



JUBILEE 2025 PRAYER

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new Heaven and a new Earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the Earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.



Visit madisondiocese.org/jubilee OR scan the QR code for more resources and information related to the 2025 Jubilee and for links to the Mass, Confession, and Adoration schedules of our Jubilee pilgrimage sites.



JUBILEE 2025 IN THE DIOCESE OF MADISON



WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

A Jubilee year is a practice rooted in Jewish tradition; every 50 years, a special year was called that emphasized the providence and mercy of God. The Catholic Church has adopted this practice by having ordinary Jubilee years every 25 years. These years provide Catholics with an opportunity to reflect upon specific themes that are meant to renew faith and to draw people into deeper relationship with God and with one another.

In speaking of this Jubilee's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis writes in the Bull of Indiction, "May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises."

The 2025 Jubilee opened in Rome on December 24, 2024, and in our diocese on December 29, 2024. It will close on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2026.

THE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

An essential part of a Jubilee celebration is a pilgrimage. For the 2025 Jubilee, the Holy Father has asked all bishops around the world to designate their cathedral and other sites in their dioceses as pilgrimage destinations, where the faithful may gain the Jubilee indulgence and unite themselves spiritually with the Holy Father and those making a pilgrimage to Rome, the typical Jubilee pilgrimage destination.

A pilgrimage is an outward expression of an eternal reality. When we move ourselves from one place to another, we remind ourselves that we are on a journey to Heaven, and that our lives here on Earth are a journey of continual conversion toward God and His Will. The difficulties that we may face in our pilgrimage travels (bad weather, fatigue, lack of sleep, for example) remind us of the difficulties that we encounter on our way to eternal life. Ultimately, though, these difficulties can be for our good and for the good of others, if we offer them to God in a spirit of acceptance and patience.

See inside for more details on our six Jubilee pilgrimage sites!



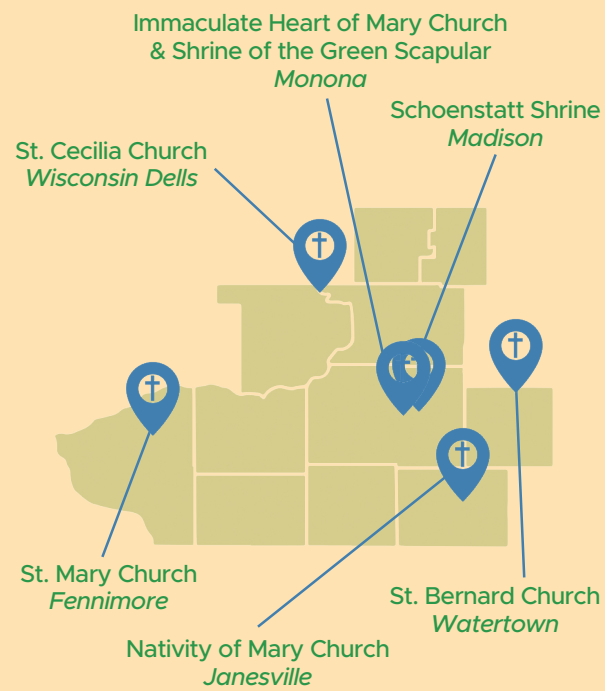
You can pick up a Jubilee Passport at any of our six pilgrimage sites; we encourage you to visit all the sites and to collect a passport stamp at each one! All six of these sites will be open every Saturday of the Jubilee to pilgrims, from 8:00am to 12:00pm, with exceptions for events such as funerals. If you wish to visit at a different time, please go to madisondiocese.org/jubilee for links to each location's schedule.

Pilgrims who visit all six sites can receive a Jubilee certificate signed by Bishop Hying! To get your certificate, send a photo of your passport with all six stamps plus your name and address to:

Jubilee-Diocese of Madison
702 S. High Point Rd., Suite 225
Madison, WI 53719

DIOCESE OF MADISON JUBILEE SITES

The map below of the 11 counties in our diocese shows the six Jubilee site locations.



Since our cathedral is under construction, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church hosted our Jubilee Opening Mass and houses our Jubilee cross. The cross, from the Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, can be venerated by the faithful and will return to the cathedral when it opens at the end of 2025. Immaculate Heart of Mary is also the home of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Green Scapular.

CENTRAL/SHRINE:
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
5101 Schofield St.
Monona, WI 53716



NORTH:
St. Cecilia Church
603 Oak St.
Wisconsin Dells,
WI 53965



EAST:
St. Bernard Church
114 S. Church St.
Watertown, WI 53094



SOUTH:
Nativity of Mary Church
313 E. Wall St.
Janesville, WI 53545



WEST:
St. Mary Church
930 Jefferson St.
Fennimore, WI 53809



CENTRAL/SHRINE:
Schoenstatt Shrine
5901 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53718

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the actions of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints” (CCC 1471).

For a full explanation of this definition, please visit [madisondiocese.org/indulgences](https://www.madisondiocese.org/indulgences)

THE USUAL CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE

In addition to performing the prescribed work (in this case, works related to the 2025 Jubilee, outlined below), the following conditions must be met in order to obtain a plenary indulgence:

- 1) Detachment from all sin, including venial sin (if detachment is imperfect, a partial indulgence is granted)
- 2) Receiving Holy Communion (ideally the day that you do the indulgenced work, but 20 days before or after is sufficient)
- 3) Going to Confession (again, ideally the day you do the work, but within 20 days is sufficient)
- 4) Praying for the intentions of the Pope (typically with an Our Father and a Hail Mary)

HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

While there are opportunities for gaining the Jubilee indulgence all over the world, the Diocese of Madison offers the following local options for the prescribed work:

- 1) **PILGRIMAGE:** Make a pilgrimage to any of our six diocesan Jubilee sites and, while there, take part in one of the following: Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer), the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, or a communal penance service with individual Confession.



2) PIOUS VISIT: Make a pious visit to any of our six diocesan Jubilee sites and, while there, engage in Eucharistic Adoration or prayerful meditation for a suitable length of time, finishing with an Our Father, the Creed, and any prayer to Mary.

3) SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE: If you are unable to travel to a Jubilee site for serious reasons (illness, age, imprisonment, being cloistered, being a caregiver, etc.), you can obtain the indulgence by making a “spiritual pilgrimage,” uniting your prayers and intentions to those taking part in pilgrimages and reciting an Our Father and a Creed.

4) WORKS OF MERCY OR PENANCE: Take part in any of the following works of mercy or penance: participating in a mission, spiritual exercise, or similar formation activity related to the documents of Vatican II or the Catechism; carrying out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory; visiting the sick, imprisoned, elderly, or disabled; fasting from futile distractions or unnecessary consumption one day a week; giving to the poor; engaging in charitable and justice initiatives.

The Jubilee indulgence can be granted between December 29, 2024 and January 6, 2026. An indulgence can be applied to yourself or to someone who has died, but it cannot be applied to another living person.