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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.

— MATTHEW 28:19 —



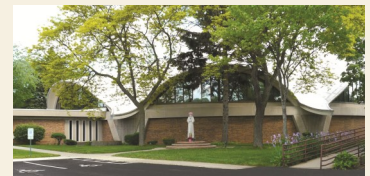
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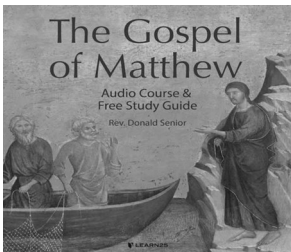
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Rummage sale date is set

The StB rummage sale is scheduled for July 11. If you would like to rent a table to sell your own items, please contact the StB Parish office. If you prefer not to have your own table, please consider setting aside items to donate to the parish tables. Watch future bulletins to find out when to drop off your donations at StB.



Come to Bible study

Join us for a Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew on Sundays beginning June 7 in the Granville room at StCA following the 8:30AM Mass. The presenters will be

Dennis Callies and Bertrand Simpson. We hope you can be part of this enriching journey through Scripture.

Please RSVP to Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.

Ushers/greeters training session

All current ushers and greeters, along with anyone interested in becoming one, are highly encouraged to attend a one-hour training and refresher session on Saturday, May 23, at 9:30AM in the StB cafeteria. Come share and learn about best practices for welcoming parishioners and visitors before Mass.

Please contact Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org, to volunteer or learn more.



St. Bernadette: Anita Apazeller, Anonymous Special Intention, Mia Berger, Holly Biersack, Dori Chaconas, Guy Gromala, Lois Hermann, Marge Hoffman, Joseph Marecki, Irene Mumm, Lenard Mumm, James Quesnell, Carol Valla, Ann Washnesky, 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, Leslie Christofferson, Patrick Christofferson, Sandra Coffey, Maureen Conaty, Winnifred Glasshof, Bruce Nead, Kathy Nead, Amanda Nunez, Liz Oke, Becky Parr, Barbara Schuetz, 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, Bernadette Timm, Eric Timm, 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.

May 17 ~ Wild Goose Episode 5: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582744?cid=116527>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

May 17 ~ Extraordinary Stories for Children: No More Bread
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/573461?cid=115601>

Help keep our flowerbeds beautiful

We are seeking a volunteer to help care for the flowerbeds that border the StB office. If you enjoy gardening and would like to support our parish in a hands-on way, we'd love to hear from you.



If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Theresa at 414-358-4600, ext. 100, or tmoniot@nwmcp.org.

Reflection: the Ascension of the Lord

The Great Commission

In the final verses of Matthew's Gospel, the risen Jesus meets His disciples on a mountain in Galilee, a setting that echoes the great moments of revelation throughout Scripture. Remarkably, Matthew tells us that even as they worshipped, some doubted, reminding us that faith and uncertainty have always coexisted in the hearts of God's people. It is precisely to this imperfect, wavering community that Jesus entrusts His most expansive mission. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," He declares this not as a boast, but as the foundation upon which His followers can move forward with confidence. The command to "make disciples of all nations" shatters every boundary of ethnicity, language, and culture, calling the Church in every age to a love that refuses to stop at the familiar. Baptism and teaching are named as the means of this mission—the sacramental welcome into community and the ongoing formation of lives shaped by Jesus' way. What makes this commission bearable, even joyful, is the promise that anchors it: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." As we leave worship today and return to our daily lives, we go not as sole agents of a distant God, but as companions of the risen Christ who walks with us into every corner of the world.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Columbarium decoration policy

The StCA columbarium is a sacred site. To that end, no objects (flowers, signs, mementos, etc.) should be placed on the engraved face of any niche. Flowers and other mementos may be placed at the base of the columbarium as long as they are appropriate for the cemetery and in good condition. After June 14, objects on the face of any niche will be removed and disposed of by cemetery staff.

Archdiocesan donations

When making donations to Archdiocesan causes, such as the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, Combined Collections, or Love One Another, please send the checks directly to the Archdiocese in the envelopes they provide.

Please do not return them to the parish office.

Thank you!

Pastoral support for hospitalizations

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and you would like a pastoral visit, please contact any parish office to make arrangements. Our parishioners are the lifeblood of our community, and supporting you during this difficult time is important. Even if you do not need a visit, we would like to know so that we can include you in our prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

June 4, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

June 15, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

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 the StB or StCA Parish office. You can also leave it in the Rest-A-While bench in the StB lobby, clearly marked for St. Ann Center, or in the designated baskets in the back of church at StCA or the church lobby at OLGH.

Catholic trivia

Question: Before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Catholics make small signs of the cross over which body parts?

Answer: Forehead, lips, and chest (near the heart) ©LPi

Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

05/05/26 Tom Bonesho

05/06/26 Karen Novy

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

05/05/26 Natalie Ferschl

05/06/26 Patricia Fox

Due to an early bulletin publication deadline, a full week of winners is not shown. Winners for the remainder of the week will be listed in future bulletins.

Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,

On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, e-mail, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring Your blessing wherever we go. Amen. ©LPi

Find local businesses you can trust

Every business listed with Parishes Online, www.parishesonline.com, supports a local church by sponsoring an advertisement in their bulletin, newsletter, or website. Parishes Online helps you discover, rate, and review these businesses. We make it easy to find local businesses, and you can feel good knowing you're supporting a member of your community.

On our journey to become one parish, pastoral care is available

Rev. Mark, Pastor: 414-358-4600, ext. 143

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Mary Dahl, Pastoral Minister: 414-365-2020, ext. 301

Together, this team stands ready to nurture our faith and to bring peace into our lives and the lives of those around us. If you or someone you know needs pastoral support, contact your parish office to connect with someone on our pastoral team.

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.*

"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

Life in the Spirit seminar

Reignite the fire of the Holy Spirit within you, awaken your faith, experience your personal Pentecost, open yourself to the healing love of God, and restore areas of brokenness in your life. Come weekly on Fridays through June 19, 6:30 to 8:30PM, at Blessed Savior-parish chapel (8545 West Villard Avenue). Topics will include: God's love; salvation; the new life; receiving God's gift; praying for baptism in the Holy Spirit; and growth and transformation in Christ. For more information, contact Simon Biagui at 414-241-9595 or Gisele Goudiaby at 414-628-7373.

Free Catholic app

The Amen app is a free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. To enjoy this offering from the Augustine Institute, go to www.augustineinstitute.org and look for The Amen App under Programs & Resources.

Online evening prayer with young adults

Young adults age 18 and older are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00PM. Experience evening prayer in the gentle rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours (psalms, scripture, and intercessions), with time for faith sharing in breakout groups. Please register in advance for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/5-26-26.

Help seniors stay connected

Vital Voices for Mental Health offers a free Telephone Reassurance Program with friendly daily check-in calls for older adults. These calls help reduce loneliness, support wellbeing, and ensure our elders feel cared for. We welcome elders from all cultural backgrounds, and we strive to provide respectful, culturally-aware support. Language assistance may be available.

We are also seeking compassionate volunteers to make these calls and build meaningful connections. To sign up for the call list or to volunteer, contact Audrey Carignan at 414-530-4621 or alist@vital-voices.org.

RURAL LIFE MASS



with Archbishop Grob



**Saturday, May 30
4 p.m.**

St. Joseph

Catholic Faith Community

S89 W22650 Milwaukee Ave.,
Big Bend



ARCHDIOCESE of
MILWAUKEE

Join with
Archbishop Grob
in honoring
farming and
rural parishes
across the
Archdiocese of
Milwaukee!

**Cookout
immediately
following Mass.
Come hungry!**

Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob invites
you to attend the

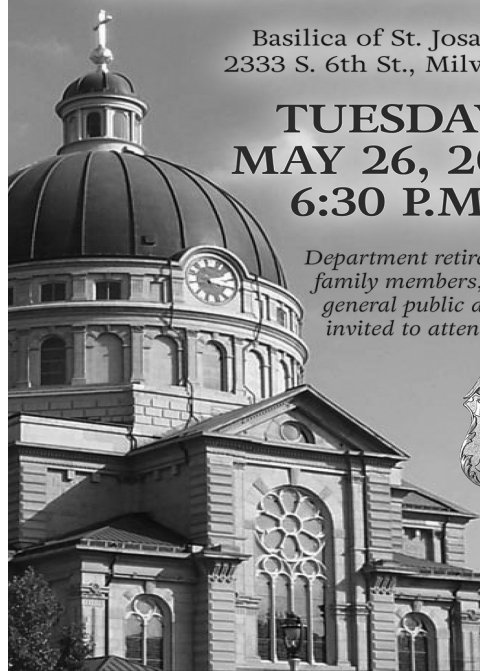
Blue Mass

for Law Enforcement,
First Responders and their families

Basilica of St. Josaphat
2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

**TUESDAY,
MAY 26, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

*Department retirees,
family members, and the
general public are also
invited to attend.*



ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, May 17, 2026: Ascension of the Lord

8:30AM MP at StCA (Praise): †Ron Malecki

10:30AM MP at StB (Praise): FATP

Monday, May 18, 2026: St. John I

No Mass

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

4:00PM RM at StB

Wednesday, May 20, 2026: St. Bernardine of Siena

8:15AM TBA at OLGH: †Thomas Gray

Thursday, May 21, 2026: St. Christopher Magallanes & companions

12:00PM TBA at StCA

Friday, May 22, 2026: St. Rita of Cascia

No Mass

Saturday, May 23, 2026

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM FA at OLGH*: †Rosemary Hackett

Sunday, May 24, 2026: Pentecost Sunday

8:30AM FA at StCA*: †Robert Borchardt

9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong)*: †Patricia Moniot

10:30AM FA at StB*: †Paul & Bernice Buttitta

** Anointing of the sick after Mass*

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, May 17, 2026

- New member registration & donut Sunday, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StCA-GR
- Continental breakfast, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, May 18, 2026

- Fr. Mark off for medical reasons through June 14
- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- Beginner tai chi, 11:00AM at OLGH-NH
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR
- OCIA class, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

- Intermediate tai chi, 9:00AM at OLGH-NH
- Seated tai chi, 10:30AM at OLGH-NH
- Pastoral Council mtg, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Thursday, May 21, 2026

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

Friday, May 22, 2026

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

Saturday, May 23, 2026

- New member registration, after Mass at OLGH
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at OLGH
- Ushers/greeters training session, 9:30AM at StB-cafeteria

Sunday, May 24, 2026

- New member registration, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- StB facility tour, after Mass at StB

Readings for the Week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

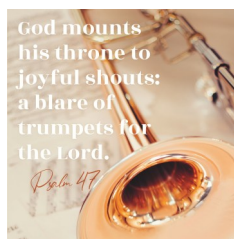
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



God mounts
his throne to
joyful shouts:
a blare of
trumpets for
the Lord.

Psalm 47