

**Holy Rosary & St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parishes
Cash/Sportsmen Calendar Raffle - 2026**

Cost: \$25 per ticket -- 2 for \$45 -- 5 for \$100
Make checks payable to Holy Rosary Parish
Maximum tickets sold 1,250

\$325 Cash OR a Gun Prize
Awarded twice a week for 10 weeks

Winners will be notified by phone. Winning tickets are re-entered for all drawings. Drawings start July 7, 2026. Tickets are available from:

- Rich Kodl at 715-669-3913 or
- Brian Bredlau at 715-797-4782 or
- St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Rectory or
 Leave a Message - 715-669-5526
- After Mass at the scrip table.

(Firearms purchased from

St. Isidore - Patron Saint of Farmers

Feast Day was Friday, May 15th

We are told that St. Isidore's devotion to the Holy Mass was so great that he would rise before it was light in order to attend Mass before beginning his work in the fields. We humbly ask St. Isidore to bless our farmers and their labors, so they may reap the rewards of good works with him in heaven.

Farmer's Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and honor You through farming. Please bless this year's crops and let them flourish. Give me the strength to persevere through all farming challenges and teach me to seek you in all things. Keep me safe, mentally strong and watch over my family.

Thank you in advance for all of the blessings and for a bountiful harvest. Remind me that I can do all things with You by my side. Amen.

Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 17 to St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50, includes housing and food. Free transportation available from select cities throughout the state.

Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats

McDonell Area Catholic Schools in Chippewa Falls is hosting a Level 1A **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training (CGS)**. CGS is a Montessori based catechesis which teaches children the faith through hands on lectio divina, study of sacred liturgy and individual prayer. The adult formation is also a spiritual retreat. July 30-August 1, August 3-5, 2026. Registration is \$250, and space is limited so register early. For registration information contact k.klinkhammer@macs.k12.wi.us.

The 37th **Annual Abbotsford Dairy Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, May 31st, 2026 from 7:00am to 12:00pm. It will be held at Maki Welding Services, N14837 Basswood Ave., Abbotsford. Age 6 to Adult, \$5.00; Ages 5 and under, Free. Register to win many door prizes.

"Kick Off June Dairy Month" with the **Stratford FFA Alumni Dairy Breakfast** at the Country Aire Ballroom, on Sunday, June 7th, from 7:00am to 12:30pm "All You Care to Eat". Matching funds from Catholic Financial Life, Str. Chapter #203.

St Bernard-St Hedwig Parish
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608-881-9265 Email: stanymichael@gmail.com

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig

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(Please submit by 7:00pm Tuesday)

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Holy Rosary

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Owen Rectory: Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Thorp Catholic School: Wednesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Thorp Rectory: Friday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

For Baptism, Marriage, Anointing and Funeral preparation, Confessions and Counseling, you may approach the Pastor during these office hours. For any emergency and other urgent matters, you may call at any time.

Holy Rosary
 415 West 3rd Street P.O. Box 309
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NOTE: Online bulletins available stbernardsthedwig.org and myParish_app



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy.
- Psalm 47

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord — the moment when, 40 days after His Resurrection, Jesus was lifted up into heaven as the apostles looked on.

It must have been an extraordinary sight. But the first reading tells us they were not meant to remain there for long. "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

In other words, do not just stand there. Act.

This message is for us as Christian stewards. We have been given every grace and blessing — through the Mass and the sacraments, the Word of God, and the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure — to inspire gratitude and a desire to serve. We are not meant merely to receive these gifts. We are meant to use them — in gratitude to the One who gave them.

Like the apostles, we are called "to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth." We do this not by our own strength but through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us.

MASSES:

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm St. Bernard-St. Hedwig

Sunday: 8:00am Holy Rosary

10:00am St Bernard-St Hedwig

Weekdays: Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am Holy Rosary

Wednesday & Friday: 8:15am TCS

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SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Saturday, May 16
2:00pm **SUNLIGHT** † Gerald Rademaker,
by Joan Rademaker
4:00pm **SBSH** † Paul & Mason Marek, Richard, Rosie &
Randy Alger, by Allen & Renee Marek
Sunday, May 17 - Ascension of the Lord
8:00am **HR** † Norb & Jean Pabich, by Lynn Verdieck
10:00am **SBSH** † Ted Nowak, by Deany, Tony & Kevin
Monday, May 18
8:15am **TCS** † No Communion Service
Tuesday, May 19
8:30am **HR** † Robert & Carol DeCaire, by DeCaire Family
Wednesday, May 20
8:15am **TCS** † Victoria & David Prokopiak,
by Noreen Prokopiak & Girls
10:00am **CCLRC** † Special Intention for the
Residents of the Clark County Living &
Rehabilitation Center, by the Micke Family
Thursday, May 21
8:30am **HR** † Foster & Ruth Will, by Lana Ciszewski
Friday, May 22
8:15am **SBSH** † Eloise Nowobielski, by Family
Saturday, May 23
4:00pm **SBSH** † Kristine Rudnick, by Dave & Pauline Haas
Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday
8:00am **HR** † In Memory of Aggie & Al Boxrucker,
by Randy & Chriss Plautz
10:00am **SBSH** † Donald Drzal, by Sisters Pat & Deany

IMPORTANT NOTICE - OPEN HOURS
SBSH Church: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7am-4pm
Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm Sunday 7:00am-11:30am
TCS Chapel: Wednesday 7:30am-Thursday 2:00am
Monday, Tuesday, & Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

CZESTOCHOWA MASS—Last Saturday of the month 7:00pm.
ST. BERNARD-ST. HEDWIG Eucharistic Adoration
TCS—Every Wednesday 9:00am-Thursday 2:00am

CONFESSIONS:
TCS: Wednesday 7:50am to 8:10am
SBSH: Saturday 3:30pm to 3:55pm
HR: Thursday 8:05am-8:25am & Sunday 7:30am-7:55am

Pastoral Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage:
Fr. Stan 608-881-9265
Parish Office: Holy Rosary 715-229-0606 or
St. Bernard-St. Hedwig 715-669-5526

Ahora tenemos misales in Espanol. Nuestros Hispano
hablantes los pueden encounter en la entrada de la iglesia.
Holy Rosary and St Bernard-St Hedwig

Offerings from the weeks of May 4, 2026, thru May 10, 2026		
Inspired by the Spirit:	SB-SH	HR
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$188,285.00	\$100,039.75
Paid In	\$138,045.00	\$82,489.75
Received Back	\$74,822.44	\$55,360.06
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$30,165.00	\$10,905.00
Paid In	\$14,735.00	\$10,495.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$1,552.00	\$673.00
Offertory:	\$253.00	\$129.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$45.00	
TCS:	\$20.00	
Building & Maintenance:	\$96.00	\$110.00
Easter:	\$20.00	
Ascension:	\$10.00	
Candles:	\$35.00	\$34.50
Total:	\$2,031.00	\$946.50

The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby announced that upon ordination to the Diaconate, **Pat Conley will be appointed to serve as Deacon** at the St. Bernard - St. Hedwig and Holy Rosary Parishes.

Pat Conley's Ordination is Saturday, June 6th at 10:00am in La Crosse. There is a 52-passenger **Coach Bus** booked for that day. Parking is often tight around the Cathedral and at the La Crosse Center, so the bus is a great idea! Please sign up in the church entrance. (Free will offering.)

Holy Rosary News:

The Owen Knights (Marian Council 7894) will have their **Tootsie Roll Drive** after the 8:00am Mass today. Proceeds will go to the Clark County Rehabilitation & Living Center Alzheimer Unit 3E.

All are welcome to attend a **one hour of evening prayer** and praying the Rosary on Friday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at Holy Rosary Parish in Owen. The Family of Faith participants are welcome to attend these prayer hours as part of the program. Even if you don't have children in this program, all are welcome, including everyone in both parishes. If there are any questions, please contact Karen at 608-764-0420.

The Diocese of La Crosse notified us that the **TCS Consumable Textbooks project is the recipient of a grant** from the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust (BEET), in the amount of \$1,500.00. The award is the result of consideration by the BEET Committee, BEET Board of Directors and Bishop Gerard W. Battersby, for the apostolic work of supporting Catholic education though Catholic schools and the formation of our youth and adults in the parishes.

Pastor writes...

Graduates of St. Bernard–St. Hedwig, Thorp

Heartfelt appreciation and Congratulations to all the incredible graduates of St. Bernard–St. Hedwig Parish, Thorp. They are Brent Abramczak, Blake Ciolkosz, Cassidy Kodl, Preslee Lew, Haily Williams, Emma Mohr, Mitchell Reineke and Conner Anderson.

Dear Graduates,
Your journey has been filled with challenges, late nights, hard work, and moments of doubt, yet you have emerged stronger, wiser, and ready for the next chapter. This milestone is not just a celebration of academic achievement, but also of resilience, growth, and the courage to keep moving forward.
May your future be as bright as your determination, your dreams as boundless as your potential, and your path filled with opportunities that inspire you to keep learning and growing.
You will now find new beginnings, bold adventures, and endless possibilities ahead. The world is ready for your brilliance, go out there and make it shine!

Congratulations and God's blessings to the Class of 2026!

- Fr. Stan

Rev. Stanislaus M. Antony
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Please join us for **SBSH Parish Fellowship** in the church hall after the Masses this weekend.

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig PCCW News:

Thank you to the ladies who participated with the PCCW **Blanket Ministry** by making tie blankets for the parish 2026 High School Graduates. They are: Mary Ann Truckey, Phyllis Butek, Nancy Hmielak, Bridget Ciolkosz, Cindy Alger, Ellen Lipinski, Cheryl Broda and Sue Klapatauskas. Your help was very much appreciated. The blankets will be distributed at the 10:00am Baccalaureate Mass this weekend.

Thrift Sale: It's not too late to drop off your donations. Drop off dates: May 18th and 19th, or by appointment. Call Bonnie 715-512-1234 or Pat 715-773-1782. Please volunteer to help set up:

Monday & Tuesday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Sale Dates: Wednesday, May 20th, 8:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday, May 21st, 8:00am - Noon
Packing Day: Friday, May 22nd, 8:00am - 10:00am
We are also looking for volunteers to haul away unsold items.

From the desk of the DRE:

If you could choose to live forever, would you?

I remember speaking to a group of young adults once, and posing that question. There were quite a few positive responses, some almost questioning why one wouldn't choose to live forever. I replied that, while the desire for immortality was natural, the thought of living forever *in this life* was no longer attractive to me, as I was, at the time, in my late-40s. I had seen plenty of suffering, and my body was showing signs of wear and weakness.

This weekend, we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into Heaven after appearing to various people in his resurrected form for 40 days. The Ascension is a vital part of our faith, because it points us *beyond this life*. The great victory of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead proclaims loud-and-clear that death is not the end. The great glory of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven proclaims equally loud-and-clear that *this life* is not the end.

The virtue that the Ascension reinforces is **hope**. Like it or not, immortality is your lot: You have an immortal soul, created in God's image and likeness, and it is designed to be united with God in Heaven for all eternity. We are citizens of heaven and merely pilgrims on this earth. Every good thing we encounter on this earth points to the greater, more real good awaiting us in heaven: God, who is Goodness, himself. Every evil thing we encounter on this earth is a pathway to God, just as death is a pathway to resurrection.

But that desirable destiny hinges on your choice *in this life*: Your choice to receive God into your life and to cooperate with the transformational work of his love. Too often, we are tempted to get so caught up in the cares and woes of this life, we forget about the life that awaits us. We push God and Heaven aside. If we can't see beyond the (very real) sufferings of this life to the eternal joy of heaven, desperation sets in and hope evaporates.

Thanks be to Our Ascended Lord, we **can** make that choice to cooperate with God, we **can** have hope! This week, every time you encounter trial or suffering, however large or small, simply pray: "Thank you, Jesus, for hope."

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We received a thank you from Abiding Care for our participation in their Sanctity of Human Life Baby Bottle Campaign. A total of \$763.83 was donated.