

From the desk of Deacon Pat:

Some of you heard that I was having an increasing amount of back pain last week, which ended up causing me to miss last weekend's Masses. I wanted to begin by saying "thank you" to all of you who offered prayers for me. I felt the pain even through midday Monday, but then, my back started feeling much better! So much so, in fact, that I was able to make it this past week to Relevant Radio's "Days of Formation"—annual meetings for staff—which are held each year in Chicago. Sadly, I will miss being with you all again this weekend, as I am away on my annual retreat, which is always a refreshing and renewing time. I have been praying for both our parishes while on the road, and I will continue to do so.

Next, a couple of updates:

CCD Update: My back troubles and the subsequent travel schedule have put me behind where I meant to be with CCD registrations. I still have a few hurdles to clear before I'm ready to open registration, but parents, please be advised: The first day of CCD will be Wednesday, September 23rd. When I have registration open, I will email all parents who have had their children in CCD previously.

Pilgrimage Update: Saturday, October 24th, is the date! We'll take a coach bus full of parishioners from both Holy Rosary and St. Bernard-St. Hedwig down to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Cost is a suggested donation of \$35, which includes lunch, tours, a talk, and transportation, but does not include incidentals and a tip for our driver. The plan is to attend the 4:30pm anticipatory Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, too! You can sign up online at: <https://tinyurl.com/OCT24PILGRIMAGE> or on the paper sign-up sheet at the back of church (please print legibly). As always, please contact me with questions about either of the above.

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

September 1, 2026 - Erik Knutson, Whitehall
Glenfield Model A 450 Bushmaster *or* \$325.00
September 3, 2026 - Kao Lee, Eau Claire
Heritage Bar Keep 22 lr *or* \$325.00

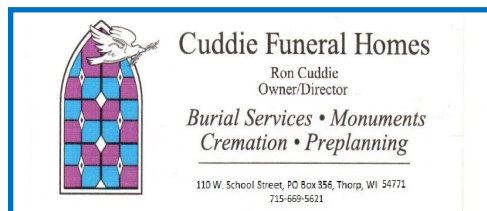
Rural Life Day - September 23rd - Creamery Creek

The 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration will be hosted by the John and Donna Hansen & the Justin and Louisa Peterson families. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00am, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Battersby, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards and blessings. The celebration is concluded with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Creamery Creek, W1250 Cty Road U, Bangor, WI 54614

Mission Trip to San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala

Are you being inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn more about global poverty, and act concretely on the words of Jesus? Dr. Tom Gelhaus and Muchas Sonrisas are organizing a Mission Trip to San Lucas Toliman in Guatemala from April 4-12, 2027. Starting in the 1960's the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, sent two Catholic priests and much aid to this mission, and work has continued in assisting the residents of this poverty stricken area ever since. Not only will you be working on construction or other worthwhile tasks, you will be able to spend time learning about the reasons for poverty and becoming more culturally aware. If you have interest in making this trip, contact Dr. Tom soon, email him at thomasgelhaus@gmail.com or call him at 715-229-2827 (landline).

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St. Bernard-St. Hedwig

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St. Mary of Czestochowa

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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
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NOTE: Online bulletins available stbernardsthedwig.org
and [myParish Classic App](#)

**"Where two or
three are
gathered together
in my name,
there am I."
- Matthew 18:20**



Jesus promises to be with us whenever we try and be reconciled to our brother or sister in Christ. When we gather in His name, when we pray in His name, when we seek to be reconciled in His name, He promises to be with us.

Why? Because Jesus wants *all* of our relationships to be healthy and whole—our relationship with God, and our relationship with each other.

Jesus went to the cross to have our sins forgiven and to have our relationship with God reconciled and restored. But he also went to the cross to keep his promise to be with us always, and particularly when we seek reconciliation with our brother or sister in Christ.

There is nothing more important to God than our relationship with Him and with one another. Let us tend to both of these relationships faithfully.

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

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS' SERVICES FOR YOUR NEEDS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2026

HR = Holy Rosary, Owen / **SBSH** = St Bernard-St Hedwig, Thorp/ **TCS** = Thorp Catholic School Chapel, Thorp

SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Saturday, September 5

8:00am **HR** † Dolores Benzschawel, by Brian & Debbie Bredlau
4:00pm **SBSH** † Living & Deceased Members of the
Ebben & Skalecki Families, by Family

Sunday, September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **HR** † Deceased Knights of Columbus,
by the Owen Knights of Columbus
10:00am **SBSH** † Donald Drzal, by Sisters Pat & Deany

Monday, September 7

8:15am **TCS** † No Communion Service

Tuesday, September 8

8:30am **HR** † Gerald Frese, by Marianne Frese

Wednesday, September 9

8:15am **TCS** † Joan Schmidt, by Clifford Schmidt

Thursday, September 10

8:30am **HR** † Rober & Carol DeCaire, by DeCaire Family

Friday, September 11

8:15am **TCS** † Eloise Nowobielski, by Family

Saturday, September 12

4:00pm **SBSH** † Joseph & Marie Olszowka,
by Nieces Pat & Deany

Sunday, September 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am **HR** † In Loving Memory of Eugene Zawadzki,
by Carolyn & Family
10:00am **SBSH** † Nellie Purkapile, Ray Purkapile & Duane
Draeger, by Roger & Arlene Straskowski

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig News:

Parish Fellowship gatherings will be this weekend
after the 4:00pm and 10:00am Masses.

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 week of August 24, 2026 thru August 30, 2026		
Inspired by the Spirit:	SB-SH	HR
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$187,885.00	\$100,039.75
Paid In	\$152,860.00	\$82,949.75
Received Back	\$85,840.48	\$57,820.06
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$30,165.00	\$10,905.00
Paid In	\$21,265.00	\$11,430.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$2,240.00	\$468.00
Offertory:	\$199.00	\$102.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$45.00	
Building & Maintenance:	\$50.00	\$20.00
Air Conditioning:	\$1,000.00	
Mission Appeal:	\$60.00	
Candles:	\$59.49	\$20.00
Total:	\$3,653.49	\$610.00

Holy Rosary News:

We are excited to start the **Holy Rosary CCD** program for the upcoming 2026-27 school year. Classes will start on Wednesday, October 7th. Grades K-5 will have classes after school from 3:30-4:30pm. Grades 6-10 will have classes in the evening from 7:00-8:00pm. Enrollment forms are located at the church entrance. Kindly submit the completed forms to the parish office by October 1st. We are actively seeking an evening teacher and substitute teachers for this program. This presents a wonderful opportunity for you to contribute your time and talent to our youth. For further information, please contact Cindy Frese at 715-512-0339.

Holy Rosary PCCW News:

Owen Days PCCW Pie & Ice Cream Stand will be Sunday, September 13th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. One pie is requested from each lady to be at the stand by 10:00am. We are across from Creekside. PLEASE NO CREAM PIES. Please label the kind of pie and cover with clear covering. If you cannot make a pie, a donation of \$12.00 is requested. If you can help, please contact Chriss Plautz at 715-229-4232 or Sue Koltis at 715-229-2057.

The **Owen Knights of Columbus (Marian Council 7894)** will meet after the 8:00am Mass today. Our next event will be the chicken dinner on September 13th at Owen Days. Serving begins at 11:00am at the Owen Mill Pond.

Now that school is back in session, **SCRIP GIFT CARDS** can be picked up at the school during the week between 8:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Thursday and until 11:00am on Friday (715-669-5530).

Pastor writes...

New Academic Year 2026

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

As we open the doors to a brand-new academic year, SBSH Church & TCS warmly welcome each one of you back to our TCS family.

Dear students, this is a fresh chapter filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and shine. Embrace your studies with dedication, make the most of every lesson, and remember that hard work, guided by faith, will lead you to success.

Dear wonderful teachers, thank you for your commitment to shaping young minds and hearts. Your guidance, patience, and passion are the light that inspires our students to reach their fullest potential.

Dear loving parents, your encouragement and support are the foundation of your children’s success. Continue to motivate them to attend school regularly, to study diligently, and to live out the values of our Catholic faith—values of love, respect, service, and integrity.

Let us journey together this year, united in our mission to nurture not only bright minds but also compassionate hearts rooted in Christ.

May God bless this academic year with wisdom, joy, and abundant success for all.

Welcome back, and let’s make this year truly remarkable!

- Father Stan

The Diocese of La Crosse asked Father Stan to include the following in our Bulletin:

**Help the People of Nepal
Devastated by the Recent Flooding**

Dear People,

In recent days, devastating floods have swept through communities in Nepal, taking lives, destroying homes, and leaving thousands—especially children—without shelter, food, or clean water. Families are grieving, searching for missing loved ones, and facing an uncertain road to recovery.

We have an opportunity to stand together in compassion and solidarity. Your support, whether through donations or spreading awareness, can bring lifesaving relief to those in desperate need. Every contribution, no matter the size, can help provide emergency shelter, medical care, and hope to those who have lost everything.

Catholic Relief Services is responding to those affected by the devastating flooding in Nepal. You can help with a targeted donation to Catholic Relief Services at **CRS.org**.

Let’s come together to show the people of Nepal that they are not alone. In times of crisis, kindness is the strongest bridge we can build. **Together, we can turn compassion into action.**

Happy Birthday to all September Born Stars

Holy Rosary and St. Bernard–St. Hedwig Churches wish a “**Happy Birthday**” to all the amazing September born stars.

May this month bring you joy, love, and unforgettable moments. May your hearts be blessed with faith, hope, and happiness throughout the year. May your dreams grow bigger, your smiles grow wider, and your days grow brighter.

***May God bless you all with
many wonderful years to come!***

Happy Wedding Anniversaries - September 2026

This weekend, we specially remember all the couples celebrating their anniversary this month, and thank the Lord for his countless blessings.

Holy Rosary Parish, Owen

Sep 07: Jim & Julie Wendler

Sep 14: Bob & Janice Weideman

Sep 15: David & Penny Sova

Sep 19: Kevin & Cindy Frese

Sep 20: Pete & Kim Hubbard

St. Bernard – St. Hedwig Parish, Thorp

Sep 07: Ray & Joan Stroinski

Sep 17: Frank & Elaine Horn

Sep 20: Robert & Audrey Nowobielski

Sep 25: Dan & Patty Hull

Let us wish and congratulate these couples for their successful married life. We also gratefully remember and appreciate all men and women who lost one of their partners and thank the Lord for their fruitful married life.

May God bless you all very specially on this day!

ENCOUNTER JESUS!

Pray with a Scripture Passage (*Part II*)

One of the most fruitful ways to grow in our relationship with the Lord is to pray with Sacred Scripture. Reading the Bible is approaching God’s Word expecting to encounter the living Christ. Scripture becomes a privileged meeting place where Jesus speaks to us.

Read. Spending time with and getting to know Jesus takes place in slowly reading a particular Scripture passage. Do not rush. Notice the people, actions, words, and what stands out for you.

Reflect. Pat attention to the details of the story line and summarize what you think comes about in reflecting on the Scripture passage.

Respond. Relate how you feel in spontaneous prayer. Speak honestly with Jesus. This conversation fosters a movement from your head to your heart as the Holy Spirit may connect the Scripture with something from yesterday, last year, or long ago.

Rest. Take time to quiet down inside. Rest peacefully in God’s presence. Simply be with Jesus. Listen for a word, thought, invitation, or gentle assurance placed upon your heart. Like a friendship, prayer begins with words and gradually deepens into trust, intimacy, and peaceful communion. God desires this closeness with each of us.