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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple."*
- Luke 14: 27



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
SEPTEMBER 7
2025

Dear Friends,
It has been a difficult few weeks for so many with the recent news regarding Fr. Andrew. Many of you remember Fr. Andrew during his time with us at the cathedral when he was a deacon. He also worked closely with us here in the diocesan worship office.

So many of you have expressed sentiments of closeness and prayer during these days, and for your support, I am so very grateful to you. We join together in our prayers for Fr. Andrew, the diocese, and all who have been affected.

Given the nature of the situation, many approach it with deep emotion - anger and frustration at the top of the list. It is in moments like this that we truly define ourselves as Christians in the offering of forgiveness and mercy. Christ went to the cross with our sins, and those sins can be ugly and disfigured.

I believe with all my heart that Fr. Andrew is in need of healing, and he will be able to receive the care he needs. Mercy does not stand by itself, however - it is accompanied by justice. There are some very serious charges on the table for Fr. Andrew - those of the past week, and the recent developments over the past few days.

While forgiveness and mercy are always in the hearts of those who strive to live out the love of Christ, it does not negate the fact that there must be justice in the form of what our civil authorities deem most appropriate as they begin their investigative process. We pray that the investigation may be conducted with objectivity, integrity, and a desire to bring what is true

to the light. So many things to bring to the Lord.

More changes in plans

Well ... the best laid plans come to almighty God, and He decides otherwise! ☺ This past week brought a few changes to our timeline, which seems to be fluid these days. The weather was not favorable for the transfer of the bells and supporting cage structures to the bell tower. Now, we must wait until the crane company can re-accommodate us into their schedule.

It will most likely be a few weeks until we can get back onto their schedule, which will put the transfer of the bells toward the end of the month. The crane that is needed is a special piece of equipment due to the intricate lifting that must be done, and that particular crane is in very high demand.

Organ installation news

We also received word from our organ vendor that they have decided to wait on the installation of the large pipe organ. They recently made a site visit, and during the visit, evaluated our remaining work in the church.

Due to the high dust loads that the remaining work will generate before the church receives a deep clean, the organ company wants to postpone the installation to ensure that all dust-generating projects are completed and residual dust is removed in preparation for the installation.

It was disappointing, but we need to ensure that the installation is as clean as possible so as to prevent large amounts of dust being inhaled into the wind chests and pipes, which would be a very costly repair. In order to facilitate our on-time transition back to the cathedral in February, we will rent a temporary instrument that will get us through the months of February, March, April, and May.

After the priestly ordination Mass in late May, the organ will be installed. We are following several other cathedrals who did the very same thing because their instruments weren't ready either. Hold-

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- Fr. Michael*

ing off will afford us the best opportunity to install the organ in a proper, dust-free environment. The smaller organ is set to be installed on time in late December / early January. We'll be able to utilize the smaller organ for some of our liturgies and Masses, which will be a beautiful addition until the larger instrument is installed in the late spring.

Final paving of parking lot

The final paving of the parking lot is scheduled for the week of September 15th (at least for right now! ☺). Daily Mass will continue as usual, but those coming for Mass may need to park in different sections of the parking lot as paving will be ongoing throughout the week. Please watch for signs directing you to certain areas of the lot as you arrive for daily Mass.

Thanks for your flexibility as we work through the paving and striping process, which will bring our parking lot to final completion.

With our sympathy

We offer our love and prayers to the family of David Haack, whose funeral was celebrated here this past week. Prayers are also offered for James Meylor, brother of Pat Rolli, who died recently. May these souls know the Lord's joy and peace in the glory of His kingdom.

Prayers for new school year

We wish all our kiddos and young adults well as the new school year begins! May the Lord be in your heart as you open your minds and hearts to all Christ wishes to teach you in this coming academic year. May it be blessed with safety and charity. *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 31, 2025 (Week 9 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 3,674.00
Loose.....\$ 796.00
B & G/Molesme Fund.....\$ 50.00
Women of St. Bernard....\$ 25.00
Bulletin Donation.....\$ 50.00
TOTAL.....\$ 4,595.00

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 46,526.06
Needed to date.....\$ 77,022.00
Surplus / (Short-fall)..(\$ 30,495.94)

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN RAFFLE

Thank you to all who participated in the 2024 Calendar Raffle for the Cathedral of St. Bernard, which raised \$15,019. We appreciate your support of this important parish fundraiser.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

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*Discover the gifts given to you at your
baptism by the Holy Spirit!*



COLLEEN O'DOWD
Presenter



JONA WINKELMAN
Presenter

This workshop will help you discern the charisms (spiritual gifts) God has given you and how you can use these gifts to achieve your personal calling!

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

OCT 11th 2025

St. Victor Catholic Church
1760 14th St., Monroe, WI

\$35/individual OR \$55/engaged or married couple
*Registration is Required



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, September 8th

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

The 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Micah 5:1-4a ✕ Ps 13 ✕ Matt 1:1-16, 18-23

5:45pm

Confessions

6:30pm

Gerry & Jamie Kelly †

Tuesday, September 9th

St. Peter Claver (M)

Col 2:6-15 ✕ Ps 145 ✕ Lk 6:12-19

7:45am

Andrew Kim †

Following

Rosary

Wednesday, September 10th

Weekday

Col 3:1-11 ✕ Ps 145 ✕ Lk 6:20-26

7:45am

Jerome Sigg †

Int. Catherine Sigg family

Following

Rosary

Thursday, September 11th

Weekday

Col 3:12-17 ✕ Ps 150 ✕ Lk 6:27-38

7:45am

Open Intention

Following

Rosary

Friday, September 12th

Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary (m)

1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14 ✕ Ps 16 ✕ Lk 6:39-42

7:45am

Elizabeth Cole †

Following

Rosary

Saturday, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom (M)

1 Tim 1:15-17 ✕ Ps 113 ✕ Lk 6:43-49

8:00am

Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)

Num 21:4b-9 ✕ Ps 78 ✕ Phil 2:6-11 ✕ John 3:13-17

4:30pm (Sat.)

Richard Trace †

8:00am

Pro Populo

9:15am

Confessions

10:00am

Sally O'Malley †

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!



WORDS OF THE SAINTS

The following is from a homily on Matthew by St. John Chrysostom, bishop:

Do not adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother

Do you want to honour Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honour him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. For he who said: This is my body, and made it so by his words, also said: You saw me hungry and did not feed me, and inasmuch as you did not do it for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did not do it for me. What we do here in the church requires a pure heart, not special garments; what we do outside requires great dedication.

'God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts'

Let us learn, therefore, to be men of wisdom and to honour Christ as he desires. For a person being honoured finds greatest pleasure in the honour he desires, not in the honour we think best. Peter thought he was honouring Christ when he refused to let him wash his feet; but what Peter wanted was not truly an honour, quite the opposite! Give him the honour prescribed in his law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts.

Now, in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts; I am only demanding that along with such gifts and before them you give alms. He accepts the former, but he is much more pleased with the latter. In the former, only the giver profits; in the latter, the recipient does too. A gift to the church may be taken as a form of ostentation, but an alms is pure kindness. Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger?

Provide for His needs

First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made but not give a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ himself with the clothes he needs? What profit is there in that? Tell me: If you were to see him lacking the necessary food but were to leave him in that state and merely surround his table with gold would he be grateful to you or rather would he not be angry? What if you were to see him clad in worn-out rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget about clothing him and instead were to set up golden columns for him, saying that you were doing it in his honour? Would he not think he was being mocked and greatly insulted?

Your afflicted brother is 'the most precious temple of all'

Apply this also to Christ when he comes along the roads as a pilgrim, looking for shelter. You do not take him in as your guest, but you decorate floor and walls and the capitals of the pillars. You provide silver chains for the lamps, but you cannot bear even to look at him as he lies chained in prison.

Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. No one has ever been accused for not providing ornaments, but for those who neglect their neighbour a hell awaits with an inextinguishable fire and torment in the company of the demons. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.



CATHOLIC EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRAT STAND

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.



DIOCESE of MADISON

JUBILEE MASSES

UPCOMING JUBILEE MASSES

Join Bishop Hying for Mass at our six Jubilee pilgrimage destinations this fall! The Masses will be offered:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 10,** 6:30pm at St. Bernard Church, Watertown
- **Thursday, Sept. 11,** 6:30pm at Nativity of Mary Church, Janesville
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16,** 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Monona
- **Sunday, Oct. 5,** 8:00am at St. Mary Church, Fennimore
- **Wednesday, Oct. 8,** 6:30pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Madison
- **Wednesday, Oct. 22,** 6:00pm at St. Cecilia Church, Wisconsin Dells.

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!

