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Solemnity of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

*"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."
- John 20: 22-23*



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 8TH
2025

Dear Friends,

This past week, the holy father and president Vladimir Putin of Russia spoke on the phone. There is little doubt what the conversation was about, and while we are not privy to the details, we can be assured that Pope Leo appealed to the civility of the president to end the war and to bring lasting peace in the region.

Thus far, conversations have been largely focused at the diplomatic level or between respective members of the military. This is the first direct intervention of the Vatican to make an attempt to bring peace to the forefront. Pope Leo most likely appealed to the senses of Putin to put aside his war-oriented mind and put on the virtues of compassion and mercy - to take heed at the massive loss of life in both Russia and Ukraine.

Sacredness of life

When we place the sacredness of life as a means to attain an end-goal, we become children of the evil one, who wishes us to think in that way. In the letter of St. John, those who are not of God are misled and become children of the devil. If all we have is a retaliatory mindset - hitting back because someone hit us, how will peace ever be achieved?

It takes both leaders to rise above the agony of war and truly take notice of what has been lost. Will an appeal of this sort work? Perhaps - time will tell. I commend the holy father for jumping right into the fray and rolling up his sleeves to try and speak to the president from a different perspective. Leo is himself a diplomat, but he exercises diplomacy much differently than civilians do. The foundation of his appeal is not based on politics; it rests, rather on the foundation of faith, which is Jesus Christ. I pray every day that the Holy Spirit will come to the hearts of everyone involved in this

terrible conflict - something to pray for on this great solemnity of Pentecost.

Presence of the Holy Spirit

Today, we celebrate the birth of the Church as the spirit descends upon her people and renews us in the mission to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Spirit renews and invigorates us to enter the heart of Jesus as deeply as we can so that we can be united in heart with Him in the mission of love.

I like to describe the Holy Spirit as a caressing presence, as opposed to a mallet that smacks someone over the head. The Spirit comes in, it gently turns us to the Lord and opens us to understand all that the Church holds and teaches. Through that gentle, persistent presence, hearts become infused with wisdom and knowledge, and slowly the soul orients itself to the Lord, from which it was fashioned in His image and likeness.

We are a part of that process of the Spirit, friends, and we approach evangelization as an opportunity to caress someone with the love and compassion that is Jesus Christ. We do that by entering in to people’s lives, understanding where they have come from and what their story is, and then begin to walk with them.

Through that journey of personal witness and sharing what the Lord has done in your own life, you slowly begin to introduce that person to a new path: one that leads away from evil and sin and toward faith, hope, and love. The end-goal is to bring them to the road that leads to Christ, where we all find ourselves. The Spirit helps accomplish all these things. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people!

Questions about Cathedral

Someone dropped a note in the collection basket with a few questions regarding the Cathedral. I am always happy and willing to answer any questions that you have, and they were excellent questions!

The first question surrounds our occupancy in the new space. At this time, looking into the crystal ball (which is always a bit



“Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people!”
- Fr. Michael

foggy! ☺), I’m thinking that we’ll be back in the new space by the middle or end of January at the latest. It could potentially be a bit earlier, but as it’s looking right now, that’s the timeframe we’re anticipating.

There was another question about the episcopal crypt and its use. Crypts are very common in cathedral churches and date all the way back to the 6th century. Crypts can be quite large, or they can be very small. Some are quite simple in their design, and others are quite elaborate. I would characterize the vision for the episcopal crypt here at St. Bernard as modest. It won’t be overly elaborate, but will provide a dignified space in which the former bishops of the Diocese of Madison may rest until they are awakened to heavenly glory. The current vision is to provide 24 crypt spaces. Bishops O’Connor, O’Donnell, Bullock, Wirz, and Morlino could potentially be transferred from Resurrection Cemetery in Madison to the new crypt, leaving 19 spaces available for future bishops.

Many of you remember Bishop Hattrich, who served here in the Diocese of Madison as an auxiliary bishop from 1963 until his appointment as bishop of Gallup, NM in 1969. He gave instructions that he wished to be buried in Gallup, so he will remain there. The episcopal crypt will be located in the courtyard, on the opposite side of the new confessional area. The entrance of the crypt will be located directly across from the elevator that leads into the cathedral space.

Please stay tuned for another cathedral update video - lots of new, exciting things to share with everyone. Please continue to pray for the project as we ask the Holy Spirit to bless the hearts of many people to bring this project to a fruitful conclusion. Blessings to all of you as we are renewed in the Spirit to carry out Christ’s important work of bringing souls back to His embrace through our faithful dedication to evangelization.

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	
TOTAL.....	\$445,000.00	
NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00		
OFFERTORY:		
June 1, 2025 (Week 48 of 52)		
Envelopes.....	\$ 2,220.00	
Loose.....	\$ 578.00	
Nat’l Combined Collection \$	50.00	
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,848.00	
OFFERTORY PROGRESS:		
Collected to date.....	\$ 354,071.75	
Needed to date.....	\$ 410,784.00	
Surplus / (Shortfall)...	(\$ 56,712.25)	

Rosary Pilgrimage
in honor of
The Immaculate Heart of Mary



Saturday, June 14

Starting with 9:00 am Mass
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Monona
Four-mile walk to the Schoenstatt Shrine, Madison



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRAT STAND

Come and enjoy some delicious brats and hot dogs sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14. Our drive-thru opens at 10:00 am and closes at 2:00 pm each day. \$6.00 will get you a brat or hot dog, bun, chips, soda, and condiments. An extra brat or hot dog is \$4.00. If you need more than 10 orders, please order in advance by contacting Tim Zeier at 608-513-6358.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, June 9th		BVM, Mother of the Church (M)
The 10th Week of Ordinary Time		
Gen 3:9-15, 20 ✕ Ps 87 ✕ Jn 19:25-34		
5:45pm	Confessions	
6:30pm	Open Intention	
Tuesday, June 10th		Weekday
2 Cor 1:18-22 ✕ Ps 119 ✕ Mt 5:13-16		
7:45am	Annette Schweiss †	
Following	Rosary	
Wednesday, June 11th		St. Barnabas (M)
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 ✕ Ps 98 ✕ Mt 5:17-19		
7:45am	L/D members of the Rickey Family †	
Following	Rosary	
Thursday, June 12th		Weekday
2 Cor 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6 ✕ Ps 85 ✕ Mt 5:20-26		
7:45am	Open Intention	
Following	Rosary	
Friday, June 13th		St. Anthony (M)
2 Cor 4:7-15 ✕ Ps 116 ✕ Mt 5:27-32		
7:45am	Brother Bill Laufenberg †	
Following	Rosary	
Saturday, June 14th		BVM
2 Cor 5:14-21 ✕ Ps 103 ✕ Mt 5:33-37		
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine	
Sunday, June 15th		Most Holy Trinity(S)
Prov 8:22-31 ✕ Ps 8 ✕ Rom 5:1-5 ✕ Jn 16:12-15		
4:30pm (Sat.)	Bernadine Schibonski †	
8:00am	Donald and Mary Lou Heiar †	
9:15am	Confessions	
10:00am	Frank Fettig & Raymond Petroviak †	
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING		

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of:

Elizabeth Cruz

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!



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

June 13, 2025

The following information is reprinted with permission from www.catholicculture.org:

Today is the Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231), who was born at Lisbon, Portugal.

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony is one of the most popular saints in the Church. He is the patron of lost things and numerous other causes. In Brazil, he is considered a general of the army; he is the patron of the poor and has been recognized as a wonderworker from the moment of his death.



He was born in Portugal and entered the Augustinian monastery of Sao Vicente in Lisbon when he was fifteen. When news of the Franciscan martyrs in Morocco reached him, he joined the Franciscans at Coimbra. At his own request, he was sent as a missionary to Morocco, but he became ill, and on his return journey his boat was driven off course and he landed in Sicily. He took part in St. Francis' famous Chapter of Mats in 1221 and was assigned to the Franciscan province of Romagna.

Preacher by accident

He became a preacher by accident. When a scheduled preacher did not show up for an ordination ceremony at Forli, the Franciscan superior told Anthony to go into the pulpit. His eloquence stirred everyone, and he was assigned to preach throughout northern Italy. Because of his success in converting heretics, he was called the "Hammer of Heretics" and because of his learning, St. Francis himself appointed him a teacher of theology. St. Anthony of Padua was such a forceful preacher that shops closed when he came to town, and people stayed all night in church to be present for his sermons. He became associated with Padua because he made this city his residence and the center of his great preaching mission.

Died at age 36

After a series of Lenten sermons in 1231, Anthony's strength gave out and he went into seclusion at Camposanpiero but soon had to be carried back to Padua. He did not reach the city but was taken to the Poor Clare convent at Arcella, where he died. He was thirty-six years old, and the whole city of Padua turned out in mourning for his passing.

He was canonized within a year of his death and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. —Excerpted from *The One Year Book of Saints* by Rev. Clifford Stevens

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

2025 SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES BEGINS JUNE 19

Everyone is invited to attend the Diocese of Madison's 2025 Summer Organ Recital Series at Holy Name Oratory, 702 S. High Point Rd., Madison. Organists include Michael Mills on June 19, Gabrielle McDougall on July 17, and Tyler Pimm on Aug. 21. All recitals begin at 7:30 pm and are followed by Compline.



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN MARCH FOR LIFE ON JUNE 14

Pro-lifers from around Wisconsin will be gathering at the State Capitol steps at 2 E. Main St., Madison, at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 14 for a joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. The march, which will include speakers and a march around the inner square of the Capitol, is sponsored



by Pro Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, and Wisconsin Right to Life. For more information, including registration to travel on a bus to Madison, scan the QR code at the left or visit www.marchforlifewisconsin.org

TRANSFORMATION NIGHT TO BE HELD JUNE 22

All are invited to the Encounter School of Ministry's Transformation Night on Sunday, June 22, 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Dennis Church, 505 Dempsey Rd., Madison. Sarah Kaczmarek, a nationally recognized speaker and director of the Encounter School of Ministry, will be the speaker for the evening. The event includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 pm. For more information, visit www.encounterschool.org/madison



SCRIP CARDS ON SALE JUNE 21 & 22



SCRIP cards will be on sale after Masses on Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22. Cards available for purchase include: Woodman's \$50 & \$100, Culver's \$25, HyVee \$50, and Food Fight \$25. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

May 28:

Dan Hoffman-\$20

May 29:

Mark Lehman-\$20

May 30:

Vicki Stout-\$20

May 31:

Ann Stueck-\$100

June 1:

Evelyn Reilly-\$100

June 2:

John Sittard-\$20

June 3:

Keith Hildebrand-\$20

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

