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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

*"Take care to guard against all greed,  
for though one may be rich,  
one's life does not consist of possessions."*  
- Luke 12: 15



## 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  
AUGUST 3RD  
2025

Dear Friends,

Why is guilt a good thing? When we feel guilty about something, the conscience begins to stir up unsettledness and uneasiness. It pervades every ounce of our being. We can't sleep. We feel that sick feeling in our stomach and it's difficult to eat. There is great unrest in our soul, and it affects everything about us: our work, our relationships, our spiritual life.

When someone who is deeply committed to the faith does something that brings about guilt, it sets off a spiritual progression from the action done to the act of reconciliation to the joy of forgiveness. It might involve reconciliation with a person that we offended or spoke poorly of in conversation with others. Perhaps we were harsh at a restaurant and didn't leave a tip because the waitstaff was underperforming. We've been struggling with pornography, and we fall into that sin again through our phones or other media devices.

## Guilt leads us to the confessional

For the spiritual person, guilt deeply affects us because we know how it affects our relationship with God and with members of the Body of Christ. Reconciliation is the only thing that will restore our sense of peace. Lucky for us we have a Sacrament that does just that! ☺



I always hear from people how afraid they first were when they came into the confessional. At the end, they felt the love of Christ and the power of His forgiveness as the guilt is wiped away and we

are restored to new life with Jesus again. As priests, we are simply the mediators of Christ's grace, and what a blessed moment it is to see someone cry tears of joy, knowing that these terrible burdens have been lifted from them and they can have their peace once again. Guilt is the trigger that leads us to reconciliation, and it is a healthy part of the spiritual life.

## When there is no remorse

We become worried when we encounter those who have no guilt or remorse for what they do. They are completely influenced by the world and have no real understanding of their relationship with God. If it suits them, they take, they speak, they do without any concern of how their actions will affect other people. There is total focus on the self, and little to no focus on others.

In the book of Exodus this past week, the Israelites bade farewell to Moses as he ascended the mountain to speak with God and receive the commandments. He stayed with God for 40 days and 40 nights. Upon his return, he found his people dancing around a fire and worshipping a golden calf. They committed the sin of idolatry. They forgot the God who delivered them from the hands of the Egyptians, who provided food for them and who always went before them and showed them the way.

## When people focus on themselves

When the Lord disappears from our life, it's startling to see people change so much that we do not even recognize them anymore. Moses was furious with the people, and he broke the tablets in anger. Praise God for Moses and for the way in which he admonished the people and told them that they had committed a grave sin. People don't always have a Moses figure to keep them in check and in right relationship with the Lord, and when we fall away, the evil one swoops in and consumes as much of us as he can.

We've all seen such tragedy in these past weeks with shootings, vehicular accidents caused by intoxication, continued acts of war and violence that bring about the senseless killing of God's people. When people become so focused on themselves, there is little desire to focus on anything, or anyone, else.

As we continue to engage the world and encounter God's people who have lost

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- Fr. Michael

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## Construction updates

The messy work of the church floor is finished! Our terrazzo vendor will begin the sealing process next week, and by mid-August, the floor will be completely finished!

We encountered an issue with the sanctuary floor (where the altar will be). Back in the day, it was very difficult to develop a constant slope. Water levels were the only tool that could assist in this process, but with the wide berth that covers the entire sanctuary from side altar to side altar, such a level didn't exist that was this wide. So - they guessed! ☺

We discovered a three-inch variance in floor level between the altar of St. Joseph and the altar of the Blessed Mother. This will need to be corrected in order to ensure that the marble tile is reliably placed on the floor and remains there for many years to come.

Painting has commenced on the first floor of the rectory! Our first delivery of cabinets should take place within the next two weeks. Work continues on the upstairs suites as well. The outline of the predella (platform) has been established. We'll have two predellas in the sanctuary - one for the altar area and the other for the bishop's cathedra (chair).

We now have our stations of the cross back along with the statues of the 12 apostles and Sts. Lawrence and Stephen,

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## 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:

**July 20, 2025 (Week 4 of 52)**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes.....    | \$ 2,749.00        |
| Loose.....        | \$ 768.06          |
| Outreach.....     | \$ 50.00           |
| Molesme Fund..... | \$ 60.00           |
| Mission.....      | \$ 220.00          |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b> | <b>\$ 3,847.06</b> |

### OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

|                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Collected to date.....            | \$18,134.36          |
| Needed to date.....               | \$34,232.00          |
| <b>Surplus / (Shortfall).....</b> | <b>(\$16,097.64)</b> |

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which will go in the reredos. They turned out beautifully. We're so grateful to our benefactors who purchased these statues in memory of loved ones.

Quimby Pipe Organs will be here on August 6th to do a final walkthrough before installation of the organ begins in mid-September. Drywalling and suspended ceilings will be ongoing as areas are finished with paint.

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we now move into the finishing stage of the project. Those who have done big projects know first-hand that this can be a very tedious and detail-oriented portion of the project. My one working eyeball is laser-focused on as much as possible! ☺

I'm grateful to Msgr. Michael Hippie, pastor emeritus of St. Bernard, who is filling in for me this weekend while I care for my parents.

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

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

St. John Vianney (M)

Monday, August 4th

The 18th Week in Ordinary Time

Num 11:4b-15 ✰ Ps 81 ✰ Mt 14:13-21

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY

Tuesday, August 5th

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (m)

Num 12:1-13 ✰ Ps 51 ✰ Mt 14:22-36

7:45am

John & Robert Flynn †

Following

Rosary

Wednesday, August 6th

Transfiguration of the Lord (F)

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 ✰ Ps 97 ✰ 2 Peter 1:16-19 ✰ Lk 9:28b-36

7:45am

Joe & Cecilia Smith †

Following

Rosary

Thursday, August 7th

Sts. Sixtus II & companions (m)

Num 20:1-13 ✰ Ps 95 ✰ Mt 16:13-23

7:45am

Jim & Beverly Bello †

Following

Rosary

Friday, August 8th

St. Dominic (M)

Deut 4:32-40 ✰ Ps 77 ✰ Mt 16:24-28

7:45am

Jerome Sigg †

Int. Catherine Sigg Family

Following

Rosary

Saturday, August 9th

BVM

Deut 6:4-13 ✰ Ps 18 ✰ Mt 17:14-20

8:00am

Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine



Sunday, August 10th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 ✰ Ps 33 ✰ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 ✰ Lk 12:32-48

4:30pm (Sat.)

Marie Michaels

8:00am

Pro Populo

9:15am

Confessions

10:00am

Ann Kafka †

**HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING**

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

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

*Anonymous Donor*

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!



## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

August 6, 2025

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### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Thabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.



Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

—Excerpted from *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### 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.

### COME AND SEE RETREAT WITH TRAPPIST MONKS

Single men ages 18 to 60 are invited to join the Trappist monks of New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa for a Come and See weekend Aug. 29-31. Contact [vocationdirector@newmelleray.org](mailto:vocationdirector@newmelleray.org) for more information and to register for a retreat.

### AMNESTY FOR ASHES

Join us for *Lay Them to Rest* at Resurrection Cemetery at 1pm on Nov. 2. Bishop Hying will lead prayers for the departed as we offer cremated remains a dignified resting place on sacred ground. For information on how to participate in this free program, visit [www.madisondiocese.org/rest](http://www.madisondiocese.org/rest)

### SCRIP ORDERS DUE AUG. 4

SCRIP orders for August are due to the Parish Office by Monday, Aug. 4, and will be processed on Tuesday, Aug. 5.



## Friday Mass at Resurrection Cemetery



August 8, 2025

(Second Friday in August,  
not the Third Friday)

10:00 a.m.



Congratulations to Carlos Zamora who was baptized and received into the Church on July 27.