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*Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
July 13, 2025

*"You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart, with all your being,  
with all your strength, and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor as yourself."  
- Luke 10: 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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**DIOCESE of  
MADISON**



PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY  
JULY 13TH  
2025

Dear Friends,


In the daily Mass cycle of readings, the story of Joseph and his brothers has unfolded. It was Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and sent off to Egypt.

While there, a terrible famine breaks out throughout the land. Joseph, who was once powerless over his brothers to stop the evil that was inflicted upon him, is now over his brothers, as Pharaoh had made him the chief steward to distribute the food that was available during the famine.

At first, Joseph is stern with his brothers when they approach him for the food that they need, but in a show of great emotion, he breaks down and embraces his brothers. Even though his brothers had withheld mercy and compassion from him, he could not do the same.

**Lessons from Joseph**

What does this reveal about the spiritual life? Oftentimes, we can find ourselves in circumstances where we’re like Joseph: someone has wronged us or offended us in some way, and we have the opportunity to strike back at them - to



Joseph Recognized by his Brothers by Peter von Cornelius 1816-17.

give them a taste of their own medicine. Vengeance, retaliation, and returning evil rise above the virtues and bubble to the forefront of our hearts.

Sometimes, we can find joy in the misfortunes we inflict upon someone else, and in our own minds, we somehow make peace with the fact the score is now even and settled. While the world may applaud us at what we have done, there is much sadness in the heart of Christ over the way we have chosen to act.

There is a discourse in which Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive his brother. Our Lord reminds him that there is no limit of forgiveness that should be shown - even when it is not asked of us by the aggrieved party. If we choose mercy, reconciliation, and forgiveness sua sponte (of our own accord), it is credited to us as an act of Christ Himself.

Whenever we do wrong and approach the Lord, we are just like Joseph’s brothers: we know what is expected of us, we know what we have done, and we come to the Lord on our knees and beg for His mercy and love. We are met with the same reaction every time - the Lord raises us up, embraces us, and restores us to the life of grace. “As I have done for you, so must you do to others.”

Discipleship means that we try every day to reveal the heart of the Savior to every person. The story of Joseph is a very good reminder to all of us that we are called to act with mercy and to always forgive. We place ourselves in a vulnerable place when we act in this way, but it is the right way - the way that has been revealed to us in Christ Himself.

**Construction progress**

There aren’t any significant construction updates to share with you from the past week. The rectory has seen very good progress with remaining drywall going up and finishes beginning. I now have flooring in the renovated apartment! ☺ Great progress. Work is wrapping up in the apse area of the church (the very front). Scaffolding will be removed early next week, and work will commence on the sanctuary floor.

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- Fr. Michael

We’ve secured the needed permitting to bring the large tower structure from our steel manufacturer in Sauk City to Madison. Logistical planning is underway to map out a route that the truck can take to get the structure here safely. While in transit, the structure will take up two lanes of traffic, require escorts and some electrical lines to be adjusted so that it may pass in safety - it will be quite the sight!

After the remaining items are attached, the bell frame and structure will be lifted into the tower and secured - hopefully by the end of the month or early next month. We’ll be having a final site visit with our organ restoration vendor in early August, and work will commence to install the organ in mid-September!

**New fiscal year begins**

You’ll notice that our financial numbers have “reset” as the new fiscal year began on July 1. It’s been a challenge to create an operating budget for the past few years, given all the variances and uncertainties that have occurred during our time of construction. We do our best to look into the crystal ball and to make our best guess as to where things may be headed with regard to operating expenses.

As some of our new systems come online in the church and rectory, there will be some stabilization, but we won’t get a true picture of costs until we’ve occupied the space for an entire year and we move through what a typical “cathedral year” might look like.

As always, I am so grateful to each of you for your commitment to the cathedral and the gifts of treasure you share with us. As always, I’ll keep you updated as the year progresses.

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:	
July 6, 2025 (Week 1 of 52)	
Envelopes.....	\$ 8,295.00
Loose.....	\$ 596.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	\$ 100.00
Outreach.....	\$ 205.00
Mission.....	\$ 623.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 9,819.00
OFFERTORY PROGRESS:	
Collected to date.....	\$ 8,891.00
Needed to date.....	\$ 8,558.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)....	\$ 333.00

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES ARE NEEDED IN ALL PARISHES ACROSS THE DIOCESE

DO YOU DESIRE TO:

- ✓ Foster positive strategies for maintaining mental wellness
- ✓ Reduce the stigma around mental illness
- ✓ Promote the participation of all individuals, particularly those with mental health challenges, into the life of the Church

Contact Laura Sokup  
Mental Wellness Coordinator  
Call 608-821-3053 or email  
laura.sokup@madisondiocese.org

3rd Friday Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

July 18, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

All are invited to pray for those buried in our Catholic cemeteries at this monthly Mass

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, July 14th	St. Kateri Tekakwitha (M)
The 15th Week in Ordinary Time	
Ex 1:8-14, 22 ✕ Ps 124 ✕ Mt 10:34—11:1	
5:45pm	Confessions
6:30pm	Open Intention
Tuesday, July 15th	St. Bonaventure (M)
Ex 2:1-15a ✕ Ps 69 ✕ Mt 11:20-24	
7:45am	Greg Pehler †
Following	Rosary
Wednesday, July 16th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (m)
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 ✕ Ps 103 ✕ Mt 11:25-27	
7:45am	Jennifer Van De Wiel
	IHO her birthday
Following	Rosary
Thursday, July 17th	Weekday
Ex 3:13-20 ✕ Ps 105 ✕ Mt 11:28-30	
7:45am	Jeff & Darlene Blankenheim †
Following	Rosary
Friday, July 18th	St. Camillus de Lellis (m)
Ex 11:10—12:14 ✕ Ps 116 ✕ Mt 12:1-8	
7:45am	Andrew Kim †
Following	Rosary
Saturday, July 19th	BVM
Ex 12:37-42 ✕ Ps 136 ✕ Mt 12:14-21	
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine
Sunday, July 20th	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 18:1-10a ✕ Ps 15 ✕ Col 1:24-28 ✕ Lk 10:38-42	
4:30pm (Sat.)	Pro Populo
8:00am	Norbert Pritzl †
9:15am	Confessions
10:00am	Marlow Gazzoli
	IHO his teaching at St. Ambrose Academy
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING	

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of:

Sooil & Andrew Kim

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!





## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The following information is reprinted with permission from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org):

### July 16, 2025

Today is the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God.



Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Today is the principal feast day of the Carmelite Order. Through the efforts of the crusader Berthold, a group of hermits living on Mount Carmel were organized into an Order after the traditional Western type about the year 1150. Oppressed by the Saracens, the monks slowly emigrated to Europe. During the night preceding the sixteenth of July, 1225, the Blessed Virgin is said to have commanded Pope Honorius III to approve the foundation. Since the Carmelites were still under constant harassment, the sixth General of the Order, St. Simon Stock, pleaded with the Blessed Virgin for some special sign of her protection. On July 16, 1251, she designated the scapular as the special mark of her maternal love. That is why the present feast is also known as the feast of the Scapular. The scapular, as part of the habit, is common to many religious Orders, but it is a special feature of the Carmelites. A smaller form of the scapular is given to lay persons in order that they may share in the great graces associated with it.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### MASS INTENTION CALENDAR OPEN FOR 2026

The calendar for Mass intentions for 2026 is now open. There are also a number of slots open for Mass intentions in July, August, and September 2025. Please call the Parish Office at 608-249-9256 to schedule Mass intentions.

### NEXT IN SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES IS JULY 17



All in the Diocese of Madison are invited to attend the 2025 Summer Organ Recital Series, which runs once a month. The remaining recitals are Thursday, July 17 by Gabrielle McDougall, diocesan organ scholar of Holy Cross Parish, and Thursday, Aug. 21 by Tyler Pimm, director of music and organist of Divine Mercy Parish. Each recital begins at 7:30pm at Holy Name Oratory, 702 S. High Point Rd., Madison. Compline will be prayed after each recital.

### BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER RETREAT FOR MOMS AUG. 2

A retreat for all mothers will be held 9am to 5pm on Saturday, Aug. 2, at St. Paul's University Catholic Center, 723 State St., Madison. For more information or to register by July 28, email Erica at [egannon@uwcatholic.org](mailto:egannon@uwcatholic.org) or visit <https://uwcatholic.org/beholdyourmotherretreat/>

### 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](http://madisondiocese.org/institute). All inquiries for the Institute must be received by July 25.



### SCRIP CARDS ON SALE JULY 26 & 27



SCRIP cards will be on sale after Masses on Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.

ENCOUNTER  
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Register at  
[www.encounterschool.org/madison](http://www.encounterschool.org/madison)  
Sign-Up by July 25, 2025

AUGUST 4-7

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