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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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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented."

- Luke 16:25



PASTOR'S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 28
2025

Dear Friends,

Around this time each year, the Church gives those who pray the Divine Office a selection of readings from the treatise *On Pastors* by St. Augustine of Hippo.

Let's just say that St. Augustine never had a problem with being bluntly honest in his writings, and this particular treatise is no exception. For some, it might not stir up much of anything as the words are read, but for me, it causes a lot of introspection on the ways in which I'm not being a good shepherd and concentrating on your needs.

You are the flock that I have been entrusted with, and while I strive every day to rise to the challenge, there are always times in which I fall short and seem to be lacking. Coupled with the words of Ezra this past Wednesday in the daily Mass readings, my own sinfulness and shortfalls are never far from my heart, and I am always trying to do better.

It's Time to Nominate Parish Trustees

Every parish has two trustees who -- together with the bishop, pastor, and vicar general -- form the corporate board of the parish corporation. I am grateful to Michael Hoffman and Paul Lang who have faithfully served in these roles for a number of years. It is time to elect two new trustees. The process is governed by the Code of Canon Law, and it includes a period of time for nominations and a ballot election for those nominees who agree to serve. Trustees are to be registered members of the cathedral parish who attend holy Mass regularly. Beginning this weekend and until **Wednesday, October 15th**, the nomination period will officially open. You are welcome to nominate yourself or someone in the parish you feel would be a good fit for these roles. A handout is included in this weekend's bulletin which highlights the responsibility of each trustee. To nominate yourself or someone else, please send an email to communication@sbmsn.org or contact Julianne in the Parish Office. Please include the name of the parishioner and which trustee role for which you are nominating him or her. **These roles are not heavy commitments of time.** Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve our parish in these important capacities! -Fr. Michael

Being present in pastoral care

With the elevation project, it's been harder for me to be as present in the area of pastoral care than I would like to be. Whenever I have a few moments to get out and make some visits, it brings me great joy in returning to the part of my ministry that fills me and brings me closer to you. Doing all the cathedral "stuff" is important, but in all reality, it's secondary to the things that are most important in the ministry of a priest.

I appreciate these reflections of St. Augustine each year because they provide a good check on where I am in my own priestly vocation and where I fall short in my love and service to you. We have been together for many years now, and for that, I give thanks every day. It's wonderful to look at people and know their stories and what they personally bring to every Mass they attend. Know how much of a gift you are to me, and through this long stretch of transition and sacrifice, I give thanks to God every day for your support and your willingness to walk with this project until the day when we can return to our spiritual home again.

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown to me through your phone calls, cards, and notes. I couldn't do this without you, and I'm grateful to God for calling us to be together during this time of great excitement and renewal here in the diocese.

"What is an act of love? Willing the good of another person and taking on potential heartache and difficulty because we care so deeply."
- Fr. Michael

Ways parents show love

Being a parent has its challenges, doesn't it? As much as we want our children to love us, accept us and befriend us, we always have to be a parent and not a friend. We have to have the inner strength to sit our kiddos down and tell them when they've done something wrong. We have to be comfortable setting boundaries for them.

And most of all, we have to be comfortable when they storm off and don't talk to us for days at a time. That's what happens when we have a good, solid understanding of what true love really is. There will be times in which we have to make the unpopular choice and be the voice of opposition. We know how it will make our kids feel and it pains us to have to do it, but because we love them and want the very best for them, we have to follow through with what God asks of us in our vocation as parents.

So often in the world today, parents try to be friends with their children, and the preservation of that sense of friendship takes the place of making the tough calls that parents sometimes have to make.

Every action has two things: a cause and an effect. People try to evaluate love based upon effects rather than looking at the cause. For instance, a parent forbids his or her child from attending a house party. If we try to find love in the effect, we will find an unhappy child who is angry because he or she is not able to go to the party. If we look at the cause, however, we will find that the parent makes the choice based on a myriad of potentially bad things that could happen.

The decision of the parent is motivated by a deep desire to keep the child safe and free from potential harm. The parent is willing to sacrifice a bit of anger and unhappiness in exchange for the peace of mind that the child remains safe.

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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:

September 21, 2025 (Week 12 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 1,765.00
Loose.....\$ 715.00
B & G / Molesem.....\$ 20.00
TOTAL.....\$ 2,500.00

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 71,541.95
Needed to date.....\$ 102,696.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)....(\$ 31,154.05)

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What is an act of love? Willing the good of another person and taking on potential heartache and difficulty because we care so deeply. If you look for love in the right place, it can be found.

Upcoming updates on campus

As I type this, a beautiful trailer of trees just drove past my office window! Hopefully, they will find their way into the ground by the time you read this! ☺ We have more than 40 different types of trees, which will bring some life and beauty to an otherwise boring landscape of a parking lot!

Next week Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the final layers of asphalt will be added to the parking lot, bringing the lot to completion. God willing, the weather will cooperate so that we can finish up the lot. The stone pieces for the façade of the covered parking entry have arrived and will be installed over the next few weeks. Our concrete contractor will soon begin work on the final areas of concrete which are needed, including the final portions of the Atwood Ave. plazas at the parking lot and parish center entrances, and all the public sidewalks on Atwood Ave. and Corry St. **For those coming to daily Mass next week Thursday and Friday**, please be watchful of the parking area for daily Mass. Everything should be finished by the weekend, with no planned interruptions for weekend Mass parking.

Presbyteral Assembly this week

This coming Sunday through Wednesday, I will be in Lake Geneva for the annual priest assembly. There will be no daily Masses celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of next week. Daily Mass will resume on Thursday.

Please pray for our priests. They are all shouldering many, many things, and your prayers are a portion of their daily spiritual sustenance.

Know that I will be remembering all of you and your intentions in prayer. If there's a need that arises, please reach out to the parish office for assistance.

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, September 29th Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (F)
The 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 ✨ Ps 138 ✨ John 1:47-51

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, September 30th St. Jerome (M)
Zec 8:20-23 ✨ Ps 87 ✨ Lk 9:51-56

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, October 1st St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (M)
Neh 2:1-8 ✨ Ps 137 ✨ Lk 9:57-62

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

Thursday, October 2nd Holy Guardian Angels (M)
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 ✨ Ps 19 ✨ Matt 18:1-5, 10

7:45am Raymond & Virginia Klaeser †

Following Rosary

First Friday, October 3rd Weekday
Baruch 1:15-22 ✨ Ps 79 ✨ Lk 10:13-16

7:45am L & D members of Scovill & Larson Families
& June Courtney-Brazy †

Following Rosary

First Saturday, October 4th St. Francis of Assisi (M)
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 ✨ Ps 69 ✨ Lk 10:17-24

7:45am Open Intention

Following Litany of the IHM & Confessions

Sunday, October 5th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ✨ Ps 95 ✨ 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 ✨ Lk 17:5-10

4:30pm (Sat.) L/D members of Beich & Gunske Families †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

10:00am Jerome Sigg †
Int. Catherine Sigg Family

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

NO MASSES OR CONFESSIONS MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Please note that there will be no daily Masses or Confessions this Monday, Sept. 29 through Wednesday, Oct. 1, due to the Diocese of Madison's annual Presbyteral Assembly.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of:

Russell, Randy, & Bonnie Trainor

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

October 1, 2025

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

Today is the Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (1873-1897), more popularly known as “the Little Flower.” Although just an obscure cloistered Carmelite nun, she has had universal appeal since her death in 1897. St. Thérèse is the patroness of all foreign missions and patroness of France, and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997.

St. Thérèse

Marie Thérèse Martin was born at Alençon, France on January 2, 1873, the youngest of five daughters. Her father, Louis, was a watchmaker, and her mother, Zélie, who died of breast cancer when Thérèse was four, was a lace maker. She was brought up in a model Christian home.



While still a child she felt the attraction of the cloister, and at fifteen obtained permission to enter the Carmel of Lisieux. For the next nine years she lived a very ordinary religious life. There are no miracles, exploits or austerities recorded of her. She attained a very high degree of holiness by carrying out her ordinary daily duties with perfect fidelity, having a childlike confidence in God's providence and merciful love and being ready to be at the service of others at all times.

She also had a great love of the Church and a zeal for the conversion of souls. She prayed especially for priests. She died of consumption on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24, and was canonized in 1925.

She has never ceased to fulfill her promise: “I will pass my heaven in doing good on earth.” Her interior life is known through her autobiography called *Story of a Soul*. Pope Saint John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

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



CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

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.



RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION WILL BE HELD OCT. 4 & 5

Next weekend, Oct. 4 & 5, the Respect Life Collection will be conducted in our parish. Your support for this collection is vital. Please take time in prayer this week to consider how you can contribute. Next weekend you will find a brochure and envelope in the bulletin for your donation.

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.

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS

A presentation on mental illness will be held from 6:30 to 8pm on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 401 S. Owen Dr., Madison. Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee, the presentation will address confronting misconceptions, understanding links to addiction, and learning to support loved ones. Speakers include Bishop Hying, diocesan and parish staff, and professionals from Journey Mental Health. Contact Vicky Franchino at vkfranchino@gmail.com with questions.

SCRIP TO BE PROCESSED ON OCT. 7

The next monthly SCRIP order will be processed on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Please have order forms and payment for your order to the Parish Office on Monday, Oct. 6.



CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP OCT. 11

This workshop will help you discern the gifts you've been given and how to use them in your life, parish, and community. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9am to 3:30pm at St. Victor Church, 1760 14th St., Monroe. Register at www.madisondiocese.org/called-and-gifted

BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED!!

Please consider sponsoring an upcoming bulletin, published in-house. For \$50 you can have your name listed as a bulletin sponsor or you can sponsor the bulletin in memory of (or in honor of) a loved one. Call the Parish Office today!



WELCOME NEWEST MEMBER

Please welcome the newest member of the Cathedral of St. Bernard: Joel Egbert.

