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# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

*"You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."  
-Luke 21: 17-19*



## 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 16  
2025

Dear Friends,  
Thank you all for your prayers during my travels to North Carolina – they were felt and very much appreciated. It was a harrowing trip to say the least!

I ended up going a different route to miss all the lake effect snow coming off of Lake Michigan. I encountered more rain, ice, and snow in Ohio and West Virginia. I had to stop at a fuel station to scrape off the headlights because they had been completely caked in ice!

Shortly thereafter, I was able to get ahead of the weather, and the remainder of the trip was smooth. Know of my continued prayers for you and your intentions while I’m away.

Seeing cathedral come together

Thanks to everyone who toured the cathedral last weekend and offered a gift for the elevation campaign. I was very happy that you were able to see everything for your own eyes.



A photo from last week shows the cathedral bells being prepared to be lowered into the bell tower.

‘Going through the motions’

I recently read an article that spoke of the significant decline in faith across our country. I found the article perplexing, as the Church is seeing a significant rise in numbers being received and practicing. We share in that significant rise here in the Diocese of Madison. Could it be that people are practicing, but their faith is weak?

That is something the Israelites fell into during their time of struggle. While they would often “go through the motions,” their practices were merely formulary and not authentic. I wonder if we might be experiencing some of those same struggles in our own country. If faith is not nourished and strengthened, it begins to erode away.

Why we need the Church

Faith is something that is living, active, and effective – it’s not something that simply subsists and never changes. That is precisely why we need the Church, friends! Not only do the Sacraments strengthen our faith, but our community life also gives us the chance to support one another – especially in times of the cross.

When all these things are combined with a good life of prayer and a fruitful devotional life, the gift of faith is being constantly renewed within us.

The evil one wants nothing more than to see us crumble and fall apart when difficult situations come upon us. He wants us to believe that God is nowhere to be found and is distant from us.

God is always with us

In all actuality, God has remained where He always is: in our midst, with us and for us. I pray that we all feel the closeness of the Lord in our spiritual and community life. “Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst.”

There are two Sundays remaining in this liturgical year before the season of Advent commences and a new liturgical year begins. Perhaps this might be a time to allow the grace of the Lord to renew you and strengthen your faith. That faith

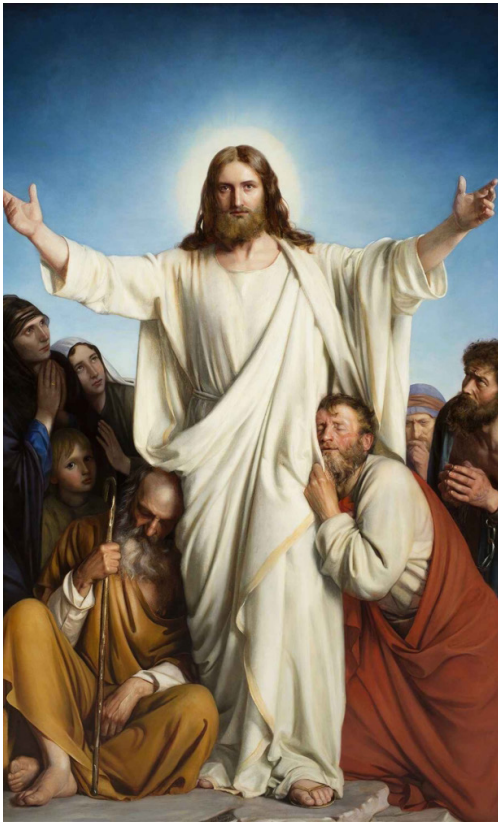
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- Fr. Michael

is made manifest through acts of love. The more we love, the more the Lord can pour Himself into us and the greater our faith becomes!

Offering our sympathy

We offer our love and sympathy to the family of Sharon Burns, who died this past week. May the Lord reward her for the gift of her faith and welcome her into the joy of His kingdom.

With love in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr. Michael



Christ the Consolator by Carl Bloch (Public Domain)

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 9, 2025 (Week 19 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,642.00
Loose.....	\$ 724.24
Int’l Combined.....	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent de Paul....	\$ 135.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,521.24

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$158,325.86
Needed to date.....	\$162,602.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)....	( 4,276.14)

LITTLE DRUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVdP) is sponsoring the Little Drummer Program to help distribute Christmas gifts to children in need.



Parishioners are invited to participate in this event by either: 1) Purchasing a gift card (in increments of \$25) to Target or Wal-Mart and placing the cards into the collection basket; OR 2) Making a monetary donation (in increments of \$25) by placing a check or cash into the collection basket or mailing a check directly to the parish office. Please make the check out to the parish and make sure that “Little Drummer” is clearly written on the check or envelope your gift is in.

Monetary gifts must be received by Sunday, Nov. 30 while gift cards will continue to be collected through Dec. 7. Our local SVdP conference will collect all gifts we receive and take them to the District Council, where they will be distributed to those in need.

COATS DONATED TO COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM



The Knights of Columbus Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Council 9082, along with the Women of St. Bernard, recently donated 96 coats to Henderson Elementary, Mendota Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Emerson Elementary, and St. James Catholic Schools. The donations were a part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program. Several dozen coats have been distributed by the Knights and the WOSB over the past several years.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, November 17th	St. Elizabeth of Hungary (M)
The 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	
1 Mac 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 ✕ Ps 119 ✕ Lk 18:35-43	
5:45pm	Confessions
6:30pm	Dennis Kelly †
Tuesday, November 18th	Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul (M)
2 Mac 6:18-31 ✕ Ps 3 ✕ Lk 19:1-10	
7:45am	Jennifer Van De Wiel
Following	Rosary
Wednesday, November 19th	Weekday
2 Mac 7:1, 20-31 ✕ Ps 17 ✕ Lk 19:11-28	
7:45am	Dennis Kelly †
Following	Rosary
Thursday, November 20th	Weekday
1 Mac 2:15-29 ✕ Ps 50 ✕ Lk 19:41-44	
7:45am	Bill & Beth Glaub †
Following	Rosary
Friday, November 21st	Presentation of BVM (M)
1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59 ✕ 1 Chron 29 ✕ Lk 19:45-48	
7:45am	Sr. Marie & Sr. Cecile Marie Kees †
Following	Rosary
Saturday, November 22nd	St. Cecilia (M)
1 Mac 6:1-13 ✕ Ps 9 ✕ Lk 20:27-40	
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine
Sunday, November 23rd	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)
2 Sam 5:1-3 ✕ Ps 122 ✕ Col 1:12-20 ✕ Lk 23:35-43	
4:30pm (Sat.)	Pro Populo
8:00am	Kosmas Handojo †
9:15am	Confessions
10:00am	Russell, Randy, & Bonnie Trainor †
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING	

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

Jerome & Irene 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!





## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

November 21, 2025

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### Memorial of the Presentation of Mary

Sacred Scripture contains no text concerning the event commemorated in today's liturgy. For something of a historical background one may consult the apocryphal works, particularly the Proto-evangel of St. James (ch. 4:1ff). After an angel had revealed her pregnancy, Anna is said to have vowed her future child Mary to the Lord. Soon after birth the infant was brought to the sacred precincts at which only the best of Israel's daughters were admitted. At the age of three she was transferred to the temple proper (7:2). According to legend, here she was reared like a dove and received her nourishment from the hand of an angel (8:1).



In the East, where the feast, celebrated since the eighth century, is kept as a public holiday, it bears the name, "The Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple." It was introduced at Rome by a Cypriot legate to the papal court of Avignon in 1371. In 1472, Sixtus IV extended its observance to the whole Church. Abolished by Pius V, it was reintroduced some years later (1585).

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

## 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

### RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX AT HOLY HILL

The first-class relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux have arrived in the United States honoring the 100th anniversary of her Canonization and will be on display at the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill in Hubertus, WI from Nov. 15-18. For more information visit [www.HolyHill.com](http://www.HolyHill.com).



### CAMP GRAY REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 19 & 20



Register your child or grandchild for the best week of their year! Summer camp at Camp Gray provides kids with an amazing experience full of authentic friendships, encounters with Christ, and tons of fun. Registration for Summer Camp 2026 at Camp Gray opens for returning families on Nov. 19 at noon and registration for new families opens on Nov. 20 at noon. Go to [campgray.com](http://campgray.com) for more information.

### MONTHLY MASS AT RESURRECTION CEMETERY NOV. 21

All are invited to this monthly Mass at Resurrection Cemetery in Madison; join us in praying for the dead buried in our Catholic cemeteries! More information and the schedule for the next few months can be found at [madisondiocese.org/cemeteries](http://madisondiocese.org/cemeteries)

### 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.

### HOSPITALITY AFTER MASSES ON NOV. 23

Join fellow parishioners in the St. Veronica Room for a time of fellowship and hospitality following both Masses on Sunday, Nov. 23.



**ECUMENICAL**

# Thanksgiving

**SERVICE**

Monday, November 24  
6:30-7:30PM  
at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church  
401 S Owen Dr, Madison, WI 53711

