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# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

- Luke 18: 14



## 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 26  
2025

Dear Friends,  
Another sign of progress: we're beginning to plan for our initial transition back to the church! There are two things that I'd like to ask you to bring to prayer.

### Ambassadors ministry

The first concerns a ministry that will very much be needed as we look forward to welcoming many new people to the cathedral. I'm asking you to prayerfully consider becoming an ambassador at one of our weekend Masses.

The ambassadors ministry will combine the ministries of usher and greeter. The responsibilities aren't overly taxing, but it requires a personality that is warm, inviting, and welcoming to the many new faces we will encounter during our transition time. Ambassadors will welcome parishioners and visitors to the cathedral and help distribute worship aids. During Mass, you'll be available to assist those looking for the restroom or who need assistance. You'll assist with the collection at offertory and help coordinate the

lines for Holy Communion. After Mass ends, you'll collect the worship aids and distribute the weekend bulletins as people leave.

I am deeply grateful to those who have served the usher ministry for many years, and while I hope you will consider this new opportunity to serve, I would like to invite more of you to assist with this ministry. Ideally, we would have four ambassadors at each weekend Mass. The more volunteers we have, the more life-giving this ministry will be for those who encounter you. Training will be provided, and you'll wear something special delineating you as an ambassador. If you would be interested in this ministry, please reach out to Julianne in the parish office.

### Eucharistic Adoration

On Thursdays, we will focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will begin after the 7:45am Mass (approximately 8:30am) and will continue throughout the day until the evening, at a time that is still to be determined. We'll end the evening with Vespers, followed by Benediction. In order for this endeavor to be successful, we will need people committed to adoring the Eucharistic Lord throughout the day and into the evening. Please consider a commitment of time for a half hour or an hour to ensure that there is always someone present with the Lord during the hours of adoration.

This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, meditation, and quiet time in the presence of the very heart of Christ. If you would like to sign up for a time slot, please contact Julianne.

### Updates around campus

This past week, the final steel beams were installed in the bell tower. Once the finishing touches are put on the installation, we'll be ready to raise the bells into the tower.

Extensive work was completed on the second floor of the rectory with the installation of new shower walls. When the old showers were demoed, it was discovered that several of them had significant rotting occurring in the subfloor. These issues have been corrected, and we've chosen materials that give the suite bathrooms a light, airy feeling. They turned out beautifully!

Ongoing liturgical painting continues in the church to complete the remaining areas where painted finishes are needed. I

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- Fr. Michael

know that many of you are eager to see the changes in person. We're working to button up a few remaining items to ensure that the space is clear of safety hazards. We have to be very careful with safety as it is paramount for our insurance carrier, who conducts regular inspections. As soon as we're able to open the space, we'll happily do so!

A number of you have asked about the traffic light at the corner of Hudson St. and Atwood Ave. The absence of that light makes it more difficult to exit onto Atwood Ave. during busy times of the day. I inquired with the city's traffic engineering division, and was told that they are currently working on programming the signals. The hope is to install the signals in the next two to three weeks. The new signals should be functional by Thanksgiving.

### Giving ourselves totally to God

Last week Wednesday, we commemorated the memorial of Pope St. John Paul II. It has been 20 years since his passing in 2005. His motto, Totus Tuus, moved the hearts of so many. It's a Latin phrase which means "totally yours." It's the spiritual desire that we all have: to give ourselves totally and completely to Christ, including those areas of our life where we'd rather have our own autonomy and control.

Many people are good at giving a portion of their life to God, but God wants all of us! Look at the areas of your life where the veil of darkness might exist through sinful tendencies and behaviors. When we give our entire self to the Lord, the salvific power of the cross is revealed as we stand completely in the light of the Lord's love. St. John Paul is ready to assist us so that we, too, can totally and completely belong to the Lord!

Calendar raffle tickets are currently on sale! Thanks for your support of the raffle, which supports the cathedral's operations budget. Ticket sales will continue through the end of December.

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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 19, 2025 (Week 16 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 2,447.98  
Loose.....\$ 1,030.00  
Int'l Combined.....\$ 2.00  
Outreach.....\$ 41.00  
Respect for Life.....\$ 30.00  
TOTAL.....\$ 3,550.98

### OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 92,036.97  
Needed to date.....\$ 136,928.00  
Surplus/(Shortfall)...(\$ 44,891.33)

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We offer our prayers for the soul of Ann Esser, a member of the cathedral who died in Wisconsin Dells recently. May the Lord grant her eternal peace and rest in the joy of His kingdom. We also offer our prayers and congratulations to John Zimbrick of the cathedral who recently celebrated his 99th birthday! May the blessings of health and strength be upon him in the coming year.

*With love in the Sacred Heart,*

*Fr. Michael*



### A Message from Bishop Hying: Restoring the Heart of our Diocese

More than twenty years after the loss of St. Raphael Cathedral, our diocese is joyfully restoring its spiritual heart. The construction and restoration of the Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux has been underway and we have made tremendous progress thanks to many generous Catholics like you. This important initiative blends preservation and beauty as we create a home for worship, evangelization, and community for generations to come. Every household will receive materials inviting participation in this historic effort, if they have not already. Let us join in prayer and gratitude as we prepare to open the doors of our new cathedral.

*+ Donald J. Hying*

Bishop Donald J. Hying

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### Monday, October 27th

Weekday

The 30th Week in Ordinary Time  
Rom 8:12-17 ✕ Ps 68 ✕ Lk 13:10-17

5:45pm Confessions

6:30pm Open Intention

### Tuesday, October 28th

Ss. Simon & Jude (F)

Eph 2:19-22 ✕ Ps 19 ✕ Lk 6:12-16

7:45am Mary Pankratz †

Following Rosary

### Wednesday, October 29th

Weekday

Rom 8:26-30 ✕ Ps 13 ✕ Lk 13:22-30

7:45am Paul Petranyi †

Following Rosary

### Thursday, October 30th

Weekday

Rom 8:31b-39 ✕ Ps 109 ✕ Lk 13:31-35

7:45am James Maylor †

Following Rosary

### Friday, October 31st

All Hallows' Eve

Rom 9:1-5 ✕ Ps 147 ✕ Lk 14:1-6

7:45am Open Intention

Following Rosary

### First Saturday, November 1st

All Saints (S)

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 ✕ Ps 24 ✕ 1 Jn 3:1-3 ✕ Matt 5:1-12a

7:45am Open Intention

Following Litany of the IHM & Confessions

### Sunday, November 2nd

All Souls Day

Wis 3:1-9 ✕ Ps 23 ✕ Rom 5:5-11 ✕ Jn 6:37-40

4:30pm (Sat.) L/D members of the Dohm Family †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

10:00am Andrew Kim †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

## BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

*Otto and Angeline Lehman*

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

### Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

Read the full version at [respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations](https://respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations).

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone, and, even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed.

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## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AFTER MASSES ON OCT. 26



Join us after the 8am and 10am Mass in the St. Veronica Room for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship!

### NUN RUN FOR HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

Young women interested in learning more about the consecrated life are invited to a "Nun Run" to Chicago the evening of Oct. 31 to the morning of Nov. 2. For more information, contact **Theresa Klinkhammer@gmail.com**.

### 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

To register for the Gold Mass with Bishop Hying on Tuesday, Nov. 4, visit the link on the Gold Mass at <https://madisondiocese.org/parishresources>.

### BLESSED TRINITY PARISH FISH FRY IN DANE NOV. 7



Come to a Friday Fish Fry drive-through from 4:30 to 7pm on Nov. 7 at St. Michael Church, 109 S. Military Rd., Dane.

### 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](mailto:rachel@madisondiocese.org) or [madisondiocese.org/rachel](https://madisondiocese.org/rachel).

### CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON IN VERONA

St. Andrew Church will host a Christmas/Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon from 8:30am to 2pm on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Parish Center, 301 N. Main St., Verona, with sweepstakes drawing at 2pm, crafts, gift baskets, bake sale, and woodworking by Knights of Columbus. Luncheon 10:30am to 1:30pm.



### MEN OF CHRIST MADISON CONFERENCE: HEROES OF HOPE



The 2025 Men of Christ Madison Conference will gather men from across our diocese 8am to 4pm on Saturday, Nov. 8, at St. Cecilia Parish, Wisconsin Dells. Register at [menofchristmadison.com](https://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: **Tom & Jill Dumphy** and **Mary (Cathy) Hynum**.

## A note about All Saints Day 2025

**Due to All Saints Day (November 1) falling on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass that day has been lifted.**

In the U.S., when certain Holy Days of Obligation, such as the Solemnity of All Saints, fall on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. However, you are still encouraged to make this a special day. Consider attending daily Mass on Saturday morning, reading about the saints, or saying a prayer to the saints, such as the Litany of Saints. All you holy men and women, pray for us!

