

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2017

Welcome to
Holy Rosary Owen
St Bernard - St Hedwig Thorp

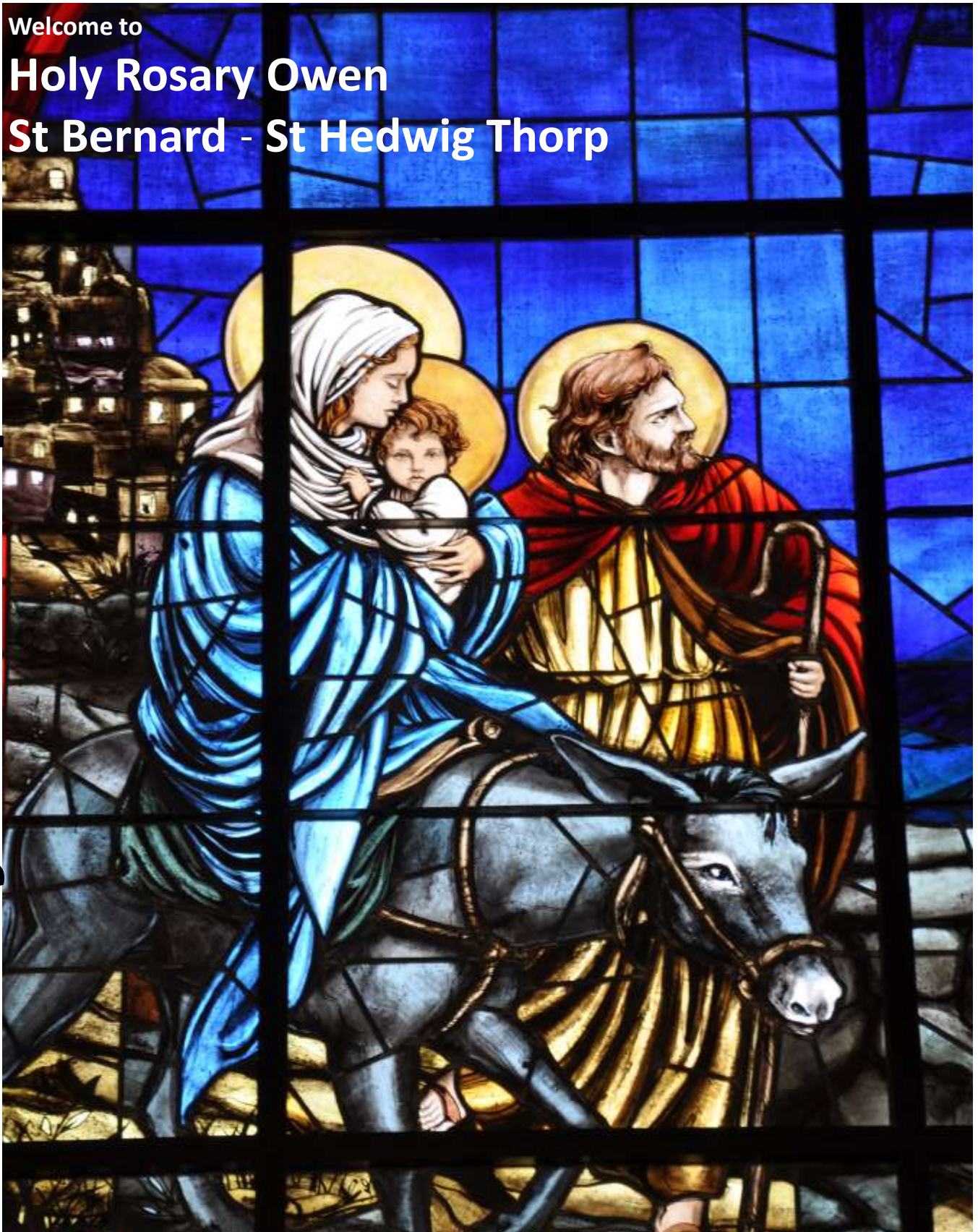


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My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

HR = Holy Rosary - Owen
SBSH = St Bernard St Hedwig - Thorp
TCS = Thorp Catholic School Chapel - Thorp
 (Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each mass)

Saturday December 30

5:00pm Mass, **SBSH** - †Ronald, Jeanette, Jerelyn,
 Vita, Leo & Veronica Dulek

Sunday December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am Mass, **HR** - † Claire, Lois, & William Milliren
 by Theresa Schindler

10:00am Mass, **SBSH** - † Frank Hodorowski

Sunday December 31 Solemnity of Mary

5:30pm Mass, **SBSH** Cecilia Przybylski,
 Anton & Helen Lesniewski &
 The People of our parishes

Monday January 1 Solemnity of Mary

8:00am Mass, **HR** - † Robert & Henry Mauel, by Jim Mauel

Tuesday January 2

8:15am NO Mass, **TCS**
 10:00am Food Pantry - Community Alliance, Withee
 10:30am Mass, **HR** † Al Jalowitz by Marge Jalowitz

Wednesday January 3

8:15am Mass, **TCS** - † Margaret Slowiak by Bob & Rosalie Mertens
 9:00am Adoration, **TCS**
 6:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, **SBSH**

Thursday January 4

9:00am NO Bible Study, **HR**
 10:30am Mass, **HR** - † Joe Darnell by the Darnell Family
 11:00am - 11:30pm Eucharistic Adoration, **HR**
 7:00pm Repose of the Blessed Sacrament, **TCS**
 7:15pm Communion Service, **TCS**

Friday January 5

8:15am Mass, **TCS** - † Joseph & Amelia Halenka

Saturday January 6

5:00pm Mass, **SBSH** - † Martha Cyril & Chuck Alger

Sunday January 7

8:00am Mass, **HR** - † The People of our parishes
 10:00am Mass, **SBSH** - † Deceased Members of the Chippewa
 Valley Catholic Order of Foresters
 Association
 by Catholic Order of Foresters

Our Offerings for the Week of December 19th – December 26th

| | St Bernard/ St Hedwig | Holy Rosary |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Envelopes: | \$12,948.00 | \$1,748.00 |
| ACH Adult Envelopes: | \$70.00 | |
| Offerory: | \$1,473.15 | \$512.00 |
| Christmas: | \$26,873.00 | \$3,225.00 |
| Initial Offering: | \$5.00 | |
| Solemnity of Mary: | \$50.00 | |
| Religious Retirement: | \$110.00 | |
| Christmas Flowers: | \$456.66 | \$10.00 |
| Catholic Life: | \$50.00 | |
| TCS & REP Tuition : | \$25.00 | |
| Building & Maintenance: | \$455.00 | \$418.00 |
| Remodel Pledge: | | \$50.00 |
| Candles: | \$142.00 | \$14.00 |
| Total: | \$42,657.81 | \$5,977.00 |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

ST BERNARD/ST HEDWIG - available in the Parish Hall.

HOLY ROSARY - church entrance.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00pm in Holy Rosary. This is a combined parish meeting.

2017 YEAR-END GIVING - The last collection for the calendar year of 2017 will be the weekend of December 30-31. Contributions are to be applied in the year received. If contributions are mailed, the envelope must be postmarked before the end of the year in order to be applied to this year.

May this upcoming Christmas bring with it a lot of joy and reflection on the past year and plans for the coming new year.

Father Janusz and the staff of St. Bernard/St Hedwig and Holy Rosary, want to thank you for all your best wishes, Christmas cards and gifts. May this little Baby bless all your lives.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ministry Schedule

January 6th 5:00pm

St Bernard/St Hedwig, Thorp

Altar servers:

Lectors: Chris Rudnick, Marie Karaba

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Alger, Cindy Frese, Mary Rathbun

Choir/Cantors:

Organist:

Greeters:

Ushers:

January 7th 8:00am

Holy Rosary, Owen

Connor, Brianna, Simington,
Quinn, Addie Hatlestad

Terry Laube

Brian Bredlau

Mickey

Theresa

Brad and Jean Gokey

Judy Dunow, Dick Goessl,

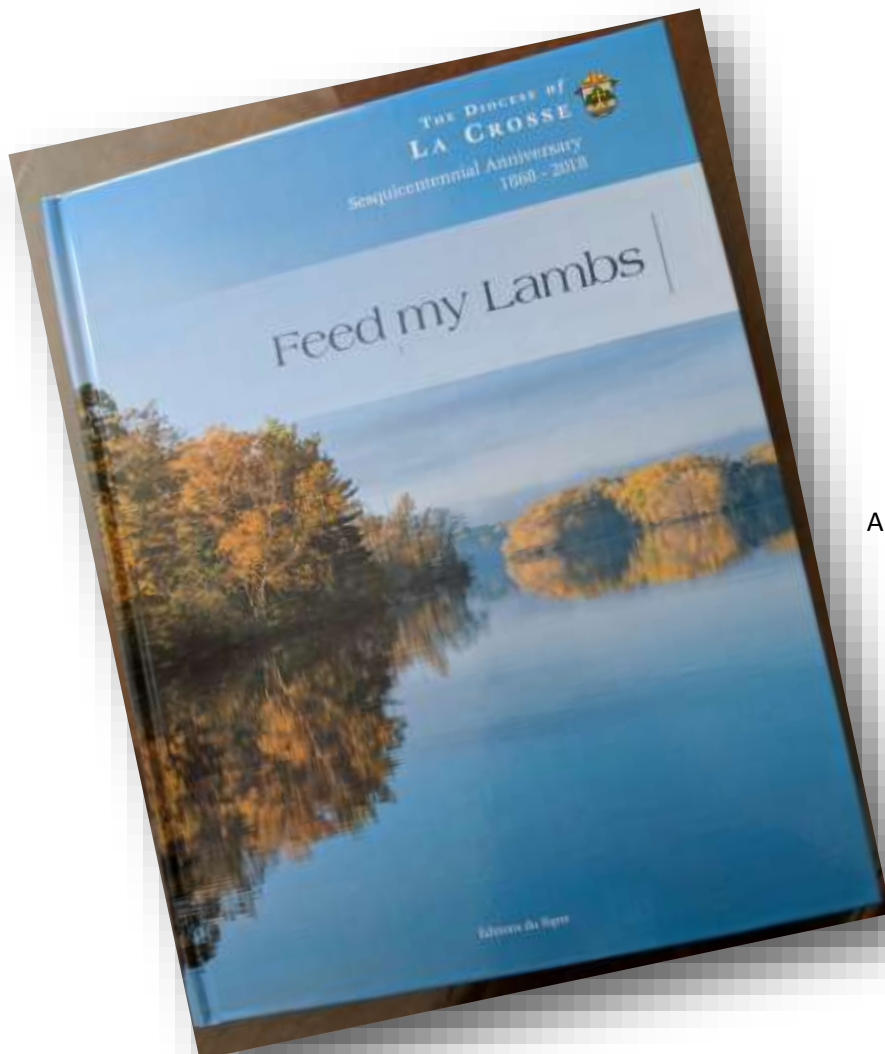
Mark Pries, Mike Schneider

January 7th 10:00am

St Bernard/St Hedwig, Thorp

Youth

Marie, Roseanne Benzschawel, Renee Slowiak



Celebrating its 150th anniversary

Diocese of LaCrosse
Commemorative Parish History Book
has arrived

Get your copy today
Purchase price \$33.00

A copy is available to look through after all masses
and at the Rectory during the week

HOLY ROSARY NEWS

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED - One day per month

Holy Rosary needs three volunteers to help count collection money once a month. Counting after Mass or Monday morning, willing to work around your schedule. Please call Virgie Miller at (715) 229-2627 for more details.

SOCIAL CONCERN

FOOD PANTRY: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. Community Alliance Church, 111 Division St., Withee Next date of distribution: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm (noon). Requiring no proof of income, the food pantry helps those in need by providing approximately one week's worth of food per month.

ST BERNARD/ST HEDWIG NEWS

"UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE" study. We will be meeting Wednesday evenings starting January 10 - February 28, 2018 at TCS from 7:30-8:30pm Each one hour session will walk you through critical time periods in the Bible giving you the foundation of our Bible history timeline. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church or at the rectory. Members that have previously attended are welcome to watch the video series again with this group.

2018 WALL CALENDARS - are available in the church entrance and rectory. Thank you Ron and Dan at Cuddie Funeral Home for donating the calendars.

RENOVATION PROGRESS REPORT - Keep supporting the church renovation fund with your orange envelopes in your parish envelope box. We have new goals set to work on inside repairs and painting.

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION - Lucas Petranovich (715) 512-1447 is willing to sub. Please add him to your schedule.

YOUTH

YOUTH MASS - all youth are encouraged to attend the second Sunday of each month. At the 10:00am mass the Youth will sit up front, do the readings, collection & offertory. Next Youth's mass is January 14, 2018.

AREA EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

CATHOLIC SCOUTS RETREAT - Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St Patrick's School, Sparta. Time of registration is 8:30am and ending at 5:00pm. Lunch is provided and cost is \$6.00 per person. Early registration prior to December 1st 2017 is \$5.00. Need information please contact Cindy Sjolander at (608) 792-4911 or catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER - Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 6:00-8:30pm. 236 Pumphouse Road Chippewa Falls. Tickets Adults \$30.00, Children under 10 free, Table of 8 \$200.00. Call Trudy Bement for reservations and questions (715) 226-0376

TWO MARCHES FOR LIFE - Washington, D.C. or Chicago There are two excellent opportunities to march for life once again this year. The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs Jan. 17-21, 2018. Visit www.dioc.org/yya and click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up. The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 14, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

New Faith Alive Book on the Beatitudes

Christopher Ruff has written a new book for small groups, titled "Blessed

Are You" and centered on the Beatitudes (available Feb. 7). Like the previous books in the Discipleship Series, it includes Scripture, prayer and stories of people who exemplify each theme. It also incorporates discussion questions and a modest service component to put faith in action. To order (\$10 each), call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 or email ministries@dioc.org. Visit www.dioc.org/faith-alive for more information and a preview.

Marriage Problems? We can help.

Retrouvaille is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The next Retrouvaille weekend retreat will be held February 9-11, 2018 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI. Space is limited. Email centralwi@retrouvaille.org for more information.

WYD PIEROGI - is for sale. Kraut/Potato/Bacon, Mushroom, Sweet Blintzes sell for \$7.00. Plum, Cherry, Strawberry, Blueberry sell for \$6.00. Potato, Cheese, Spinach sell for \$5.00. Please contact Chris P (715) 512-0628. (Pierogis are not sold at the church or rectory.)



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 Fr Janusz Kowalski Cell: (715) 456-1450

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Bernard-St. Hedwig parish are committed to strive, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and serve others through the love of Christ. We center our parish life in the worship of Jesus in the Eucharist and hearing His word. We foster the deepening of spiritual life through prayer, education and Eucharistic adoration. We shall provide opportunities for faith formation of all ages, so that all may grow together in their knowledge, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH STAFF

Veronica Drost, Secretary/Bookkeeper
 Leeann Klapatauskas, Religious Education

PARISH CONTACTS

Rectory: (715) 669-5526
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THORP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mario Friedel, School Principal
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 Phone: (715) 669-5530

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:45 AM, TCS Chapel
 Wednesday 7:45 AM TCS Chapel
 Saturday 5:30 PM, SBSH Church
 Sunday 9:30 AM, SBSH Church

BAPTISM/PREPARATION

Karen Chmelik (715)-669-3494

PRAYER NETWORK: (715) 669-5861

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Council of Catholic Women

Kathy Pszeniczny: Home: (715) 669-7060
 Cell: (715) 797-6422

QUONSET/CHURCH HALL

Kristina LeCloux (920) 265-7187

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Contact the Rectory

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Are you moving into or out of the parish?

Contact the Rectory

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday 5:00PM

Bulletin Email: bulletin.thorp@gmail.com

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

All baptismal classes are scheduled on a personal basis. Parents are required to attend a 1-hour session prior to having their baby baptized. It is important that you contact Karen Chmelik at (715) 669-3494 to sign up. All material will be provided and refreshments served.

BAPTISM SCHEDULING:

Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month following the 4:00PM mass Saturday or the 10:00AM mass Sunday. Please contact Karen Chmelik at 715-669-3494 to schedule the date for your baby's baptism.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must consult with Father Janusz six months prior to their intended wedding date, to begin their marriage preparation and reserve a date for the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone seriously ill or hospitalized should call the Rectory as soon as possible. If you are preparing for surgery please call the Rectory prior to your hospitalization.



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FOR WEEKEND PETITIONS - If you have someone you would like included in our petition prayer, please call Sr. Margaret Trzebiatowski @ 715-229-2423

PARISH & RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE

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 Email: holyrosaryowen@gmail.com
 Rectory: (715) 229-0606

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - 9:00am to 3:00pm
 Thursday - 9:00 am to 12:00pm (Noon)

PARISH STAFF

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