

# ST. BERNADETTE

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# OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

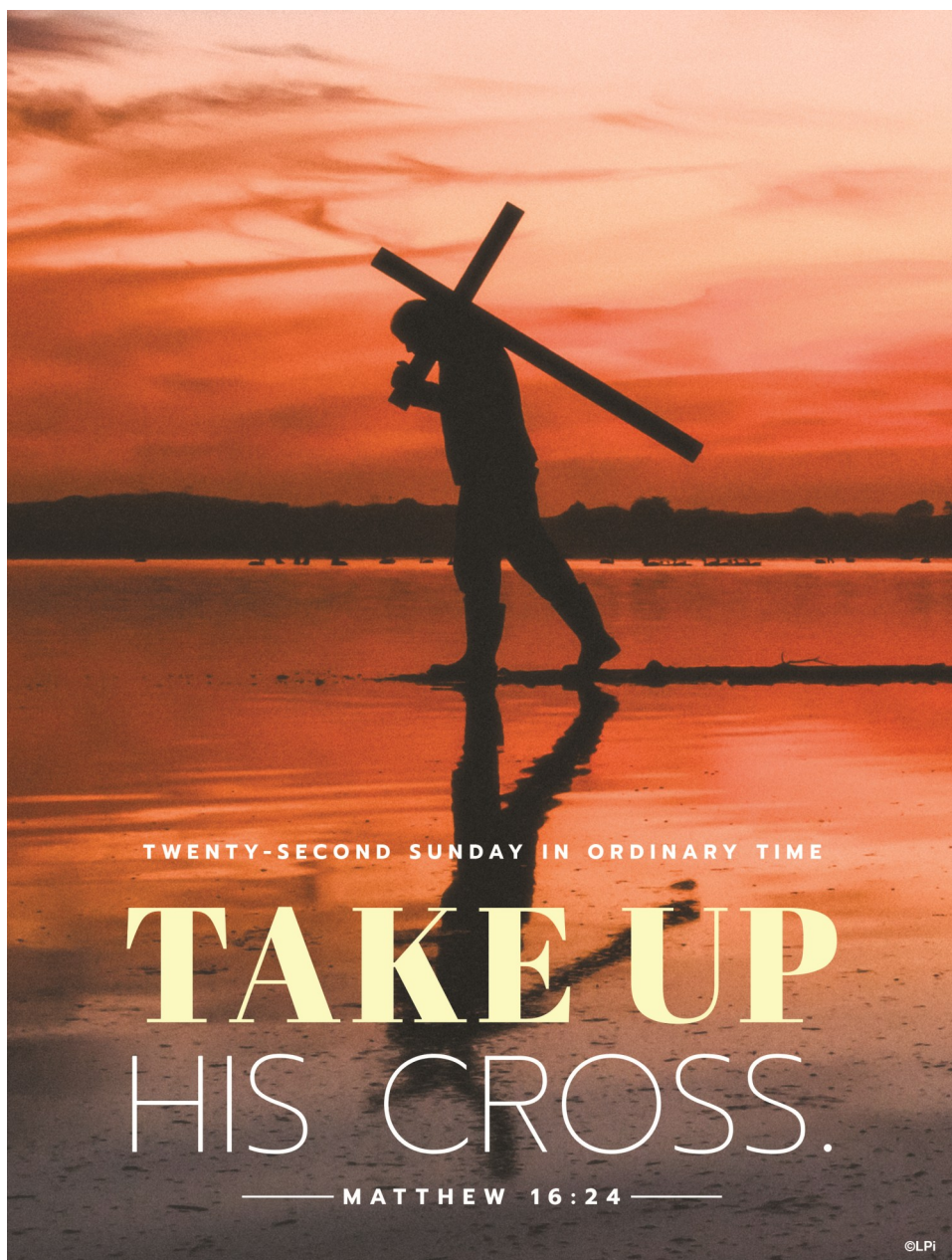
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# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# TAKE UP HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —

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AUGUST 30, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

You are invited to travel to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion on Saturday, September 26. The coach bus will depart from StB at 7:00AM. Please RSVP to Sue at 414-365-2020, ext. 100, by Monday, September 14. The fee of \$35 per person covers the cost of the bus. Please make checks payable to St. Bernadette Parish.

## Issue with monthly letters

We have heard from several of our parishioners that they did not receive their monthly letter in August. The post office has informed us that there was a glitch with the bulk mailing process, and these letters may never be delivered. Copies of the letter and contribution envelopes are available in the back of church at each parish. If you are aware of parishioners who won't be able to access a copy of the letter, we ask for your help in getting a copy to them.

## Q&A on the new contribution system

We are offering a Q&A on Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30PM at StCA for anyone who is struggling with the new monthly letter contribution system. A staff representative will answer your questions about how to handle different giving situations while using the new tear-off portion of the letter. Please come with your questions ready.

## Donations needed for the food pantry

Our StVdP food pantry volunteers are grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. ***For September, we are asking for donations of personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, bar soap, and deodorant. We are also in need of more brown paper bags, sturdy plastic bags, and egg cartons.*** Please put these 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.



*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:* 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.

August 30 ~ Trailblazers of Faith: The Legacy of African American Catholics  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3857295>

## FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

August 30 ~ Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids: Creation  
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3167570?cid=1006387>

## Faith Formation

As we grow our faith formation program at all five parishes, we ask for your prayers and support. We are in need of volunteer catechists. Please prayerfully discern how you can help share the faith with our children and teens. If you have questions or would like to know how you can help, please contact Simon Biagui at [biaguis@nwmcp.org](mailto:biaguis@nwmcp.org) or 414-365-2020, ext. 304.

To help us plan our formation opportunities, please register your children and teens for classes. Forms are available at each parish.

### *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Would you like to experience the love of God in your life? Are you an adult missing some of your sacraments? If your answer is yes, if you are unsure, or if you want to explore more, please contact Simon Biagui at [biaguis@nwmcp.org](mailto:biaguis@nwmcp.org) or 414-365-2020, ext. 304.

## Discontinuing Zooming of the Mass

The Pastoral Council has made the decision to discontinue Zooming the weekly Sunday Mass as of September 1. The decision was based on low attendance, equipment malfunction, internet issues, and the limited number of volunteers to do the Zooming.

We encourage those of you who cannot attend Mass to watch the *Heart of the Nation* broadcast on channels 18 and 24 on Sundays at 5:30AM, 9:00AM, or 11:00AM.

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

September 17, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

September 19, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

***Please note: Beginning in September, Adoration at StCA will take place at 10:50AM on the third Thursday of each month.***

## Gospel Reflection

In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where a landowner hires laborers throughout the day—some at dawn, others just an hour before quitting time. When evening comes, he pays everyone the same wage, no matter how long they worked, and those hired first grumble that it isn't fair. But the landowner reminds them that he has done no wrong; he paid what was promised, and it is his right to be generous with what belongs to him. This parable isn't about labor economics. It's about the astonishing, almost scandalous generosity of God's grace. We so easily fall into the trap of measuring grace like wages, as if those who have served longer or sacrificed more deserve a bigger share of God's love. But God's kingdom doesn't work by our accounting. His mercy is not rationed according to merit or seniority. Whether we come to faith as children or find our way back after a lifetime of wandering, God welcomes us with the same full, undivided love. This Sunday, as we hear Jesus say, "the last will be first, and the first will be last," may we let go of our resentments and comparisons, and simply rejoice that grace is given so freely to us and to everyone else. Let us ask for hearts humble enough to celebrate God's generosity rather than begrudge it. ~ *Blessings, Fr. Mark*

## Strength training for seniors

Is it getting harder to lift a bag of groceries or to get up from a chair? Do you feel weaker every year? Let's work on that.

Thanks to an anonymous donation, professional trainer Tyler Schuette, of Milwaukee Professional Training, will be leading another eight-week session of strength training classes. These classes are a heartwarming tribute to Carol Hasenyager, who spearheaded them before her unexpected death last year.

Classes are scheduled on Tuesdays, September 29 through November 17, at 1:30PM, at StCA-Granville room.

All physical abilities are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and join us for exercise, companionship, and fun.

It is always wise to consult with your healthcare provider before beginning an exercise program.

## Catholic trivia

*Question:* According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year?

*Answer:* The Vigil of Easter

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## Congratulations to our StB

### Calendar Raffle winners

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| 08/18/26 | Kenny Meyer      |
| 08/19/26 | Kevin J. Stroik  |
| 08/20/26 | Joey Valla       |
| 08/21/26 | Sherry Moncher   |
| 08/22/26 | Fr. Mike Barrett |
| 08/23/26 | Robert Dirk      |
| 08/24/26 | Bridget Valla    |

## Congratulations to our StCA

### Calendar Raffle winners

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|----------|-----------------|
| 08/18/26 | Diane Smith     |
| 08/19/26 | Tori West       |
| 08/20/26 | Mary Koenen     |
| 08/21/26 | Julie Bergeron  |
| 08/22/26 | Russell Fischer |
| 08/23/26 | Cooper Kotecki  |
| 08/24/26 | Barbara Prengel |

## Franciscan pilgrimage close to home

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with a half-day pilgrimage featuring prayer, learning, fellowship, and sacred places on first Fridays September 4, October 2, and November 6 from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. Begin at the Basilica of St. Josaphat with a talk and tour, then travel to St. Francis of Assisi Church for Mass, lunch, and a blessing. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by the Tuesday prior to the pilgrimage. To register and for more information, visit [thebasilica.org/pilgrimage](http://thebasilica.org/pilgrimage).



## Wedding Banns



Debra Thao and Michael Nelson: September 11, 2026

"Father, hear our prayers for these who will be united in marriage before Your altar. Give them Your blessing, and strengthen their love for each other. We, your people at Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes, ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!"

## Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,  
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call. Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You. 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*

# Blessings TO THESE MEN!

ORDINATION OF DEACONS | WATCH THE LIVESTREAM  
10 A.M. | SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



On September 12, eleven new deacons will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Praise be to God!

We give thanks for His abundant blessings.

To watch the ordination live on September 12, visit the following link: [www.st-monica.org/live](http://www.st-monica.org/live)



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## RURAL LIFE MASS

Saturday, September 19 • 4:30 p.m.

St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church  
511 S. Spring St., Beaver Dam

Join us for an evening  
with Archbishop Grob  
as we give thanks to our  
rural communities.

*Dinner and fellowship  
with Archbishop Grob  
following Mass.*



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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Remember why you fell in love and get the tools you need to keep your marriage on the right path. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

### 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!

Many Hands. One Vision.



### Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Your gift or pledge of any size is needed to ignite, renew, and energize Catholic life across southeastern Wisconsin. To donate, text APPEAL2026 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.

## Schedule of Masses & Intentions

**Sunday, August 30, 2026: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30AM FA at StCA

10:30AM MP & FA at StB: †Annie Marken

**Monday, August 31, 2026**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 1, 2026: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

4:00PM RM at StB: †Linda Radder

**Wednesday, September 2, 2026**

8:15AM FA at OLGH: †Agnes Zagorski

**Thursday, September 3, 2026: St. Gregory the Great**

12:00PM MP at StCA

**Friday, September 4, 2026**

No Mass

**Saturday, September 5, 2026: St. Teresa of Calcutta**

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM MP at OLGH: †Peter Loehr

**Sunday, September 6, 2026: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary**

8:30AM MP at StCA: †Thomas H. Hoppa

10:30AM MP at StB: †Herbert & Maria Gross, & daughter  
Arlene Schlicht

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| 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, August 30, 2026**

- Bible study: Gospel of Matthew, after Mass at StCA-GR
- StCA StVdP home visit team mtg, after Mass at StCA-food pantry
- Parish name reveal and potluck, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

**Monday, August 31, 2026**

- September 6th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 1:00PM at StB-LMR

**Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

**Wednesday, September 2, 2026**

- StCA StVdP mtg, 8:30AM at StCA-food pantry

**Thursday, September 3, 2026**

- Parish staff meeting, 9:30AM at StCA-GR
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

**Saturday, September 5, 2026**

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

**Sunday, September 6, 2026**

- Bible study: Gospel of Matthew, after Mass at StCA-GR
- No bingo

## Readings for the Week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

