



# CATHEDRAL of ST. BERNARD of CLAIRVAUX

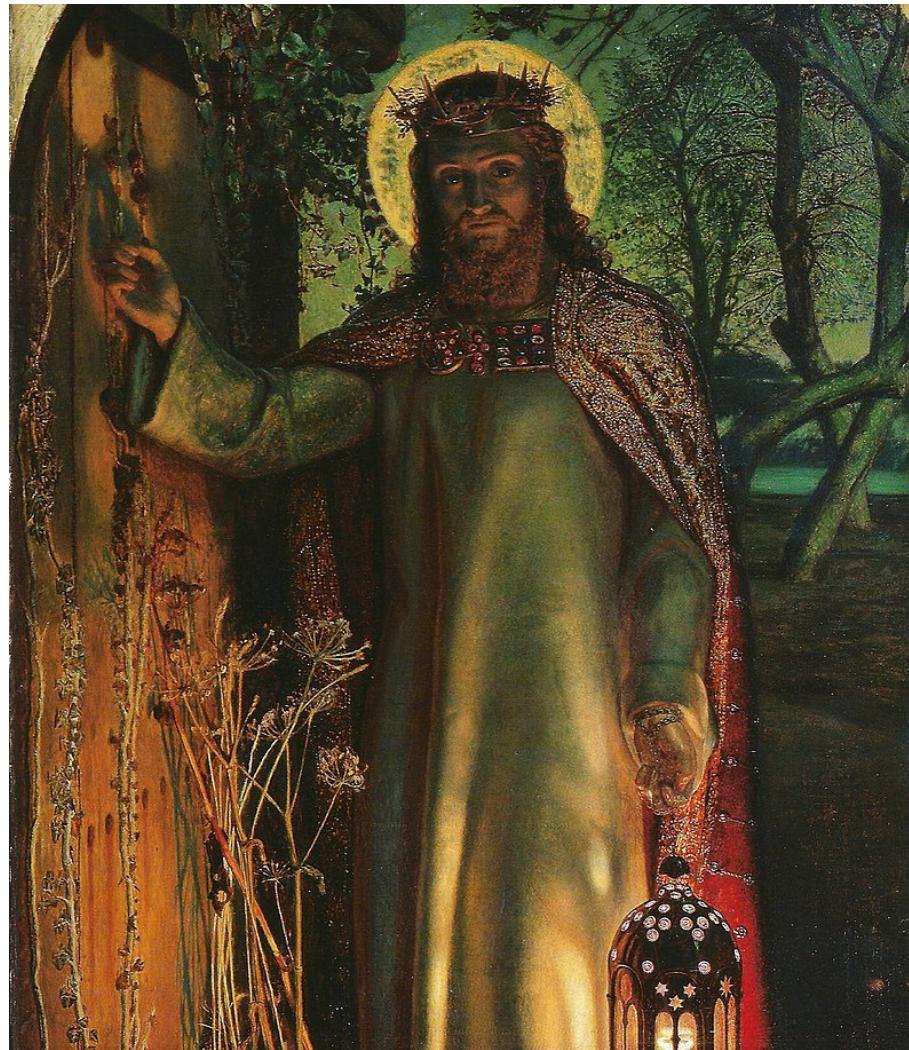
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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025

*"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants  
who await their master's return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.*

*Blessed are those servants whom  
the master finds vigilant on his arrival."  
- Luke 12: 35-37*



## 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 10TH  
2025

Dear Friends,

In our relationship with Christ, do we seek out and recognize "Transfiguration Moments"? We celebrated the feast of the Lord's Transfiguration this past week, and this moment was a pivotal one for Peter, James, and John - our Lord's closest collaborators and part of His inner circle.

I think we all have experiences where we don't initially understand or comprehend what is going on, but later on, in the context of something else going on, it makes perfect sense. That's precisely how the apostles took this experience into their hearts.

## Actions louder than words

When they were faced with the ugliness of the Lord's passion and crucifixion, they would draw upon this experience and remember the voice of God, who said to them, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." We know that actions speak louder than words, and Jesus' agony on the cross was a profound statement of sacrificial love.

Jesus said very little throughout the experience of His passion, because He knew that there were no words which would change the hearts of the scribes and pharisees. They were convinced that Jesus was the enemy, and there was nothing Jesus could do in order to change their perception of Him.

The presence of Moses and Elijah on the mountain with Jesus reveals the fulfillment of the Old and New Testaments. Moses was the figure through which the people experienced God's revelations. He cared for the people like a father, and he had no problem rebuking them when they made foolish choices.

The prophet Elijah was a powerful

prophetic figure who convinced the widow at Zarephath to trust in God in the words that he spoke to her. Because the widow trusted, her flour jar never went empty and the water at the well never ran dry, while many others experienced severe drought and famine.

## Experiencing Transfiguration

Christ is the *imago Dei* - the very image of God Himself. When we wish to experience the powerful moment of the Transfiguration in our own lives, we have so many opportunities to do so: through Eucharistic adoration, the celebration of holy Mass and the other Sacraments, and our life of prayer. We all need these moments of joy in our lives as we experience so many hardships, crosses, and people we love who have stepped away from the faith for shallow reasons. Christ is our hope, and when we need Him, He is always there to reveal to us His glory as we hear Him say to us, "Trust Me, hope in Me, and I will make all things well!"

## Construction updates

Somebody said to me this past week, "You should get a job with the circus, as you have a talent for juggling!" It was said in reference to the many, many things that are going on around campus right now.

This past week, our floor vendors began the waxing and burnishing process on the terrazzo floors. They look absolutely amazing! Work is progressing in the sanctuary tile installation. The upstairs suites have been completely gutted and are now ready to be put back together again. In the process of demolition, we discovered that several of the shower floors had begun to rot underneath, requiring new sub-floor to be installed. It was a providential decision to redo them, as we wouldn't want



The terrazzo floors are  
burnished and waxed.

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- Fr. Michael



Shown here is the entryway to the cathedral.

to have someone falling through the ceiling below!

## Timing for bells and frame

We're also nearing the time in which the bells and frame structure will be raised into the tower. At this time, we're aiming for the week of August 25th for this to take place. My hope is that we will be able to broadcast the event live on our Facebook page to allow as many people as possible to watch this milestone event. Narrowing down a day will be a bit more difficult as weather conditions will be crucial for a successful operation. We'll try to provide as much advanced notice as possible.

## With our prayers

We offer our prayers and sympathies to the family of Donna Jodar, who died this past week. May the Lord grant her eternal glory in the joy of God's kingdom, and bring His comfort to Donna's husband, Jerry, and all her family.

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
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$445,000.00</b>

**NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00**

### OFFERTORY:

August 3, 2025 (Week 5 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,519.00
Loose.....	\$ 806.50
E-Offertory July 2025.....	\$ 8,512.11
Molesme Fund.....	\$ 125.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,962.61</b>

### OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$ 28,971.97
Needed to date.....	\$ 42,790.00
<b>Surplus / (Shortfall).....</b>	<b>(\$ 13,818.03)</b>

## UPCOMING HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary occurs on Friday, Aug. 15. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation.** We will have a vigil Mass on Thursday at 6:30pm. Mass on the holy day will be at 12noon.

## Mental Health Ministry Regional Retreat

For those involved or interested in Mental Health Ministry



### Keynote Speaker

#### Deacon Ed Shoener:

President of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers



Sat. Sept. 20th  
9AM - 4PM  
Mass 4-5PM

Camp Gray Inc  
E10213 Shady Ln Rd  
Reedsburg, WI 53959

Lunch provided.  
Free will offering.

Listen to talks about faith and mental health, spend time in prayer, obtain valuable mental health resources, make lasting connections, and learn more about this growing ministry!



Breakout sessions for the Spanish speaking community, caregivers, clergy, and those with mental health challenges. All are welcome!



To register, scan code or visit  
[madisondiocese.org/mentalhealth](http://madisondiocese.org/mentalhealth)  
Questions? Call 608-821-3050, or email  
[apd@madisondiocese.org](mailto:apd@madisondiocese.org)

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

St. Clare (M)

Monday, August 11th  
The 19th Week in Ordinary Time  
Deut 10:12-22 & Ps 147 & Mt 17:22-27

5:45pm Confessions  
6:30pm Joel & Elizabeth Cruz †

St. Jane Frances de Chantal (m)

Tuesday, August 12th  
Deut 31:1-8 & Deut 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 & Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
7:45am Sr. Annacile Kees †  
Following Rosary

Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus (m)

Wednesday, August 13th  
Deut 34:1-12 & Ps 66 & Mt 18:15-20  
7:45am Cathy Jobst †  
Following Rosary

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe(M)

Thursday, August 14th  
Josh 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 & Ps 114 & Mt 18:21-19:1  
7:45am Elizabeth Cole †  
Following Rosary  
6:30pm Pro Populo (Assumption Vigil Mass)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

Friday, August 15th  
Rev 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB & Ps 45 & 1 Cor 15:20-27 & Lk 1:39-56  
12Noon L/D members of the Fettig & Petroviak Families †  
Following Rosary

BVM

Saturday, August 16th  
Josh 24:14-29 & Ps 16 & Mt 19:13-15  
8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 17th  
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 & Ps 40 & Heb 12:1-4 & Lk 12:49-53  
4:30pm (Sat.) Tony Cascio †  
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 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!



## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

**August 12, 2025**

Today is the Optional Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641). St. Jane was a married woman and a mother of seven children from Dijon, France. Her husband was killed in a hunting accident. In 1604, upon being deeply moved by the preaching of Francis de Sales, Jane asked him to become her spiritual director. She founded the Visitation nuns in 1610. Jane worked tirelessly helping the sick, and she convinced local political rulers to make special provisions for the sick and the bereaved. During the last years of her life, she experienced periods of spiritual aridity. She established 85 monasteries before her death in 1641.

### St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal was the foundress of the Order of the Visitation of Mary. She was born in 1572 and came from a noble family, her father gave her in marriage to the Baron von Chantal in 1592. As mother she most zealously instructed the children in the ways of virtue and piety and in the observance of every divine precept. With great generosity she supported the poor and took special joy in seeing how divine Providence often blesses and increases the smallest larder. Therefore she made a vow never to refuse anyone who asked for alms in the Name of Christ.



The death of her husband, who was accidentally shot while on the chase (1601), she bore with Christ-like composure and with all her heart forgave the person who had killed him; then she acted as sponsor for one of his children in order to show her forgiveness openly. There was a holy friendship between her and her spiritual guide, Francis de Sales; with his approval she left her father and children and founded the Visitation nuns.

Thus, too, it should be with us—firm yet forgiving, and each at the proper place and in the proper measure. Our zeal must not make us hard, fanatic; neither may love degenerate into sentimentalism. In fundamentals, in faith, and in the commandments we must be firm, immovable, with no trace of tolerance; but in our contacts with men, patient, forgiving, tender, conciliatory. The Christian ought be firm and resolute as a father, mild and self-sacrificing as a mother. This tension between complementary virtues we find exemplified in a heroic degree in St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

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

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### WALKING IN FAITH WHILE SUFFERING LOSS

St. Cletus Pastorate is offering a presentation from 7 to 8:30pm on Wednesday, Aug. 13, to encourage those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, either recently or many years ago. The night begins with Adoration from 6 to 6:45pm at St. Joseph Church (590 S. St. Josephs Circle, Edgerton), followed by a presentation by Donna and Randy Verges, founders of Holy Family Healing and Retreat Center, in the downstairs hall. Bishop Hying will also attend. To register, call or text 608-492-2221 or email [stcletusmw@gmail.com](mailto:stcletusmw@gmail.com).



### TRIUMPH OF THE HEART MOVIE SCREENING AUG. 14



A pre-release screening of "Triumph of the Heart: The Untold Story of St. Maximilian Kolbe's Passion" will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7pm at Marcus Point Cinema, Madison. The film is about St Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over death through forming a brotherhood of hope in the darkness of Auschwitz. For more information, visit [toth-madison.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). This movie is recommended for age 13 and up.



### 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 August and September 2025. Please call the Parish Office at 608-249-9256.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CENTENNIAL BENEFIT



"Adapting to a Changing World: A Centennial Benefit for Our Neighbors in Need" will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 8:30 pm at the Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison. Purchase tickets at [svdpmadison.org/event/adapting-to-a-changing-world](http://svdpmadison.org/event/adapting-to-a-changing-world).

