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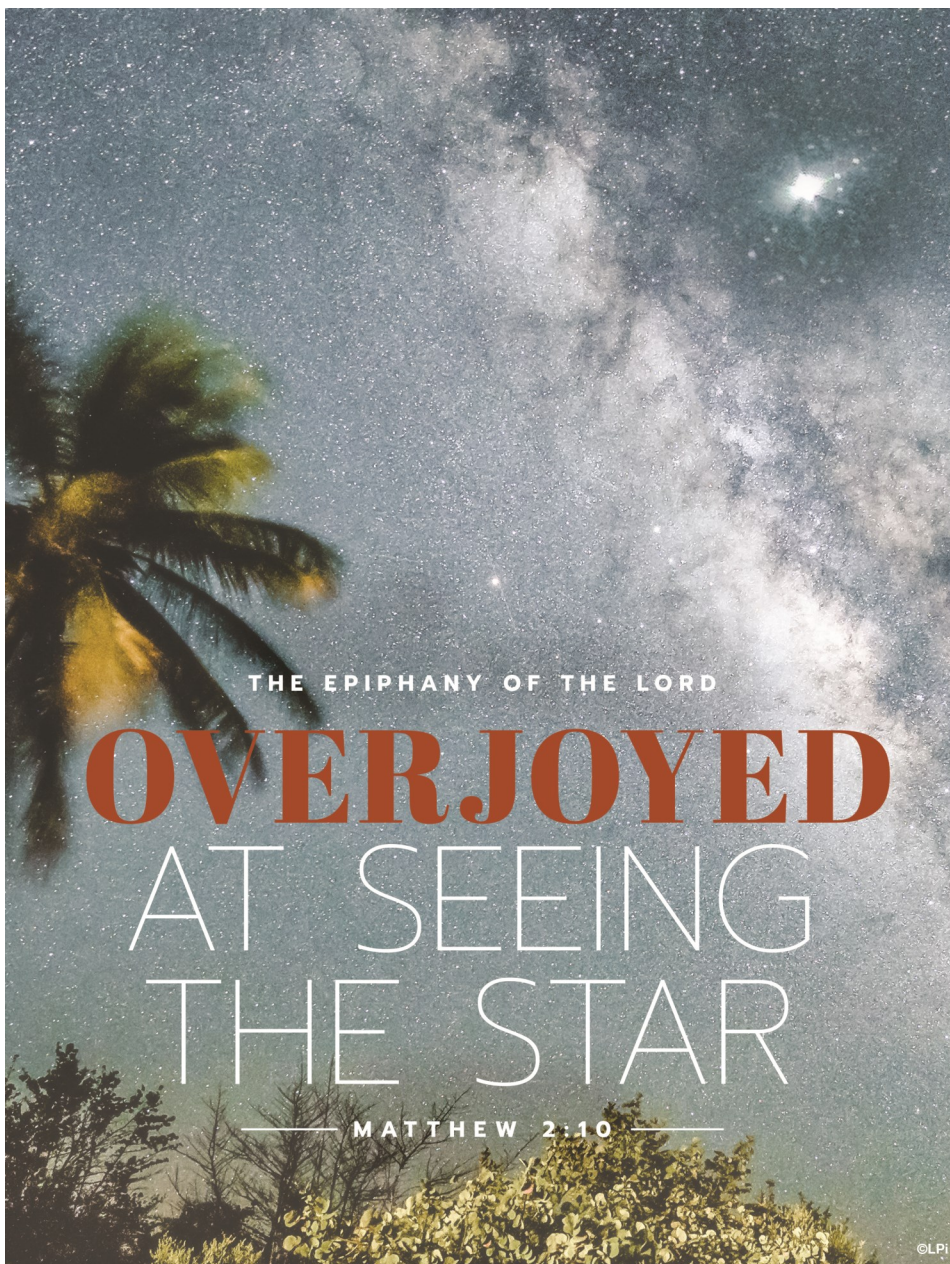
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MEMBERS OF NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES



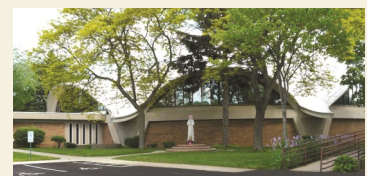
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JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 requesting 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.



2023 year-end donation statements

Donation statements for your 2023 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.

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

- ☺ Miss Lee X. Yang, and Anneliese, Kyle, Kaleb, & Kayden



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



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

January 19	March 1	March 29	May 17
February 16	March 15	April 19	

PRAY FOR US *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 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

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. 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!

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.

Catholic Q&A



Question: How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer: The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal His identity and mission, along with exposing Him to those to whom He was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting His public identity and His powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany—public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what He is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these “epiphany” moments in your life. ©LPI

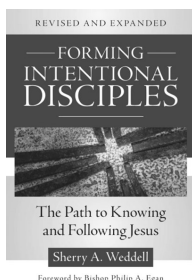
Eucharistic Revival initiative

We are hosting our Eucharistic Revival initiative—the *Jesus and the Eucharist* series. This seven-session study will take place on Wednesdays from 8:45 to 10:30AM at OLGH starting on January 10. 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, the Catholic Church in the United States is experiencing immense challenges and enormous opportunities. 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

12/21/23	Linda Hull
12/22/23	Angelica Zirbes
12/23/23	Kevin Brown
12/24/23	Tyr MacShane
12/25/23	Lawrence Mueller
12/26/23	Paula Glodowski-Valla
12/27/23	Gary Clark
12/28/23	Clara Statz Fairfax
12/29/23	Tess Haeuser
12/30/23	Richard Bongard
12/31/23	Nancy Ludwig

Congratulations to our StCA

Calendar Raffle winners

12/21/23	Karlee Braun
12/22/23	Nancy Malkowski
12/23/23	Nancy Bitzan
12/24/23	James Francois
12/25/23	Howard Tiert
12/26/23	Julianne Repinski
12/27/23	Betty Reuter
12/28/23	Melinda Francois
12/29/23	Jeffrey Rude
12/30/23	Darcy Eckland
12/31/23	Sr. Ann Josepha

~ *We commend to God* ~

Mary Newcomb (StCA), 12/23/23

Patricia Dilling (OLGH), 12/27/23

May their souls and the souls of all of our faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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.

"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

Sursum Corda Couples Retreat

Lift up your heart and renew your first love!

Friday, February 16, 7:00PM–Sunday, February 18, 1:00PM

Staff and presenters: Fr. Mark Niehaus,

Sr. M. Isabel Bracero, Ed & Teri Sanchez, Tim & Darla Dietz

Location: Schoenstatt Retreat Center

Cost: \$450 per couple

schoenstatt.wi.il@gmail.com, 262-522-4300



Next weekend is in-pew weekend

At each Mass next weekend we will ask all to participate in our in-pew weekend for the Love One Another Campaign at all three of our parishes.

Please be prepared to complete an in-pew envelope that will be distributed and collected during Mass.

- Make your best pledge if you have not already done so.
- Amen! Celebrate having already made your best pledge.
- Pray for the success of the campaign.



Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes

St. Bernadette | St. Catherine of Alexandria | Our Lady of Good Hope

St. Bernadette

Goal: \$340,028

Raised to date: \$226,940

% of Goal: 67% from 72 (28%) families

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Goal: \$555,321

Raised to date: \$298,967

% of Goal: 54% from 74 (18%) families

Our Lady of Good Hope

Goal: \$510,414

Raised to date: \$252,525

% of Goal: 49% from 68 (28%) families

NWMCP Combined Totals

Goal: \$1,405,749

Raised to date: \$778,432

% of Goal: 55% from 214 (23%) families

Campaign Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for Your blessings in our life.

We praise You for Your goodness and generosity.

Help us to live as stewards of Your grace and love that through prayerful work and sacrifice we may bring Your love to our families, parish, and community.

We humbly pray for strength and fortitude to follow Your great commission: to go make disciples of all people, living our faith through word and deed.

Inspire in Your people generous hearts to strengthen the mission of our parish, to serve those in need, to support vocations,

and to educate our children through the Love One Another Campaign.

Guide us in this important campaign, watch over our efforts to help build Your Kingdom here on Earth, and give us joy in serving You and Your Church now and forever.

Amen.

Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, January 7, 2024: Epiphany of the Lord

8:30AM Mass at StCA: †Jason Miller

10:30AM Mass at StB: †Elsie Resop

Monday, January 8, 2024: The Baptism of the Lord

No Mass

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

4:00PM Mass at StB: †Jane Bongard

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

11:00AM Mass at OLGH: †Janet Moranski

Thursday, January 11, 2024

12:00PM Mass at StCA: †Richard Lipski

Friday, January 12, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, January 13, 2024: St. Hilary

3:00PM Sacrament of reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM Praise Mass at OLGH: †Chuck & Sally Epping

Sunday, January 14, 2024: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Praise Mass at StCA: †Ron Malecki

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

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This Week at Our Parishes

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

Monday, January 8, 2024

- Book read discussion, 9:30AM at StB-LMR
- January 14th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM
- StB/OLGH StVdP meeting, 12:30PM at StB-lobby mtg rm
- Prayer & Worship Cmte mtg, 6:00PM at OLGH-rm 2
- Christian Formation Cmte mtg, 6:00PM at StCA-Granville rm

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- Bible Basics, 9:30AM at OLGH-parish ofc
- Human Concerns Cmte mtg, 2:00PM at StB-lobby mtg rm

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- Eucharistic Revival small group, 8:45-10:30AM at OLGH
- Deanery meeting, 2:00PM at OLGH

Thursday, January 11, 2024

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Saturday, January 13, 2024

- First reconciliation preparation, 1:00PM at StCA

Sunday, January 14, 2024

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

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

