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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The preparation for baptism can begin before the baby is born. A preparation class and parish membership are required. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office to begin the preparation process at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Parish membership is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebrated at Sunday Masses a number of times throughout the year. Watch the bulletin for the schedule. Also by appointment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Contact the Christian Formation Office for First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation or Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic faith (RCIA).

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made to bring Communion to you.

The Baptism OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM • Sunday: 9:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 8:00AM Mass
Thursday 8:00AM Mass
Friday 8:00AM Mass on First Friday

SACRAMENTAL LIFE & PRAYER

SUNDAY: January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

4:30PM **Mass** - †Richard Harper

9:30AM **Mass** - †Renard Neff

People of St. Catherine

Baptism: Spike Edwin Dall, Jr.

MONDAY: January 14

TUESDAY: January 15

8:00AM **Mass**

10:30AM Rosary & Communion Service

- Villa at Bradley Estates

WEDNESDAY: January 16

THURSDAY: January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00AM **Mass**

FRIDAY: January 18

SATURDAY: January 19

3:30PM **Reconciliation**

4:30PM **Mass** - People of St. Catherine

SUNDAY: January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM **Mass** - †Ken Esser

†Hedy Hirt

CHURCH DECORATION REMOVAL HELPERS NEEDED

Please help us take down the Christmas decorations.

We will be removing them after the 9:30 Mass this

Sunday, January 13, and we need your help. Please join

us even if only for a short time. Thank you!



LITURGY NOTES

Baptism of the Lord

*"And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with You I am well pleased."
(Luke 3)*



On the Sunday after Epiphany, the Christmas season ends in the West with its own celebration of the baptism of Jesus by John at the Jordan. As the Eastern church points out, it is at this moment that we see for the first time the union of God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But we see something else as well. We see Jesus accepting baptism by John, a sign that Jesus accepts humanity, His own and ours, in all its struggles, all of its limitations, all of its burdens, and all of its focus on the ultimate, on the divine.

The feast days of Christmastide make the full meaning of Christmas clear. There can be no doubt about it: this Child is human, yes, but He is of heavenly as well as earthly origin. In this Child's light we all walk safely through the unknown. We are all here with the Magi, full of gifts to give in his behalf. What's more, with the opening of the heavens on the bank of the Jordan, we all have our first vision of life beyond life.

Christmas is larger than a baby in a manger. Christmas is the coming of a whole new world. More than that, it is what makes that world possible.

~ from *The Liturgical Year* (p 93-94) by Sister Joan Chittister

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY: January 13

10:30AM Sale of brunch tickets for the Winter Farmers' Market on Sunday, January 20 - Church Entrance

10:30AM Take down Christmas environment - Church

6:00PM HS/Confirmation Christian Formation Class - Granville Rm.

MONDAY: January 14

6:30PM Human Concerns Presentation "Eviction: A conversation About Housing And Poverty In Milwaukee" - Granville Rm.

6:30PM Stewardship Committee - Parish Office

TUESDAY: January 15

5:15PM NWCS Athletics - Gym

6:00PM Scripture Study - Granville Room

WEDNESDAY: January 16

5:15PM NWCS Athletics - Gym

6:00PM Grade School Christian Formation - School

THURSDAY: January 17

6:00PM Finance Council - Parish Office

6:30PM Choir Rehearsal - Granville Room

FRIDAY: January 18

10:00AM Overeaters Anonymous Meeting - Granville Room

SATURDAY: January 19

SUNDAY: January 20

9:00AM Winter Farmers' Market & Brunch 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- St. Bernadette Cafeteria

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

On this one year anniversary of death, we remember June Wieland and Ruth Krause who passed away on January 9, 2018; and Hedy Hirt who passed away on January 19, 2018. Please keep June, Ruth, Hedy and their families in prayer. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

IN GRATITUDE

We have received a bequest of \$19,500 from the estate of June Wieland. (\$13,000 was received in the last fiscal year; \$6,500 was received earlier this month.) We are very grateful that June so generously remembered the parish in this way, providing for the needs of our community through her gift. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

WELCOME

Welcome to our newest parishioners, Lois Lawton and Paula Smith.

NORTHWEST MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine

Weekends: Saturday - 4:30PM • Sunday - 9:30AM

Weekdays: Tuesday, Thursday, First Friday - 8:00AM

St. Bernadette

Weekends: Saturday - 5:00PM • Sunday - 10:30AM

Weekdays: Tuesday, Thursday - 5:30PM

Our Lady of Good Hope

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00PM • Sunday - 9:00AM

Weekdays: Wednesday - 11:00AM



**FROM THE DESK OF THE
PARISH DIRECTOR**

Inserted in today's bulletin is a letter from Fr. Greg Greiten that was included in the bulletins of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Good Hope last weekend. On January 1st, Fr. Greg, the pastor of St. Bernadette, also became the administrator of Our Lady of Good Hope. Fr. Mike Barrett, Our Lady of Good Hope's pastor, retired on December 31st. This insert will give you an update regarding planning for the future for our Northwest Milwaukee cluster and more immediate changes that are taking place at this time between those two parishes. (Note that in the section regarding weekday Masses, Fr. Greg mentioned our first Friday Mass. Our 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday Masses remain the same as well.)

Thank you so much to all those who bought and sold our calendar raffles. As you may have heard me say, I was hoping we could pass the 700 entries mark. We did it! We sold a total of 716 calendars which is 25 more than last year. (I think I'll set my sites higher next year.) Our total profit will be \$6,551. Good luck to all those who are entered.

I'd like to call your attention to two upcoming events. On Saturday, February 9th, one of the choirs from St. Michael Parish will be joining our choir at our 4:30 Mass. A potluck supper will follow in our Granville Room with both parishes contributing to the meal. We've had parishioners attend Mass at St. Michael in August and again in December. This will be the first time members of St. Michael will be here at St. Catherine.

The other event I hope you put on your calendar is our annual Mardi Gras Casino Night on March 2nd. Lent begins late this year and so our casino night is later than usual as well. We'll soon be asking for volunteers and donations. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of February 3rd. 150 tickets will be available. While we didn't sell out last year, we did in previous years. I hope we'll be able to do so again this time around.

In Christ's peace,
Debbie

PARISH INCOME

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018 (WEEK 27)

LAST WEEK'S BUDGET		\$7,116
LAST WEEK'S ENVELOPES	\$4,450	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY	\$ 432	
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$ 360	
		<u>\$5,242</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$(1,874)
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET		\$192,116
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL		<u>\$189,755</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ (2,361)

AS OF JANUARY 6, 2019 (WEEK 28)

LAST WEEK'S BUDGET		\$7,115
LAST WEEK'S ENVELOPES	\$12,134 *	
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTOR	\$ 416	
ELECTRONIC GIVING	\$ 1,235	
		<u>\$13,785</u>
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ 6,670
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET		\$199,231
YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL		<u>\$203,359</u>
YTD EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)		\$ 4,308

*INCLUDES A ONE-TIME ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,500.

SINCERE THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



During this last year, January 2018 thru November 2018, we have visited over 60 households. Our aim remains the same to keep the children in these homes sleeping in a bed versus on the floor. We have given the families vouchers for 103 beds along with 110 assorted other furniture items. These are redeemed at the St. Vincent de Paul Stores by the families. The cost to our Council for these items was \$17,486.87. The bags of food distributed at the Food Pantry during these same months have cost our Council \$11,981. All of this help to our clients would not be possible without your support. The food cost would be higher without your food contributions and of course the generous monetary assistance makes our work possible to help the poor in our community.

YOU ARE INVITED! "EVICTION: A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOUSING AND POVERTY IN MILWAUKEE"

You are invited to the Human Concerns meeting on Monday, January 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Granville Room. We will be hearing speakers from *Legal Action of Wisconsin's Eviction Defense Project*, the *Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council*, and *Wisconsin Community Services* who all minister directly to Milwaukee's impoverished. They will address poverty in Milwaukee, particularly as it affects homelessness. Please join us to learn more about the struggles of the poor in our community. For more information, please contact Clarice Geenen at 414-354-9770.

2019 WINTER FARMERS' MARKET & BRUNCH



The Farmers' Market & Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 20, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Bernadette, 8200 W. Denver Avenue, Milwaukee. Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes are partnering with the *Food, Faith & Farming Network* and the *Harvest of Hope Farm Crisis Fund* to host this event. There will be 13 farmer vendors and the brunch will use produce sourced from them (eggs, cheese, apples, oats). Brunch tickets will be on sale after both Masses this weekend in the main church entrance. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 5 and younger. Please note there is no cost to attend the Farmers' Market.

All profits from the breakfast will go to *Harvest of Hope Fund*. This is an ecumenical, faith-based organization that provides financial support to Wisconsin farm families for fuel, emergency medical/veterinary expenses, electric power cut-off, etc.

Please help us get the word out by inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean up. For more information or help, please contact Judy Dollhausen at 414-357-6731.

MARDI GRAS CASINO NIGHT



We're "letting the good times roll" before the start of Lent with our 8th Mardi Gras Casino Night on Saturday, March 2, in our school gym. The night will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and includes dinner, casino games, silent auction and raffles. You won't want to miss out on the fun! Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of February 2-3.

FILL THE BOWL PROJECT - PET FOOD COLLECTION

Through the *Fill the Bowl Project*, St. Catherine of Alexandria can help by collecting cans and bags of pet food. The Wisconsin Humane Society will pick up the food for use in their Pet Food Pantry. This collection will take place on the weekend of January 19-20. For further information please contact Teresa Gross, Parish Administrative Assistant at 414-365-2020, ext. 10 or email her at tgross@stcatherinemke.org.



TRI-PARISH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

High School/Confirmation Christian Formation classes resume this Sunday, January 13.

ADULT FORMATION

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Scripture Study will meet on Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. in the Granville Room.

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. BERNADETTE FISH FRY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

St. Bernadette Parish, 8200 West Denver Avenue, invites you to enjoy their fabulous Fish Fry on Friday, January 18, from 4 - 7:30 p.m. Dinners include fish, coleslaw, fries, bread, and coffee. Potato pancakes, soda, beer, milk, and desserts are available for purchase. Children's dinners (fish or chicken strips) and carry-outs are available. Our facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information, call the St. Bernadette Parish Office at 414-358-4600 or go to www.stbweb.com.

RESPECT LIFE MASS WITH THE ROSARY

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Lumen Christi Parish, 2750 West Mequon Road, Mequon, WI 53092 will host the Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass with the Rosary starting at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m. Archbishop ListECKI will be the presider. This is the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Penance and Prayer for Life. Everyone is invited.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

December 30	Philip Kastenzholz	Greendale
December 31	Jacob Hall	Evanston, IL
January 1	Matt Weber	Brown Deer
January 2	Erica Kotajarvi	West Bloomfield, MI
January 3	Ginny Jacoby	Milwaukee
January 4	Suzanne Cahill	Cedarburg
January 5	Andrew Scholz	Brookfield

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

A feature of the Stewardship Committee

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord.* 1 Cor. 12:4

John Scholz's volunteer efforts date back to his children's days at St. Catherine School.



Daughter Amanda and son Andrew drew their parents, John and Karen, into school life. "I was able to do playground duty because I worked shifts at the time," John recalled. He also was a Cub Scout leader.

He joined the choir more than 20 years ago, but at that point his volunteering hit a hiatus. "I did stuff when the kids were in school and then pretty much said no. Debbie called to ask if I would get involved and I told myself it was time to say 'yes,'" he said. "It has been so rewarding."

To back track a bit, John and Karen moved to Brown Deer 34 years ago, joining the parish not long after. They both grew up in Milwaukee and went to Mother of Good Counsel where they were baptized, confirmed and married.

John was working as a manager for Kmart right out of high school. When he lost that job, he had to move back home and ultimately went to MBTI, a tech school, where he found another career path in computers. He went to work at M&I Bank and stayed with the company through its various iterations. It is now FIS and he is still there.

Still in choir, John has been on the pastoral council and served as its chairperson, is a member of the Holy Name Society and is a Eucharistic minister. He takes communion to the residents at Bria at Trinity Village on the first, fourth and fifth weekends of the month, a ministry he deeply enjoys.

"That is a nice experience. A lot of people might feel it is depressing but I like to go and talk to the residents," he said. "I enjoy hearing their stories."

He tries to go to daily Mass, a journey that involves Mass at St. Catherine, St. Bernadette, and Mother of Good Counsel. The daily Mass schedule at most parishes is an 8 a.m. Mass so he cannot get there everyday. "Once I retire I will be able to do that," he said.

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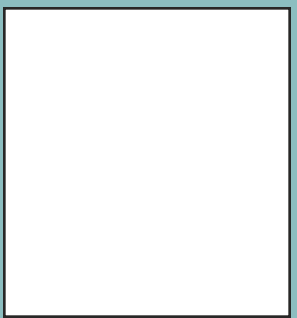
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