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St. Bernard-St. Hedwig

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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 app](#)



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.
Philippians 4:4-5

Jesus is our Hope
(1 Tim. 1:1)

The Third Sunday of Advent

Everyone loves gifts. Hope is a spiritual gift that only God can give us through baptism and confirmation, and all we need to do is receive it. In difficult times, it is especially important to stay focused on the reasons for our hope. St. Paul's words in Scripture help us with insight: "We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5). Let us pray during this *Jubilee Year of Hope* that the Lord will increase in us the gift of hope that we may trust Him even in difficult times.

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, December 13 -
4:00pm SBSH † Paul & Mason Marek and Deceased Members of the Alger & Marek Families, by Allen & Renee Marek
Sunday, December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent
8:00am HR † In Loving Memory of Janet Krause, by Janet Krause Memorial Fund
10:00am SBSH † Frank & Helen Drzal, by Daughters
Monday, December 15 -
8:15am TCS † NO Communion Service
Tuesday, December 16 -
8:30am HR † Walter & Angela Bonk, by their Daughters
Wednesday, December 17 -
8:15am TCS † Deceased Members of the Aken & McIntire Families, by Family
10:00am CCLRC † Special Intention for the Residents of the Clark County Living & Rehabilitation Center, by Norb Pabich
Thursday, December 18 -
8:30am HR † Paul Kowieski, Jr., by Bob & Carol Hubbard
Friday, December 19 -
8:15am TCS † Elaine Szymanski, by Jim & Cindy Alger
Saturday, December 20 -
2:00pm SUNLIGHT † Living & Deceased Members of the Henry & Florence Rogalski Family, by Barb Pyle
4:00pm SBSH † Living & Deceased Members of the Ebben & Skalecki Families, by Family
Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am HR † Special Intention for the Anniversary of Norb & Jean Pabich, by Norb Pabich
10:00am SBSH † Ted Nowak & Family, by Pat Nowak & 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 Dec. 1, 2025 thru Dec. 7, 2025

	SB-SH	HR
Inspired by the Spirit:		
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$197,085.00	\$102,039.75
Paid In	\$132,010.00	\$72,024.75
Received Back	\$66,366.30	\$47,108.06
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$30,165.00	\$10,905.00
Paid In	\$7,250.00	\$645.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$3,178.00	\$1,438.00
Offertory:	\$241.00	\$109.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$195.00	
TCS Envelopes:	\$65.00	
Building & Maint.:	\$115.00	\$1,234.00
Casa Hogar:	\$100.00	
Religious Retirement	\$26.00	
Immaculate Conception:	\$100.00	\$20.00
Christmas:	\$250.00	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers:		\$395.00
Candles:	\$261.05	\$5.00
Total:	\$4,531.05	\$3,251.00

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig will have Confessions and Adoration on Monday, December 15th from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

There will be **no adoration** on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st.

Holy Rosary News:

Christmas flower donations can be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone or a family. Envelopes are available in the back of church.

As part of the Family of Faith program, we will be having one hour of evening prayer and praying the Rosary on Friday evenings from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. This will be held Friday, December 5th, December 12th and December 19th in the church. If there are any questions, please contact Karen at 608-764-0420.

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.

St. Bernard - St. Hedwig Parishioners: Please pick up your box of **2026 offering envelopes**. You will find them on the table in the back of the church.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Thorp Fire Hall, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2025

The FAMILY TREE will be placed in the entrance of the church on Dec. 14th. Families are again encouraged to place an ornament with your name on the tree. Ornaments may be made or purchased. Also, again this year ornaments made by TCS students are available in the church entrance. You may use these to put on the tree. If you wish you may also make a contribution for the ornament. Contributions will go to Fr. Joe's orphanage.

At our last Liturgy Committee meeting, we decided to sponsor a family in need for Christmas. We have a family of 3 boys (ages 3-12) who are in need of boots, clothing, etc. We are looking for any donations from individuals, families or organizations that we will use to purchase the items on their lists. Please make checks out to the parish and label as "Family Christmas". Money should be turned in by December 21st. Thank you for your generosity.

A PARISH FOOD DRIVE is 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. A suggested donation list is on the table in the entrance of the church. Any parish member that feels they are aware of someone that would benefit from the Parish Food Drive contact any KC member or call Len Lipinski at (715)773-2695.

 **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!

Retirement Fund for Religious:

They gave their lives in service--now you can show your gratitude by supporting this fund. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying and serving those in need. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others.

Our condolences to the family of Peter Flashinski. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 14th at the St. Bernard-St. Hedwig church from 4:00pm-7:00pm and on Monday from 10:00am until the time of service, which will be held for both Pete and Bonnie at 11:00am in the church. Please keep Pete, Bonnie and their family in your prayers.

From the desk of the DRE:

Rejoice! Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, with its rose-colored vestments has arrived again. The rose colors remind us that it is our *duty* to rejoice. The coming of Jesus and the Kingdom of God necessarily puts sadness to flight! As the Advent hymn, *O Come Divine Messiah* says: the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph **and sadness flee away**. And as Nehemiah, the Old Testament prophet puts it: "rejoicing in the LORD is your strength!" (Neh. 8:10).

We **must** rejoice! And rejoicing is not just a result of Jesus arriving, it is part of our *waiting* for him to arrive. In fact, the more we revel in the presence of Jesus, the more he becomes truly present in our midst. Even **saving the name of Jesus** makes him present.

So, if we're rejoicing, what does that look like? In our second reading for Mass, Saint Paul has some great suggestions: Be patient (this is so important, he says it three times)...make your hearts firm...[and] do not complain. And not just that, but "do not complain... about one another, that you may not be judged." Oof!

I think most of us would agree that Advent—and Christmas, for that matter—would be more joyful if we cut down on our complaining. The problem is that sometimes, it just feels so good to complain! But if the blind were to regain their sight, if the lame were to walk, if lepers were to be cleansed, if the deaf were to hear, if the dead were to be raised, and the poor were to have the good news proclaimed to them, I doubt you'd hear many of *them* complaining very much.

Perhaps the first step in avoiding complaining is to recognize that we **are** blind, lame, sick, deaf, and yes, even dead. We certainly are poor. When we recognize our absolute poverty in light of the good gifts of God, we begin to cultivate *gratitude*. And people who are truly grateful are not complainers. They **rejoice!**

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Aluminum Cans

This fundraiser helps in two ways: The **collection of aluminum cans such as soda, beer, energy drinks, etc. - not tin cans such as food cans, pineapple juice, etc., no glass bottles of any kind.** Please drop off in bags that are sealed, in the fenced in area by the trailer next to Thorp Catholic School. Thank you. PS. Tabs on cans could be removed and dropped off at TCS or the church entrance to be donated to Ronald McDonald Houses.

Please join us after the 10:00am Mass today, 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 Klapatauskas 715-773-0102.



THORP CATHOLIC SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR

100+ chances to win! \$20 each Great gift idea!

Tickets ON SALE NOW at the school, church office, after Masses and from our student families!
Draw dates January - May 2026!
Thank you for your generous support!!

In the unfortunate event of low sales, draws will be delayed until our minimum goal of 600 tickets are sold.

\$\$\$ CASH! \$\$\$ GIFT CARDS! FANTASTIC PRIZES!
TOTAL VALUE
OVER \$5,000
Thank you to all our incredible sponsors!

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This summer and fall, 3,622 of our people participated in 40 listening sessions to help launch **Rebuild My Church**, an ongoing effort of renewal and pastoral planning for our Diocese. Stay tuned for regular updates.

You can view the recording of the listening sessions, and see the latest updates through the QR code or they can be found here:
www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates



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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!



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!

St. Bernard-St. Hedwig will have a **Choir for Christmas!**

Come one, come all! Join us in singing traditional Carols before and during Mass on Christmas Eve (4:00pm) and Christmas Day (10:00am). Please arrive a half hour early to organize and sing before Mass. There will be two rehearsals that are not mandatory. They will be held at the church on Thursday, December 11th at 7:30pm and Monday, December 22nd at 6:30pm. Rehearsal will last about an hour. You are welcome to sing the melody or the harmony. Please text or call Sue Hedler at 715-559-1154 to join so there are enough copies available. Thank you and God bless the birth of Jesus.