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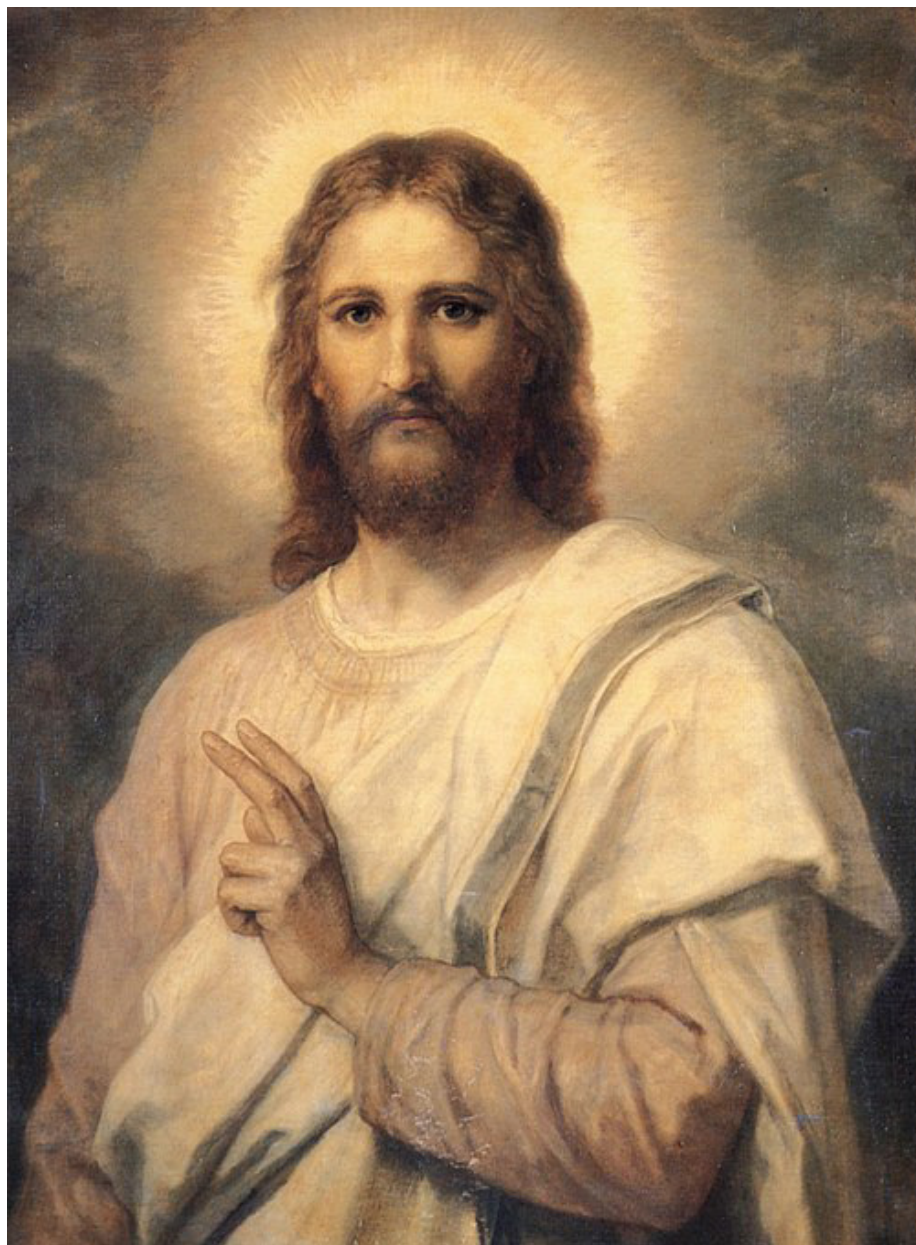
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Sixth Sunday of Easter *May 25, 2025*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
- John 14: 27*



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY 6:30pm (2nd-5th)
TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7:45am
1st SATURDAY 7:45am, with
confessions following

The Rosary is prayed after daily Mass. For a full listing of daily Mass devotional prayers, please visit our website or call the office.

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY 4:30pm
SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:00am
Confessions 9:15am

PRAYER LINE

The parish has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intentions on the Prayer Line, please call Carol (244-4817).

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PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
MAY 25TH
2025

Dear Friends,
Last weekend, Pope Leo XIV officially began his reign as the 267th successor of Peter in an inaugural Mass that was attended by 200,000 people in the square of St. Peter.

Two symbolic items

There are two items of particular importance in an inaugural Mass: the reception of the pallium and the ring of the fisherman. The pallium was presented to the holy father by Mario Cardinal Zenari. Zenari was elevated to cardinal in 2016 by Pope Francis and is currently serving in a diplomatic role as papal nuncio to Syria.

The pallium is a liturgical vestment worn over the chasuble (outer-most vestment) and is woven from the wool of lambs by Trappist monks. In Latin, pallium means “mantle” or “cloak.” It symbolizes the holy father’s authority as the supreme leader of the Church and her people.

The ring of the fisherman was presented to the holy father by Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, who serves as pro-prefect for the Dicastery (office) of Evangelization. The ring symbolizes the holy father’s bond with St. Peter himself, and is a reminder that the pope is to call all humanity to Christ’s net, which is the Church. Both of these mo-

ments brought about deep emotion in the face of Leo, as these powerful symbols were accepted with deep humility and realization that, like us, the pope is also in need of forgiveness and redemption.

Pope’s humanity

There were many comments that the pope’s humanity was visibly on display. Oftentimes, popes can be portrayed as somewhat stoic and lacking in emotion. There was no stoicism present in the face, heart, and soul of Leo on the day of his inauguration. Not only does Leo understand the heavy weight he bears, he also embraces it as a tremendous gift from God that will be realized and brought to fulfillment through the efforts and holiness of the entire Church. That, friends, is a great symbol and desire for unity.

One of the most striking lines in his homily was when he referred to the modern era as the “hour for love.” We know all too well that love is very much lacking in our world today as people draw more deeply within themselves and what is best for them. There is little thought about others, and virtually no thought at all about sacrificing oneself for the sake of another person. When love is fully embraced and lived out, it produces radical change, and that is the holy father’s hope during his reign: that we might learn to love again and embrace love above all other things.

Servant leadership

His homily brought clear visions of humility, clarity, and the deep desire to be a servant leader. Servant leadership is most prominent in St. John’s recounting of the washing of the feet. In that beautiful moment in which Christ



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- Fr. Michael

washed the feet of his disciples, He was teaching them that true leadership comes from service. In order to serve, we must enter into the lives of our brothers and sisters, walking with them and understanding what faces them in their own struggles to live as a disciple. A priest who knows the holy father well referred to him as “a close, affectionate and joyful voice.”

Pray for our new pope

I have been greatly encouraged by the early days of Leo’s reign, and am excited to see how he will embrace the ministry to which he has been called. As with anything that is new, the holy father will need some time to acclimate to his new role and embrace the many challenges that face him. It is very important that we all remember him in prayer and lift him to Our Lady. The Lord will grant him an abundance of grace to lead His people, and we accompany him with prayer and with a deep desire to listen to the voice of Christ speaking through him in his words to us. May the Lord grant our holy father many healthy, joyful years in the seat of Peter.

Sacrificing for others

As we commemorate Memorial Day this weekend, we look to our brothers and sisters who have embraced a life of servant leadership through their selfless service to our country. In the visits I’ve made to our nation’s capital, I am always moved when I stop at the memorial which honors those who died

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OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

2024-25 OFFERTORY BUDGET

Envelopes.....\$370,000.00
Loose (Cash).....\$ 75,000.00
TOTAL.....\$445,000.00

NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00

OFFERTORY:

May 11, 2025 (Week 46 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 1,883.00
Loose.....\$ 678.00
e-Offertory April.....\$ 8,290.32
Outreach.....\$ 25.00
TOTAL.....\$ 10,876.32

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 349,201.25
Needed to date.....\$ 393,668.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)...(\$ 44,466.75)

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during the conflict in Vietnam. For many of us, it’s row after row, name after name. However, when you see someone who finds their son or daughter or another member of their family who, to the world, is just another name, one cannot help but be filled with emotion as you share in their grief from a distance as they remember the sacrifice made which took their loved one from this life.



For those who have seen the film *Saving Private Ryan*, the movie reenacts the landing of allied forces at Omaha Beach on the coast of France. While incredibly difficult to watch, the film was praised for their commitment to authentically re-creating this scene to depict the brutality of war. So many lost their lives on what is famously known as D-Day, but their sacrifice brought about a significant turn in the war, which would eventually end the murderous terror of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi regime.

A sacrifice made for the good of others -- laying down one’s life for one’s friends -- this is precisely what our brave men and women have done through several generations, and as we honor them this weekend, we pray for their families who still mourn. They may be names on a plaque or a wall, but collectively, they brought about a revolution of change which led to a better world.

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, May 26th	Memorial Day
Sixth Week of Easter	
Acts 16:11-15 ✕ Ps 149 ✕ Jn 15:26—16:4a	
9:00am	Open Intention
Tuesday, May 27th	Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34 ✕ Ps 138 ✕ Jn 16:5-11	
7:45am	In thanksgiving for the priestly ordination of Rev. Richard Heilman
Following	Rosary
Wednesday, May 28th	Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 ✕ Ps 148 ✕ Jn 16:12-15	
7:45am	Open Intention
Following	Rosary
Thursday, May 29th	Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8 ✕ Ps 98 ✕ Jn 16:16-20	
7:45am	All souls in Purgatory with no one to pray for them †
Following	Rosary
Friday, May 30th	Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18 ✕ Ps 47 ✕ Jn 16:20-23	
7:45am	Open Intention
Following	Rosary
Saturday, May 31st	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)
Zeph 3:14-18a ✕ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ✕ Lk 1:39-56	
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine
Sunday, June 1st	Ascension of Our Lord (S)
Acts 1:1-11 ✕ Ps 47 ✕ Eph 1:17-23 ✕ Lk 24:46-56	
4:30pm (Sat.)	For the Beich & Gunski Families †
8:00am	Pro Populo
9:15am	Confessions
10:00am	Andrew Kim†
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING	

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of the:

Buechner & Gunski Families

Each week our bulletin will feature the names of those who made a donation toward our bulletin, which is now published in-house. For more information, contact the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your support!



FEAST OF THE VISITATION

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May 31, 2025

The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary recalls to us the following great truths and events: The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary—under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost—as Mother of God and “blessed among women”; Mary's singing of the sublime hymn, Magnificat (“My soul doth magnify the Lord”) which has become a part of the daily official prayer of the Church. The Visitation is frequently depicted in art, and was the central mystery of St. Francis de Sales' devotions.



The Mass of today salutes her who in her womb bore the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the world, the Son of the Eternal Father, the Sun of Justice. It narrates the cleansing of John from original sin in his mother's womb. Hearing herself addressed by the most lofty title of “Mother of the Lord” and realizing what grace her visit had conferred on John, Mary broke out in that sublime canticle of praise proclaiming prophetically that henceforth she would be venerated down through the centuries:

“My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name” (Lk. 1:46).

—Excerpted from the *Cathedral Daily Missal*

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, let us recall that just before Jesus ascended, He gave the Great Commission to His disciples: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also calls each of us to carry on the Great Commission. By supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal, you support catechesis and evangelization opportunities in the Diocese of Madison, enabling thousands of local Catholics to grow in holiness and virtue, while equipping them to witness Christ to those around them. Gifts to the ACA can be made by returning the mailers that were sent out or by visiting madisondiocese.org/2025aca.



RETREAT FOR THOSE GRIEVING LOSS OF A CHILD

Are you grieving the loss of a child? Join other parents for a one-day spiritual retreat 9am to 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison, on May 31. Registration is required at www.emfgp.org. Contact Laura Sokup at 608-821-3053 or laura.sokup@madisondiocese.org.

SCRIP CARDS SOLD AFTER MASSES MAY 24 & 25



SCRIP cards will be sold after Masses on May 24 and 25. Thank you for your continued support.

HOSPITALITY AFTER MASSES ON MAY 25

Join fellow parishioners in the St. Veronica Room for a time of fellowship and hospitality following both Masses on Sunday, May 25.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. Normal office hours resume on Tuesday, May 27.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS TO BE HELD AT 9AM

Please note that Mass will be held at 9am on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

May 14:

Mark Nornberg-\$50

May 15:

Martha Nielsen-\$20

May 16:

Sisters of Mary Morning Star-\$20

May 17:

Mike Flottmeyer-\$20

May 18:

Regina Brinzer-\$20

May 19:

Waverly O'Brien-\$20

May 20:

Michelle Rinehart-\$20

Thank you to all who participated in the 2025 Calendar Raffle.

