



# CATHEDRAL of ST. BERNARD of CLAIRVAUX

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## Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 2025

*"As he blessed them he parted from them  
and was taken up to heaven."*

- Luke 24: 51



## 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  
JUNE 1ST  
2025

Dear Friends,  
This weekend, the local Church here in Madison rejoices in the ordination of our current transitional deacons to the priesthood.

Many years of study, formation, and hard work have now culminated in a life of service to the Church and Christ's people. Now having become "fishers of men," not only will they support God's people through their faithful celebration of the Sacraments, they will also bring the love of Christ to the ends of the earth, and through that witness, bring more of His children back to the Church which loves them.

Please pray for these men as we celebrate all they have accomplished, and ask that God will endow them with the grace in the reception of Holy Orders to be priests who love God's people and who possess a true and authentic heart that is configured to Christ and desires to please Him in all things.

## A look at Vatican II documents

This past week, we celebrated the memorial of Pope St. Paul VI. He ascended to the throne of St. Peter after the short, but significant reign of Pope John XXIII. It was John XXIII who began the work of the Second Vatican Council. Pope St. Paul VI saw the council to its completion. It's interesting to me how people interpret the council, its teachings, and its documents. There were some in the Church who completely broke communion with Rome over Vatican II. And yet, when one reads the documents and what they brought forth, it reveals a



Church that was embracing its call of universality but at the same time remaining faithful to Tradition and the rich history that preceded her.

## Relationship with Jesus Christ

Shortly after Pope St. Paul VI ascended to the throne, he spoke about a return to a fundamental tenant of the faith: relationship with Jesus Christ. We can become so engrossed in the world that we fail to have a meaningful relationship with Christ, who wishes to enter the fullness of our hearts. Even those of faith can sometimes be caught up in the ritual and disciplines of the faith that they lose sight of why those rituals and disciplines exist: to draw us more deeply into the heart of Christ.

I had a wonderful conversation this past week with a young man who attends holy Mass here regularly about his journey from the Protestant world to the Church. As I listened to his story and the ways in which the Spirit led him to the Church, I couldn't help but think of how alive the Spirit was within him, and it was wonderful to see. That journey wouldn't have been possible for him if he wasn't willing to embrace Christ and ask that He come to him and open his heart to have a mutual relationship of love.

Pope St. Paul VI was known for his many gifts of leadership in the Church - most especially the important role he played in ecumenical relations with other denominations. Fundamentally, every single person who believes in Christ has the capability of having a relationship with Him, and that's the spark that can ignite one's faith and be set aflame by the Holy Spirit to do great things.

## Important questions to ask

Ask yourself these questions: "Do I truly have a relationship with Jesus? Do I come to Jesus as a friend, and as one who has a deep desire to know Him more and more? Do I regularly share my wants and desires, the



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- Fr. Michael

blessings and crosses in my life? Do I adore Him and spend time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration? Do I seek His forgiveness when I have offended Him?" These are just a few of the questions that provoke thought and reflection as to how rich our relationship with Christ truly is. He wants us so badly, friends - do we want Him as badly as He wants us?

## Construction updates

Things on the construction front continue to progress. There's nothing of huge significance to share right now, but we continue to move forward with our outside work - landscaping and concrete being the main items. The roofs above the old confessionals are almost completed, as is the roof on the divider between the church and rectory. Our terrazzo (floor) vendor is now onsite and will begin work on the floors in the church. That will be a major step forward.

I received word that our new light fixtures are now completed and on their way to us from Indiana. The fixtures are beautiful and are of a style that was more like the original lighting in the church. Drywalling is ongoing, and work is steadily progressing in the apse (sanctuary) area. We continue to press forward!

As the weather warms and summer approaches, my prayers are with all of you that a bit slower pace can be found in these days. Use these days to reconnect with family and friends - renewing those relationships which give us life. Use these days to renew your relationship with Christ as well - rejoice in who you are, and with Christ's help, who you can become! *With love in the Sacred Heart,* Fr. Michael

## OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

### 2024-25 OFFERTORY BUDGET

Envelopes.....	\$ 370,000.00
Loose (Cash).....	\$ 75,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 445,000.00</b>

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

### OFFERTORY:

May 25, 2025 (Week 47 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,342.00
Loose.....	\$ 720.50
Bulletin Sponsor.....	\$ 50.00
Nat'l Combined Collection	\$ 570.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,682.50</b>

### OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$ 351,273.75
Needed to date.....	\$ 402,226.00
<b>Surplus / (Shortfall)....</b>	<b>(\$ 50,592.25)</b>

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter (m)

Monday, June 2nd

Seventh Week of Easter

Acts 19:1-8 \* Ps 68 \* Jn 16:29-33

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY

Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions (m)

Tuesday, June 3rd

Acts 20:17-27 \* Ps 68 \* Jn 17:1-11a

7:45am Open Intention

Following Rosary

Easter Weekday

Wednesday, June 4th

Acts 20:28-38 \* Ps 68 \* Jn 17:11b-19

7:45am Norbert Pritzl †

Following Rosary

St. Boniface (M)

Thursday, June 5th

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 \* Ps 16 \* Jn 17:20-26

7:45am Open Intention

Following Rosary

St. Norbert(m)

First Friday, June 6th

Acts 25:13b-21 \* Ps 103 \* Jn 21:15-19

7:45am Buck Trawicky †

Following Rosary

BVM

First Saturday, June 7th

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 \* Ps 11 \* Jn 21:20-25

7:45am Open Intention

Following Litany of the IHM & Confessions

Pentecost (S)

Sunday, June 8th

Acts 2:1-11 \* Ps 104 \* 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 \* Jn 20:19-23

4:30pm (Sat.) John Kwapil †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

10:00am Marcie Acker †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

*Father Michael Radowicz*

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!



## SUPPORT ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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](http://madisondiocese.org/2025aca).

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## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

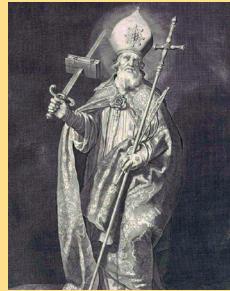
**June 5, 2025**

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The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Boniface (c. 673-680-754). Boniface was a monk of Exeter in England. Boniface is one of the great figures of the Benedictine Order and of the monastic apostolate in the Middle Ages.

### St. Boniface

A Benedictine monk was chosen by divine Providence to become Germany's great apostle and patron. Boniface's first missionary endeavor proved unsuccessful (716). Before attempting a second he went to Rome and received papal authorization (718). Under the holy bishop Willibrord he converted Frisia within a period of three years. On November 30, 722, Boniface was consecrated bishop by Pope Gregory II.



In 724 he turned his attention to the Hessian people, among whom he continued his missionary activity with renewed zeal. On an eminence near the village of Geismar on the Eder, he felled a giant oak that the people honored as the national sanctuary of the god Thor. Boniface used the wood to build a chapel in honor of St. Peter. This courageous act assured the eventual triumph of the Gospel in Germany.

The resident clergy and the priests dwelling at the court, whose unworthy lives needed censure, were constantly creating difficulties. Nevertheless Boniface continued to labor quietly, discreetly. He prayed unceasingly, put his trust in God alone, recommended his work to the prayers of his spiritual brothers and sisters in England. And God did not abandon him. Conversions were amazingly numerous. In 732 Gregory III sent him the pallium, the insignia of the archiepiscopal dignity. Boniface now devoted his time and talent to the ecclesiastical organization of the Church in Germany. He installed worthy bishops, set diocesan boundaries, promoted the spiritual life of the clergy and laity, held national synods (between 742 and 747), and in 744 founded the monastery of Fulda, which became a center of religious life in central Germany. In 745 he chose Mayence for his archiepiscopal see, and affiliated to it thirteen suffragan dioceses. This completed the ecclesiastical organization of Germany.

The final years of his busy life were spent, as were his earlier ones, in missionary activity. Word came to him in 754 that a part of Frisia had lapsed from the faith. He took leave of his priests and, sensing the approach of death, carried along a shroud. He was 74 years of age when with youthful enthusiasm he began the work of restoration, a mission he was not to complete. A band of semi-barbarous pagans overpowered and put him to death when he was about to administer confirmation to a group of neophytes at Dokum.

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### FAMILIES INVITED TO FAMILY RETREAT DAY ON JUNE 21

A "Family Retreat Day: Building Habits of Prayer Together" will be held from 9:00am to 4:30pm on Saturday, June 21, at St. Maria Goretti Church, 5313 Flad Ave., Madison. The day includes bilingual Mass, lunch and snacks, presentations in English and Spanish, a family craft, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Hying. For more information and to register, visit [madisondiocese.org/familyretreat](http://madisondiocese.org/familyretreat).



### ROSARY WALK BETWEEN SHRINES ON JUNE 14

All are invited to a special Rosary Walk connecting two sacred shrines that have been declared Pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

- **Date:** Saturday, June 14th, 2025, 9:00am Mass
- **Starting Point:** Shrine of the Green Scapular / Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5101 Schofield St., Monona
- **Ending Point:** Schoenstatt Founder Shrine, 5901 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison
- **Time:** The walk begins following Mass at IHM Church. Please arrive 15 minutes early.
- **Distance:** Approximately 4 miles

Transportation from the Schoenstatt Shrine to IHM to pick up your vehicles will be provided.

### RETREAT ON DEALING WITH CHRONIC/TERMINAL ILLNESS

For families who have a loved one diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness, there will be a retreat held at Sparrows Nest in Sparta on June 11-13. For more information, visit [holyfamilyhealing.org](http://holyfamilyhealing.org), call Donna at 608-477-0765 or Randy at 608-332-4363.

### SCRIP ORDERS DUE IN PARISH OFFICE JUNE 2

Please turn in SCRIP orders for the month of June to the Parish Office by Monday, June 2, as all orders will be processed on Tuesday, June 3.



### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

#### May 21:

Mike Lauth-\$20

#### May 22:

Logan McIlwee-\$20

#### May 23:

Josh Walters-\$20

#### May 24:

John Allen-\$20

#### May 25:

Paul & Sue Jobst-\$20

#### May 26:

Joe & Tammy Nordman-\$20

#### May 27:

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lehman-\$20

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

