

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.



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!



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!



Please welcome Delanie Hatlestad as the newest adult member to Holy Rosary Parish. She was confirmed at St. Mary's Parish in Neillsville on Sunday, November 16th. Her parents are Wade and Katie Hatlestad.









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NOTE: Online bulletins available stbernardsthedwig.org and myParish app

Holy Rosary

St. Bernard-St . Hedwig

Parish Secretary: Bulletin Production: Bookkeeper: Kathy Schmitz

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm Wednesday 9:00am to 12:00pm

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Quonset/Church Hall Booking: Connie Gulcynski (Leave a message) 715-669-5158 Home 715-773-2052 Cell

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<u>Holy Rosary</u>

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

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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.

Second Sunday of Auvent

Behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of this voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Jesus is our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1) The Second Sunday of Advent

The Advent hymn "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" is about hope as it refers to Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah promised throughout the Old Testament. Jesus is "the hope of all the earth" because He brings salvation to all people, fulfilling God the Father's universal plan for redemption. Jesus is the "dear desire of every nation" because He is the ultimate answer to the deepest longings and needs of every person. Let us make a good confession before Christmas to purify our hearts for the celebration of the Incarnation – God becoming man to save us from Satan, sin and death. The second verse:

Israel's strength and consolation, You, the hope of all the earth, Dear desire of every nation, Come, and save us by Your birth.

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 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

Monday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:15am TCS † Students & Staff 6:30pm HR † Urban & Dorothy Steimann,

by Tom & Mary Gelhaus

Fuesday, **December 9** -

8:30am **HR** † In Memory of Steffie Konwinski, by Lana Ciszewski

Wednesday, December 10 -

8:15am TCS † Chester Przybylski, Jr., by Family 3:45pm SBSH † Deceased Members of the Rudawski & Urban Families, by Mary Ann Urban

Thursday, December 11 -

8:30am **HR** † Special Intention, by Mary Darnell

Friday, December 12 -

8:15am TCS † Eugene Mechelke, by Friend

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

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

<u>Pastoral</u> 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. 24, 2025 thru Nov. 30, 2025		
	SB-SH	HR
Inspired by the Spirit:		
Goal	\$285,000.00	\$70,000.00
Pledged	\$197,085.00	\$102,039.75
Paid In	\$131,910.00	\$72,024.75
Received Back	\$66,366.30	\$47,108.06
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$30,165.00	\$10,905.00
Paid In	\$5,480.00	\$645.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$1,733.00	\$696.00
Offertory:	\$144.00	\$55.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$45.00	
TCS Envelopes:	\$40.00	
Building & Maint.:	\$50.00	\$40.00
Religious Retirement	\$105.00	
Harvest Fest:		\$50.00
Christmas:	\$400.00	
Christmas Flowers:		\$100.00
Candles:	\$285.51	
Total:	\$2,802.51	\$941.00

The **Immaculate Conception** is the doctrine that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception. It is celebrated on Monday, Dec. 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

Holy Rosary News:

<u>Christmas flower donations</u> 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 <u>Family of Faith</u> 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.

Thank you to all who donated baked items for the <u>Harvest Fest bake sale</u>. Our sale was a great success. We received many delicious looking and nicely packaged cookies, candies, pies, breads, bars, and much more. Thank you also to those who made cash donations. All is very much appreciated!!

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

The 3rd grade CCD class will be performing "The Living Nativity" before the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 14, 2025. Please come and invite your family and friends to watch the children's performance.

Pastor writes...

Happy Wedding Anniversaries – December 2025 Dear People.

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

St. Bernard – St. Hedwig Parish, Thorp

December 03: Jim & Terese Baures

December 12: Bernie & Joan Budzinski

Holy Rosary Parish, Owen

December 01: Terry & Cathy Laube

December 31: Kurt & Shanna Hubbard

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

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.

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 Klapatauskas 715-773-0102.

A PARISH FOOD DRIVE is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Queen of Peace Council #4634 Nov. 29th through Dec. 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.

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.

TCS Times

Advancing Advent

A tremendous 'thank you' for the many dedicated volunteers who helped make the Fantasy Bazaar so successful. As is often the case in December we are going to have many things going on, but always working to keep our focus on preparing for Jesus's coming.

The school Masses for the next two weeks are Monday (12/8) at 8:15am led by the 3rd/4th grade, and Wednesday (12/17) at 8:15am led by the 7th/8th grade. On Saturday (12/13), TCS will have a float in the Home for the Holiday Parade in Thorp. Tuesday (12/16) is our TCS Christmas Concert at 6:00pm, all are welcome to come and hear our little ones reminding us of Jesus's coming. On Wednesday (12/17), our students will have an opportunity to go to confession, please pray for them. We are going Christmas caroling on Thursday (12/18) to some of our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We are having a special prayer service on Friday (12/19) at 9:15am where our students act out the nativity and sing some Christmas carols, all are welcome to attend this event also.

There is so much busy-ness during this time of year that we can at times get distracted by all the noise. Please know of prayers from all of us at Thorp Catholic School that you may be drawn into the beauty and fullness of Jesus's becoming human and the salvation that provides.

In Christ,
Kendra Conley
Thorp Catholic School Principal 651-323-3294
adminstrator@thorpcatholicschool.org

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week. Your gift will provide essential care for more than 20,500 senior sisters, bothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. We can show our gratitude by giving generously toward this fund. Envelopes are available in the back of the church.

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.

Sacred Heart, Cassel - Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale December 13th 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.