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# **Bulletin Deadline Changes**

Weekend Deadline, 10:00AM

March 23-24 March 13 March 30-31 March 18



#### Submit Easter Memorials

Donations for Easter Memorials, in whatever amount you choose, may be placed in the collection basket or sent to your parish office anytime before March 25. Please include the

legible name(s) of your departed loved one(s) to be held in memory and your name to receive credit for the donation. Identify it as "Easter Memorial." Your loved ones' names will be remembered on display in the back of church at OLGH and StCA or in the gathering area at StB, and they will be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at the Easter Vigil on March 30.

## Men of Christ: Live your faith boldly

Men are invited to join the 2024 Men of Christ conference—Mastering What Matters—which will be held in parishes across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, including StB, on Saturday, March 9, starting at 8:30AM, with both virtual and live elements. The day will feature well-known speakers, Mass, Adoration, confession, and fellowship. Get all of the details and register at MenofChrist.net, or contact Koua Thao at koua@sbcglobal.net or 414-428-9239.

# Grief support group

The next meeting of our Grief to Healing support group will be March 12 at 11:00AM at StB. The only cost is \$13 for the workbook used in the group, available in the StB Parish office.





St. Bernadette: Irene Mumm, 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: 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

A Warm Welcome ... to the following new members who recently registered at StB Parish:

⊕ Mr. & Mrs. Terry Dykstra & Judith Lanza-Dykstra

We extend an invitation to all who regularly worship with us to become registered members of any of our parishes.



## Bag lunch ministry

A sincere thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to this ministry during the past three years. With your generosity, we have made and delivered 3,861 bag lunches for the MacCannon Brown Homeless Sanctuary since October 2020. We are currently in need of peanut butter (not chunky), any flavor of jelly, and snack-size chips. Your donation can be dropped off in your church lobby clearly marked MacCannon Brown. Thank you!

~ Human Concerns Committee

# Young adult Catholics—get connected!

Young adult Catholics can stay connected with other Catholics in their age group in our archdiocese by going to www.brewcitycatholic.com. Find out more about us, our events, and "Brewing the Faith." You can join our social network site, powered by Mighty Networks, at brewcitycatholic.mn.co. You will see specific groups for each county or city, and you can search for a particular kind of event, whether it be prayer, intellectual formation, or sports/recreation. You will only get notified about the events and groups that you sign up for. Through Brew City Catholic, you can get connected not only to specific BCC events, but also to other organic opportunities happening in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

# Donate toward the Easter candle

Every year, each of our parishes orders an Easter candle which receives a ceremonial blessing at the Easter Vigil. The Easter candle continues to be an important part of our liturgies, not only at Eastertime but throughout the year, especially at baptisms and funerals. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating toward the cost of the Easter candle at any of our parishes, please call that parish office. Any money collected over the cost of the Easter candle will be used to offset the cost of the candles that are on the parish's altar throughout the year.



Take up your cross and follow Jesus, sharing your gifts with God and His people along the way. This Lent, join us for Stations of the Cross at our parishes.

March 3, after Mass at StB March 13, 6:30PM at OLGH March 17, after Mass at StCA

## Donations needed for the food pantry

Each month, our NWMCP volunteers serve over 100 families with food donations received from all three parishes. Thank you for making it possible to feed more needy families in our neighborhoods. For March, we are requesting boxed cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. Please leave the items in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes.



On **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

www.archmil.org/ Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice



Scan the code for more information.

# Congratulations to our StB Calendar Raffle winners

02/17/24 Hunter Valla 02/18/24 Andy Banaszynski 02/19/24 Mary Blomme 02/20/24 Mae Gray 02/21/24 James Hoida

02/22/24 Karen Moncher-Robaidek

02/23/24 Joe Pense

# Congratulations to our StCA

#### Calendar Raffle winners

02/17/24 Mary Beth Ostrowski
02/18/24 Mr. James Francois
02/19/24 Ruth Walker
02/20/24 Analese Grimm
02/21/24 Karl Mente
02/22/24 Karly Volz
02/23/24 Samuel Hintz

# 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:

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.

# NWMCP is hiring

NWMCP has several positions for which we are hiring, including a maintenance technician (open immediately), an administrative assistant (open immediately), and a pastoral associate (open July 1). If you are interested in learning more about these positions, or know someone who might be, please go to www.nwmcp.org and click on the red "We're hiring" button.

"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

# Evangelization corner

Lent is the favorable time of conversion, reflection, and growth in the desert to assess where we started, where we are heading, and the progress we have made. As Dan Scholz, our speaker for the Lenten Morning of Reflection said, the Kerygma stipulates that Christ came on a rescue mission to get us back to the personal relationship with God we had in the garden of Eden before the fall. Christ came in the fullness of time (Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 4.2). Christ shed His blood as an atonement for our sins (Col 2:14-15). Christ is risen, Christ is alive, Christ abides among us and within us.

Where have you seen God move in your life and your family since Ash Wednesday? What stage are you at in the six stages of your faith journey (1. Initial Trust, 2. Curiosity, 3. Openness, 4. Seeking, 5. Intentional Disciple, 6. Member of an Apostolate)? To help answer these questions, Archbishop Jerome Listecki advised the diocese's catechumens and candidates gathered at the cathedral to focus on prayer, practice, and proclamation.

Prayer is a communal as well as an individual enterprise (Matt 6:6). Pope Benedict XVI argues that Christ spent His days ministering and His nights praying. The practice of our faith includes the active participation in the sacramental life of our Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes, the daily reading and meditation of the Bible, and service to others (Matt 25). God provides us with the graces we need to encounter Him and go through conversion. To move forward on your own faith journey, attend one of our evangelization and discipleship opportunities or contact Simon Biagui, Dir. of Evangelization & Discipleship, at 414-365-2020, ext. 304,



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

March 16, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH March 19, 2:50-3:50PM at StB April 5, 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.

# SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS

Saturday, March 16 | 9 to 11 a.m. St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee

Saturday, March 23 | 9 to 11 a.m. Good Shepherd Parish, Menomonee Falls

In preparation for the next international Synod on Synodality, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be holding two listening sessions covering the theme of the relationship between laypeople and the ordained, to which all are invited. A summary of these sessions will be compiled and submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

To register for a session, visit: http://tinyurl.com/yfvsthfj





# **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 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.

#### Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, March 3, 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

10:30AM Mass at StB: †Erich Stapelfeldt

†Walter Josten

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 4, 2024: St. Casimir

No Mass

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

4:00PM Mass at StB: †Margaret Frydach

Wednesday, March 6, 2024:

11:00AM Mass at OLGH: †Christine Peck Thursday, March 7, 2024: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

12:00PM Mass at StCA: †Rita Marsh

3:00-5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at StCA

Friday, March 8, 2024: St. John of God

No Mass

Saturday, March 9, 2024: St. Frances of Rome 2:00PM Communal Reconciliation at StCA

4:00PM Mass at OLGH: For all the parishioners of NWMCP

Sunday, March 10, 2024: 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Mass at StCA: †Damien Bissen 10:30AM Mass at StB: †Ralph Apazeller

†Sheila Kazmierski

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# This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, March 3, 2024

- OCIA-First Scrutiny, during 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, March 4, 2024

- Book read discussion, 9:30AM at StB-lobby mtg rm (LMR)
- March 10th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP mtg, 12:30PM at StB-LMR
- Bingo volunteer meeting, 6:00PM at StB-cafeteria

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

 Bishop Perry talk about Venerable Augustus Tolton, 10:15AM at OLGH-church

#### Thursday, March 7, 2024

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

#### Friday, March 8, 2024

- StVdP open food pantry, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA
- Prayer shawl ministry, 1:00PM at StCA-GR

#### Saturday, March 9, 2024

- OCIA class, 9:00AM at StB-LMR
- Sleeping Bag Ministry, 9:00AM at StB-cafeteria
- First Communion preparation, 1:00PM at StCA
- Men of Christ Conference, 8:30AM at StB-church

#### Sunday, March 10, 2024

- OCIA-Second Scrutiny, during Mass at StB
- Irish Feast, 11:30AM-1:30PM at StB-cafeteria (pre-orders required)
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

#### Readings for the Week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25;

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11ab, 14, and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/

Jn 3:14-21; Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/

Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

