00PM RM at StCA: †Frank Riedijk

Friday, October 9, 2026: St. Denis & companions,

St. John Leonardi

No Mass

Saturday, October 10, 2026

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH: †Peter Loehr

Sunday, October 11 2026: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM FA at StCA: †Robert & Maybelle Bergeron

10:30AM FA at StB: †Thomas Brown

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, October 4, 2026

- Christian Formation classes, 11:30AM at StB-classrooms
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB-parish hall
- Pet blessing, 12:00PM at StB-grotto
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-parish hall

Monday, October 5, 2026

- October 11th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Prayer & Worship Cmte mtg, 6:30PM at StB-LMR

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

- Strength training for seniors, 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

- *The Way of Trust and Love* book read, 10:00AM at StB-LMR

Thursday, October 8, 2026

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, October 9, 2026

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

Saturday, October 10, 2026

- First reconciliation class, 9:00AM at StB-classroom

Sunday, October 11, 2026

- Christian Formation classes, 11:30AM at StB-classrooms
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

