

### **PARISH FOOD DRIVE:**

Being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Queen of Peace Council #4634 November 29th through December 21st. Donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries would be greatly appreciated. There will be boxes in the entrance of St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Church.

,----, SUPPORT ST. BERNARD-ST. HEDWIG PARISH # AND THORP CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS / SCRIP. Scrip cards can be picked up at the school during the week, when school is open, between 8:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Thursday and until 11:00am on Friday. Scrip will also be available after Mass when a volunteer is available to sell. You can also call the school 715-669-5530 or rectory 715-669-5526 to place an order.

Makes a great Christmas gift!



Help Project Milk send a Full Shipment to Casa Hogar. Each year the Rural Life Committee seeks to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder. To give,

visit frjoesguild.org/donate, and select "Project Milk" as your designation, or scan the QR code. To donate by mail:

Office of Ministries & Social Concerns-Project Milk Diocese of La Crosse

PO Box -0102. Thank you. La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

Write "Project Milk" on the memo line of your check.









St Bernard - St Hedwig Parish 111 North Church Street P.O. Box 329 Thorp WI 54771

St. Bernard-St . Hedwig

Parish Secretary:

**Bulletin Production:** Bookkeeper: Kathy Schmitz



9:00am to 12:00pm

pat.conley@thorpcatholicschool.org

Pastor: Father Stanislaus Michael Antony 608-881-9265 Email: stanymichael@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Office Address: 109 N Church St., PO Box 329, Thorp, 54771

School Phone: 715-669-5530 Kendra Conley 651-323-3294

School Address: 411 East School St. PO Box 329, Thorp, 54771

Director of Religious Education: Patrick Conley 651-323-3292

Quonset/Church Hall Booking: Connie Gulcynski (Leave a

message) 715-669-5158 Home 715-773-2052 Cell

TCS Adm. Asst.: Amanda Marek office@thorpcatholicschool.org

Bulletin - bulletin.thorp@gmail.com Due by 7pm Tues.

Wednesday

Office Phone: 715-669-5526

Holy Rosary 415 West 3rd Street P.O. Box 309 Owen WI 54460



NOTE: Online bulletins available stbernardsthedwig.org and myParish app



Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the first candle of this wreath. May it's light reflect the spendor of Christ, who is Lord.

Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know "the God of All Hope" (Rom 15:13) Week of November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

Jesus gave the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins, and this same power and authority is passed on to ordained priests. It is a beautiful gift to be forgiven of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The cleansing and healing that takes place in our soul through the grace of the sacrament allows us to experience real joy and peace, to begin again in living with greater charity and to deepen our friendship with Christ. During this Jubilee Year, let us frequent the Sacrament of Penance and be strengthened in hope that Jesus, who began the good work in us will carry it on to completion.

### Holy Rosary

Bookkeeper & Secretary: Melissa Micke 630-301-0908 (Cell)

Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00am to 3:00pm

Quonset Hall Maintenance: Doug Gulcynski

PCCW: Sue Klapatauskas 715-773-0102

Parish Council: Dan Hull 715-773-2640

Pray Network: 715-669-5861

Choir Director: Sue Hedler 715-559-1154

Office Phone: 715-229-0606 EMAIL: holyrosaryowen@gmail.com

Rectory Address: 415 W 3rd Street, PO Box 309, Owen 54460 Director of Religious Education: Karen Simington 608-764-0420

PCCW: Patty Orth 715-937-5849

Weekend Petitions: Sr. Margaret Trzebiatowski 715-450-0812

# St. Mary of Czestochowa

Contact Person: Julia Ciolkosz 715-669-6215 Treasurer: Elaine Venet 715-669-7178

#### **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.

#### **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

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

## SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Saturday, November 29 -

4:00pm SBSH † David Prokopiak, by Noreen Prokopiak

7:00pm Czestochowa † Deceased Members of the Rudawski and Urban Families, by Mary Ann Urban

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00am **HR** † In Memory of the Sniegowski Family, by Randy & Chriss Plautz

10:00am SBSH † Bob Walters, by Jackie Walters

Monday, December 1 -

NO Communion Service

Fuesday, December 2 -

8:30am **HR** † Ed Ciolkosz, by Kevin & Cindy Frese

Wednesday, December 3 -

8:15am TCS † Herbert & Jean Hermsen, by Family

Thursday, December 4 -

8:30am **HR** † Deceased Knights of Columbus, by the Owen Knights of Columbus

Friday, December 5 -

8:15am TCS † Gerald Grendzinski, by Family

Saturday, December 6 -

8:00am HR † Robert & Carol DeCaire, by DeCaire Family 4:00pm SBSH † Deceased Members of the Aken & McIntire Families, by Family

Sunday, December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am **HR** † Roger & Joan Frese, by their Children &

10:00am **SBSH** † Stanley Niemiec, Jr. & Family, by Bernadette Niemiec & Family

#### **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 Nov. 17, 2025 thru Nov. 23, 2025		
	SB-SH	HR
Inspired by the Spirit:		
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$197,085.00	\$102,039.75
Paid In	\$131,255.00	\$72,024.75
Received Back	\$66,366.30	\$47,108.06
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$30,165.00	\$10,905.00
Paid In	\$5,005.00	\$645.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$2,692.00	\$539.00
Offertory:	\$306.00	\$74.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$880.00	
TCS Envelopes:	\$40.00	
Building & Maint.:	\$105.00	
Casa Hogar:	\$0.00	
Harvest Fest:		\$230.00
Christmas:	\$1,000.00	
Candles:	\$256.15	\$7.75
Total:	\$5,279.15	\$850.75

#### 2026 Calendars

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish would like to thank Cuddie Funeral Homes for the religious calendars on the table in the church entrance.



myParish app: Be in-the-know! We are re-implementing the myParish app for SBSH to help people know what's happening in our parish and school. Please

download and install the app, choose "St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish" as your parish, and approve notifications from the app. Thank you!



**ADVENT** Catholics are weird. There are many oddities about the Catholic faith—how many do you know? This Advent, take part in a fun and informative three-part Advent series and learn more about your faith! SBSH DRE Pat Conley will lead us through

some little-known Catholic teachings and practices, as well as try to answer your questions, all the while helping us draw closer to Christ. Sessions will be Thursdays—December 4, 11, and 18—from 3:45pm to 5:00pm at Thorp Catholic School. Light refreshments and a festive atmosphere will be on-hand!

Catholic Order of Forester Pizza Party, Sunday, December 7, 2025, at the Stanley Bar & Bowl 1:00pm. All Catholic Order of Forester #1338 members are welcome. RSVP to Jack Budzinski 715-669-3202 or Jean 715-512-0272 by Dec. 2nd.

### FORMED.org

Check out the many offerings available for you to use. Especially during Advent and the Christmas season. To sign up: Go to FORMED.org/signup

Enter 54771 as your zip code and select "Saint Bernard-Saint Hedwig" Enter your email address

This is available to St. Bernard-St. Hedwig, Holy Rosary, CCD, and Thorp Catholic School, we want to help you up your spiritual game. As you may know, we have a subscription to all the great videos, movies, podcasts, and articles on FORMED.org. There's so much great stuff on FORMED.org —for people of all ages and for all levels of faith: fantastic ideas for family movie night, lots of stuff for children and youth, devotionals, stories of the saints, teaching on the sacraments, bible study, etc...

Oplatki Wafers have arrived and are available at the St. Bernard-St Hedwig Rectory. Stop in during office hours or call in your order, 715-669-5526. The cost is \$3.00 per package of 3.

Thorp Knights of Columbus "Queen of Peace Council" will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025 at 6:00pm in the church basement.

Please join us after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 14th to decorate our church in readiness for the Christmas celebration. A lunch will be provided for the volunteers. If anyone would like to help with the lunch please contact Sue, 715-773-0102. Thank you.

Our sympathies to the family of Denise McIntire who passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025 and was laid to eternal rest in a Christian burial on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Church. Please keep Denise and her family in your prayers.

Take & Bake Chicken Pot Pies and Mini White Chocolate Pumpkin Cheesecake sale at St. Wenceslaus Parish, Milladore, December 6, 2025, 2:00pm-4:00pm.

An Evening of Music, Lessons and Carols! Friday December 5, 2025, 6:00pm at St. Mary's Neillsville. Save the date! Bring your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable evening of music. An accomplished organist will set the season! Lessons will lead us to Christmas. Carols to lighten the heart! Hospitality to join us together! Singers, adults and children are needed! Contact Lorraine Spencer 715-937-0230 to sign up or with questions.

#### From the desk of the DRE.

Happy New Year! The First Sunday of Advent is again upon us, and along with it, a new liturgical year! This year, we begin lectionary cycle A, which means that we'll be hearing a lot from the Gospel of Matthew, as we do this Sunday.

The beginning of Advent always has us focus more on being prepared for Christ's second coming, at the end of time. And the message is concise and consistent: be ready, because you don't know when it will come! And how do we be ready? Saint Paul tells us in our epistle reading: by "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, and making no provision for the desires of the flesh." In other words, by living according to a heavenly perspective, not an earthly one.

Our Old Testament reading from the prophet Isaiah and our responsorial Psalm also have good news to share about Christ's second coming: he comes to take us home. There is a lot of imagery throughout the Scriptures that heaven is our true home. Jesus came to us in his first coming—as a baby in Bethlehem—so we could recognize that this earthly life, even with all of its blessings and wonders, is only a brief preparation for an eternity in heaven with him.

Advent is a time of preparation, a time of hope. As it's a new year, it would be entirely appropriate to make a few spiritual new year's resolutions: actions and choices to help us "throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light," to help us recognize and realize that heaven is our home!

Advent Series: I'll be offering a three-part series on getting to know the Catholic faith better through a look at some of the many little-known (and potentially strange) parts of our faith. Please join us! Sessions will be Thursdays, December 4, 11, and 18, 3:45-5:00 p.m. at TCS. No RSVP necessary. Come to one, two, or all three sessions!

**CCD update:** We will have our monthly CCD Mass on Wednesday, December 10 at 3:45 p.m., and all students, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, will have an opportunity to go to Confession during CCD on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

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Stanley Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Holy Family Brunch on Sunday, December 7, 2025, 9:00am to 1:00pm at All Saints Parish Hall, Stanley. Adults \$15.00, Age 6-12 \$10.00, age 5 and under are Free. Some of the profits will be donated to seminarian John Francis.

Sacred Heart, Cassel - Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-10:30am. Cost is \$8.00 a pound and we will have personal shoppers for you. They will be gloved and ready to help you pick out your goodies! Sacred Heart Cassel 222761 County Road South, Marathon, WI 54448.