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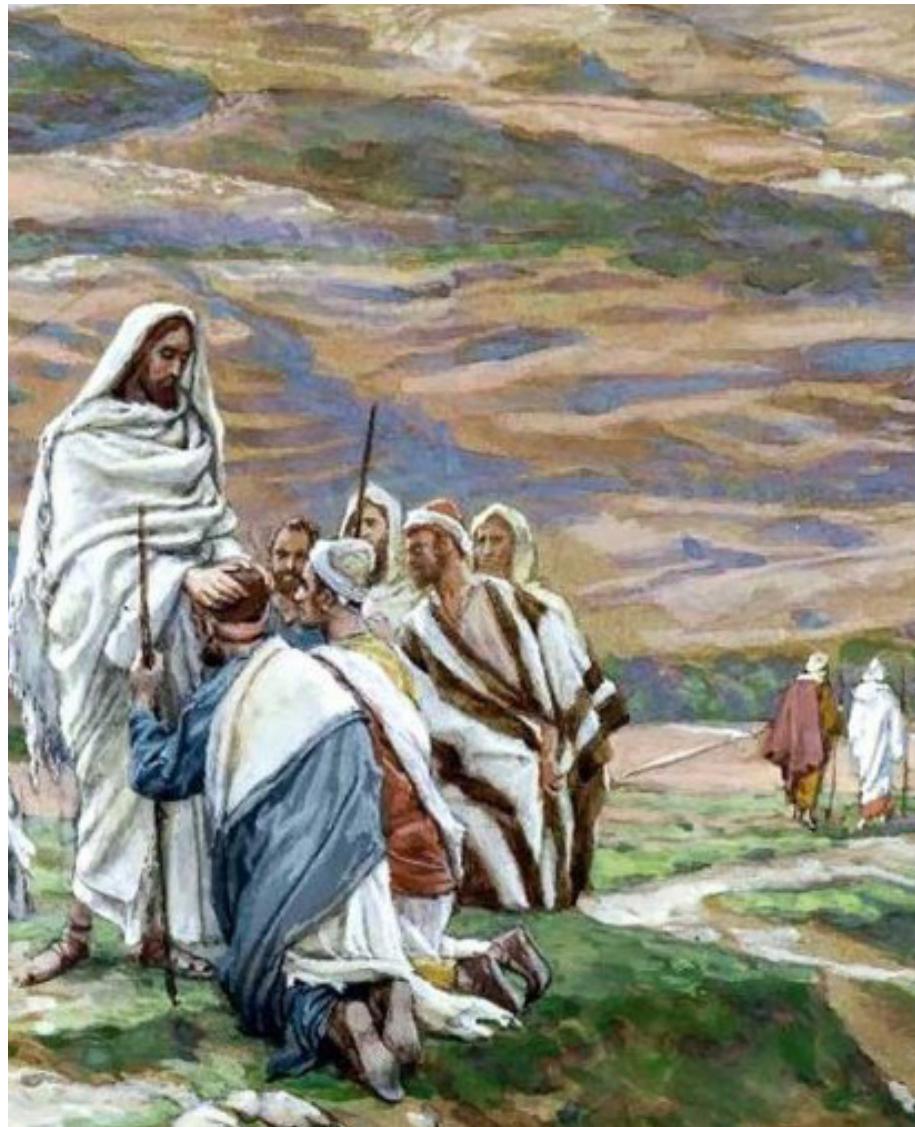
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

"At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit."

- Luke 10: 1



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
JULY 6TH
2025

Dear Friends,

God's providence is always worth our reflection and awe. It shines forth in so many ways, but I think it becomes especially apparent when we have an "aha" moment, and can see clearly how the providence of the Almighty shines forth in circumstances that can sometimes be trying and cause us difficulty with the sharing of the cross.

Lessons from St. Thomas

This past week, we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. He is affectionately known as "doubting" Thomas as in his refusal to believe that Christ was risen from the dead. In the Lord's first appearance to His apostles, Thomas was not present. After the apostles had recounted how they had seen the Lord risen as He said, Thomas would not believe unless he could touch the Lord and see for himself.

Was it by chance Thomas was not present? Hardly! Thomas is chosen as yet another worker in our eternal salvation. Are there times in our own lives where the evil one overshadows us with doubt and a failure to believe? As we see tragedy and hardship in the world every day, does it cause questions to arise in our hearts?

The unbelief of Thomas is more important here than the faith of all the other apostles because God knows the human condition, and He knows that we can sometimes call His very existence into question. When that happens, friends, we turn to our friend St. Thomas, who himself doubted. When he encounters the Lord a second time and realizes that Jesus was truly in his midst, he falls to his knees and cries out, "My Lord and my God!" When the Lord brings us safely to the other side of the spiritual struggle, we

look back and say, "If only I had trusted and believed." St. Thomas holds a special place in my heart, as he leads us to Christ with unwavering faith and trust.

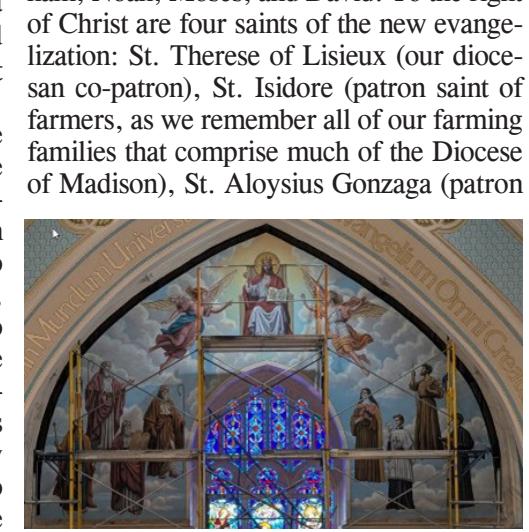
Jesus says to the apostles, "How blessed are those who have not seen, but believe." That is a reference to us, friends. We are blessed to behold Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist, but we have not seen Christ as Thomas did. When the evil one causes us to question and doubt, ask St. Thomas to come to your heart and renew your faith so that, like him, you, too, may cry out, "My Lord and my God!"

Main mural in the apse

My head is still spinning from the accomplishments of this past week! The main mural in the apse of the church was completed, and is depicted below for you to see. It turned out beautifully!

The image of Christ triumphantly reigning in the center is a replica of the original image from the mural that was present when the church opened in 1927. The theme of the mural was evangelization. Evangelization is near and dear to Bishop Hying's heart and is the engine by which we add to the numbers of the faithful, so it was a very worthy theme to bring forth in the mural.

To the left of Christ are the four men of the covenants. Evangelization in the Old Testament was accomplished through the covenants, as these men returned to their people and taught them all that the Lord required of them. Pictured are Abraham, Noah, Moses, and David. To the right of Christ are four saints of the new evangelization: St. Therese of Lisieux (our diocesan co-patron), St. Isidore (patron saint of farmers, as we remember all of our farming families that comprise much of the Diocese of Madison), St. Aloysius Gonzaga (patron



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- Fr. Michael

saint of youth, as we remember all of the young people of the diocese), and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (founder of the country's parochial school system).

All of these saints, in their own way, have given profound witness to the deposit of faith through their way of life. They also carry special meaning as they represent the fullness of the diocese and her wonderful people. The black border that is seen above the mural is the opening where the 32' organ pipes behind the apse wall will bring forth their beautiful sound. A decorative strip of lattice will be placed above the mural to finish the wall.

Preparation of the bells

The second major accomplishment was the preparation of our five bells to be raised into the tower. The first step was to affix the bells to their new frame, where they will live and ring out the Lord's praises for many years to come. The two largest bells of St. Raphael Cathedral join our peal of three bells to make a five-bell peal. Everything went smoothly and without incident, praise God. The next step is to receive an even larger steel structure that



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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:

June 29, 2025 (Week 52 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,191.00
Loose.....	\$ 703.50
June e-Offertory.....	\$ 11,149.41
National Combined.....	\$ 20.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 13,063.91

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$ 392,100.44
Needed to date.....	\$ 445,016.00
Surplus / (Shortfall).....	(\$ 52,915.56)

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will attach to the inside of the tower. The bells and their framing will fit inside the larger structure. The larger structure is required for the (God willing) installation of the spire. Once the larger structure is prepared, both structures will be lifted by a crane into the tower. We still have a few weeks until that happens, and it will largely depend on weather conditions as cranes are extremely sensitive to wind gusts. Please keep this part of the project in prayer.

Please give generously to Mission Appeal

We are grateful to have Fr. Albert Wugaa with us this weekend as he conducts our annual mission appeal. Thank you for your generous support of Fr. Albert's pastoral work to the people of Africa. We pray for God's blessings upon him and his ministry as he brings the joy of Christ to so many in his care.

*With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Weekday

Monday, July 7th

The 14th Week in Ordinary Time
Gen 28:10-22a ✰ Ps 91 ✰ Mt 9:18-26

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY

Weekday

Tuesday, July 8th

Gen 32:23-33 ✰ Ps 17 ✰ Mt 9:32-38

7:45am Barbara Uhalt †
Following Rosary

Wednesday, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions (m)
Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a ✰ Ps 33 ✰ Mt 10:1-7

7:45am Jerome Sigg †
Int. Catherine Sigg Family
Following Rosary

Weekday

Thursday, July 10th

Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 ✰ Ps 105 ✰ Mt 10:7-15

7:45am Open Intention
Following Rosary

Weekday

Friday, July 11th

Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 ✰ Ps 37 ✰ Mt 10:16-23

9:00am Eunice Schmitz †
Following Rosary

BVM

Saturday, July 12th

Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a ✰ Ps 105 ✰ Mt 10:24-33

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 13th

Dt 30:10-14 ✰ Ps 69 ✰ Col 1:15-20 ✰ Lk 10:25-37

4:30pm (Sat.) Joel & Elizabeth Cruz †
8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Confessions
10:00am Andrew Kim †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in honor of the:

Cathedral of St. Bernard Staff

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

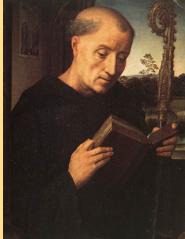
July 11, 2025

Today is the Memorial of St. Benedict (480-547), known for *The Rule of Saint Benedict*.

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St. Benedict

Born in Nursia, Italy, he was educated in Rome, was repelled by the vices of the city and in about 500 fled to Eufide, thirty miles away. He decided to live the life of a hermit and settled at mountainous Subiaco, where he lived in a cave for three years, fed by a monk named Romanus.



Asked to become abbot

Despite Benedict's desire for solitude, his holiness and austerities became known and he was asked to be their abbot by a community of monks at Vicovaro. He accepted, but when the monks resisted his strict rule and tried to poison him, he returned to Subiaco and soon attracted great numbers of disciples. He organized them into twelve monasteries under individual priors he appointed, made manual work part of the program, and soon Subiaco became a center of spirituality and learning. He left suddenly, reportedly because of the efforts of a neighboring priest, Florentius, to undermine his work, and in about 525 settled at Monte Cassino.

Reputation for holiness

He destroyed a pagan temple to Apollo on its crest, brought the people of the neighboring area back to Christianity, and in about 530 began to build the monastery that was to be the birthplace of Western monasticism. Soon disciples again flocked to him as his reputation for holiness, wisdom, and miracles spread far and wide. He organized the monks into a single monastic community and wrote his famous rule prescribing common sense, a life of moderate asceticism, prayer, study, and work, and community life under one superior. It stressed obedience, stability, zeal, and had the Divine Office as the center of monastic life; it was to affect spiritual and monastic life in the West for centuries to come.

Counseling and ministering to many

While ruling his monks (most of whom, including Benedict, were not ordained), he counseled rulers and Popes, ministered to the poor and destitute about him, and tried to repair the ravages of the Lombard Totila's invasion. He died at Monte Cassino on March 21.

—Excerpted from the *Dictionary of Saints*, John J. Delaney

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 7, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 8.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRAT STAND JULY 11 & 12

Come and enjoy some delicious brats and hot dogs sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12. 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.

HOLY NAME SEMINARY ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

All alumni, former students, faculty, and staff are invited to a reunion at Holy Name Heights on July 12. Please register at <https://holynname.eventbrite.com>



DIOCESE OF MADISON'S MAZZUCHELLI INSTITUTE

The Mazzuchelli Institute of Mission & Leadership is a new initiative of the Diocese of Madison designed to form the faithful in their baptismal call to be missionary disciples. Learn more at madisondiocese.org/institute. All inquiries for the Institute must be received by July 25.

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

 All are invited to attend a Silver Rose Prayer Service with the Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm on Monday, Aug. 4. The prayer service honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirms dedication to the sanctity of human life.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SUMMER INTENSIVE

The Encounter School of Ministry - Madison Campus is hosting an ESM Summer Intensive Aug. 4-7. For more information visit www.encounterschool.org/madison.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

June 25:

John Allen-\$20

June 26:

Michelle Whalen-\$20

June 27:

Joshua & Kendra

Malueg-\$175

June 28:

Rod Bast-\$175

June 29:

Karen Frey-\$100

June 30:

Mark Lehman-\$20

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

