



The Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6th
This is one of the most powerful moments in the Gospels. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him up a high mountain—traditionally believed to be Mount Tabor. While praying, His face shone like the sun and His garments became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared, speaking with Him about His coming Passion. The disciples, overwhelmed by the vision, fell to the ground in fear. A bright cloud overshadowed them, and the voice of the Father declared: *“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”* (Matthew 17:5).

**Holy Rosary & St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parishes
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Ss. Peter & Paul Church Bazaar (Gilman) will be on Sunday, August 9th. The charcoal chicken dinner, from 11:00am until 1:30pm, includes chicken, baked beans, potato salad, creamy coleslaw, creamy cucumbers, corn on the cob, roll, dessert, and beverage. There is a children's meal option of a hot dog, mac and cheese, dessert and drink for \$5.00. One-half chicken dinner is \$14.00 and one-quarter chicken dinner is \$10.00. There is also a silent auction, live auction, games, bucket raffles, paddle wheel, gift card board, a country store, and live music. Refreshments are available on the grounds. There will be two bouncy houses for the kids to enjoy.

All are invited for an **Organ Recital by Scott Turkington** at the Shrine Church, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse on August 16th at 3:00pm. Mr. Turkington is the Director of Sacred Music at the Shrine. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

Sacred Heart (Cassel) **Charcoal Chicken Dinner** September 20th, 11:00am to 3:00pm, 222761 Cty Rd S, Marathon. The dinner includes 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, roll, sesseract and drink - \$14.00. There will be a beverage tent, live music, bingo, basket raffles and 50/50 drawing. Free kids activities.

Attention men!
Deacon Pat invites you to attend a three-day, silent, Ignatian men's retreat with him this Labor Day weekend! It's a great way of getting away with the Lord and growing in faith! The retreat is from Thursday evening, September 3rd, to Sunday evening, September 6th, at Demontreville Retreat Center in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Private room. Free-will offering. Accessible rooms available. For more information, contact Deacon Pat and visit demontrevilleretreat.com.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Owen Rectory: Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00AM–12:00PM
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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.

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



**The hand
of the Lord
feeds us;
He answers
all our needs.**
- Psalm 145

Our readings today should inspire us to deepen our gratitude for God, whose fierce and tender love makes us feel valued and reassures us that we are always cared for.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and no one can separate us from Christ's love. No anguish, distress, persecution, or famine—and we might add illness, financial hardship, family struggles, or uncertainty about the future—nothing can keep our God from loving us.

This reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. The Gospel recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This miracle foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, in which Christ feeds us through His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The Gospel begins. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What compassionate love our Lord shows. But that is not enough for Him. He remains with the people, teaching and ministering to them until evening. When the disciples suggest sending the crowds away to find food, Jesus instead invites the disciples to become part of His plan. He tells them to feed the people, then miraculously multiplies the few loaves and fish.

It was a privilege for the disciples to participate in Christ's work. That same privilege is ours as Christian stewards. Let's respond with grateful hearts to such amazing love, feeling inspired to serve with purpose and joy.

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2026

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

SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Saturday, August 1
8:00am **HR** † Gary Petersen, by MaryBeth Petersen
4:00pm **SBSH** † Badzinski & Kubera Families, by Family
Sunday, August 2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am **HR** † Ann Pabich, by Lynn Verdieck
10:00am **SBSH** † Mary Ann Mertens,
by Bernadine (Mertens) Nitz

Monday, August 3
8:15am **TCS** † No Communion Service

Tuesday, August 4
8:30am **HR** † Deceased Knights of Columbus,
by Owen Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, August 5
8:15am **SBSH** † Matt & Helen Kopacz, by Kada Baehr

Thursday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30am **HR** † Gerald Frese, by Marianne Frese

Friday, August 7
8:15am **SBSH** † George & Rosalie Klovas &
Aaron Klovas, by Mary Beth Petersen

Saturday, August 8
4:00pm **SBSH** † Louis & Bernice Depa, by Family
Sunday, August 9 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am **HR** † Fred & Audrey Johnson, by Lynn Verdieck
10:00am **SBSH** † Peter & Bonnie Flashinski, by Friends

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:
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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 July 20, 2026 thru July 26, 2026		
Inspired by the Spirit:	SB-SH	HR
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$187,885.00	\$100,039.75
Paid In	\$152,380.00	\$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:	\$2,536.00	\$538.00
Offertory:	\$254.00	\$225.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$45.00	
Building & Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$270.00
Air Conditioning:	\$300.00	
Candles:	\$66.25	
Total:	\$3,301.25	\$1,033.00

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish Council will meet on Thursday, August 13th, at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Meetings are open to all parishioners.

The **Thorp Knights of Columbus** “Queen of Peace Council” will meet on Wednesday, August 5th, at 6:00pm in the Church Basement. Also, we would like to thank everybody who supported the Sunday Brat and Hotdog TCS Fundraiser.

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ:

Identity (July 19th Bulletin)
Prayer - The second characteristic of a disciple is that we are committed to times of prayer on a daily basis, both individually and with family, and frequently with the parish, where we are thankful to God for the blessings of the day and we seek His will. Prayer becomes an important part of our life.

The Catechism describes prayer as our “vital and personal relationship with the living and true God” (CCC 2558). Our life of prayer manifests itself in different ways, such as the silent time we take each day to be present to Jesus, the celebration of the Mass, the sufferings we offer up and the opportunities to pray with others in need. (Adapted from “Discipleship Quads” by Deacon Bob Rice and Team)

Prayer for Peace in the World

God, every time I turn on the news, the world gets a little worse each day. Sin has ravaged this planet and the world will lack complete peace until you return. Nevertheless, I ask that you intervene in the world and grant us peace. Help us to find more ways to love our neighbors and show the world your goodness. Amen.

Pastor writes...

August 9th - Join Us for Our Parish Picnic!

We are excited to invite you to our **Parish Picnic** — a joyful day of fellowship, laughter, and togetherness! This special gathering is more than just a meal under the sun; it’s a celebration of the beautiful community God has blessed us with.

It is a wonderful opportunity to:

- **Strengthen our bonds** as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **Welcome new members** into our parish family with open hearts.
- **Share joy across generations** from children’s games to heartfelt conversations among friends.
- **Live our faith in action** through hospitality, kindness, and gratitude.

This picnic gives us the chance to slow down, share a meal, and create memories that will nourish our parish spirit for years to come.

Let’s gather, celebrate, and grow as one parish, one family, one faith.

- Father Stan

THE MEANING OF LIFE ...

Longing for God is Written on Your Heart *(Part I)*

Every human heart longs for something more. We look for a happiness that never fades, for the meaning of life especially during difficult times, and for the truth that sets us free from fear and worry. We may enjoy success, comfort, and love from others—but there always remains that “something more” we cannot quite name. Deep down, we know that nothing in this world ever completely satisfies.

That unmet longing within us is actually a gift, for that longing is God’s call written on our heart. It is the voice of God calling within every heart. Nothing in this life can fulfill our desire, for a time maybe, but not forever; deeply, but not as deeply as our heart desires. This is true because nothing created can fully satisfy our desires. Only in God will we find the joy and fulfillment we seek because God alone is sufficient. As St. Augustine said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.”

SCRIP GIFT CARDS:

Support St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish and the Thorp Catholic School by purchasing SCRIP gift cards. While school is out over the summer, call or visit the Rectory (715-669-5526) or stop by the Scrip table after Mass when a volunteer is available to sell.

Happy Wedding Anniversaries – August 2026

This Sunday, we specially remember in the 8:00am Mass at Owen and 10:00am Mass at Thorp all those who celebrate their marriage anniversaries this month, August, 2026, and thank the Lord for his countless blessings.

Holy Rosary Parish

Aug 01: Warren & Mary Dona German
Aug 05: Adam & Karen Simington
Aug 08: Bob & Carol Hubbard
Aug 20: Kenney & Dawn Frese
Aug 22: Dewey & Crystal Shepherd
Aug 26: Scott & Becky Seidel

St. Bernard–St. Hedwig Parish

Aug 02: Rodney & Mary Rathbun
Aug 02: Jerry & Pat Slowiak
Aug 04: Dan & Wendy Bibeau
Aug 12: Rob & Marie Karaba
Aug 13: Donald & Debora Baures
Aug 20: Brandon & Kayln Speicher
Aug 23: Jim & Lori Pajak
Aug 25: Philip & Rachel Mohr
Aug 25: Aaron & Amanda Marek

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 these couples very specially on their anniversary!

Happy Birthday to All Born in August

Holy Rosary and St. Bernard–St. Hedwig Church, wish Happy Birthday to all the amazing August stars. May this month bring you joy, love, and unforgettable moments. May your year ahead be as bright and sunny as these summer days. May your dreams grow bigger, your smiles grow wider, and your days grow brighter.

God bless you all!

Aluminum Cans

Here is a fundraiser that helps in two ways:

1. Collection of aluminum cans: Soda, energy drinks, beer (not tin cans such as food cans, pineapple juice, etc., and no glass bottles of any kind). Please place sealed bags of cans in the fenced in area by the trailer next to Thorp Catholic School.
2. Remove the tabs on cans and drop them off at TCS or the church entrance to be donated to Ronald McDonald Houses.