

# ST. BERNADETTE

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# OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Safe Environment training session

Any volunteer working with minors in our archdiocese is required to meet three requirements:

1. *Attend a Safe Environment Education Session* ~ This is a one-time child abuse and maltreatment prevention program that must be attended in person.

2. *Pass a Criminal Background Check* ~ This check is done at the beginning of volunteering with minors and must be done every five years subsequently. The criminal background check is conducted through the CMG Connect portal.

3. *Sign the Code of Ethical Standards* ~ This code of conduct provides volunteers with expectations and guidelines for how they interact and conduct themselves in ministry. This code must be signed prior to beginning volunteering in a parish or school and is reviewed every five years subsequently.

NWMCPC is pleased to announce that we will be offering a Safe Environment training session on February 24, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at StCA-Granville room. Training is required for all parishioners who want to volunteer at NWC School or with our Christian Formation program. To register for the class, go to [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org), scroll down, and click on the blue Safe Environment link. Then click on the CMG Connect link in the column titled Register for Safe Environment. If you need help with registering, please contact Theresa in the StB office.

## Human Concerns Lenten project

What: Habitat for Humanity's workshop-Housing, Race, and Equity

When: Saturday, February 17, 11:00AM-1:00PM  
Check-in begins at 10:30AM

Where: StB-cafeteria

Milwaukee is in the midst of an affordable housing crisis, with one in three renters spending half or more of their income on housing. Families spending more than half of their income on housing are 23% more likely to have difficulty purchasing food, 28% more likely to be without health insurance, and almost twice as likely to lack a car.

Join us for this Habitat for Humanity workshop that will explain the impact of local history on housing patterns to better understand how intentional, institutional choices resulted in segregated housing, and the effects these decisions have had on the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

Please RSVP to the StB office if you will attend, [stbernadette@nwmcp.org](mailto:stbernadette@nwmcp.org), 414-358-4600, ext. 100. Refreshments will be served.

## Revised choir schedule at NWMCPC Masses

The choirs of our three parishes have fully combined to form one choir, rotating among the parishes each month.

The schedule is:

1st full weekend at StCA

2nd full weekend: Praise Mass (except during Lent)

3rd full weekend: StB

4th full weekend: OLGH

If there is a fifth weekend in a month, the choir will be off.

## Thank you for mitten tree donations

Thanks to generous parishioners who donated hats, mittens, and scarves, we were able to distribute these items to the following organizations: St. Vincent de Paul Conference at StCA, Northwest Catholic School, Casa Maria Hospitality House, Guest House, and Wisconsin Community Services.

## Thank you for helping with poinsettias

A sincere thank you to all volunteers who helped deliver poinsettias to the families of those who passed away in 2023, as well as to the sick and homebound. Additional thanks to those who donated monetarily toward the program. This program could not happen without all of you.



### Eucharistic Adoration

February 17, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

February 20, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

March 1, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

## OLGH home prayer network

OLGH Parish has a confidential home prayer network made up of parishioners who have offered to pray for your needs. All calls are confidential. If you are in need of prayers or would like to become involved in our home prayer network, please contact Mary Jansen at 414-731-2780 or [jansenmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jansenmc@sbcglobal.net).



*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

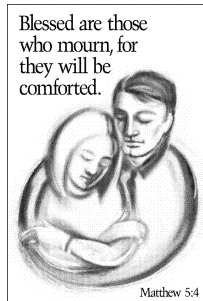


## NWMCP has a new website

One of the goals of our strategic planning process was to update our parish websites. The pastoral staff has been working with Erica Whitmore Weber, a website designer, to develop a new landing page for the Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes. Erica has been visiting the parishes over the past several months to capture the spirit of our communities and to take pictures and videos for our new website. Go to [www.nwmcp.org](http://www.nwmcp.org) to see the new landing page. This site holds information that is common to all three parishes, with links to each of our individual parish websites. In the upcoming months, these parish websites will be integrated into the new, updated website. Developing a website is an intensive process. It is still a work in progress, so if you notice something that is incorrect, please let any parish office know right away. We appreciate your help.

## Grief support group

Our Grief to Healing support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00AM at StB. Our next meeting will be February 6. The only cost is \$12 for the workbook used in the group, available in the StB Parish office.



## NWMCP Men's Retreat

March 1-3, 2024 at the Redemptorist Retreat Center (1800 North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc)

The retreat center offers a variety of ways to rest, reflect, and renew your spirituality. The cost of \$260 per person includes programs, Mass, prayers, private time, five meals, and a private room. Sign up online at [www.redemptoristretreat.org](http://www.redemptoristretreat.org) or call 262-567-6900. If you have questions, please call our parish organizer, George Zagel, at 414-736-2688.

## LOA pledge payments

Thank you to all who participated in the in-pew event, and all who have pledged to and prayed for the LOA campaign. Now that the campaign has ended, all payments toward pledges should be made payable to Love One Another Campaign and sent to: Love One Another Campaign  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Box 78496  
Milwaukee, WI 53278-8496

## Congratulations to our StB

### Calendar Raffle winners

01/22/24	Mary Kucharski
01/23/24	Brook Dirk
01/24/24	Adam Schroeder
01/25/24	Sean Thao
01/26/24	Cathy Westfall

## Congratulations to our StCA

### Calendar Raffle winners

01/22/24	Dave or Stephanie Kadera
01/23/24	Bobbie & Sam Santana
01/24/24	Ben Kolo
01/25/24	Diane Schmutzler
01/26/24	Tripp Hanson

## Learn about black Catholics on their way to sainthood

We have invited special guests to speak about black Catholics who are on their way to sainthood at some of the upcoming Wednesday Masses with Northwest Milwaukee Catholic School students. Please join us:

February 7: *Venerable Pierre Toussaint*

Speaker: Simon Biagui

NWMCP Dir. of Evangelization & Discipleship

February 28: *Venerable Mother Lange*

Speaker: Sister Mary Calista Robinson

Coordinator of the Brother Booker Ashe Lay Minister program of the Black Catholic Commission of the Archdiocese of Milw.

March 6: *Venerable Augustus Tolton*

Speaker: Bishop Joseph N. Perry

retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

April 3: *Venerable Henriette Delille*

Speaker: Shanedra Johnson

Dir. of Urban Ministries at the Archdiocese of Milw.

May 1: *Servant of God Julia Greely*

Speaker: Dr. Antoinette Mensah

Dir. of World Missions Ministries at the Archdiocese of Milw.

May 29: *Servant of God Thea Bowman*

Speaker: Mary Words

Dir. of the Black Catholic Commission of the Archdiocese of Milw.



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

February 16

March 1

March 15

March 29

April 19

May 17

*"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*

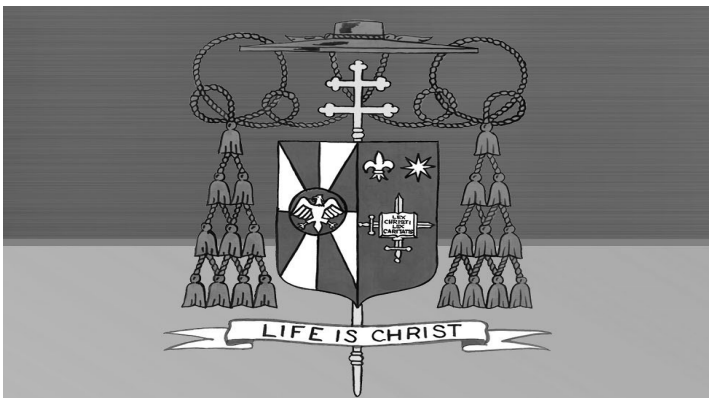
## Donations needed for the food pantry

For February, we are requesting canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.) or jars of applesauce. We are also in need of paper and sturdy plastic bags (such as from Sendik's or Menards). Please leave the items in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes.



## OLGH Outreach Ministry

Next weekend is the second weekend of the month when the loose collection at OLGH will go to support the parish's outreach activities. If you can, please remember to put an extra dollar or two in the collection basket so this vital ministry will continue. If you want to donate toward the Outreach Ministry outside of the OLGH offertory collection at Mass, there is a line for it on the bottom section of the monthly letter. May God continue to bless your generosity.



THE ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE  
PREPARES FOR  
ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI'S

*Upcoming Retirement!*

As required by canon law of all bishops who reach age 75, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi will submit his resignation to the Holy Father on March 12. He will continue to serve as Milwaukee's archbishop until Pope Francis accepts his retirement and appoints a new archbishop for Milwaukee, a process that has no set timeline. Learn more about Archbishop ListECKi's accomplishments, and the many upcoming celebrations being planned in his honor at [www.archmil.org/ListECKi](http://www.archmil.org/ListECKi).

## Special concert by ValLimar Jansen

Come celebrate Black History Month by attending a special free concert with acclaimed songwriter, composer, and storyteller ValLimar Jansen on Friday, February 9, at 7:00PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (1937 North Vel R Phillips Avenue, Milwaukee).

Through story and song, ValLimar will tell the stories of the six black Catholics from the United States who are on the path to sainthood. An inspiring and passionate worship leader, ValLimar will lead us in an evening of contemporary Christian and Gospel music, storytelling, and reflection.

## Catholic Q&A

*Question:* Is gossip a mortal sin?



*Answer:* To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the revealing of "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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## Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, February 4, 2024: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Mass at StCA: †Carol Hoppa

10:30AM Mass at StB: For all the parishioners of NWMCP

Monday, February 5, 2024: St. Agatha

No Mass

Tuesday, February 6, 2024: St. Paul Miki & companions

4:00PM Mass at StB: †Nick Chaconas

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

11:00AM Mass at OLGH: †Helen Reichert

Thursday, February 8, 2024: St. Jerome Emiliani,

St. Josephine Bakhita

12:00PM Mass at StCA: †Carol Hoppa

Friday, February 9, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, February 10, 2024: St. Scholastica

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM Praise Mass at OLGH: †Pat Dilling

Sunday, February 11, 2024: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Praise Mass at StCA: For all the parishioners of NWMCP

10:30AM Praise Mass at StB: †Roger Doering

†Ann Troka

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## This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, February 4, 2024

- RCIA Rite of Sending, during 10:30AM Mass at StB
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria
- Confirmation class, 6:00PM at StCA

Monday, February 5, 2024

- Book read discussion, 9:30AM at StB-lobby mtg rm (LMR)
- February 11th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP meeting, 12:30PM at StB-LMR

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

- Grief to Healing support group, 11:00AM at StB-parish ofc

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- Eucharistic Revival small group meeting, 8:45AM at OLGH-church
- Parish staff meeting, 1:00PM at OLGH

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- Healthy Living with Diabetes, 9:00AM at StCA-Granville rm (for pre-registered participants)
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, February 9, 2024

- Open food pantry, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA
- Prayer shawl ministry, 1:00PM at StCA-Granville rm

Saturday, February 10, 2024

- First reconciliation preparation, 1:00PM at StCA
- Lenten Morning of Reflection, 9:00-11:00AM at StB-cafeteria

Sunday, February 11, 2024

- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

## Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/  
Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5 & 10-11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37 & 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22/  
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/  
Mk 1:40-45



# Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes 2024 Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Morning of Reflection: Preparing for the Season of Lent

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Scholz

February 10, 9:00-11:00AM at St. Bernadette-cafeteria

Ash Wednesday Masses, February 14

11:00AM at Our Lady of Good Hope

6:30PM at St. Catherine of Alexandria



Stations of the Cross

February 18, after Mass at St. Bernadette

February 21, after Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope

February 25, after Mass at St. Catherine of Alexandria

March 3, after Mass at St. Bernadette

March 13, 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Hope

March 17, after Mass at St. Catherine of Alexandria



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30PM at Our Lady of Good Hope (excluding March 9 & 30)

March 9, *Communal Reconciliation*, 2:00PM at St. Catherine of Alexandria

March 20, *12 Hours of Reconciliation*, 8:00AM-8:00PM at St. Margaret Mary

Holy Thursday, March 28

(No 12:00PM Mass at StCA)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00PM at St. Bernadette



Good Friday, March 29

Parish offices closed

Good Friday Solemn Service, 12:00PM at Our Lady of Good Hope



Holy Saturday, March 30

(No 4:00PM Mass at OLGH)

Blessing of the Easter Food, TBA at St. Catherine of Alexandria

Mass of the Easter Vigil, 7:45PM at St. Catherine of Alexandria



Easter Sunday Masses, March 31

8:30AM at Our Lady of Good Hope

9:30AM at St. Catherine of Alexandria

10:30AM at St. Bernadette





# Housing, Race, & Equity Workshop

Exploring the past and building an equitable future in Milwaukee

The Human Concerns Committee of the Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes  
(St. Bernadette, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Our Lady of Good Hope)  
invites you to attend

## *Habitat for Humanity's Housing, Race, & Equity Workshop*

Saturday, February 17, from 11:00AM-1:00PM

St. Bernadette Catholic Parish  
8200 West Denver Avenue, Milwaukee

*Please RSVP to the St. Bernadette office:  
stbernadette@nwmcp.org or 414-358-4600, ext. 100*

Check-in for this free workshop starts at 10:30AM.  
Refreshments will be served. Our facility is handicapped accessible.

This interactive and discussion-based workshop provides a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the impact of local history on housing patterns. Through the examination of primary sources and data maps, participants will gain a better understanding of how intentional institutional choices resulted in segregated housing and the tangible effects that these decisions have had on the Milwaukee metro area. In addition to analyzing recent housing trends, the workshop also offers a chance to make a commitment to affordable housing and learn practical ways to take informed action.



## Workshop Activities

### Activity 1

Explore the current health of Milwaukee using data maps that document various physical, mental, social, and economic indicators.

### Activity 3

Review key federal legislation and critical local socio-economic factors that affected housing in Milwaukee since 1968.

### Activity 2

Examine a historical timeline chronicling both national and local events from 1896 to 1968 to understand the roots of Milwaukee's segregated housing.

### Activity 4

Shed light on the current housing challenges in Milwaukee and the efforts being made to promote more equitable housing. Explore actionable steps that individuals can take to contribute to positive change in this area.