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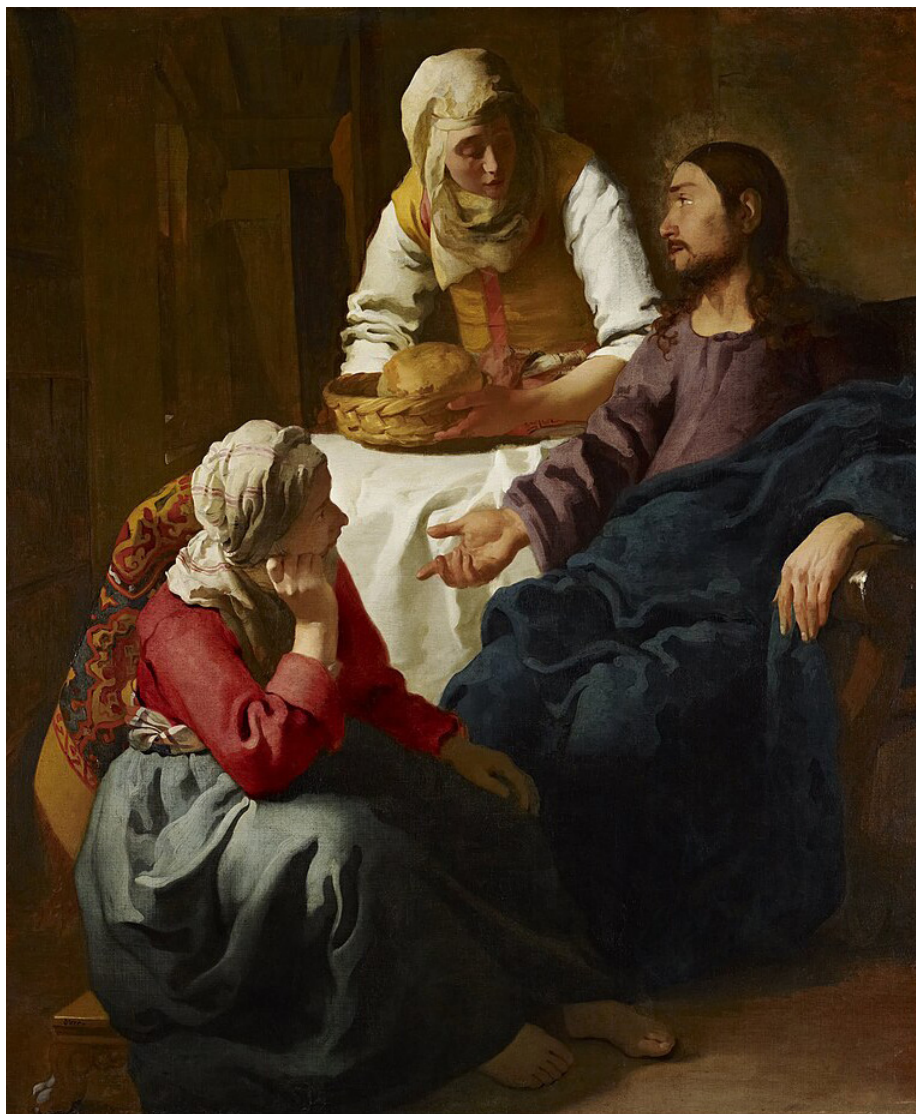
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# *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 20, 2025

*"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.  
There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her."*

- Luke 10: 41-42



## 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 20TH  
2025

Dear Friends,

Another major milestone in the elevation project has come and gone with the arrival of the superstructure from our steel manufacturer in Sauk City. The weather cooperated so that we could offload the structure from the delivery truck and place it adjacent to the bell frame. Now that the superstructure is safely here on campus, our steel vendors will be working to attach needed items to the superstructure in preparation for its installation into the bell tower.

The timeline for this work to be completed and for other logistical items to be addressed will add a timeframe of approximately three to four weeks. We'll be looking at mid-August as our target time for



A crane lifted the steel superstructure and placed it next to the bells on July 17. The crane will return to lift the bells and the superstructure onto the tower in a few weeks.

moving these structures into the bell tower. I will communicate a firm date when it becomes available, as I know some of you would like to be present to watch this major milestone (and accompany us in prayer as the work commences!). We'll have plenty of notice to prepare for the upcoming lift date. The weather will be a big variable as a day will be needed with fair weather and calm winds. I will feel much better when those structures are safely in the tower and our workers can celebrate their accomplishments.

Work on floor continues

The terrazzo work continues, and we're on schedule for completion of the entire floor in the church by mid-August. Scaffolding in the apse has now been removed, and work will begin to prepare the sanctuary floor for the marble tile. The sanctuary floor is original and was not part of the replacement. As with all old floors, they tend to become a bit wavy in places. The terrazzo vendor will complete a process on the floor that will make everything level and prepare the surface for the installation of the marble tile.

The floor is absolutely beautiful – the proof pictures did not do justice to the appearance of the floor. A high-gloss shine will be applied to the floor during the polishing stage, and will help keep the floor easy to care for and reshine through the burnishing process.

Johnson Amendment

Recently, the IRS issued a revision on its interpretation of the Johnson Amendment. Since 1954, the Johnson Amendment (named after Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas) was a bill that was enacted during the 83rd Congress which prohibited all recognized 501(c)(3) organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates in a public fashion.

With its recent interpretation, the IRS now permits leaders in the Church to

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- Fr. Michael

publicly endorse or oppose political parties and particular politicians. Bishop Hying shared a very well-written response to the interpretation, stating that, while the IRS may have changed their opinion, the position of the Church remains the same: “we do not and will not endorse or oppose politicians or parties. Our preaching must always be centered on Christ, the Gospel, our faith, and the call to live the fullness of the Christian life.”

Stand up for Church teaching

We're all keenly aware of how difficult it can sometimes be to draw a line in the sand and compartmentalize issues related to faith and politics. For example, the issue of abortion is very important to the Church, as it relates directly to the Church's teaching regarding the sanctity and dignity of all human life. It is also a polarizing topic in the arena of politics.

When we bring forth the Church's teaching on abortion, the Church can sometimes be labeled as being “too political.” Yet, when Christ is calling us to defend His Church and bring forth her teachings with clarity and conviction, that is what we must do – relying not on our own words, but allowing the Holy Spirit to speak in and through us.

We cannot help the fact that what the Church teaches can be considered by some as overtly political. From the Church's perspective, it is not political at all; it is simply a statement of belief in what the Church teaches.

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Response from USCCB

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered a response to the recent interpretation of the Johnson Amendment, publicized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). For details, visit <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/catholic-church-maintains-its-stance-not-endorsing-or-opposing-political-candidates>.

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 13, 2025 (Week 2 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 3,031.00
Loose.....	\$ 672.00
Outreach.....	\$ 45.00
Mission.....	\$ 1,900.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,648.00

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$ 12,594.00
Needed to date.....	\$ 17,116.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)....	\$ (4,522.00)

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The Johnson Amendment has sometimes been used in parishes and among clergy as a shield to skirt around discussions that are more of a sensitive nature and which can be potentially placed under the lens of politics.

As Bishop Hying stated so beautifully, we cannot shy away from our responsibility to always stand for Christ and His Church. We come from a place of deep conviction in which we proclaim the Truth of what the Church teaches. If others oppose us and deem us political villains, then so be it.

The Apostles shared in the very same cross as they proclaimed the Gospel after the Lord's Ascension. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that they were joyful for the opportunity to suffer for the sake of the name. Christ is our vision, Christ is our joy, and Christ is our very life. He has given us His Church to stand before the world and lead the world in truth. We rejoice to be a part of that journey!

With love in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr . Michael

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DIocese of MADISON  
**Mazzuchelli**  
Institute of  
Mission & Leadership

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++ Mazzuchelli Institute ++ Fall 2025 ++

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, July 21st	St. Lawrence of Brindisi (m)
The 16th Week in Ordinary Time Ex 14:5-18 ✕ Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 ✕ Mt 12:38-42	
5:45pm	Confessions
6:30pm	Open Intention
Tuesday, July 22nd	St. Mary Magdalene (F)
Song of Sg 3:1-4b ✕ Ps 63 ✕ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	
7:45am	L/D members of the Rickey Family †
Following	Rosary
Wednesday, July 23rd	St. Bridget (m)
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 ✕ Ps 78 ✕ Mt 13:1-9	
7:45am	Andrew Kim †
Following	Rosary
Thursday, July 24th	St. Sharbel (Charbel) Makhlūf (m)
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b ✕ Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ✕ Mt 13:10-17	
7:45am	Marvin Stitgen †
Following	Rosary
Friday, July 25th	St. James (F)
2 Cor 4:7-15 ✕ Ps 126 ✕ Mt 20:20-28	
7:45am	Tammy Bohman †
Following	Rosary
Saturday, July 26th	Sts. Joachim and Anne (M)
Ex 24:3-8 ✕ Ps 50 ✕ Mt 13:24-30	
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine
Sunday, July 27th	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gen 18:20-32 ✕ Ps 138 ✕ Col 2:12-14 ✕ Lk 11:1-13	
4:30pm (Sat.)	Pro Populo
8:00am	L/D members of the Lawler & Rattmann Family †
9:15am	Confessions
10:00am	Andrew Kim †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of:

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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

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

### July 22, 2025

Today is the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. On June 10, 2016, the liturgical celebration honoring St. Mary Magdalene was raised from a memorial to a feast, commemorating the “Apostle to the Apostles” with a liturgical feast, the same celebration as most of the apostles (except for Peter and Paul).

### St. Mary Magdalene

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. Where she is buried, no one knows.

Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

### Example of great love and forgiveness

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a “great sinner,” a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: “I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me.” Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God’s love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

—Excerpted from *The One Year Book of Saints* by Rev. Clifford Stevens



## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### ST. DENNIS FESTIVAL JULY 26 & 27



The St. Dennis Festival will be held Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27, and includes live music, Kids Fun Run, 5K Run/Walk, Bingo, games, activities, bake sale, and more. For more information and to register, visit [www.qoap.org/festival](http://www.qoap.org/festival).

### 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.



### 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, at the Cathedral of St. Bernard. The prayer service honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirms dedication to the sanctity of human life.

### PALLIUM LECTURE TO BE HELD SEPT. 4

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s 2025 Pallium Lecture will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:00 pm at the Brookfield Conference Center, 325 Moorland Rd., Brookfield. This year’s lecture is presented by Bishop Daniel E. Flores (Brownsville, TX), speaking on “Synods, Councils, and Creeds: Treasuring our Catholic Inheritance Today.” The lecture is free and open to the public, but registration is still needed. Please visit [www.archmil.org/bishops/Pallium-Lecture-Series.htm](http://www.archmil.org/bishops/Pallium-Lecture-Series.htm) for more information and to register.



DIocese of MADISON  
**Divorce Support Ministry**

### Women’s Divorce Support Groups

2nd Monday of the month

St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison

St. Joseph Church, Fort Atkinson

St. John Vianney Church, Marian Hall, Janesville

6:30pm-8pm

### Men’s Divorce Support Group

3rd Monday of the month

St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison

6:30pm-8pm

