

Project Milk: What it Means, and How You Can Help! Since 1984, Project Milk has shipped over 500 tons of powdered milk to Casa Hogar orphanage in Lima, Peru. So, what has this meant for the children there, and for the surrounding poor of the community? Casa Hogar goes through two-and-a-half 50 lb. bags of whole powdered milk weekly. For breakfast, each of the orphanage's 'households' shares a gallon of a nourishing mixture of milk, quinoa, wheat, oatmeal, and chocolate. Every school lunch includes milk. And milk is added to the bread baked fresh every night, along with many desserts, including milkshakes, rice pudding, ice cream, and cakes. In recent years we have been sending whole powdered milk, which is creamier and better-tasting than nonfat. More importantly, the children come to Casa Hogar deficient in many vitamins, especially calcium, and this milk provides much-needed nutrients. Of the 800 bags of powdered milk sent to Lima in each shipment, 194 go to Casa Hogar, 200 to the 17 orphanages in the Lurin area, 200 to the Diocese of Lurin, 150 to Sagrada Familia Orphanage with its 500 children, and 40 to Santa Rosa, a community devastated by flooding in 2023. This leaves six bags for emergency use. As you can see, it's not just Casa Hogar that benefits from this milk... it's the whole region around Lima, Peru, and they all thank you very much! Please help make it possible to fill the container with 800 bags of whole powdered milk. Each 50 lb. bag costs approximately \$90.00. You can donate to Project Milk by visiting [frjoesguild.org/donate/](http://frjoesguild.org/donate/) or scanning the QR code below. Select "Project Milk" from the designation menu. If you prefer to donate by mail send to:

Office of Ministries & Social Concerns-Project Milk, Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse WI 54602-4004 and write "Project Milk" on the memo line of your check.

The Children of Casa Hogar and the members of the Rural Life Committee thank you!



St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish/Thorp Catholic School  
**Amazingly Delicious.... FISH FRY!**

**Friday, March 15th from 4pm to 7pm**

**TAKE OUT / CURBSIDE / DINE IN  
HOME DELIVERIES CITY OF THORP**

Curbside will be available for pickup at the Church's front door (111 N. Church St., Thorp)

**Please call the Church basement at  
715-669-5989 AFTER 2:00pm on  
Friday, March 15th to Pre Order**

**Menu:** deep fried fish or baked fish, deep fried shrimp, parsley buttered potatoes or jojo potatoes, & coleslaw.  
1 pc dinner = \$11.00 2pc dinner = \$13.00  
3pc dinner = \$15.00



**St. Bernard-St. Hedwig PCCW News:** There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Officer elections will be held. **ALL** women of the parish are invited and are members of the PCCW.

If you missed bringing your baby bottle for Abiding Care last week, please bring it back ASAP, or drop it off at Abiding Care at 220 N. Main Street in Medford.

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: Mary Rathbun  
Bulletin Production: **Vacancy**  
Bookkeeper: Kathy Schmitz  
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Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm  
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Rectory Address: 109 N Church St., PO Box 329, Thorp, 54771  
EMAILS: Rectory - busmgr.stbernhed@gmail.com  
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Director of Religious Education: Patrick Conley 651-323-3292  
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**Holy Rosary**

Bookkeeper & Secretary: Melissa Micke 630-301-0908 (Cell)  
Office Hours: Wednesday 12:00pm to 5:00pm  
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Rectory Address: 415 W 3rd Street, PO Box 309, Owen 54460  
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PCCW: Patty Orth 715-937-5849  
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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.

Holy Rosary  
415 West 3rd Street P.O. Box 309  
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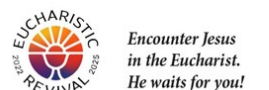


**NOTE:** Online bulletins available [stbernardsthedwig.org](http://stbernardsthedwig.org) and [myParish app](#)



"Jesus said to Nicodemus...God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

**Eucharistic Revival-week of March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent. A Minute with Jesus: As you take "steps forward," your faith in Jesus' true Presence in the Eucharist will grow.** We cannot simply convince ourselves through reason that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. One of the best ways to grow in this faith is to spend some time in conversation with Jesus, truly present in a Catholic Church. Go there and share something with the Lord that is on your heart. You will notice that probably without saying or feeling anything special, you will leave with a quieted heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me commit to spending some time in conversation with you in Church. This week, read about how we can always find Jesus in His Father's house in Luke 2:41-51.



**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

**4th Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024**

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS' SERVICES FOR YOUR NEEDS

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

**Saturday, March 9**  
 4:00pm SBSH † Marie Slowiak, by Don & Cheri Breault

**Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am HR † Janet Krause, by Neil Krause & Family  
 10:00am SBSH † Cora Kosik, by Kosik Family

**Monday, March 11 -**  
 8:15am TCS † Communion Service

**Tuesday, March 12 -**  
 8:30am HR † NO MASS

**Wednesday, 13 -**  
 8:15am TCS † Herbert & Jean Hermsen, by Family

**Thursday, March 14 -**  
 8:30am HR † NO MASS

**Friday, March 15 -**  
 8:15am TCS † Ted Nowak, by Pat Nowak & Family

**Saturday, March 16**  
 4:00pm SBSH † John & Evelyn Lewandowski and Janet Ketterhagen, by Family

**Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00am HR † Janet Krause, by Neil Krause & Family  
 10:00am SBSH † Anton & Stella Stroinski and Lillian Kaczmarek, by Bandur & Brown Family

Offerings from the week of Feb. 26, 2024 thru Mar. 3, 2024		
	SB-SH	HR
Inspired by the Spirit:		
Pledged	\$199,085.00	\$101,977.00
Paid In	\$72,690.00	\$48,287.00
Received Back	\$25,877.06	\$28,073.46
Diocesan Appeal:		
Goal	\$36,285.00	\$12,310.00
Pledged	\$6,835.00	\$9,165.00
Adult Envelopes:	\$4,568.00	\$.00
ACH Adult Envelopes:	\$200.00	
Offertory:	\$314.00	\$.00
TCS & REP Tuition:	\$805.00	
Building & Maint.:	\$80.00	\$.00
Casa Hogar:	\$100.00	
Easter:		
Easter Flowers:		\$.00
Candles:		\$.00
Total:	\$6,067.00	\$.00

Due to illness Holy Rosary's numbers will be reported in next week's bulletin.

**Holy Rosary Easter Flower Donations** can be made *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* a loved one. Envelopes are available at the back of Church. You can also use the Easter flower envelope that is in your weekly envelope box.

**Spend time with Jesus!** Even if you didn't sign up to take an hour, come and spend some time with Jesus during our **40+ Hours of Adoration**, which goes from 5:00pm on Saturday, March 9th through **Parish Confessions**, which go from 7:00-8:00pm Monday, March 11th. **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place at 8:00pm Monday.

**Abby Johnson Speaking at April 13 DCCW Convention in La Crosse.** You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse on Saturday, April 13, at the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Biennial Convention. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film *Unplanned*. To learn more and to register, visit [dccw.org](http://dccw.org), or scan the QR code to the right. There are also registration forms on the table in the church entrance.



**Lent: A Time for a Change of Heart.** "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart"; for I am "gracious and merciful." (Joel 2:12; Exodus 34:6) We want to prayerfully seek the strength of the Holy Spirit so He will lead us in purification which is a process of grace working within us. Actual grace comes from prayer and doing acts of kindness. We receive sanctifying grace, which is God's own divine life, in the Sacraments. This process requires our cooperation and a change of heart, which involves the whole interiority of the person. Let us pray and ask the Holy Spirit to "Create in me a clean heart" as a new way to respond to those around us. (Psalm 51: 10) God gives us the strength and power to change our sinful attitudes and behaviors. So, the process of daily conversion, and sometimes of the hour or minute, involves God supplying what we need and our responding to His love through cooperating with His grace. This is a gradual process and takes effort. A good place to begin is by taking quiet time to be with Jesus, to rest in Him and reflect upon His Word in the Bible.

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**ST. BERNARD-ST. HEDWIG PCCW THRIFT SALE**

Start cleaning your closets, Gathering your extra items. Thrift sale is coming May 27-May 30 We will be accepting Furniture by approval only. Contact Bonnie 715-512-0477 or Pat 715-669-5722 for more information

March 17–St. Michael Parish (Junction City) Annual Grilled Pork Chop Dinner–Drive Thru ONLY serving from 10:30am to 1pm. Double Chop meal (\$13) includes 2 grilled & seasoned chops, baked potato, green bean casserole, garden salad, bread, and dessert. Enjoy an early taste of Summer!

Friday, March 22nd - St. Anthony Church Holy Name Society of Loyal. 14th Annual Door County Style Fish Boil from 4:30pm-7:30pm Drive Thru Only Menu: Fish, Potatoes, Onions, Coleslaw, Rolls, Carrots, Strawberries with Shortcake. Cost \$15.00

**From the desk of the DRE**

Are you living in the light?  
 In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is speaking with the Pharisee Nicodemus, who comes to him at night, perhaps waiting for the cover of darkness because he is timid about approaching this extraordinary itinerant rabbi who is beginning to cause a stir and is becoming a "person of interest" to the religious leaders of the day...but not in a good way.

In his diatribe with Nicodemus, Jesus seizes on the opportunity of his coming at night, and tells him, "everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Is Jesus simply chastising Nicodemus for his timidity? Perhaps, but his words have a much wider application, too. Even today, when we turn away from God and toward sin, we tend to do so under the cover of darkness. "Nothing good happens after midnight," as the saying goes. It's as if somehow we are attempting to hide our actions from God...much like our first parents in the Garden of Eden. Those who, as Jesus put it, "live the truth," however, have no need to shroud their actions.

But if we add to our considerations what Jesus tells his disciples in the story of the man born blind from John 9—when he says, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world,"—we see that Jesus' sharp words to Nicodemus are not merely rebuke, but an invitation: he invites Nicodemus to recognize that, in coming to Jesus, even if in celestial darkness, he has come to the light.

Jesus as the light of the world is another big theme in the Fourth Gospel. John even introduces his Gospel with the words, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." But light that comes into light is undetectable. Turn on a flashlight in the noonday sun, and you will not notice its effect. But Jesus, the light that was coming into the world, came into darkness, as he, himself recognized: the true and utter darkness was also present and potent in the world, and light and darkness were headed for a showdown. "Night is coming," Jesus tells his disciples.

Fast forward to the cross. The darkness deals what it thinks is the deathblow to the light when, at noon, darkness came over the whole land...until three in the afternoon. And as the light of the world gives a loud cry and breathes his last, night floods the cosmos and the light is extinguished. ...Or is it? Or perhaps the gathered gloom which enshrouded all existence was allowed to gather so that the dawn might burst forth upon it, vanquishing the darkness forever.

So now, the invitation is not just for Nicodemus, but for all of us (this time, from John's first letter): "walk in the light as he is in the light."  
 Pat Conley, Director of Religious Education  
 Saint Bernard-Saint Hedwig, Thorp 651-323-3292

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross after the 10:00am Mass on Sundays and Tuesday nights at 7:00pm at St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Church.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - OPEN HOURS**  
 SBSH Church: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6am-4pm  
 Saturday 6:00am-5:00pm Sunday 9:00am-11:30am  
 TCS Chapel: Wednesday 7:30am-9:00pm  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

**CZESTOCHOWA MASS**—Last Saturday of the month 7:00pm.  
**ST. BERNARD-ST. HEDWIG** Eucharistic Adoration  
 TCS—Every Wednesday 9am to 9pm

**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 en Español. Nuestros Hispano hablantes los pueden encontrar en la entrada de la iglesia.  
 Holy Rosary and St Bernard-St Hedwig