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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

*"Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching."
- 2 Timothy 4: 2*



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 19
2025

Dear Friends,

St. Teresa of Avila, whose memorial we celebrated this past week, was a prominent mystic during the late 16th century.

She began as a Carmelite, but felt that the order was too “comfortable” for her. Responding to an urging of the Holy Spirit, she founded the discalced (shoeless) Carmelite order, which incorporated austere poverty into the communities she founded.

Be completely devoted to God

Not everyone was happy with her choice, and there were some who were vehemently opposed to what she did and tried at every turn to discredit her and suppress the communities she founded. In essence, Teresa was attempting to remove as much of the world as she could, allowing her heart to be totally and completely devoted to God.

Teresa teaches us an import-

ant lesson: in order to receive the many graces Jesus wishes to give us, we must have a heart that is completely and totally focused on Him. The more we look to Christ and live only for Him, the more graces He is willing to pour into our hearts.

The world is the evil one’s domain, and the more we gravitate toward Christ and empty ourselves of worldly things, the more the evil one will try and chain us to the world and the things that keep us from loving Christ with all our heart, soul and strength.

Be in the world but not of it

It’s a delicate balance of having to interact with the world, but not allowing the world to loom over us and control us.

Teresa’s forming of the Discalced Carmelites was how she chose to answer the Lord’s call to be totally His ... how do we answer that call, friends?

There is a beautiful Lenten hymn entitled *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*. He is calling every one of us to be totally His, and in doing so, we receive a treasury of graces and gifts that are more than the world could ever give us. Advancing in the spiritual life is a life-long journey. We keep working at it, one day at a time!

Nominations, young adults

Thanks to all those who nominated themselves or other parishioners to serve in the role of parish trustee. Those nominated are in the process of being notified. In next weekend’s bulletin, a list will be provided of those nominated. The following weekend, November 1 and 2, parishioners will elect two people from the list to serve for a two-year term as secretary and treasurer trustee. Thank you for participating in this process!

I and many others have noticed that we’re beginning to see more young people joining us for holy Mass on the weekends. It’s truly a joy to see.

A few of our young people were

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- Fr. Michael

speaking with Dcn. Chris about getting a young adult group formed and going. I think it’s a terrific idea, and we will move in that direction as we begin the new year. By January, the vestry space should be completed, and we’ll have some additional space to hold meetings. Thanks for your patience. I wanted to mention this in my column to let you know that you are in my heart, and I look forward to getting something going as we approach the new year.

Evangelization efforts

This leads to the broader topic of evangelization. As many of you know, evangelization is near and dear to the bishop’s heart, and mine as well.

Over the past few years, Dcn. Tim has been steadily building a core group of those who have engaged in our adult faith formation program. We also have a men’s faith sharing group that meets regularly.

The diocese will be leading a program here at the cathedral sponsored by Evangelical Catholic. The goal of the program is to equip leaders who are able to lead small group discussions. These small groups can meet on or off campus, allowing faith formation to take on a new dimension!

I’m very excited about the possibilities this program can provide for those who want to learn more about the faith and engage in the spiritual life. I’ll be sharing more information about the evangelization efforts as we begin to develop more formal plans with staff from the diocese.

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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:	
October 5, 2025 (Week 15 of 52)	
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,137.00
Loose.....	\$ 909.04
Respect for Life.....	\$ 20.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,066.04
OFFERTORY PROGRESS:	
Collected to date.....	\$ 88,558.99
Needed to date.....	\$ 128,370.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)....	(\$ 39,811.01)

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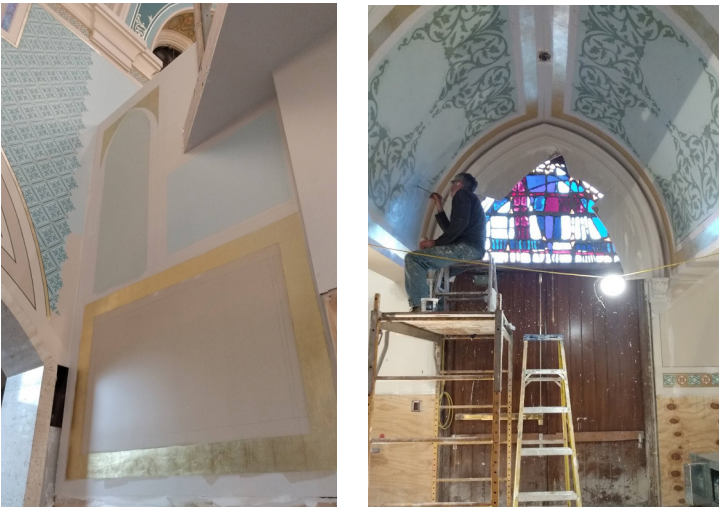
Updates around campus

This week brought more accomplishments on campus. Work has begun for the final portion of roofing on the church above the parking lot entrance. Roofing and soffit work is also beginning on the covered parking entrance.

The final steel for the bell tower was delivered this past Thursday, and plans are being made for installation. Once these beams are in place, it will be time to place the bells into the bell tower.

Our painter has returned to begin the last phase of painting work in the church. I’ve included a few images of the work that he’s been able to accomplish this week.

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr . Michael



Pictured above is the progress of the last phase of painting work at the Atwood Avenue entrance to the cathedral.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, October 20th		St. Paul of the Cross (m)
The 29th Week in Ordinary Time		
Rom 4:20-25 ✕ Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 ✕ Lk 12:13-21		
5:45pm	Confessions	
6:30pm	Open Intention	
Tuesday, October 21st		Weekday
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 ✕ Ps 40 ✕ Luke 12:35-38		
7:45am	L/D members of the Rickey Family †	
Following	Rosary	
Wednesday, October 22nd		St. John Paul II (m)
Rom 6:12-18 ✕ Ps 124 ✕ Lk 12:39-48		
7:45am	L/D members of the Fettig & Petroviak Families †	
Following	Rosary	
Thursday, October 23rd		St. John of Capistrano (m)
Rom 6:19-23 ✕ Ps 1 ✕ Lk 12:49-53		
7:45am	In memory of Ken Carpenter †	
Following	Rosary	
Friday, October 24th		St. Anthony Claret (m)
Rom 7:18-25a ✕ Ps 119 ✕ Lk 12:54-59		
7:45am	Gerald Kujawa †	
Following	Rosary	
Saturday, October 25th		BVM
Rom 8:1-11 ✕ Ps 24 ✕ Lk 13:1-9		
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine	
Sunday, October 26th		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 ✕ Ps 34 ✕ 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 ✕ Lk 18:9-14		
4:30pm (Sat.)	Tony Cascio †	
8:00am	Pro Populo	
9:15am	Confessions	
10:00am	Paul Smoody †	
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING		

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

Joseph & Avirina Dallapiazza

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!



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

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CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The International Combined Collection is taking place across the Diocese this weekend. Enclosed in this bulletin you'll find a brochure with information on each collection and an envelope for your contribution. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make a difference.



ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST DAY & JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Join Bishop Hying for a 6pm Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at St. Cecilia Church, 603 Oak St., Wisconsin Dells. There will be veneration of a relic of St. John Paul II after Mass and a reception in the parish hall.

SOLEMN VESPERS AND CHORAL MEDITATION ON NOV. 2

All are invited to Solemn Vespers and Choral Meditation at 4pm on All Souls Day on Sunday, Nov. 2, at Holy Name Oratory, 702 S. High Point Rd., Madison.



GOLD MASS AND LECTURE ON NOV. 4

All Catholics who study or work in STEM fields are invited to this year's Gold Mass and Lecture, sponsored by the Wisconsin Chapter of the Society of Catholic Scientists, on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Holy Redeemer Church, 120 W. Johnson St., Madison. Following a 6pm Mass with Bishop Hying, join us for dinner and a lecture by Dr. Robert Dempsey on Global Health and Stroke Prevention. To register, visit the link on the Gold Mass at <https://madisondiocese.org/parishresources>.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT NOV. 7-9

Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer hope and peace for anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Next retreat is Nov. 7-9. Contact Mary at 608-821-3177 or rachel@madisondiocese.org or madisondiocese.org/rachel.

MEN OF CHRIST MADISON CONFERENCE: HEROES OF HOPE



The 2025 Men of Christ Madison Conference will gather men from across our diocese and beyond for a day of inspiring talks, prayer, fellowship, and formation from 8am to 4pm on Saturday, Nov. 8, at St. Cecilia Parish, Wisconsin Dells. Register today at menofchristmadison.com.

DONATIONS TO THE LITTLE CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY

Please feel free to donate items to the basket in the parish center for the Little Cathedral Food Pantry to help those in need. Examples include single serving packages such as granola bars, nuts, foil packaged tuna/chicken/ham, and small cereal packages.

WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS TO CATHEDRAL OF ST. BERNARD

Please welcome our newest members: **Jack Andringa & Mad-Genna Wilkie, Candice Grahn, and Jacqueline Fairman.**

SCRIP CARDS ON SALE OCT. 25 & 26

SCRIP cards will be on sale after Masses on Saturday, Oct. 25, and Sunday, Oct. 26. Cards available for purchase include: Woodman's \$50 & \$100, Culver's \$25, HyVee \$50, and Food Fight \$25.

Have you lost
a loved one
to suicide?



Join us for our 4-part series:
**Addressing Our Suicidal Losses
with the Help of our Catholic Faith**

Group runs from 6-8pm
with dinner provided from 5-6pm.

Fall Series: Mondays
Oct 20th, Oct 27th, Nov 3rd, Nov 10th

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Cottage Grove



To register, fill out the form on
madisondiocese.org/supportgroups
With questions, call Laura at 608-821-3053.

