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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

*"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies before us."*
- Hebrews 12: 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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**DIOCESE of
MADISON**

PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
AUGUST 17TH
2025

Dear Friends,
Late this past week, we commemorated Our Lady’s Assumption into heaven. Mary, having completed her faithful work in the plan of salvation, was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

Life of humility, humbleness

There are many beautiful artistic renderings of Our Lady’s Assumption, but this great moment in Mary’s life is centered in the beauty of lowliness.

In Mary, we see the reward of a life lived in humility and humbleness, and for that conscious choice she made, she was God’s holy instrument,



and in the glory of heaven, she now distributes the graces and mercies of the Savior to those who approach her in faith and seek her protection and prayers.

Imitating Mary’s life

The life we live today centers around being noticed, standing out, building one’s resume, and being one above everyone else. The world doesn’t really reward humbleness and lowliness nowadays.

St. Paul reminds us that “it is in weakness that we are made strong.” When we choose to humble ourselves to God’s holy will, we are unplugging from what it is that we ourselves want and we are allowing ourselves to fulfill God’s will, not our own.

Mary was a handmaid, and that is our calling as well, friends. God does not always ask what is easy, but He always chooses the right thing to ask of the right person. Always being open to what God asks of us is the way in which we can imitate Mary’s life and always be available to Our Lord to do His will and find joy in whatever it is He asks of us.

Updates on campus

It’s been another whirlwind on campus this past week with a flurry of activity. Work continues at the north end of the parish center to form the roof bases at the edge of the building. In the rectory, work continues on the second floor suite areas, and we’ve received word that cabinetry will be arriving on Monday for the first floor.

In the church, the tile in the sanctuary is coming together beautifully and is being formed around the two predellas (platforms) that elevate the bishop’s cathedra (chair) and the altar.

“God does not always ask what is easy, but He always chooses the right thing to ask of the right person.”
- Fr. Michael

Last week, our pipe organ vendor was on campus to inspect the work that has been done in the loft area. He was very pleased with what he’s seen. Given the logistics in schedules, we’re aiming for mid-October to begin installation of the organ.

Construction on the shaft for the handicap lift continues, as well as the ramp entrance to the sacristy.

Next week, we’ll begin installation of the lightning protection system for the church. There is a faint light beginning to shine at the end of the tunnel for the church and rectory!

We’ve also done some visioning for the episcopal crypt and have sent our ideas to the bishop for his thoughts. The permitting for the crypt has been completed, which will allow us to move forward with the crypt visioning. More to come!

New school year approaches

As the school year begins across the diocese and among our families, may the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be upon you. May your minds and hearts be open to all the Spirit wishes to endow you with through the gift of learning.

Thank you to our teachers and those who have dedicated their lives to educating our children and young people!

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:

August 10, 2025 (Week 6 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,884.00
Loose.....	\$ 392.00
Outreach.....	\$ 50.00
Molesme Fund.....	\$ 35.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,361.00

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$ 31,247.97
Needed to date.....	\$ 51,348.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)...	(\$ 20,100.03)

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic schools are essential in nurturing the faith and shaping future generations, ensuring our parishes remain lively centers of faith, worship, and service. Please take a few moments to check the August 21st edition of the *Catholic Herald* for an opportunity to show your support or go to www.madisondiocese.org/catholicschools to give online.



All musicians are invited to attend the second annual

Music Ministry Mass

This Mass is for music ministry staff members or volunteers. Bishop J'hying will preside at the Mass and offer a special blessing.

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025

Holy Name Oratory
702 S. High Point Rd.
Madison



If you plan to attend the reception afterward, please RSVP by Sept. 2 to the Office of Worship at Julianne.Nornberg@sbmsn.org or 608-821-3080.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, August 18th

Weekday

The 20th Week in Ordinary Time
Jdg 2:11-19 ✕ Ps 106 ✕ Mt 19:16-22

5:45pm Confessions
6:30pm Terry Schabacker †

Tuesday, August 19th

St. John Eudes (m)

Jdg 6:11-24a ✕ Ps 85 ✕ Mt 19:23-30
7:45am Andrew Kim †

Following Rosary

Wednesday, August 20th

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (M)

Jdg 9:6-15 ✕ Ps 21 ✕ Mt 20:1-16
7:45am Thomas Kwapil †

Following Rosary

Thursday, August 21st

St. Pius X (M)

Jdg 11:29-39a ✕ Ps 40 ✕ Mt 22:1-14
7:45am L/D members of the Rickey Family †

Following Rosary

Friday, August 22nd

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 ✕ Ps 146 ✕ Mt 22:34-40
7:45am John Kwapil †

Following Rosary

Saturday, August 23rd

BVM

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 ✕ Ps 128 ✕ Mt 23:1-12
8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, August 24th

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa 66:18-21 ✕ Ps 117 ✕ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 ✕ Lk 13:22-30
4:30pm (Sat.) Pro Populo

8:00am David Zimmermann †
9:15am Confessions
10:00am Andrew Kim †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored by an anonymous donor in honor of:

Pope Leo XIV

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:

August 20, 2025

The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). Bernard was born near Dijon and died in Clairvaux, France. He was of a noble family and received a careful education in his youth. With his father, brother and thirty noblemen he entered the Benedictine monastery of Cîteaux. Two years later he led a group of monks to establish a house at Clairvaux, and became its abbot. The monastic rule which he perfected at Clairvaux became the model for 163 monasteries of the Cistercian reform. He was a theologian, poet, orator, and writer. He is one of the last Church Fathers.



St. Bernard of Clairvaux

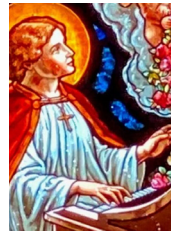
Bernard, the second founder of the Cistercians, the Mellifluous Doctor, the apostle of the Crusades, the miracle-worker, the reconciler of kings, the leader of peoples, the counselor of popes! His sermons, from which there are many excerpts in the Breviary, are conspicuous for genuine emotion and spiritual unction. The celebrated Memorare is ascribed to him.

Bernard was born in 1090, the third son of an illustrious Burgundian family. At the age of twenty-two he entered the monastery of Cîteaux (where the Cistercian Order had its beginning) and persuaded thirty other youths of noble rank to follow his example. Made abbot of Clairvaux (1115), he erected numerous abbeys where his spirit flourished. To his disciple, Bernard of Pisa, who later became Pope Eugene III, he dedicated his work *De Consideratione*. Bernard's influence upon the princes, the clergy, and the people of his age was most remarkable. By penitential practices he so exhausted his body that it could hardly sustain his soul, ever eager to praise and honor God.

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

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

NEXT IN SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES IS AUG. 21



All in the Diocese of Madison are invited to attend the 2025 Summer Organ Recital Series, which runs once a month. The remaining recital is 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 follow.

SCRIP CARDS SOLD AFTER MASSES AUG. 23 & 24

SCRIP cards will be sold after Masses on Saturday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Aug. 24. Cards available for purchase include Food Fight, Culver's, HyVee, and Woodman's. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER SEPT. 6 & 7



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be held Sept. 6-7 at Camp Gray in Reedsburg. For more information visit www.alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653 or email the Applications Couple at reservations@alifetimeoflove.org.



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Bishop of Brownsville, Texas*

Evening Prayer with St. Francis de Sales Seminary Schola

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 | 7 P.M.

Brookfield Conference Center
325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005

*Free and open to the public, but registration is required.
Register at: archmil.regfox.com/pallium-lecture-2025*

This Pallium Lecture will serve as the opening address for the conference
"Legacies of Nicaea I and Vatican II: An Inheritance Unfolding,"
taking place September 4-7, 2025, in Milwaukee.

Find more information: legaciesconference.org

