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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

*"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
- Luke 17:6*



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
OCTOBER 5
2025

Dear Friends,
We welcome the month of October, dedicated to Our Lady, with our bi-annual Rosary procession. We welcome all who are with us this weekend for holy Mass and to join us in the procession.

Praying the Rosary each day is a wonderful devotion, and it allows us to bring our hearts - full as they are - to Mary, and to allow her healing, motherly hands to embrace us and to take our crosses and struggles to her Son. Mary is an affectionate mother, but like all good mothers, she can be stern in her counsel if she sees us straying from the spiritual life. We grow closer in the love of Mary’s Immaculate Heart over these coming weeks.

Holy Guardian Angels

This past week, we also celebrated our guardian angels. As our cathedral patron, St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said of the guardian angels, “Even though we are children and have a long, a very long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors what have we to fear? They who keep us in

all our ways cannot be overpowered or led astray, much less lead us astray. They are loyal, prudent, powerful. Why then are we afraid? We have only to follow them, stay close to them, and we shall dwell under the protection of God’s heaven.”

They are appointed as “guardians and our teachers,” in much the same way as our parents watch over us and keep us from harm. It is important to remember that every one of us has a guardian angel who hovers around us at all times - when we are awake and when we are asleep.

They are there to rejoice with us in times of great joy, and they bring us the Savior’s consoling graces in times of struggle and the cross. They are intimately close to us as we near our earthly death, and when the time comes, they accompany us, with Our Lady, to the judgment seat of Christ.

There are many who are ridden with guilt because they were not with a loved one when they breathed their last, and feel as though they died alone. For a soul in the company of God, it is quite the contrary. The space of the dying person begins to swell with holiness and the fragrant aroma of the sweetness of God’s mercy as heaven begins to overtake the dying soul



“The angels have a way of tugging at us by means of the conscience and others in our midst who help us understand and discern the love of the Almighty.”
- Fr. Michael

and surround them in peace. We thank the Lord for so great a gift to have our guardian angels so near to us and to keep us from harm. There’s only thing we must do on our part: listen to them and follow their lead! ☺ The angels have a way of tugging at us by means of the conscience and others in our midst who help us understand and discern the love of the Almighty.

Updates around campus

Well ... I think I’ve given up offering schedules of things that are going to happen around here! ☺ The pavers pushed us back until this week coming, so no paved parking lot as yet, but hopefully this week Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Finishes are continuing to be applied in the rectory. My beloved toilets that have adorned the apartment dining room for the past few months have finally made their way back to their rightful homes down the hall! The new shower walls will soon be delivered and installed, and water will be connected back to all the suite restrooms again.

Carpet is being installed on the first floor of the rectory and the second floor hallway. Roofing and soffit are being installed on the covered parking entry. The concrete for the sacristy keyway ramp was finally poured, and the remaining portions of shoring should be removed early next week. We’ll prepare the final room in the undercroft, and the space will then be ready for paint and finish.

Paul is busily at work in the woodshop cranking out the niches that will adorn the top portion of the apse, and all the other liturgical pieces that need to be constructed. It’s a steady pace.

Looking toward completion

This month, more awareness about the cathedral’s construction and completion will be shared via the Diocese’s social

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 28, 2025 (Week 13 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 794.00
Loose.....\$ 634.01
Outreach.....\$ 20.00
Women of St. Bernard...\$ 45.00
TOTAL.....\$ 1,493.01

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 72,889.96
Needed to date.....\$ 111,254.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)...(\$ 38,364.04)

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media platforms. As we approach the end of the month, a series of bulletin inserts will prepare parishioners for a special in-pew commitment weekend for the cathedral, which will be held on the feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, November 8th and 9th. The basilica is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, who is also the Holy Father! Many of you have made gifts to the cathedral already, and for your generosity, I am beyond grateful. If you’ve been discerning the possibility of a sacrificial gift, this will be an excellent opportunity to offer that gift to the campaign. Please continue to pray for the cathedral’s successful completion. We are looking to a dedication date of mid-February, immediately before Ash Wednesday.

Bulletin sponsors are needed

I want to sincerely thank all those who have so generously remembered loved ones and intentions through a gift to support the cathedral’s bulletin.

As you know, we changed the format of the bulletin a bit to publish a piece that is both informative and catechetical. The format has been well-received, and we plan to continue with this type of format. The approximate cost to publish the bulletin each week is \$50.

In lieu of seeking outside businesses to sponsor the bulletin, we’ve tried to keep sponsorship in-house to give parishioners an additional opportunity to remember loved ones (both living and deceased) and particular intentions.

We have many weekends open for sponsorship through the end of the calendar year. If you’d like to sponsor a bulletin, please contact Julianne Nornberg in the Parish Office or by email to communication@sbmsn.org Thank you for your generosity in responding to this opportunity.

The temperatures are starting to become more temperate this time of year, and the colors are starting to turn. I hope that we can all take time in these weeks to enjoy the beauty of the fall season in our surrounding area!

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, October 6th St. Bruno (m)
The 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Jonah 1:1–2:1-2, 11 ✕ Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8 ✕ Luke 10:25-37

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary (M)
Jonah 3:1-10 ✕ Ps 130 ✕ Lk 10:38-42

7:45am Mary Bichler & Elizabeth Fetting †
Following Rosary

Wednesday, October 8th Weekday
Jonah 4:1-11 ✕ Ps 86 ✕ Lk 11:1-4

7:45am Marcia Sterns †
Following Rosary

Thursday, October 9th St. John Henry Newman (m)
Mal 3:13-20b ✕ Ps 1 ✕ Lk 11:5-13

7:45am Open Intention
Following Rosary

Friday, October 10th Weekday
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 ✕ Ps 9 ✕ Lk 11:15-26

7:45am Open Intention
Following Rosary

Saturday, October 11th St. John XXIII (m)
Joel 4:12-21 ✕ Ps 97 ✕ Lk 11:27-28

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, October 12th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 5:14-17 ✕ Ps 98 ✕ 2 Tim 2:8-13 ✕ Lk 17:11-19

4:30pm (Sat.) Elizabeth Cole †
8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Confessions
10:00am Andrew Kim †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored by an:

Anonymous Donor

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!



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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

**Our mission
field is
daily life.**

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CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION WILL BE HELD OCT. 4 & 5

This weekend, the Respect Life Collection is being conducted across the Diocese. Enclosed in this bulletin is a brochure explaining the collection and an envelope to make your donation. Please consider how you can make a difference!

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. Contact Vicky Franchino at vkfranchino@gmail.com with questions.

JUBILEE MASS WITH BISHOP HYING ON OCT. 8



All are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass with Bishop Hying at 6:30pm on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Schoenstatt Heights, 5901 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison. Confessions beforehand at 5:45pm and bilingual Rosary at 6pm.

MASS WITH BISHOP HYING AT CHESTERTON ACADEMY

Join Bishop Hying at Chesterton Academy at 8:15am on Thursday, Oct. 9, at St. Albert the Great Church, 2420 St. Albert the Great Dr., Sun Prairie.

RETRouvaille RETREAT FOR MARRIAGES IN CRISIS

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages in crisis, a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. The next retreat is Oct. 10-12 in DePere, WI. To register, go to helpourmarriage.org

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Oct. 11-12 in West Bend, Nov. 8-9 in Neenah, or Dec. 6-7 in Stoughton. Visit www.alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

'THE GOOD, THE MESSY, AND THE BEAUTIFUL'

The Diocese of Madison welcomes Catholic author, speaker, and theologian Dr. Edward Sri as the 2025 St. Therese of Lisieux Lecture Series speaker at 7pm on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Holy Name Heights Oratory, 702 S. High Point Rd., Madison. He will speak on "The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life." RSVP is appreciated, but not required, at www.madisondiocese.org/stls

FALL BAZAAR & CRAFT FAIR AT ST. PETER CHURCH

St. Peter's Catholic Church, 5001 N. Sherman Avenue, Madison will hold its 2025 Fall Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8:30am to 4pm and on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 9:30am to 12:30pm. For more information visit qoap.org/events/st-peter-fall-bazaar.



St. Dymphna HEALING MASS

Sunday, October 19th

Holy Name Heights Oratory

702 S High Point Rd, Madison, WI 53719

9 AM Adoration with music by Laura Sokup
10 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Hying



The Pain is Real - but so is HOPE.

Following Mass:

- Receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Venerate a first-class relic of St. Dymphna
- Get connected with mental health resources
- Enjoy cake, snacks, and refreshments



Mental Health Ministry, a ministry of the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities - Diocese of Madison

Register
for Free!



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