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Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

*"And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"*

-Matthew 3: 17



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
Confessions 3:30pm
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
JANUARY 11TH
2026

Dear Friends,

How do you define fear? Fear can take on a host of different elements, but fundamentally, fear is a deep inner awakening within us when we realize that someone (or something) that we hold precious is in some sort of peril or danger.

Love conquers fear

Fear can be looked upon as a vulnerability that is created by love, and it is only love that can conquer fear, as we are reminded in the first letter of St. Paul to the people at Corinth that love conquers all things.

Fear can cause a response within us that can allow us to do amazing things: the person who lifts a car off of someone who has been in an accident,



the person who runs into the fire when everyone is running out, the person who runs toward gun fire when everyone else is running away.

It evokes a love that is almost supernatural, and for those who experience it and see it, they are left in utter disbelief at what has happened before their eyes. Love is amazing in so many beautiful ways!

Christ's love dwells within us

The evil one is always going to attempt to stir up a fear in our hearts that is so great, we forget that the power of Christ's love dwells within us as a fountain, and when we need that love most, it erupts to the surface and floods us with the knowledge that Jesus is with us.

As we celebrate the Lord's baptism this weekend, the Sacrament established by Christ is a reminder to us that we have been configured to Him - He dwells within us and abides with us in all things.

There is never a need to fear

This past week, we reflected on the moment when Jesus got into the boat with the disciples in the first letter of St. John. The winds were throwing the boat about, and the disciples were fearful. Jesus - love itself - gets into that boat, confronts the fear, and sends it away.

In our baptism, we have become beloved sons - beloved daughters - of Christ, and there is never any reason we need to fear, for the love of the Lord is in us. We sometimes need to be reminded of this beautiful grace, and that it is there when fear grabs hold of us. For every one person who causes fear, there are 50 people who will send it away with their response of holy, Christ-like love.

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- Fr. Michael

Progress in the cathedral

We're making steady progress on the reredos - the altar behind the altar of sacrifice where the tabernacle will be. Paul is almost completed with its construction, and then we will look toward its adornments and liturgical paint.

We're starting to work on steel framing for the ambo that will stand on the right side of the sanctuary. Pews are coming - most likely toward the end of this month or the beginning of next month. We need to finish installing the new light fixtures before the pews can be installed. These are all significant accomplishments.

This past week, bishop hosted an event for Catholic business leaders in the vestry space of the rectory. It went very well, and the space was conducive for such a gathering. I think everyone will be pleased with the vestry's versatility and ability to be used for a variety of different events. It's coming along very nicely.

Extending love and prayers

We extend our love and prayers to the family of **John Zimbrick** of our cathedral family, whose funeral was celebrated this weekend. May the Lord grant him eternal peace and glory in the joy of His kingdom and comfort his family in this time of loss.

*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:

DECEMBER 28, 2025 (Week 26 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 1,988.00
Loose.....	\$ 979.50
St. Vincent.....	\$ 979.50
Outreach.....	\$ 40.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$ 1,120.00
Christmas Loose.....	\$ 1,266.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 6,373.00

January 4, 2026 (Week 27 of 52)

Envelopes.....	\$ 3,952.00
Loose.....	\$ 617.00
Outreach.....	\$ 210.00
e-Offertory December.....	\$ 10,816.94
Catholic Herald.....	\$ 100.00
Art & Environment.....	\$ 100.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 23,795.94

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

Collected to date.....	\$ 212,285.28
Needed to date.....	\$ 231,066.00
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	(\$ 18,780.72)

Raffle Ticket Sales Progress

We sold 400 tickets and reached 100% of our goal! We will publish the weekly list of winners beginning with next week's bulletin. Thank you so much for participating in this important fundraiser!

■ Tickets sold
■ Tickets to reach goal

100%

MARRIAGE RETREAT DAY

Saturday, January 31



Featuring:

Greg Schutte

Catholic therapist, author, and
Director of Marriage Works! Ohio.

Retreat held at Holy Name Heights in Madison
To learn more and register, visit
madisondiocese.org/eucharisticmarriage



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 12th

1 Sam 1:1-8 ♫ Ps 116 ♫ Mark 1:14-20

5:45pm Confessions

6:30pm Open Intention

Tuesday, January 13th

1 Sam 1:9-20 ♫ 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd ♫ Mark 1:21-28

7:45am Jerry Sigg †
Intention Catherine Sigg Family

Following Rosary

Weekday

Wednesday, January 14th

1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20 ♫ Ps 40 ♫ Mark 1:29-39

7:45am Open Intention

Following Rosary

Weekday

Thursday, January 15th

1 Sam 4:1-11 ♫ Ps 44 ♫ Mark 1:40-45

7:45am Open Intention
Following Rosary

Weekday

Friday, January 16th

1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a ♫ Ps 89 ♫ Mark 2:1-12

7:45am Kathryn Schug †
Following Rosary

St. Anthony (M)

Saturday, January 17th

1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 ♫ Ps 21 ♫ Mark 2:13-17

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 18th

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 ♫ Ps 40 ♫ 1 Cor 1:1-3 ♫ John 1:29-34

4:30pm (Sat.) L/D members of the Dohm Family †
8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Confessions
10:00am Harold Nielsen †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored by:

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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

January 17, 2026

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

St. Anthony

Anthony "the Great", the "Father of Monks", ranks with those saints whose life exercised a profound influence upon succeeding generations. He was born in Middle Egypt (about 250) of distinguished parents. After their untimely deaths, he dedicated himself wholly to acts of mortification.



'The devil fears vigils of pious souls'

One day while in church he heard the words of the Gospel: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor" (Matt. 19:21). It seemed as if Christ had spoken to him personally, giving a command he must obey. Without delay he sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and went into the desert (about 270). When overcome by fatigue, his bed was the hard ground. He fasted rigorously, ate only bread and salt, and drank only water. Nor would he take food before sundown; at times he passed two days without any nourishment. Often, too, he spent whole nights in prayer.

The saint suffered repeatedly from diabolical attacks, but these merely made him more steadfast in virtue. He would encourage his disciples in their struggle with the devil with such words: "Believe me; the devil fears the vigils of pious souls, and their fastings, their voluntary poverty, their loving compassion, their humility, but most of all their ardent love of Christ our Lord. As soon as he sees the sign of the Cross, he flees in terror." He died in 356 on Mount Kolzin by the Red Sea, 105 years old. A year later his friend, the fearless bishop and confessor St. Athanasius, wrote his biography, which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. As seen by St. Anthony, the purpose of asceticism is not to destroy the body but to bring it into subjection, re-establishing man's original harmonious integrity, his true God-given nature.

'I will always be your helper'

One time St. Anthony the Hermit was severely tormented by devils; despite the vehemence of their attack, he did not yield but steadfastly overcame them. Then, seeing a brilliant light overhead, he inquired: "Where were you, Lord?" And a voice replace: "I was present all the time, Anthony; but I waited in order to see your heroic struggle. Because you remained steadfast, I will always be your helper." The incident brings consolation to us as well. Let us show a persevering heroism in times of tempests, and at the critical time Christ will appear to silence the boisterous sea.

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

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IS NOW UNDERWAY

 In the next week or two, Bishop Hyning's letter will arrive in your homes. He invites you to support the mission of the Church, so that all may come to know, love, and serve God, united by the Holy Spirit. The ACA reminds us that we belong to a Church that is universal, extending far beyond our local churches. Your prayerful and generous response helps strengthen ministries across our diocese and brings Christ's love to those in need. Thank you for your faithful support! To donate online, visit madisondiocese.org/inpew or join the Perpetual Steward Society with a continuous monthly gift at madisondiocese.org/stewards

A CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE RESPONSE TO INFERTILITY

The St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Team invites you to join Dr. Mike Kloess from Our Lady of Hope Clinic to discuss the Catholic perspective on issues related to infertility in the St. Thomas Aquinas Social Hall, 602 Everglade Dr. in Madison on Monday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 pm. Dr. Kloess will explain the Church's teaching on issues related to assisted reproductive technology, including in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and outline the life-affirming alternatives available to those struggling with fertility issues. No registration is necessary.

SCRIP TO BE SOLD JAN. 24-25

SCRIP will be sold after all Masses during the weekend of Jan. 24-25. Thank you for your support.



Know Your Identity as a Beloved

A Catholic women's healing retreat
focused on restoring one's identity as a
beloved daughter of the Heavenly Father



WHEN: January 23rd through January 26th 2026

WHERE: Durward's Glen (W11876 McLeisch Road, Baraboo, WI 53913)

REGISTER: Scan QR code or go to holyfamilyhealing.org

COST: \$250 (Covers 3 nights of lodging and all meals)
\$150 commuter rate



Overview

- Spiritual talks on the Father's love and healing the Feminine Heart
- Testimonials of healing
- Adoration and meditation
- Trained prayer ministry teams
- Music and reflection
- Rest and relaxation



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