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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



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Examining the Creed

Each statement in the Creed is firmly grounded in Scripture and tradition. This study aims to explore these foundational truths more deeply, helping us understand what we affirm every time we recite it. When we proclaim the Creed with greater clarity and conviction, we enter into a more profound communion with God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and with the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Join us on Tuesdays from February 17 through March 24, 9:30 to 10:30AM at StCA-GR. To register, contact Simon Biagui at 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org. A limited number of books will be available thanks to a generous donation. They are also available at <https://twentythirdpublications.com>.

2025 year-end donation statements

Donation statements for your 2025 contributions will be sent by the end of January via e-mail if your e-mail address is on record at your parish office. Otherwise the statement will be sent via postal mail. If you need a statement and do not receive one by mid-February, please contact your parish office.

Return old palms

As part of our liturgical celebration on Palm Sunday, the priest blesses the palms used to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The congregation took these palms home and displayed them as a remembrance throughout the year. Because these palms have been blessed, they should be disposed of properly. Our parishes are collecting prior years' palms to be burned in the fire at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please place your palms in the receptacles at the back of any of our churches.



St. Bernadette: Anita Apazeller, Anonymous Special Intention, Mia Berger, Holly Biersack, Guy Gromala, Lois Hermann, Marge Hoffman, Joseph Marecki, Irene Mumm, Lenard Mumm, 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, Kay Thompson, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Our Lady of Good Hope: Jane Kirst, Marie Lore, Bernadette Timm, Eric Timm, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Gospel reflection: John 1:29-34

John the Baptist's proclamation of Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" marks a pivotal moment in salvation history, connecting the sacrificial system of the Old Testament to its ultimate fulfillment in Christ. In these verses, John testifies to what was revealed to him at Jesus' baptism: the Spirit descending and remaining upon Jesus, confirming His identity as the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. The Baptist's humility shines through as he acknowledges his own role was simply to prepare the way and bear witness to the one far greater than himself. His testimony reminds us that true discipleship involves pointing others toward Jesus rather than drawing attention to ourselves. The image of the Lamb evokes both the Passover lamb whose blood protected Israel and the suffering servant of Isaiah who bore our iniquities. John's declaration that he "has seen and testified" challenges us to reflect on our own encounters with Christ and how we share that witness with others. The Spirit's descent and remaining upon Jesus assures us that in Him we find not a temporary presence but an abiding source of grace and power. As we hear John's testimony anew, we're invited to look upon Jesus with fresh eyes and proclaim with conviction: "This is the Son of God."

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Thank you for help decorating

A heartfelt thank you to the parishioners who helped decorate and undecorate our three church environments for the Christmas season. Your time and effort made our worship spaces truly beautiful. Thank you for volunteering.

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

January 18 ~ Practicing Catholic Podcast: How Catholics Should Read the Bible (and Actually Grow Closer to God), <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3859683?cid=1439538>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

January 18 ~ Littlest Saints: The Desert Fathers (Part 1), <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3713529?cid=801623>

Eucharistic Adoration

January 20, 2:50-3:50PM at StB
February 5, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
February 17, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

A message from Fr. Mark

Dear Parishioners of St. Bernadette, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and Our Lady of Good Hope,

I write to you with a heart full of gratitude and joy following my installation as your pastor. The warmth and generosity you showed me during the installation Mass and reception have touched me deeply and will remain with me always. Your presence at this sacred celebration made it truly memorable and beautiful, and I am profoundly grateful to each of you who took time to share in this special day with me.

I want to extend special thanks to the dedicated team who worked tirelessly to set up and take down the reception brunch, ensuring that every detail was perfect for our gathering. The music ministers and instrumentalists deserve particular recognition for the beautiful music that enhanced our liturgy and lifted our spirits in prayer and praise. To all the assisting ministers who served with such reverence and grace during the Mass, your ministry was a powerful witness to our faith community. The members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils have my deepest appreciation for your leadership and commitment to our parishes. I am also grateful to our parish staff and trustees who played such significant roles during the ceremony and who continue to serve our communities with dedication each day.

The overwhelming support and heartfelt welcome I have received from all three parish communities have affirmed for me the incredible blessing it is to serve as your pastor. I am honored and humbled to walk with you on this journey of faith. Together, we will continue to build up the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world, supporting one another in prayer, service, and love. Thank you again for making my installation day so extraordinary and for embracing me as your spiritual shepherd.

With gratitude and blessings, Fr. Mark Payne



4:30-7:00PM in the StB cafeteria

February 20
March 6

March 20
April 3

April 17
May 15

Catholic trivia

Question: Is it true or false that all wine used in the Eucharist must be fermented?

Answer: True

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Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

01/01/26	Doug Greiten
01/02/26	Jessie Fry
01/03/26	Sue Wallin
01/04/26	Shannon Govern
01/05/26	Simon Biagui
01/06/26	Jim Schneider
01/07/26	Allen Schueller
01/08/26	Erik Geier
01/09/26	Theresa Moniot Olivares
01/10/26	Ryan Callan
01/11/26	Dave Brzezinski
01/12/26	Karl Eichler

Congratulations to our StCA Calendar Raffle winners

01/01/26	Drew Miller
01/02/26	Chris Reikert
01/03/26	Brenda Wurzel
01/04/26	Joe Marriner
01/05/26	Rita Sammons
01/06/26	Lawrence Fredock
01/07/26	Judy Laczniaik
01/08/26	Leon Wyeth
01/09/26	Nick Ferschl
01/10/26	Joshua Stopar
01/11/26	Sally Bissen
01/12/26	J. Schaumberg-Aigner

Strength Training for Seniors

Professional trainer Tyler Schuette, of Milwaukee Personal Training, will be leading another round of strength training for seniors classes on Tuesdays at 2:00PM beginning on Tuesday, February 3 at StCA-Granville room. All levels of skill, strength, and mobility are encouraged to join the class. We look forward to having new and returning participants join us. It is always wise to consult with your healthcare provider before beginning an exercise program. All physical abilities are welcome. There is no charge and you do not need special equipment. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and join us for exercise, companionship, and fun. Please RSVP to riedijks@nwmcp.org or 414-365-2020.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God, Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide. Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission. Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step. 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

Annual Report: St. Vincent de Paul-St. Bernadette Conference

Who Are We?

Our membership consists of five active and several associate members. We serve in a geographic area determined by the Milwaukee Council of St. Vincent de Paul, currently the St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Good Hope Parish boundaries, welcoming people of all religious beliefs.

What Do We Do?

We try to follow in the footsteps of our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, in seeing to the dignity of the human person. Through home visits, we assess the needs of those who come to us. Most are living at poverty level or are having temporary difficulty in providing for their families. We try to meet their needs directly or by referrals to other community resources.

Why Do We Do It?

We share a desire to live out our religious convictions, to go out and love and serve each other as taught and lived by Jesus Christ, the greatest servant of all time.

Where Do We Get Our Funding and Support?

Most of our funding comes from our St. Vincent de Paul Milwaukee Council's "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program. The amount of funds available depends on the success of our StVdP Thrift Stores. Other funds come from bequests to StVdP, or various grants our Council applies for. We are grateful for donations from the parishioners of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Good Hope, as well as their donations in our lobby poor boxes. We also accept donations of gently-used furniture and appliances to save the cost of issuing

vouchers. The Sharing Trees at Christmas provides gift cards to supply basic care needs of cleaning and hygiene items, or items not available at the thrift stores.

Who Did We Serve This Last Year?

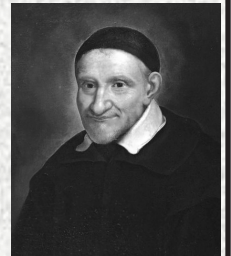
We served 905 brothers and sisters in need with food, clothing, furniture, appliances, gift cards, or other help. We made 306 home visits last year. Goods and services given to those in need totaled approximately \$69,302, representing 1,125 hours of service. We reached out to all referrals received through home visits and phone visits.

Would You Like To Join Our Society?

Members can help in various ways—home visits, picking up and delivering furniture, et cetera. For more information, please contact Rosemary Storts, 262-366-4368.

Members: Steve Gaenslen
Cliff Kollross, Vice President
Phillip LaPorte, President
Gary Storts, Secretary
Rosemary Storts, Treasurer

Associate Members: Sandy LaPorte
Theresa Moniot Olivares
Deacon Moualee Thao
Bob Young



Thank you from StVdP-StB Conference

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference wishes all of you a very blessed new year! Once again, we were deeply touched this Christmas by your gracious response through gift cards. These cards, along with your monetary donations throughout the year, help provide basic needs for those we serve.

The individuals and families we serve are often living on Social Security, disabled, enrolled in W-2 programs, or living on very low wages. Your gift enables us to give them a "hand up" at a time when they are struggling.

We are always eager to welcome new members to our conference. While not everyone is called to serve as an active member, there are many ways to still answer Christ's call to serve those in need.

Those who donate to and shop at our SVdP thrift stores help ensure the success of our stores, which in turn helps our conference provide vouchers to our neighbors in need. We

provide vouchers to shop at our three Milwaukee thrift stores and a used appliance store.

Another way to help is in our furniture and household items ministry. We welcome donations of beds, furniture, and appliances that are clean and in good condition. Clean, lightly-used sheets and blankets, silverware and cooking utensils, as well as pots and pans, plastic cups, bowls, and plates are always needed.

We also welcome your muscle. More people helping with furniture pickups and deliveries would lighten the load for those going out regularly.

May God bless you and reward you for your generosity to those less fortunate. We thank you for actively taking part in our mission.

For more information, please call:

Phil LaPorte: 414-940-6757

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Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, January 18, 2026: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM FA at StCA: *Rosemary Bonniwell

10:30AM FA at StB: *Zita Nugent

Monday, January 19, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday, January 20, 2026: St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

4:00PM Fr. Tom Perrin at StB: *Nancy Westenberger

Wednesday, January 21, 2026: St. Agnes

8:15AM FA at OLGH: *Thomas Gray

Thursday, January 22, 2026: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00PM MP at StCA: *Carol Hasenyager

Friday, January 23, 2026: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

No Mass

Saturday, January 24, 2026: St. Francis de Sales

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM MP at OLGH: FATP

Sunday, January 25, 2026: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM MP at StCA: *Karen Purtell

9:00AM RM at StB (Hmong): *Br. Roman Jarosz

10:30AM MP at StB: *Fred & Shirley Berger

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, January 18, 2026

- Continental breakfast, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Monday, January 19, 2026

- Advanced tai chi, 9:30AM at OLGH-NH
- January 25th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- 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, January 20, 2026

- Preparing bag lunches for the homeless, 9:00AM at StB-LMR
- Adoration & rosary, 2:50PM at StB

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

- Intermediate tai chi, 9:15AM at OLGH-NH
- Seated tai chi, 10:15AM at OLGH-room 2
- Pastoral Council mtg, 6:00PM at StCA-GR

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

Friday, January 23, 2026

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

Saturday, January 24, 2026

- New member registration, after Mass at OLGH
- Blood pressure screening, after Mass at OLGH

Sunday, January 25, 2026

- New member registration, after Masses at StB-cafeteria
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of January 18, 2026

- Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10-13/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-2

