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## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

*"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."*

- Luke 16:10



## 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 21  
2025

Dear Friends,  
This past week brought a very interesting situation with the funeral Mass of Katharine, the Duchess of Kent. Katharine left the Church of England and was received into the Catholic Church in January, 1994.

The royal family, and King Charles specifically, have strong ties to the Church of England, with the king being the head of the church.

The Church of England was formed during the reign of King Henry VIII when he was denied an annulment after divorcing his wife, Catherine of Aragon. It led to a very sour relationship between the king and the pope, with an eventual secession from the Roman Catholic Church altogether and the formation of the Church of England. King Henry didn't get what he wanted, so he went



Westminster Cathedral in London

ahead and formed his own "group."

## A fracture never healed

The entire royal family was present at Westminster Cathedral for the funeral Mass of Katharine, and I wonder what was going through their minds.

With the Church of England's formulation based solely on an act of anger of not getting what one wanted, a large fracture took place on November 3, 1534, and to this day, it hasn't been healed.

Both Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles have had visits with the pope ... did this particular topic come up in conversation? Perhaps. It was a very unique event, and one which draws attention to a larger issue.

## In our world today

It seems that, in the world today, if we don't like something or someone, we begin to scheme different plans to circumvent whatever the person or situation is presenting to us.

The court system, for example, isn't always about arriving at the truth. Rather, it's presenting a case that people will believe. Truth is secondary to the overall story. Ugly situations can arise between residents and their HOA boards. If someone is called out for violating the rules, the HOA has the authority to pursue the issue, and it can sometimes lead to very unfortunate results.

I feel that this happens a lot in the world today. We don't like what someone says or does to us. We begin to scheme and plot against them instead of simply leaving the situation alone and letting it go in a moment of charity. In the killing of Charlie Kirk, someone disagreed vehemently with his positions, his faith, and his political platform. The law says that we are free to express our opinions - popular or not. When it's the "or not," things get complicated very quickly, and people begin to reinvent the law to better suit their needs.

This is why we need God so much in our world, friends - He has given us all we need to live a beautiful life with intentions that are properly oriented toward love and the gift of eternal life. That is what's needed now more than ever.

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## Truth is what grounds us

It happens in the spiritual life as well. If we come against a spiritual struggle and the Church is clear in her teaching, many people try to reason with themselves that the teaching doesn't apply to them, it's old-fashioned and not in touch with the world, or any other reason that can be invented. This is what divides families and causes strain, and oftentimes, it has to do with the Church's teachings on marriage to morality and everything in between.

What happens when we don't have a truth to ground ourselves and the truth is constantly quaking beneath us? Society falls apart, because truth is no longer objective - it becomes whatever we say it is. I find great comfort in the Natural Law and the teachings of the Church, because they are formulated for one reason only: to live in harmony with God and the entire Body of Christ, and it points everyone to heaven!

Many of our children and young adults learn about subjective truth, and that's what they live by. That subjective truth is oftentimes authored in the social media universe, and we all know what a dangerous place that can be to find any semblance of truth.

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## 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:

**September 14, 2025 (Week 11 of 52)**

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,728.00
Loose.....	\$ 616.25
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 7,344.25</b>

### OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

**Collected to date.....\$ 69,061.95**

**Needed to date.....\$ 94,138.00**

**Surplus / (Shortfall).....(\$ 25,076.05)**

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## Updates around campus

Work continues here on campus! It looks as though we'll be getting another date to lift the bells into the tower within the next week (hopefully). I'll keep you posted!

Landscaping will be going into the parking lot islands at the end of the month, and final paving of the parking lot will be taking place as well. EIFS is currently being installed around the rectory to complete the exterior beautification. Lots going on!

Please continue to pray for Paul, our sub-contractors, and all those who are working so hard each day to bring this project to completion. They are all energized with the beauty that surrounds them and they are all focused on getting us back into our space SOON! ☺

We're still waiting for two projects to be completed before we can open the doors and allow walkthroughs again. They should hopefully be wrapping up in the next week or two, so I'm hopeful we can have you over for a walkthrough by the end of this month!

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

## Hurting from abortion?

*Find hope, healing, and mercy at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.*

**No matter how long it's been, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer hope and peace for anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.**

**Our next retreat is November 7 - 9, 2025  
Register at [madisondiocese.org/rachel](http://madisondiocese.org/rachel)**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Weekday

**Monday, September 22nd**  
The 25th Week in Ordinary Time  
Ezra 1:1-6 ✰ Ps 126 ✰ Lk 8:16-18

5:45pm Confessions  
6:30pm Open Intention

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (M)

**Tuesday, September 23rd**  
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 ✰ Ps 122 ✰ Lk 8:19-21  
7:45am L/D members of the Rickey Family †  
Following Rosary

Weekday

**Wednesday, September 24th**  
Ezra 9:5-9 ✰ Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 ✰ Lk 9:1-6  
7:45am Open Intention  
Following Rosary

Weekday

**Thursday, September 25th**  
Haggai 1:1-8 ✰ Ps 149 ✰ Lk 9:7-9  
7:45am Phillip Hunter †  
Following Rosary

Sts. Cosmas & Damian (m)  
St. Vincent de Paul (M)

**Friday, September 26th**  
Haggai 2:1-9 ✰ Ps 43 ✰ Lk 9:18-22  
7:45am Open Intention  
Following Rosary

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 27th**  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a ✰ Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 ✰ Lk 9:43b-45  
8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

**Sunday, September 28th**  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 ✰ Ps 146 ✰ 1 Tim 6:11-16 ✰ Lk 16:19-31  
4:30pm (Sat.) David Haack †  
8:00am Pro Populo  
9:15am Confessions  
10:00am Elizabeth Cruz †

**HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING**

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

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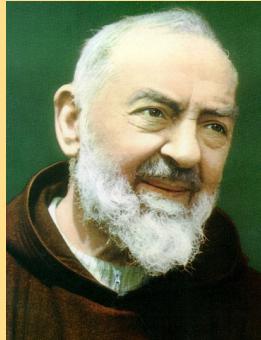
## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

**September 23, 2025**

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### St. Pio or Pius of Pietrelcina

Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910.



### Received stigmata

While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch.

In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81.

Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s.

### Canonization miracle

His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who works in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life.

That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and Pope John Paul II on 20 December 2001.

—Adapted from the Discount Catholic Store, Inc.

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### JOIN IN THE 2025 FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Sign up for one-hour time slots to pray, fast, and give peaceful witness to change hearts and bring about an end of abortion during this Fall's 40 Days for Life Campaign. This runs from Sep. 24 to Nov. 2, seven days/week, from 7 am to 9 pm at our local area vigil site on Madison's east side. No special knowledge or skills are required, and it's family friendly. For more information or to sign up, go to [vigilforlife.org](http://vigilforlife.org), or call John Bohn at 608-628-7552 or Gwen Finnegan at 608-393-8545.



### SCRIP ON SALE AFTER MASSES SEPT. 27 & 28

SCRIP cards will be on sale after Masses on Saturday, Sept. 27, and Sunday, Sept. 28. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.

### JOIN DEACON TIM REILLY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON JESUS

Join Deacon Tim Reilly for a discussion about the person of Jesus from the theological perspective of Pope Benedict XVI. The topics include Peter's Confession, The Transfiguration, The Son of Man, The Son, and "I Am." Classes are held in the St. Veronica Room in the Parish Center from 7 until 8:30 pm on the following Wednesdays: Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5. Please contact Deacon Tim if you have questions or are new to the group by emailing him at [deacontimreilly@outlook.com](mailto:deacontimreilly@outlook.com).



### SEMI-ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH TO BE HELD OCT. 5

Join Fr. Michael Radowicz for the semi-annual Rosary March at the Cathedral of St. Bernard after the 10am Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5.



### WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Join Walking With Moms in Need during Respect Life Month as they explore how parishes can support moms in need on Friday, Oct. 17, at Schoenstatt Heights, 5901 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison. The morning begins with Mass at 8:30am, celebrated by Bishop Donald Hying, followed by a panel discussion with local pregnancy resource center representatives. Registration required at <https://forms.office.com/r/4QnULCGfL8> or contact [psm@ccmadison.org](mailto:psm@ccmadison.org) or 608-826-8009.

## CATHEDRAL DATES AT A GLANCE

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



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

### Sunday, Oct. 5, after 10am Mass

Rosary March with Fr. Michael Radowicz

