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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

*"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

- Luke 14: 11



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 31ST
2025**

Dear Friends,

St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, is a woman of great power in the Church's history, and that power is displayed through the constant, fervent and faithful prayer to bring her son to Christ.

It took many years, but Monica's tears and prayers not only won her son over to Christ, he also gave his entire life to the Lord, becoming a bishop and a prolific writer!

It is a great and comforting witness to see what prayer can accomplish, but as always, it is done in God's time. I have no doubt that Monica would have much preferred that her son come to the Lord many years before, but in God's providence, he allowed her spiritual ardor to be built up within her, while at the same time fortifying her son for the great pastoral work he would embrace after coming to Jesus. Those were things that both Monica and Augustine could not see clearly, but which God could see very well.

Our ways are not God's ways

Providence is something that many struggle with in the spiritual life. In a world of instant gratification, we want to make our prayer, snap our fingers, and poof - we have an answer. That may be the way of humanity, but it is not the way of God.

We may never come to know God's providence in certain situations until we behold the glory of heaven. On our part, we surrender and trust that God will take whatever it is we bring to Him and allow it to become part of His goodness and love. We may not see it, we may not understand it, but we know by our faith that God's goodness will always be revealed at the right time, and in the right moment.

Fix our eyes on Jesus

The opening prayer of the 21st week in ordinary time brings this all into beautiful focus: "that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found."

The world is constantly shifting beneath us, and uncertainty lurks around every corner.

Tragic things can happen which can change lives in a short moment. It might feel as though we're not able to stand as the evil one attempts to draw us away from God into the quagmire of despair and heartbreak.

It's in situations like this that we dig down deep and bring forth the faith of St. Monica: we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and on the place that has been prepared for us. Our eyes on the eyes of Jesus - fixed upon Him, gazing upon Him, trusting in Him. He is the one who makes the crooked ways straight and calms the raging seas. All we need is found in the ocean of His merciful heart.

Updates around campus

It was another big week of accomplishments on the cathedral campus. On Wednesday of this past week, several semis visited our campus with pieces of the covered parking entry. A crane was onsite to offload the trucks and place the pieces where they needed to be. It was a very successful operation!

Now that the pre-stress concrete is in place, it will be decorated with stone veneer which matches closely to the church. Significant work was also accomplished in the sanctuary, with the completion of the marble tile and the initial framing of the predellas (platforms) for the bishop's cathedra (chair) and the main altar. I've shared some photos so you can see the progress!

Bell installation is Sept. 3rd & 4th

Next week will be another big week on campus, with the scheduled lift of the bells and support structure into the bell tower. The lift is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd, with an alternate date of Thursday, September 4th in case of inclement weather or high winds.

While I know that some of you would like to be physically present to watch this great occasion, we will be very limited to the number of people we can have on campus due to the heavy equipment and potential risks involved. I will plan to live stream the lift on our parish Facebook page



Smoke is generated as the first pieces of the covered parking entrance are welded in place.

*"He is the one who makes the crooked ways straight and calms the raging seas. All we need is found in the ocean of His merciful heart."
- Fr. Michael*

(www.facebook.com/StBernardMadison) in case you'd like to log on and watch from the comfort of your home. It will be a wonderful experience to share in together - even if only virtually.

I continue to be grateful to each of you for your prayers. Please offer the bell lift as a special intention to Our Lady in the coming week. While every safety precaution will be taken, there are always risks and unknowns which require quick thinking.

May the Holy Spirit be in the hearts of all who will be involved to safely accomplish this great part of the project.

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



The front facade of the covered parking lot entrance is welded in place.



Erection of the covered parking entry is complete.

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 24, 2025 (Week 8 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 1,182.00
Loose.....\$ 837.00
Bldg & Grounds(Molesme).....\$ 40.00
TOTAL.....\$ 2,059.00

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 42,056.06
Needed to date.....\$ 68,464.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)..(\$ 25,807.94)



Shown above is progress on the sanctuary tiling.



Pictured above is construction of the predella for the main altar and the reredos. Pictured at left is construction of the predella for the bishop's cathedra.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, September 1st Labor Day (m)
The 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
1 Thess 4:13-18 ✕ Ps 96 ✕ Lk 4:16-30

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY

Tuesday, September 2nd Weekday
1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11 ✕ Ps 27 ✕ Lk 4:31-37
7:45am William "Bill" & Beth Glaub †
Frank Fettig & Raymond Petroviak †
Following Rosary

Wednesday, September 3rd St. Gregory the Great (M)
Col 1:1-8 ✕ Ps 52 ✕ Lk 4:38-44

NO MASS TODAY

Thursday, September 4th Weekday
Col 1:9-14 ✕ Ps 98 ✕ Lk 5:1-11

NO MASS TODAY

First Friday, September 5th St. Teresa of Calcutta (m)
Col 1:15-20 ✕ Ps 100 ✕ Lk 5:33-39
7:45am Mary Lou Heiar †
Following Rosary

First Saturday, September 6th BVM
Col 1:21-23 ✕ Ps 54 ✕ Lk 6:1-5
7:45am Ed Deneen, for healing
Following Litany of the IHM & Confessions

Sunday, September 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13-18b ✕ Ps 90 ✕ Phlm 9-10, 12-17 ✕ Lk 14:25-33
4:30pm (Sat.) Mike Huemmer †
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:

Fr. Michael Radowicz

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

September 3, 2025

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

St. Gregory the Great

St. Gregory was born at Rome in 540. He was successively senator and prefect of Rome before the age of 30. After five years he resigned and became a monk, transforming his own house into a Benedictine monastery, and founding six others. At the age of 50 he was elected pope, serving from 590 to 604. In 14 years he accomplished much for the Mystical Body of Christ.



After seeing English children being sold as slaves in Rome, he sent 40 monks, including St. Augustine of Canterbury, from his own monastery to make “the Angles angels.” England owes her conversion to him. At a period when the invasion of the barbarian Lombards created a new situation in Europe, he played a great part in winning them for Christ. When Rome itself was under attack, he personally went to interview the Lombard King.

At the same time he watched equally over the holiness of the clergy and the maintenance of Church discipline, the temporal interests of his people of Rome and the spiritual interests of all Christendom. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, and emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and victims of plague and famine. These deeds and others made him, in the words of an antiphon in his office, “the Father of the City, the joy of the World.”

Gregory reformed the liturgy, and it still contains several of his most beautiful prayers. The name “Gregorian chant” recalls this great Pope’s work in the development of the Church’s music. His commentaries on Holy Scripture exercised a considerable influence on Christian thought in the Middle Ages. St. Gregory died on March 12, 604. His body lies at St. Peter’s in Rome.

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

MASSES CANCELLED SEPT. 3RD & 4TH

Please note that daily Masses are cancelled for Wednesday, Sept. 3, and Thursday, Sept. 4, due to the installation of the bells at the Cathedral of St. Bernard. Thank you for your understanding.

SCRIP ORDERS DUE BY 8AM SEPT. 2

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.



RSVP FOR MUSIC MINISTRY MASS BY SEPT. 2

The second annual Music Ministry Mass, for all involved in music ministry throughout the Diocese of Madison, will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Holy Name Oratory, 702 S. High Point Rd., Madison. If you plan to attend the reception afterward, RSVP by Sept. 2 to julianne.nornberg@sbmsn.org or 608-821-3080.

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.

NEW MEMBER NEWS

Please welcome the newest members of the Cathedral of St. Bernard: **Shane & Mary Pueschner.**

CATHEDRAL DATES AT A GLANCE

Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13, 10am to 2pm

Knights of Columbus Brat Stand

Sunday, Sept. 28, after 8am & 10am Masses

Hospitality Sunday: Stop in the St. Veronica Room for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship after Mass!

