

**Holy Rosary & St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parishes**  
**Cash/Gun Calendar Raffle - 2025**

**This Aug. 19, 2025 - Jerry Hodorowski, Thorp**  
**Savage Axis 350 Legend w/scope or \$325.00**

**Aug. 21, 2025 - Jenni Smith, Woodbury, MN**  
**Stevens 334 Walnut 243 or \$325.00**

**Holy Rosary PCCW News:** The Holy Rosary PCCW will be having a meeting on August 25, 2025 at 1:30pm in Marian Hall. The serving circle will be St. Josephine.

Owen Days PCCW Pie & Ice Cream Stand will be Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-1:00pm. One pie is requested from each lady to be at the stand by 10:00am. We are across from Creekside and close to the Mill Pond Dam. PLEASE NO CREAM PIES. Please label the kind of pie and cover with clear covering. MORE PIES ARE TRULY NEEDED. If you cannot make a pie, a donation of \$12.00 is requested. Help is needed for working in the Pie & Ice Cream Stand. If you can help, please contact Chriss Plautz at 715-229-4232 or Sue Koltis at 715-229-2057.

**Announcement of Wedding Banns II at St. Mary of Czestochowa** for Jamie Hoffstatter and Ashley Neisius for nuptial union on September 6, 2025.

St. Mary Catholic School, Colby is looking for an Interventionist (part/full time). Please contact Katie Haas, Principal, at [colbyprincipal@stmcs.org](mailto:colbyprincipal@stmcs.org) or apply through WECAN. Substitute teachers also needed.

St Mary's Fall Festival, Colby, Sunday, Sept. 7. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am & 10:30am and grounds will open at 10:30am. Dinner is from 10:30am-1:00pm Adults \$12; children (12 & under) \$5; preschool free. Handicapped Parking on 2nd St. Drive up is available call 715-223-3033 for drive up orders.

**PCCW Thrift and Chicken Dinner sales**

A huge thank you to all who volunteered your time at the August thrift sale. From the donations, to all the workers and shoppers. Everything and everyone is what made it a success.

After the sale, many items continue to serve others. We donated many useful items to several other organizations.

Our gross profits were \$3,211.00. The funds raised from all theses sales during the year help to repair or replace items at the Quonset and also helps Thorp Catholic School.

**Blest Art** will be visiting St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. We will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Please visit our display after each Mass the weekend of Sept. 6 & 7 in the church basement. We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope. A Jubilee is a Holy Year, which offers a unique opportunity for profound spiritual growth and renewed faith. Incarnation of our Lord, an “event of great significance in the life of the Church.” The theme of this Holy Year is “Pilgrims of Hope.” Jubilee 2025 is meant to intensify our experience of God’s grace – His divine life – at work within us. Evening of Hope:

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2:00-4:00pm Holy Hour and Confession at Resurrection Church, Wausau; Speaker, Fr. James Kurzynski (Coincides with the Jubilee of Marian tion in Rome).

All Saints Catholic Parish Bingo - Stanley. Every Tuesday from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Starting at 6:30pm and Food at 5:00pm.

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

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



**St. Bernard-St. Hedwig**

Parish Secretary: Jenny Becker  
Bulletin Production: Jenny Becker  
Bookkeeper: Kathy Schmitz  
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm  
Rector Phone: 715-669-5526  
Rector Address: 109 N Church St., PO Box 329, Thorp, 54771  
EMAILS: Rector - busmgr.stbernhed@gmail.com  
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Choir Director: Sue Hedler 715-559-1154  
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TCS Adm. Asst.: Amanda Marek office@thorpcatholicsschool.org  
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**Holy Rosary**

Bookkeeper & Secretary: Melissa Micke 630-301-0908 (Cell)  
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Office Phone: 715-229-0606  
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Rector 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 Rector:** Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00AM–12:00PM  
**Thorp Catholic School:** Wednesday: 9:00AM–12:00PM  
**Thorp Rector:** 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  
Owen WI 54460

*NOTE: Online bulletins available [stbernardsthedwig.org](http://stbernardsthedwig.org) and [myParish app](#)*



Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.  
Psalm 117:1,2

**Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know “the God of All Hope” - week of August 24, 2025, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rom 15:13)** In the Book of Genesis, when Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil, they let their trust in their Creator die in their heart and, abusing their freedom to do good, they disobeyed God’s command. All personal sin committed subsequently is disobedience toward God and lack of trust in His goodness. God is perfect goodness and only wants what is best for us. After this Original Sin, God did not stop loving our first parents, as shown through His promise of a Savior who would rescue us from the consequence of being separated from our Heavenly Father. The promise was kept as Jesus came to rescue us from Satan, sin and eternal death. Let us ask Jesus to strengthen the gift of hope in us, to trust in His goodness.

**MASSSES:**

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025



**MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Saturday, August 23 -**  
4:00pm **SBSH** † Paul & Mason Marek and Brian Heiser,  
by Allen & Renee Marek

**Sunday, August 24 - 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am **HR** † Ann Pabich, by Norb Pabich  
10:00am **SBSH** † Roger Petranovich, by Wayne & Chris  
Petranovich

**Monday, August 25 -**  
8:15am **TCS** † Communion Service  
**Tuesday, August 26 - Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
8:30am **HR** † Gerald Frese, by Kevin & Cindy Frese

**Wednesday, August 27 -**  
8:15am **TCS** † Deceased Members of the Rudawski &  
Urban Families, by Mary Ann Urban

**Thursday, August 28 -**  
8:00am **HR** † Gary Petersen, by Mary Beth Petersen

**Friday, August 29 -**  
8:15am **TCS** † Raymond & Valeria Teclaw, by Family

**Saturday, August 30 -**  
4:00pm **SBSH** † Rose & Stanley Malaszuk, by Chap &  
Kathie Barth  
7:00 pm **Czestochowa** † Ted, Marcy & Janice  
Kaszubowski, by Family

**Sunday, August 31 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am **HR** † Edward Dowden, by Pat Dowden  
10:00am **SBSH** † Joe & Amelia Halenka, by 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-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 11, 2025 thru August 17, 2025		
Inspired by the Spirit:	SB-SH	HR
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$197,085.00	102,039.75
Paid In	\$124,555.00	\$70,564.75
Received Back	\$64,638.42	\$45,940.06
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$35,120.00	\$11,915.00
Paid In	\$22,015.11	\$12,015.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$1,748.00	\$873.00
Offertory:	\$163.00	\$138.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$880.00	
TCS Envelopes:	\$95.00	
Building & Maint.:	\$1,131.00	\$10.00
Casa Hogar:	\$ 0.00	
Assumption:	\$142.00	\$40.00
Candles:	\$117.89	\$14.00
Total:	\$4,276.89	\$1,075.00

**Holy Rosary Mass Time Change:** on Thursday,  
August 28th will be at 8:00am **instead** of 8:30am.

**Your Presence is Needed!** Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session at a location near you. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning. Only by gaining clarity on our shared mission in Christ can we decide how best to live our lives and how best to structure our parishes to support that mission. Our two closest options will be at Holy Rosary, Owen on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6:30pm or at All Saints, Stanley on Monday, Sept. 22, also at 6:30pm.

**Holy Rosary News:** Holy Rosary will be offering a *Family of Faith* program this school year to complement and continue our traditional CCD program after school on Wednesday afternoons. All families are warmly welcomed to join this *Family of Faith* program this fall. The goals of this program are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult meeting and one family meeting each month, this program will give you the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. Information please contact Karen Simington, DRE, text or phone 608-764-0420.

**Pastor writes...**  
Dear People,  
**Rebuild My Church Session at Owen  
Sep 4 at 6:30pm**

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout our parishes of Owen and Thorp.  
We are hosting a Rebuild My Church listening session at Holy Rosary, Owen on the evening of Thursday, Sept 4. It is a 90-minutes session starting at 6.30pm. A team from Rebuild My Church will facilitate this session. We are all invited to attend and share thoughts on the extended process of strategic and pastoral planning of our parishes. Our shared thoughts and input will help us how best to live our lives and how best to structure our parishes to support our mission in Christ.  
The parishioners from Willard, Greenwood, and Loyal will also attend this session. There are other alternate sessions in Neillsville at 11:00am on the morning of Sat., Sept. 6, and also at All Saints in Stanley on Mon., Sept. 22 at 6.30 pm. This session is very important for all of us and hence I request you all to attend this session without fail and share your thoughts and input. Please don’t miss it.  
Last weekend, we had our Annual Parish Picnic at Thorp after 10:00am Mass. About 100 parishioners participated, dined together and shared their love with others. It was a great and unforgettable experience for all of us who were present there.  
I sincerely thank all those people who made it and in a very special way let me thank the Thorp Knights of Columbus, Pastoral council and all those who prepared food, helped by serving and bringing their own desserts and other food items for the picnic. My special thanks to all the people who helped with arranging the tables and chairs and putting them back in the church basement.  
May God bless us all.

Rev. Stanislaus M Antony  
stanymichael@gmail.com 608-881-9265

**44th Annual Rural Life Day** will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., in Warrens on Monday, September 22th. Join Bishop Battersby for Mass at 10:00am followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops and machinery and a delightful lunch. Wetherby Cranberry Co. is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens. This is your chance to celebrate rural life and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile - Will be at the Thorp Fire Hall, Tuesday, August 26, 2025, from 11:00am-5:00pm.

**From the desk of the DRE.**  
Sobering. That’s the best word I can think of to describe this Sunday’s Gospel reading. In it, Jesus is asked a question: “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” I would have hoped he would answer, “No, no... many—in fact, *most*—people will be saved.”

But that’s **not** his response. Instead, he says: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough...” I think many people have adopted the attitude so popular these days that most—if not all—people will go to heaven. But that’s hard to reconcile with Jesus’ words, “And you will say, ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.’ Then he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!’”  
What does Jesus mean? I think, in a modern context, he means that just believing that God *exists* is not enough. (Consider James 2:19: “Even the demons believe that and tremble.”) Just *saying you’re Catholic* is not enough. Even *regularly attending Mass* and *receiving the sacraments* is not enough. Though all of these things are *important*, one can do all these things and still be faced with Jesus saying, “I do not know where you are from.”

The Scriptures and the teaching of the Church are clear: what Jesus desires from every individual is a life of intimate personal relationship with him and a living out of the faith one professes. In other words, we need to make friendship with Jesus and faith in God our *top priority* in life. As radical as it sounds, all other things—including recreational activities, sports, job/school, making money, even friends and family—need to come *after* our commitment to God. It’s not that these other things are unimportant, but they all are *rightly ordered only* in a life that puts God first. Without compromise.

That’s not the way many of us think. It’s not popular. But listen to the words of Saint Anselm of Canterbury: “If you would be quite sure of your salvation, strive to be among the fewest of the few. Do not follow the majority of mankind, but follow those who renounce the world and never relax their efforts day or night so that they may attain everlasting blessedness.”

Let’s encourage one another to live just such a life. That’s how, in 2025, in the tiny rural communities of Thorp and Owen-Withee, a generation of saints is formed!  
**CCD update:**  
Registrations will be soon in coming! Please be on the lookout for registration materials.  
We are in need of four CCD teachers, along with teachers’ aides and substitute teachers in Thorp. Please contact me (Pat Conley) if you’d like to know more!  
It’s a vital part of handing on our faith to our kids.

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