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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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# Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

## Cathedral Commitment Weekend

November 9, 2025

*"Together, we will open the doors!"*  
-Bishop Donald J. Hying



Basilica of St. John Lateran, Vatican, located in Rome, Lazio, Italy  
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PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 9  
2025

Dear Friends,  
As we enter into commitment weekend for the cathedral elevation project, I am profoundly grateful for the latest milestone that was accomplished this past week in the raising of the bells and accompanying support structure into the bell tower. It took two days due to high wind gusts at the end of day one.

On Wednesday of this past week, the bells were placed into the tower, and the support structure the following day, on Thursday. So many people came together to make this process safe, seamless and effortless (at least that was my take from the ground watching! ☺).

I am so grateful to the Lord for all that He has accomplished through the faith, dedication and talent of our workers and all throughout the Diocese who are making this project possible.

Commitment weekend

As we commemorate the feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran this weekend, we turn to the Lord

once again and ask Him to open the hearts of all the faithful throughout the Diocese to support us as we bring the first phase of this project to completion, with great hope that we can continue on to the next phase, which includes renovations in the parish center.

Here at the cathedral, you have done an amazing job with your gifts of prayer and treasure - especially as the project began. This commitment weekend is being offered to all the faithful here in the Diocese so we can all have a chance to contribute to this legacy project. Every gift given is a gift of praise to God when it is given from the heart. Thank you for your discernment as we engage in this commitment weekend and glorify the Lord by returning to Him in gift all that He has given us out of great love for us.

Much to be thankful for

The crucifixion scene was completed this past week, and I have a picture here in the bulletin for you to see. The sun is hidden by the clouds of darkness as the Lord cried out, “It is finished.” Three days later, Christ, who is the light of the world, emerges from the tomb in victory over the darkness of sin and death.

Our Lady and St. John, the beloved disciple, are pictured with our Lord at the foot of the cross. Their undying faith in remaining close to the Lord is a great witness to all of us that we, too, are to remain close to the Lord in all things, giving powerful witness to Him as His faithful disciples.

Images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary have been added to the back of the cathedral as decorative paint work begins to wrap up at the Atwood Ave. entrance.

We have so much to be thankful for, friends, and I pray that we can all have a heart of great gratitude for all the Holy Spirit has and continues to accomplish through all of us around the Diocese. We see His love

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- Fr. Michael

and greatness everywhere we gaze in the new cathedral space!

Need Luke House volunteers

I wrote to you regarding the great need for additional food preparers for our Luke House ministry, and thus far, no one has answered the call. So, I write to you again regarding this important outreach that our parish has been a part of for many years. The more volunteers we have, the easier it becomes to fulfill the ministry’s obligations.

Would you please consider being a food preparer for Luke House? To find out more about what’s needed, please contact Peter Joyce by emailing [peterjoyce04@gmail.com](mailto:peterjoyce04@gmail.com) or calling him at 608-556-3586. Thank you for prayerfully considering the important help that is needed at this time.

Calendar Raffle ticket sales

Calendar raffle ticket sales continue, and our goal is, as in past years, to reach 400 tickets sold by December 31st. Can you help us reach this goal? This is our only parish fundraiser, and it is vitally important to support parish operations. As a reminder, every ticket that is pulled from the basket of tickets goes right back in after the winner is recorded. Every ticket is eligible to win every time! Thank you for your generosity in supporting the calendar raffle.

We offer this weekend and place it in the hands of St. Raphael, our diocesan patron, St. Bernard, our cathedral patron, and St. Therese, our diocesan co-patron. May they offer it to the Lord with humility and love, and may the Lord bless the work of our hands as we give Him glory as zeal for His house consumes us!

As a reminder, I’ll be away from the parish beginning after Mass on Sunday through Tuesday, November 25th. I’ll still be responding to phone calls and emails while I’m away, so if somethings comes up that I can assist with, please don’t hesitate to reach out. You and your intentions will be close to my heart during my time away.

With love in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr. Michael



The scene of the crucifixion of Jesus



A photo from inside the bell tower as the bells are lowered into place.



The support structure is prepared to be lowered into the bell tower.

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:

November 2, 2025 (Week 18 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 2,319.00  
e-Offertory October....\$ 9,739.26  
Loose.....\$ 751.29  
Int’l Combined.....\$ 570.00  
St. Vincent de Paul....\$ 3,130.00  
Outreach.....\$ 70.00  
Women of St. Bernard...\$ 25.00  
TOTAL.....\$ 16,604.55

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$155,959.62  
Needed to date.....\$154,044.00  
Surplus/(Shortfall)....\$ 1,915.62



TOGETHER



A Message from Bishop Hying:  
Building Our Mother Church Together

This weekend marks a moment of great joy for the Diocese of Madison as we unite for the In-Pew Cathedral Weekend in support of the Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. As we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the mother church of our faith in Rome, we reflect on the ways our own cathedral will similarly stand as the heart and mother church of our diocese. I invite each family to prayerfully consider your participation in this historic effort - together we will open the doors!

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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 10th St. Leo the Great (M)

The 32nd Week in Ordinary Time  
Wis 1:1-7 ✕ Ps 139 ✕ Lk 17:1-6

5:45pm Confessions

6:30pm Kila Hagie

Tuesday, November 11th St. Martin of Tours (M)

Wis 2:23-3:9 ✕ Ps 34 ✕ Lk 17:7-10

7:45am Martin & Lucille Ulmen †

Following Rosary

Wednesday, November 12th St. Josaphat (M)

Wis 6:1-11 ✕ Ps 82 ✕ Lk 17:11-19

7:45am Buck Trawicky †

Following Rosary

Thursday, November 13th St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (M)

Wis 7:22b-8:1 ✕ Ps 119 ✕ Lk 17:20-25

7:45am L/D Religious of the Diocese of Madison †

Following Rosary

First Friday, November 14th Weekday

Wis 13:1-9 ✕ Ps 19 ✕ Lk 17:26-37

7:45am Dennis Kelly †

Following Rosary

Saturday, November 15th BVM

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 ✕ Ps 105 ✕ Lk 18:1-8

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, November 16th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a ✕ Ps 98 ✕ 2 Thess 3:7-12 ✕ Lk 21:5-19

4:30pm (Sat.) Betty Olson †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

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

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

John Wesley Rabby

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!





## DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA

November 9, 2025

*The following information is reprinted with permission from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org):*

### Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica's official title is "Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran" but most often called the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not the Basilica of St. Peter as so many mistakenly believe.

The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

St. John Lateran is unique because it is both a cathedral and a basilica. The Church celebrates the anniversary of the dedication as a cathedral since it is regarded as the Mother Church of the entire Catholic Faith. Because the Church/Cathedral bears the title of "Christ our Savior Cathedral," today's feast is considered a Feast of the Lord which takes precedence over the Sunday liturgy.

## HELP US TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable organization that helps bring critical assistance to those in immediate need. One out of five people in Dane County are served by SVdP services that include a food pantry, charitable pharmacy, microloans, and store vouchers for clothing, furniture, and household goods. The SVdP-Madison District Council is celebrating its centennial (100th anniversary) this year. It was established in 1925, beginning with conferences at St. Bernard's and Holy Redeemer churches. The St. Vincent de Paul-St. Bernard Conference volunteers are actively working to help our neighbors in need by making home visits and responding to requests for assistance with furniture, rent, utilities, food, and more. We ask for your financial support during November by giving through the parish's St. Vincent de Paul donation envelope or on-line by selecting the St. Vincent de Paul Fund in the Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux website's giving portal. Your contributions stay with our local parish conference to help our neighbors in need. Also, please consider joining our conference to volunteer with us in spirituality and friendship.



## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### 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](mailto:apd@madisondiocese.org).



### VITA CONSECRATA WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

High school and young adult women who are discerning consecrated life are invited to a meeting every second Friday of the month (through May), from 6:30 to 9 pm at St. Peter Catholic Church, Ashton (7121 Co. Hwy. K, Middleton). The group will be reading John Paul II's Vita Consecrata, his document on religious life. Please contact Theresa Klinkhammer at [theresa.klinkhammer@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.klinkhammer@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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](mailto:lorie.ballweg@madisondiocese.org) or Fr. Jared Holzhuter at [jared.holzhuter@madisondiocese.org](mailto:jared.holzhuter@madisondiocese.org) to learn more and sign up!

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO SUICIDE



Join Megan Wedwick, director of the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities, and Laura Sokup, the diocese's Mental Health Program Coordinator, on Friday, Nov. 21 at Holy Name Heights (702 S. High Point Rd., Madison) for a discussion on how to minister to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. The day begins at 10am and will conclude with Noon Mass. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended; email [apd@madisondiocese.org](mailto:apd@madisondiocese.org) if you would like to attend.

### SCRIP TO BE SOLD AFTER MASSES NOV. 22 & 23

SCRIP cards will be on sale after Masses on Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.



### RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

November 15-18

Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians (Holy Hill)  
Hubertus, Wisconsin

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