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Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

*"...God proves his love for us in that
while we were still sinners Christ died for us."
- Romans 5: 8*



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
NOVEMBER 2
2025**

Dear Friends,
We extend a warm welcome to those who are with us at the Masses this weekend as we commend to the Lord's mercy those who have died in the past year from our cathedral family and members of your family and friends.

As Catholic Christians, we believe in the resurrection, and that promise was sealed in the Precious Blood that Jesus shed on the cross.

There were two thieves crucified alongside our Lord. While they are not named in the gospel accounts, tradition points to their names being Dismas and Gentas. Of the two, Dismas was known as the repentant thief. In his witness of faith to Jesus, he said, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." To that, Jesus responded, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise."

This is such a powerful moment, friends, as it shows just how much the merciful heart of the Savior reaches out to those who turn to Him - even in the final moments of their lives. This exchange provides great comfort to me, and I pray that it will for you as well. May all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, rest in God's peace and pray for us until the day we can rejoice with them.

Insert on Cathedral

This weekend, you'll find an insert on the cathedral. We're looking forward to the in-pew process which will take place on November 8-9 (next weekend). The insert is an informative introduction to the cathedral and the journey we've been on together. For most of you, this will be information you know intimately since we've lived it out over the past few years! The cathedral video by Bishop Hying will be playing again this weekend ... please check it out if you haven't done so already.

On the weekend of November 8-9, the cathedral will be open after all the Masses for those who would like to take a look at the progress that has been made. Please plan to join us!

Bell tower update

This coming Wednesday, the bells will be lifted into the bell tower. The start time for the crane will be approximately 7:30am. I'm not certain as to exactly when the bells will be lifted, as it will take some time to rig them before the actual lift takes place. The temporary roof will also need to be removed from the tower so the bells can be put into place.

Parishioners are welcome to come to the campus to watch in person if you'd like to be a part of this milestone. I will also do my very best to offer a livestream on Facebook so those at home and work can watch the live feed. If you're coming to watch, please enter the parking lot using the Corry St. entrance closest to the bike path and park in the main area of the parking lot. You can then make your way over to the south end of the parking lot where the crane will be located. The Wednesday daily Mass will take place at the usual time.

Progress in rectory, church

I've included a few pictures of the progress being made! The new shower walls and wainscoting are being installed in the rectory, as well as the carpet on the first floor and second floor hallway. It's beginning to look like a finished space!

The undercroft is in the process of being painted - it should be finished by the time you read this. The back of the church is beginning to come to life as our



Above, carpeting was recently installed on the first floor.



At left, the virtues of "Fortitude" and "Justice" have been painted in the cathedral entryway.

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- Fr. Michael



Above are pictured the virtues of "Temperance" and "Prudence."

painters have returned to finish the remaining areas. All our contractors are working their hardest to advance the finish work, and I'm so grateful for all of their good efforts.

New trustees

We had a number of people nominated for the trustee positions. In the end, there were two people willing to fill these roles, and as such, we do not have to hold a formal election process. Congratulations to Keith Hildebrand who will assume the duty of secretary trustee and Joseph Nielsen who will assume the duty of treasurer trustee. I'm grateful to both Keith and Joseph for their willingness to serve! The trustee positions are two-year terms, which will expire on October 31, 2027.

I'm planning to be away from the parish November 10th - November 24th in North Carolina. I'll still be available for phone calls and emails, so please reach out if there's anything you need, and I'll assist as best I can. I'm grateful to Fr. Ray Dischler and Msgr. Dan Ganshert for their assistance while I'm away.

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

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 26, 2025 (Week 17 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 50,744.00
Loose.....\$ 469.10
Int'l Combined.....\$ 69.00
Outreach.....\$ 15.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....\$ 50.00
TOTAL.....\$ 51,347.10

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$ 143,250.07
Needed to date.....\$ 145,486.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)...(\$ 2,235.93)



TOGETHER

A Message from Bishop Hying: Building a Sacred Home for Generations to Come

At the heart of every diocese stands a cathedral, a mother church uniting the faithful as one in Christ. For the Diocese of Madison, this vision is taking shape through the transformation of St. Bernard Church into the Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. Next weekend, during the In-Pew Cathedral Weekend Appeal, each household will be invited to participate through prayer and sacrificial giving. Your support will create a permanent home for diocesan worship, including ordinations, the Chrism Mass, and other celebrations that unite us in faith. Together, we are building a sacred home for generations to come.

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Bishop Donald J. Hying

DONATIONS TO 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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, November 3rd St. Martin de Porres (m)
The 31st Week in Ordinary Time
Rom 11:29-36 ✕ Ps 69 ✕ Lk 14:12-14

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY

Tuesday, November 4th St. Charles Borromeo (M)
Rom 12:5-16ab ✕ Ps 131 ✕ Lk 14:15-24

7:45am Christie Degnits †
Following Rosary

Wednesday, November 5th Weekday
Rom 13:8-10 ✕ Ps 112 ✕ Lk 14:25-33

7:45am Janeen Otis
Following Rosary

Thursday, November 6th Weekday
Rom 14:7-12 ✕ Ps 27 ✕ Lk 15:1-10

7:45am Jeff Seidensticker †
Following Rosary

First Friday, November 7th Weekday
Rom 15:14-21 ✕ Ps 98 ✕ Lk 16:1-8

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

Saturday, November 8th BVM
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 ✕ Ps 145 ✕ Lk 16:9-15
8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, November 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 ✕ Ps 46 ✕ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 ✕ Jn 2:13-22

4:30pm (Sat.) Richard Trace †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

10:00am L/D members of the Hagen family †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

Emilie Press

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!



ST. AUGUSTINE'S ADVICE ON PRAYER

The following is from "A Letter to Proba" written by St Augustine in 412 A.D. and contains helpful insight for us today. Proba was a wealthy Christian Roman noblewoman and widow who wrote to St. Augustine for guidance on how to pray.

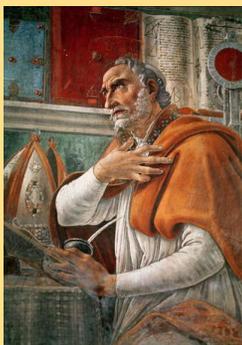
Perhaps you may still ask why St. Paul said we do not know how to pray as we ought when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, since it is impossible that he or those to whom he wrote should not have known the Lord's Prayer.

Yet Paul himself was not exempt from such ignorance. When, to prevent him from becoming swollen-headed over the greatness of the revelations that had been given to him, he was given in addition a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet him, he asked the Lord three times to take it away from him. Surely that was not knowing to pray as he ought? For in the end he heard the Lord's reply, telling him why even such a great saint's prayer had to be refused: My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.

So when we are suffering afflictions that might be doing us either good or harm, we do not know how to pray as we ought. But because they are hard to endure and painful, because they are contrary to our nature (which is weak) we, like all mankind, pray to have our afflictions taken from us. At least, though, we owe this much respect to the Lord our God, that if he does not take our afflictions away we should not consider ourselves ignored and neglected, but should hope to gain some greater good through the patient acceptance of suffering. For my power is at its best in weakness.

Scripture says this so that we should not be proud of ourselves if our prayer is heard, when we ask for something it would be better for us not to get; and so that we should not become utterly dejected if we are not given what we ask for, despairing of God's mercy towards us: it might be that what we have been asking for could have brought us some still greater affliction, or it could have brought us the kind of good fortune that brings corruption and ruin. In such cases, it is clear that we cannot know how to pray as we ought.

Hence if anything happens contrary to our prayer, we ought to bear the disappointment patiently, give thanks to God, and be sure that it was better for God's will to be done than our own. The Mediator himself has given us an example of this. When he had prayed, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by, he transformed the human will that was in him because he had assumed human nature and added Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it. Thus, truly, By the obedience of one man many have been made righteous.



CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

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.

MONTHLY SCRIP ORDERS DUE NOV. 3

The next monthly SCRIP Order will be processed on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Please have order forms and payment for your order to the parish office on Monday, Nov. 3.



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.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY EVENTS BEGIN NOV. 7

Do you want to dive deeper into your faith or grow closer to God? The Encounter School of Ministry – Madison Campus has a lineup of events for 2025–2026 that you won't want to miss! For venue details and updates, visit www.encounterschool.org/madison/#events.

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.

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.



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.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND IN MINNESOTA

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN, will host a Come and See weekend open to high school age young men Nov. 14-16. Please contact Lorie Ballweg at lorie.ballweg@madisondiocese.org or Fr. Jared Holzhuter at jared.holzhuter@madisondiocese.org to learn more and sign up!

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING ON NOV. 12

A training will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9am to 5pm, at Holy Name Heights, 702 S. High Point Rd., Madison. It is open to all who would like to learn how to recognize and respond to signs of mental illness or a mental health crisis. Registration is required; please email apd@madisondiocese.org.

