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Solemnity of St. Bernard

August 24, 2025

*"Righteous Father, the world also does not know you,
but I know you, and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them."
- John 17: 25-26*



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 24TH
2025

Dear Friends,
Love is sufficient of itself, it gives pleasure by itself and because of itself, it is its own merit, its own reward. Love looks for no cause outside itself, no effect beyond itself. Its profit lies in its practice. I love because I love ... I love that I may love. Love is a great thing so long as it continually returns to its fountainhead, flows back to its source, always drawing from there the water which constantly replenishes it. For when God loves, all He desires is to be loved in return. The soul purpose of His love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love Him are made happy by their love of Him.

These words come to us from our cathedral patron, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, whose solemnity we celebrate here at the cathedral this weekend. Liturgical law allows for the weekend celebration of the parish church’s patron with due solemnity and reverence.

This weekend, we rejoice in the spiritual richness and wisdom of St. Bernard and offer prayers of thanksgiving for his unceasing intercession before the throne of God as we continue to move through the elevation project. May our prayers be one with his as we join in thanksgiving to the Lord for all that has been accomplished, and for all that is yet to come.

Beautiful description of love
St. Bernard’s description of love is most fitting and beautiful, and imitates the words of St. Paul, when he says that love “believes all things, hopes all things,

and endures all things.” If there is ever a question of whether or not our love is genuine or superficial, St. Bernard gives us a short equation in this reflection to help us discern: does the act of love we bring forth “return to its fountainhead” - namely God, who is love itself. Is the love we are bringing forth being drawn from the fountain of salvation that flowed from the precious wounds of Christ, or is the act more inwardly focused and reliant upon the self.

St. Paul also reminds us that “love does not seek its own interests”; it is entirely other. Love’s motivation has nothing to do with us; it has everything to do with someone else. What are we willing to sacrifice of ourselves for the goodness of another person? That is what we must always be asking ourselves to ensure that the love which comes from our heart is authentic and genuine.

St. Bernard also reminds us that love is a constantly flowing fountain. As God’s love is poured into us, we pour it out in acts of sacrificial service to our brothers and sisters, and as love is poured out, it is replenished again - “always drawing from there the water which constantly replenishes it.”

Proper love is constantly regenerating itself within us as we draw near the fountain of Christ’s mercy. The more love we give away, the more that God pours into our hearts. That is the central mission of the Christian life, friends, and everything hinges on our understanding of and exercise of true, Christ-like love.

Dates for raising the bells
I wanted to provide a brief update on the raising of the bells into the bell tower, which is now scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 4th (Wednesday is the primary day and Thursday, the alternate). These dates are, of course, largely dependent on the weather conditions, but our hope is that we’ll be able to make one of these two days work. Because of strict

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- Fr. Michael*

OCEA requirements, there will be close monitoring of personnel that are on campus for the lifting. Due to several pieces of heavy equipment and the potential swing hazards, we have to ensure that we’re observing all safety protocols and keeping extraneous personnel to a minimum.

This will be a media event, and members of the media will be present, but from a distance. I want to ensure that as many of you have an opportunity to see this historic part of the project in person as possible.

I’m currently making arrangements to have these events broadcast live on our Facebook page. That way, you can join in the excitement from the comfort (and safety) of your home or workplace. I’ll provide additional information to you in next weekend’s bulletin on how to take advantage of the live stream opportunity.

A peek behind the scenes

This past Wednesday, I had the opportunity to visit the metalware factory in Illinois that is casing all of our new metalware for the cathedral. A few photos are attached of our candlesticks in the midst of production. It’s quite the facility! I also visited our plasterers, who were gracious to show me the inner workings of their



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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 17, 2025 (Week 7 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 8,106.00
Loose.....\$ 683.09
TOTAL.....\$ 8,869.09

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 40,037.06
Needed to date.....\$ 59,906.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)..(\$ 19,868.94)

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shop, which is an old Victorian house on the east side of Milwaukee. It was a very informative and helpful day to envision the processes that are being undertaken to bring all the end-product beauty we behold!

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- Monday, August 25th St. Louis of France (m)
The 21st Week in Ordinary Time
1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10 ✕ Ps 149 ✕ Matt 23:13-22
5:45pm Confessions
6:30pm John & Robert Flynn †
- Tuesday, August 26th Weekday
1 Thess 2:1-8 ✕ Ps 139 ✕ Matt 23:23-26
7:45am Open Intention
Following Rosary
- Wednesday, August 27th St. Monica (M)
1 Thess 2:9-13 ✕ Ps 139 ✕ Matt 23:27-32
7:45am Christina Jobst †
Following Rosary
- Thursday, August 28th St. Augustine (M)
1 Thess 3:7-13 ✕ Ps 90 ✕ Matt 24:42-51
7:45am Joan Gillitzer †
Following Rosary
- Friday, August 29th Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)
1 Thess 4:1-8 ✕ Ps 97 ✕ Mark 6:17-29
7:45am Walter Jobst †
Following Rosary
- Saturday, August 30th BVM
1 Thess 4:9-11 ✕ Ps 98 ✕ Matt 25:14-30
8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine
- Sunday, August 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 ✕ Ps 68 ✕ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a ✕ Lk 14:1, 7-14
4:30pm (Sat.) Sally O'Malley †
8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Confessions
10:00am L/D members of the Rickey Family †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored by:

Eugenio & Noemi Font

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

August 27, 2025

The following information is reprinted with permission from www.catholicculture.org:

St. Monica

St. Monica is an example of those holy matrons of the ancient Church who proved very influential in their own quiet way. Through prayer and tears she gave the great Augustine to the Church of God, and thereby earned for herself a place of honor in the history of God's kingdom on earth.

The *Confessions of St. Augustine* provide certain biographical details. Born of Christian parents about the year 331 at Tagaste in Africa, Monica was reared under the strict supervision of an elderly nurse who had likewise reared her father. In the course of time she was given in marriage to a pagan named Patricius. Besides other faults, he possessed a very irascible nature; it was in this school of suffering that Monica learned patience. It was her custom to wait until his anger had cooled; only then did she give a kindly remonstrance. Evil-minded servants had prejudiced her mother-in-law against her, but Monica mastered the situation by kindness and sympathy.



Conversions through prayers and tears

Her marriage was blessed with three children: Navigius, Perpetua, who later became a nun, and Augustine, her problem child. According to the custom of the day, baptism was not administered to infants soon after birth. It was as an adolescent that Augustine became a catechumen, but possibly through a premonition of his future sinful life, Monica postponed his baptism even when her son desired it during a severe illness. When Augustine was 19 years old, his father Patricius died; by patience and prayer Monica had obtained the conversion of her husband.

The youthful Augustine caused his mother untold worry by indulging in every type of sin and dissipation. As a last resort after all her tears and entreaties had proved fruitless, she forbade him entrance to her home; but after a vision she received him back again. In her sorrow a certain bishop consoled her: "Don't worry, it is impossible that a son of so many tears should be lost."

Tears of joy at last

When Augustine was planning his journey to Rome, Monica wished to accompany him. He outwitted her, however, and had already embarked when she arrived at the docks. Later she followed him to Milan, ever growing in her attachment to God. St. Ambrose held her in high esteem, and congratulated Augustine on having such a mother. At Milan she prepared the way for her son's conversion. Finally the moment came when her tears of sorrow changed to tears of joy. Augustine was baptized. And her lifework was completed. She died in her 56th year, as she was returning to Africa. The description of her death is one of the most beautiful passages in her son's famous *Confessions*.

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

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please take a few moments to read the informational insert on the importance of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Madison in your bulletin today. For an opportunity to show your support, check out the August 21st edition of the *Catholic Herald* or go to www.madisondiocese.org/catholicschools to give online.

SCRIP CARDS SOLD AFTER MASSES AUG. 23 & 24

SCRIP cards will be sold after Masses on Saturday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Aug. 24. Due to the Parish Office being closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 1, SCRIP orders for September are due by 8am Tuesday, Sept. 2, and will be processed that same day.



DIAPER DASH SEPT. 20 FOR BABIES & BEYOND

Babies & Beyond is sponsoring the 11th Annual Diaper Dash on Sept. 20 at McKee Farms Park, Fitchburg. For more information and to register by Sept. 1 for a free T-shirt, visit diaperdashwi.org/register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRAT STAND SEPT. 12 & 13



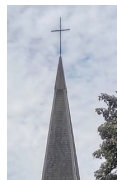
Come and enjoy some delicious brats and hot dogs sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13. Our drive-thru opens at 10:00 am and closes at 2:00 pm each day. \$6.00 will get you a brat or hot dog, bun, chips, soda, and condiments. An extra brat or hot dog is \$4.00. If you need more than 10 orders, please order in advance by contacting Tim Zeier at 608-513-6358.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY RETREAT

All those wanting to learn more about faith and mental health are invited to the regional Mental Health Ministry retreat from 9 to 5pm on Saturday, Sept. 20 (with Mass at 4pm) at Camp Gray, E10213 Shady Lane Rd., Reedsburg. Visit madisondiocese.org/mentalhealth to register, and contact the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities at apd@madisondiocese.org or 608-821-3050 to learn more.



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.

NEW MEMBER NEWS

Please welcome the newest member of the Cathedral of St. Bernard: **Patricia Zanton**.

