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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES



THE HOLY FAMILY

MINE EYES HAVE
SEEN YOUR
SALVATION.

— LUKE 2:30 —

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DECEMBER 31, 2023 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

The cup will return to Mass

Starting with the weekend of January 6-7, we will resume offering the cup at Mass. We will start with two cups near the front of the church holding a limited amount of the holy blood. We understand given today's world situation why you may not wish to partake of the cup. In that case, please reverence the cup in some way as you pass—sign yourself, bow your head, or something similar. We will reevaluate the process and the amount of wine needed, and make adjustments as we go.

~ Prayer & Worship Committee

Return all calendar raffle tickets!

This weekend is your last chance to turn in raffle tickets for a chance to win multiple prizes in the StB and StCA calendar raffles. Please put the completed ticket stubs and cash or check in an envelope marked calendar raffle and put it in the collection basket this weekend or return it to the parish office.

All tickets must be purchased by December 31, 2023.

If we do not sell enough tickets, the raffles cannot be held.

Our goal for each parish is to sell at least 500 tickets.

Tickets sold as of December 18:

StB: 351

StCA: 335

Parish facilities use

To ensure there is no conflict with use of space, all meetings and activities taking place at our parishes must be scheduled through the parish offices. If your activity or meeting occurs on a regular basis, please submit the written 2024 schedule to your parish office and you will be contacted if there are any conflicts. For all other use, please call or e-mail the applicable office to get confirmation that the space is available. Thank you!



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: Winnifred Glasshof, Carl Krueger, all those who have requested our prayers, and those who are in need

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

Year-end contributions

IRS regulations declare that contributions are deductible in the year that they are made. Cash or check donations for 2023 will be credited to your year-end statement as long as they are received in the parish office by December 31, 2023. If you mail your contribution to the parish, the postmark should be no later than December 31, 2023. All contributions postmarked January 1, 2024, or later will be recorded as 2024 contributions. Thank you for your continued support of your parish!

Donations needed for the food pantry

In November, our NWMCP volunteers served 125 families with food donations received from all three parishes. Thank you for making it possible to feed more needy families in our neighborhood. Because we have added an extra day of distribution each month at our StVdP food pantry at StCA, we need more food donations. *For January, we are in special need of canned dinners such as beef stew and chili, and canned pasta such as SpaghettiOs.* Please bring nonperishable food items and leave them in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes.



Phill Aller hired as new Facilities Manager

Phill Aller has returned to our parishes as Facilities Manager. Previously, he was the facilities manager for StB until earlier this year. We are blessed to have Phill back to maintain the facilities at all three parishes. He has been working closely with Mike Nuskiewicz over the last couple weeks to have a smooth transition as Mike prepares to leave at the end of the year. Good luck to Mike in his future endeavors, and welcome back, Phill!

We are still looking to add part-time support staff to our maintenance department. Please contact Phill at 414-358-4600, ext. 142, or allerp@nwmcp.org.

OLGH Sharing Trees—thank you

Gratitude...for the gifts, the volunteer time, and for the generosity of our parishioners. The Sharing Trees have, once again, provided gifts for many who would not otherwise have the joy of opening a package on Christmas. We are blessed to be within such a caring community. Thank you! ~ *OLGH Sharing Tree Committee*

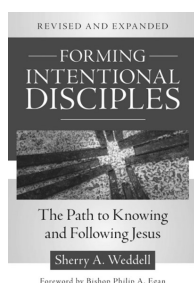
Eucharistic Revival initiative

We are hosting our major Eucharistic Revival initiative—the *Jesus and the Eucharist* series. This seven-session study will create a fertile ground for the blossoming of a truly Eucharistic culture. Connect with your fellow NWMCP parishioners in a new way as you hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism and immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith. There is no charge to participate. Contact Simon Biagui to register, 414-365-2020, ext. 304, or biaguis@nwmcp.org.

Join our next book read:

Forming Intentional Disciples

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ and following Him as His disciples.



As we emerge from a pandemic into a post-Christian world, these are times of immense challenge and enormous opportunity for the Catholic Church in the United States. Consider these statistics:

- Fully ten percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics.
- Nearly three-quarters of young Catholics think that they can be a good Catholic without going to Mass every Sunday.
- Catholic marriages have declined by almost two-thirds since 1969, even as the number of Catholics in the United States has grown significantly.
- Only one-third of Catholics believe that the bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at the consecration during Mass.

If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized. In other words, Catholics in the pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him.

Ten years after it was first published, *Forming Intentional Disciples* is still helping scores of Church leaders, parish staff, and all Catholics transform parish life from within. World-renowned author and speaker Sherry Weddell leads us through the steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world.

You can purchase a copy of the book at Barnes & Noble or Amazon. Discussions will take place at StB on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30AM, January 8 through March 18. Please contact Simon if you wish to participate.

Congratulations to our StB

Calendar Raffle winners

12/16/23	Linald L. Vang
12/17/23	Michelle O'Keefe
12/18/23	Jonathan Stroik
12/19/23	Jennifer Rutter
12/20/23	Michael McFadden

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

12/16/23	Rick Korpela
12/17/23	Stephen Kopp
12/18/23	Stacey Gentz
12/19/23	Joanne O'Neil
12/20/23	Laura Jaroczynski

~ *We commend to God* ~

Oscar Kornblum (OLGH), 12/09/23

Dennis Fonte (OLGH), 12/18/23

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

OLGH thank you and help needed

Thank you to all of the helpers who set up at OLGH for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Now it is almost time to stow away the decorations. Please come to OLGH at 10:00AM on Monday, January 8. We will need many hands to put items back in storage. There is no need to RSVP; just come lend a hand. Please contact Erin Epping at 414-355-8780 or eepping728@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal update

Through your support, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal raises funds for programs and ministries throughout our ten-county archdiocese. Thank you for bringing help, hope, and healing.

Appeal results as of December 1, 2023:

StB Parish reached 86% of its goal of \$13,390, with donations totaling \$11,540.

StCA parish reached 89% of its goal of \$32,640, with donations totaling \$29,095.

OLGH Parish reached 58% of its goal of \$35,350, with donations totaling \$20,642.

Thank you for your generosity!

"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

Reminder: our new Mass times start in January

The new Mass schedule for NWMCP will go into effect starting January 6-7. The Mass schedule will be:

Saturdays

3:00-3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
4:00PM at OLGH

Sundays

8:30AM at StCA
10:30AM at StB

Fourth Sundays

9:00AM Hmong Mass at StB

Tuesdays

4:00PM at StB

Wednesdays

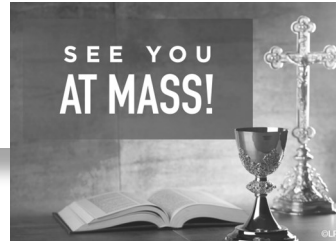
11:00AM at OLGH

Thursdays

12:00PM at StCA

First Fridays

12:00PM at StCA



Love One Another Campaign Update

I am filled with immense joy and gratitude as I express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unwavering support and generous pledges to our capital campaign. It is a true testament to the strength and commitment of our parish community.

Your dedication and willingness to contribute to this important initiative have left me humbled and inspired. We embarked on this journey together, driven by a shared vision of expanding our church's reach and enhancing our ability to serve not only our congregation but also the wider community. Your pledges demonstrate a deep faith in the mission of our Church and a profound understanding of the transformative power that lies within our walls.

May the Lord shower your holiday season with His abundant blessings for your selfless giving and unwavering devotion. May He grant you strength, joy, and fulfillment as you witness the fruits of your generosity.

The campaign is not over yet, as there will be one more opportunity to make a pledge. Our *In Pew Appeal* will take place January 13-14. Until then, the bulletin will continue to update you on our progress.

~ Fr. Gregory Greiten

St. Bernadette
Goal: \$340,028
Raised to date: \$217,315
% of Goal: 64% from 65 (25%) families

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Goal: \$555,321
Raised to date: \$286,687
% of Goal: 52% from 65 (16%) families

Our Lady of Good Hope
Goal: \$510,414
Raised to date: \$244,425
% of Goal: 48% from 64 (27%) families

NWMCP Combined Totals
Goal: \$1,405,749
Raised to date: \$748,427
% of Goal: 53% from 194 (21%) families



Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes
St. Bernadette | St. Catherine of Alexandria | Our Lady of Good Hope

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, December 31, 2023: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
9:30AM Mass at StCA: †Eleanor Sendik
10:30AM Mass at StB: For all the parishioners at NWMCP
Monday, January 1, 2024: Mary, Mother of God
10:00AM Mass at StCA: †Carol Hoppa
Tuesday, January 2, 2024: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
4:00PM Mass at StB: †Florence Repinski
Wednesday, January 3, 2024: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
11:00AM Mass at OLGH: †Richard Lipski
Thursday, January 4, 2024: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
12:00PM Mass at StCA: †John Ksicinski
Friday, January 5, 2024: St. John Neumann
12:00PM Mass at StCA: †Carol Hoppa
Saturday, January 6, 2023: St. André Bessette
3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH
4:00PM Mass at OLGH: For all the parishioners at NWMCP
Sunday, January 7, 2024: Epiphany of the Lord
8:30AM Mass at StCA: †Jason Miller
10:30AM Mass at StB: †Elsie Resop

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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, December 31, 2023
- No bingo
Monday, January 1, 2024
- Parish offices closed
Tuesday, January 2, 2024
- Grief to Healing support group, 11:00AM at StB-parish ofc
- January 7th bulletin announcement deadline, 7:00AM
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
- Parish staff meeting, 1:00PM at OLGH
Thursday, January 4, 2024
- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM
Friday, January 5, 2024
- Adoration, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA
Saturday, January 6, 2024
- First reconciliation preparation, 1:00-2:00PM at StCA
Sunday, January 7, 2024
- Christian Formation classes, 12:00-1:00PM at StCA
- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria
- Confirmation class, 6:00-7:30PM at StCA

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21/
Lk 2:22-40
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

