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OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

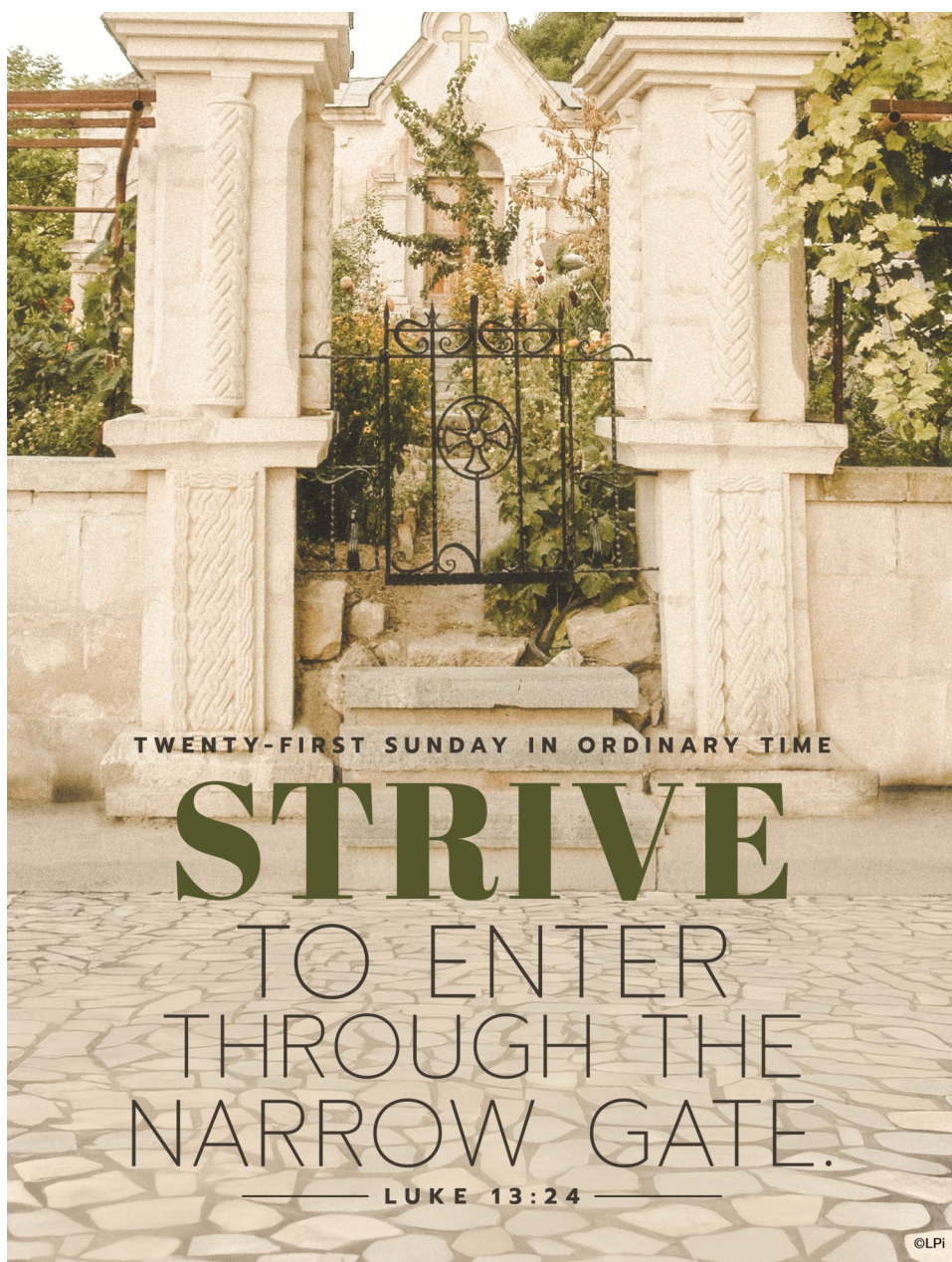
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AUGUST 24, 2025 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bulletin Deadline Change

Weekend	Deadline
September 6-7	August 26, 10:00AM

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

StMM Eucharistic adoration

Join us at St. Margaret Mary for Eucharistic adoration every Thursday evening in September from 4:00 to 8:00PM.

Volunteers are needed. We ask for at least two people per hour to ensure that our Lord is never left alone. Please consider signing up for one or more hours during the month. You can sign up at <https://stmmpp.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/41/responses/new>.

If you cannot commit to a specific hour, you are welcome to come anytime during adoration to pray and spend time with our Lord.

Many interpret this invitation as echoing Jesus' words in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He asked His disciples, "Could you not keep watch for one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40)

Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from me anything that distracts me from You, Your love, Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.
Amen. ©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: 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

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

August 24 ~ The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church with Bshp. Andrew Cozzens

Chapter 4: The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist:
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2579927?cid=837728>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

August 24 ~ Spending Time with Jesus

<https://app.formed.org/app/audios/1980227?cid=1125547>

Christian Formation needs catechists

Our faith formation is in need of catechists. Please call or e-mail Simon Biagui if you are interested: 414-365-2020, ext. 304, biaguis@nwmcp.org.

Donations needed for our StVdP conferences

Both of our StVdP conferences are helping more people who are requesting assistance with obtaining items such as appliances, furniture, and household goods. The need for help with groceries has also increased. Due to rising costs of goods and this greater demand for help, the funds of our conferences have been drastically depleted. Any donations would be immensely appreciated. Cash or checks can be put in envelopes marked for either conference and dropped in any collection or mailed to any parish office. Of course, we continue to need donations of nonperishable food items, which can be left in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to help more needy families in our neighborhood.

Both conferences also need additional home visit volunteers. If you are interested in helping, you can contact Phil Laporte (StB/OLGH) at 414-940-6757 or Rick Korpela (StCA) at 414-617-7554.



Eucharistic Adoration

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

September 16, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

September 20, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

~ We commend to God ~

Elizabeth Reuter (StCA), 08/03/25

May her soul and the souls of all of our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember Elizabeth and her family in your prayers.

Reading tutors needed at NWCS

The Northwest Catholic School Happy Readers Program is seeking caring adults to serve as volunteer reading tutors for the coming school year. No experience is necessary. If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a way to make a lasting difference in a child's life, this could be the perfect volunteer opportunity. Each tutor gives two hours a week and works one-on-one with the same students throughout the school year so meaningful relationships can develop. Training, materials, and staff give tutors the support they need to succeed. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Driscoll at mbdathome@gmail.com. If you would like to learn more, or to register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SetonHappyReadersFall25>.

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 any parish office.

A Reflection on Luke 13:22-30

The Narrow Door ~ In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us with both urgency and hope as He teaches about the narrow door to God's kingdom. When someone asks if only a few will be saved, Jesus redirects our attention from counting others to examining ourselves, urging us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This isn't meant to discourage us, but to remind us that our faith requires active commitment rather than passive assumption. The narrow door represents the focused effort needed to follow Christ—it's not about earning salvation, but about responding wholeheartedly to God's invitation.

Jesus warns against the dangerous comfort of familiarity, reminding us that simply being near Him or participating in religious activities isn't enough. Our relationship with Christ must be personal and transformative, not just cultural or habitual. The surprising reversal—"the last will be first, and the first will be last"—offers hope to those who feel distant from God while challenging those who assume their place is secure. This teaching calls each of us to honest self-reflection: Are we truly striving to live as disciples, or are we coasting on past commitments?

Rather than causing anxiety, this Gospel invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, service, and genuine conversion of heart. The door may be narrow, but it remains open to all who earnestly seek to enter.

~Fr. Mark Payne

Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

08/12/25	Kathleen Thorn
08/13/25	Sue Riedijk
08/14/25	Michael S. Stroik
08/15/25	Sue Morgan
08/16/25	Julie Bryson
08/17/25	Jack Robaidek
08/18/25	Meghan McFadden

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

08/12/25	George Zagel
08/13/25	Jim LaBrasca
08/14/25	Chelsea Stecker
08/15/25	Margaret Thorn
08/16/25	Carissa Braun
08/17/25	Bob Braun
08/18/25	Debbie Phillips

Honduras ministry presentation

This year's Mission Appeal will help the Honduras ministry. Come to a presentation by Fr. Gregory Greiten on Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30PM, to learn about the Honduras ministry through videos, pictures, and personal stories. Hear and see how it started, who is involved, and how you can help make a difference.

Catholic trivia

Question: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus?

Answer: Mary Magdalene

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"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



St. Bernadette Parish Fish Fry Dinner

Schedule: 2025-2026

Served 4:30 - 7:00PM

September 19, 2025

October 17, 2025

November 21, 2025

December 19, 2025

January 16, 2026

February 20, 2026

March 6, 2026

March 20, 2026

April 3, 2026

April 17, 2026

May 15, 2026

8200 West Denver Avenue, Milwaukee
Our facilities are handicapped accessible.



Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, August 24, 2025: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM RM at StCA: For all the parishioners

9:00AM MP at StB (Hmong): †Jim Hoida

10:30AM MP at StB: †Todd Wargula

Monday, August 25, 2025: St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

No Mass

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

4:00PM MP at StB: †Ceil & Einard Davidson

Wednesday, August 27, 2025: St. Monica

No Mass

Thursday, August 28, 2025: St. Augustine

12:00PM RM at StCA: †Jim Heun

Friday, August 29, 2025: Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Mass

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:00PM AJ at OLGH: †Janet Moranski

Sunday, August 31, 2025: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM RM at StCA: †Debbie Hintz

10:30AM RM at StB: †Joel Lowney

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 24, 2025

- Bible study, after Mass at StCA-GR
- New member registration, after Masses at StB-cafeteria
- Blood pressure screening, after 10:30 Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation family potluck & orientation, 12:00PM at StCA-GR
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, August 25, 2025

- August 31st bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- OCIA, 6:00PM at StCA-GR
- Prayer & Worship Committee mtg, 6:30PM at StB-LMR

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

- September 7th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- Human Concerns Committee mtg, 1:00PM at OLGH-rm 2
- Senior strength training (for pre-registered participants only), 2:00PM at StCA-GR
- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

- Honduras presentation, 6:00PM at StB-church

Thursday, August 28, 2025

- Parish staff mtg, 10:00AM at StCA-GR
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, August 29, 2025

- Fr. Mark off through August 31st

Sunday, August 31, 2025

- Bible study, after Mass at StCA-GR

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a and 9b/
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mt 23:23-26

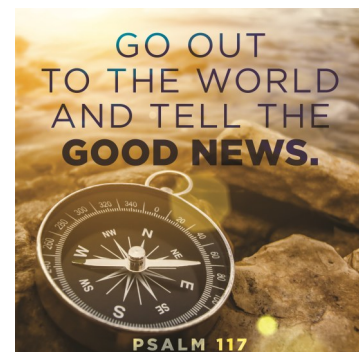
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-5/Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes invite you to travel with us to



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion is a sacred site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Adele Brise in 1859. Since then, pilgrims have come to its grounds to pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Champion and Adele Brise. Many have encountered healing or blessings that they attribute to the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Adele.

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Coach bus will depart from St. Bernadette
8200 West Denver Avenue, Milwaukee
at 7:00AM and
will return at 5:00PM



Itinerary

- 9:15 Arrival to Mother of Mercy Hall
 - 9:45 Confessions
 - 10:30 Rosary
 - 11:00 Mass
 - 12:00 Healing Service
 - 1:00 Lunch provided by Order of Malta, typically includes pasta, chips, salad, cookie, and beverage
- Free time to visit the grounds until departure at 3:00PM

**Please R.S.V.P. to the St. Bernadette Parish office,
414-358-4600
by October 1.**

**\$35 per person to cover the cost of the bus.
Please make checks payable to St. Bernadette.**