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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

-Luke 23: 42



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 23
2025

Dear Friends,
As we enter into this week of Thanksgiving, a spirit of thankfulness comes to the forefront of our hearts as we embrace the events of this past year and give thanks and praise to God for the many graces He has given to us – in times of joy and in times of sorrow and the presence of the cross.

I am thankful for all of you and for the many ways you are Christ to me. We have many wonderful things to look forward to as we look to 2026 ... namely, the consecration of our new spiritual home! Many beautiful blessings are in store for us!

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

This past week, we celebrated the memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. St. Elizabeth had two lives – one as a privileged princess of the Kingdom of Hungary, and another as a poor servant of the Lord. She married early at the age of 14, but by the age of 20, she was a widow. Her husband, King Louis IV, died of fever on his way to the sixth crusade in September of 1227.

Having been influenced by the Franciscans, Elizabeth began to understand the joy of giving things away and thus, she developed a very loving, sacrificial and charitable heart. Later on in her life, she laid her hands upon the altar on Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion and gave her entire self to the Lord. She had reclaimed the rich dowry that was given at the time of her marriage and gave everything away to the poor and needy. She herself began to beg for her sustenance.

A truly thankful heart

People remarked of her life that

she was filled with an inexpressible joy that consumed her as she labored in love for the poor and the sick. Born into a life of privilege and wealth, she died with true wealth in her heart – the love of Christ and her many labors that were done with

great devotion as she recognized His heart in the heart of every person she helped.

Therein lies a truly thankful heart, friends – ever grateful for the love that Jesus poured into her and the beautiful response to that love through her countless works of charity and sacrifice. St. Elizabeth is one of the saints featured in our stained glass windows at the cathedral!

Advent begins

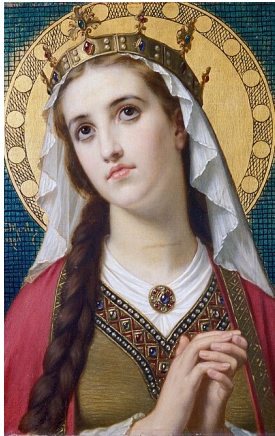
My time away has been busy, but blessed. I will be traveling back to Wisconsin on Monday and look forward to being with you again as we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. We cherish Christ as our King and Lord, and on this solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we remember that true kingship is not found in riches and wealth, but in humility, kindness and sacrificial love.

Calendar raffle tickets

We’re nearing 100 tickets sold for our annual calendar raffle. Our goal is to reach 400 tickets sold by December 31. Thanks for your help in making this annual fundraiser a great success!

Offering love and prayers

We offer our love and prayers to the family of Peggy Wilson of our parish, whose funeral will be celebrated here at the cathedral on Monday of this week. We also pray for Charlotte Haug, a cathed-



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- Fr. Michael

dral member who died recently. The sister of Pauline Carpenter and the mother of Julie Cherney also died recently.

We lift them all to the Lord of life and pray that His gracious mercy will be given unto them in the glory of eternal life.

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael

Cathedral of St. Bernard

CALENDAR Raffle Tickets

OVER 150 CHANCES TO WIN!!

Pick up your tickets today!

Ticket stubs can be returned with a check payable to the Cathedral of St. Bernard through the offertory basket, by mail, or drop them off in the Parish Office through the mail slot.

Contact the Parish Office to purchase tickets by credit card!

Only 400 tickets will be sold - each ticket has a chance to win each day from January 1 to June 30, 2026!

Raffle Ticket Sales Progress

Our goal is to sell 400 tickets! We have currently sold 88 or 22% of our goal. We still need to sell 312 or 78% more!

■ Tickets sold
■ Tickets to reach goal

22% 78%

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 16, 2025 (Week 20 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 1,597.00
Loose.....\$ 846.14
St. Vincent de Paul....\$ 765.00
TOTAL.....\$ 3,208.14

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....\$160,769.00
Needed to date.....\$171,160.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)...(10,391.00)

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.

Take an ornament from the tree at the back of church as a reminder and a thank you for participating.

HELP US TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

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.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, November 24th St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions(M)
The 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Dan 1:1-6, 8-20 ✕ Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ✕ Lk 21:1-4

5:45pm Confessions

6:30pm Olivia Grobbel

Tuesday, November 25th St. Catherine of Alexandria (m)
Dan 2:31-45 ✕ Dan 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 ✕ Lk 21:5-11

7:45am Jeanette Kruse †

Following Rosary

Wednesday, November 26th Weekday
Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 ✕ Dan 3:62-67 ✕ Lk 21:12-19

7:45am Gerald Kujawa †

Following Rosary

Thursday, November 27th Thanksgiving Day (m)
Dan 6:12-28 ✕ Dan 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 ✕ Lk 21:20-28

9:00am Open Intention

Following Rosary

Friday, November 28th Weekday
Dan 7:2-14 ✕ Dan 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 ✕ Lk 21:29-33

7:45am Alta Hron †

Following Rosary

Saturday, November 29th BVM
Dan 7:15-27 ✕ Dan 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 ✕ Lk 21:34-36

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, November 30th First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5 ✕ Ps 122 ✕ Rom 13:11-14 ✕ Matt 24:37-44

4:30pm (Sat.) Mary Ann Vernetti †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

10:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

Carl Ray & Christine Ann 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!



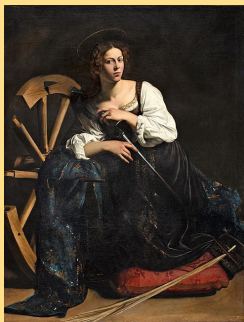
LIVES OF THE SAINTS

November 25, 2025

The following information is reprinted with permission from www.catholicculture.org:

St. Catherine of Alexandria

The account of her martyrdom is legendary and defies every attempt to cull out the historical kernel. Old Oriental sources make no mention of her. In the West her cult does not appear before the eleventh century, when the crusaders made it popular. She became the patroness of philosophical faculties; she is one of the "Fourteen Holy Helpers." The breviary offers the following:



Catherine, virgin of Alexandria, devoted herself to the pursuit of knowledge; at the age of eighteen, she surpassed all her contemporaries in science. Upon seeing how the Christians were being tortured, she went before Emperor Maximin (311-313), upbraided him for his cruelty, and with convincing reasons demonstrated the need of Christian faith in order to be saved. Astounded by her wisdom, the Emperor ordered her to be kept confined, and having summoned the most learned philosophers, promised them magnificent rewards if they could confound the virgin and turn her from belief in Christ. Far from being successful, a considerable number of the philosophers were inflamed by the sound reasons and persuasiveness of Catherine's speech with such a love for Jesus Christ that they declared themselves willing to offer their lives for the Gospel.

Then the Emperor attempted to win her by flattery and by promises, but his efforts proved equally fruitless. He ordered her whipped with rods, scourged with leaden nodules, and then left to languish eleven days without food in prison. The Emperor's wife and Porphyrius, general of the army, visited Catherine in prison; her words brought both to Christ and later they too proved their love in blood. Catherine's next torture consisted of being placed upon a wheel with sharp and pointed knives; from her lacerated body prayers ascended to heaven and the infernal machine fell to pieces. Many who witnessed the miracle embraced the faith. Finally, on November 25 Christ's servant was beheaded (307 or 312). By the hands of angels her body was carried to Mt. Sinai, where it was interred in the convent which bears her name.

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

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FLYER INSERT



Please review the Annual Catholic Appeal Wrap-Up flyer in this week's bulletin. The flyer summarizes participation and performance and highlights how your gifts have strengthened Catholic education, inspired young people through vibrant youth ministry, and supported couples in building Christ-centered marriages. Together, we are living the mission of the Church -- forming disciples, nurturing families, and sharing the love of Christ. Thank you for being part of this vital work across the diocese!

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.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON NOV. 24

All in the Diocese of Madison are invited to attend this year's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church (401 S. Owen Dr., Madison). This service is an opportunity for Christians across Madison to gather in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings while supporting those in need. A reception will follow the service. Those attending are encouraged to bring cash donations or non-perishable food items for area food pantries. More information is available at collaborationproject.us/thanksgiving.

PREPARING FOR THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS NOV. 29

Join us for a children's Advent craft day at Schoenstatt Heights (5901 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison) on Saturday, Nov. 29, 10am to noon to prepare our hearts and homes for the birthday of Jesus! Contact Jamie McCarville with questions at 608-695-6706, and register at the Google form at shorturl.at/iryio.

UPCOMING WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER DEC. 6-7



Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Dec. 6-7 in Stoughton, WI. Visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

CATHEDRAL DATES AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Nov. 23, after 8am & 10am Masses



Hospitality Sunday: Stop in the St. Veronica Room for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship after Mass!

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27

Mass on Thursday, Nov. 27, will be held at 9:00am.



BINGO after Mass on Dec. 6



Join Fr. Michael for an evening of BINGO and pizza in the St. Veronica Room after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 6!

