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*Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

January 18, 2026

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

-John 1: 29



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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**DIOCESE of
MADISON**

PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
JANUARY 18TH
2026

Dear Friends,
I think we all had a spring in our step as we celebrated 40’s and 50’s this past week ... a taste of the springtime to come. It was short-lived, however, as we embrace reality once again.

The good news is that we’re starting to see the sun earlier in the morning and enjoy some additional sunlight at the end of the day. In the words of the beloved disciple, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.”

‘Let there be light’

Speaking of light, we have a LOT of it with our new fixtures in the church! At their fullest brightness, the new LED fixtures are at least two times brighter than our old fixtures. There will be plenty of light to be had when the cathedral is filled for diocesan Masses and liturgies. The fixtures are dimmable as well, when full light is not needed. The new lighting system will also have different programs that can set brightness and select which fixtures need to be



operating. It’s one of the many welcome upgrades in the cathedral.

Drywall and paint are wrapping up, and we’ll begin the finish work soon. All of the marble and granite is slated to be installed by the beginning of February. Our cleaners will soon begin their work to do a deep clean of the upper areas of the cathedral in the near future. Once that’s complete, the pews will be delivered and installed. We’re continuing to move in the right direction.

Plans are in motion to post a job description to hire John’s replacement as the next director of Sacred Music for the cathedral and the diocese. As many of you know, John and his wife Siegrid will be leaving us at the end of February and will be moving to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. While we’ll miss them terribly, we send them with our love and gratitude for all that has been accomplished in our sacred music program over these past few years. I will keep you all apprised of the process as things move along.

Work of evangelization

One of Bishop’s pillars of the new cathedral is the work of evangelization. The word “evangelization” can sometimes be a nebulous word that can encompass a variety of different things. What is it exactly? Why are we called to do it? How do we do it? What are the fruits of doing it?

These questions and many more will be answered at the beginning of the Lenten season as we welcome Tristan Borland and Nickolas Wingerter of our diocesan office of Evangelization and Catechesis for a two-day parish mission that centers around evangelization. Tristan is a former Protestant minister who answered the Lord’s call to become Catholic. He worked in a “megachurch” as many larger Protestant churches are called. He brings a unique perspective as he has witnessed the evangelization engine at work in the Protestant world.

I’m very much looking forward to the mission, and I hope that you’ll make it a priority to be with us. Please mark your calendars for Monday, Feb. 23rd and Wednesday,

“In the words of the beloved disciple, ‘The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.’”

- Fr. Michael

February 25th for the mission. I share the bishop’s passion for evangelization, as it’s the central way to invite more people into the life of the Church.

As we transition back to the cathedral space and our meeting space becomes a bit more stable, I’m looking forward to many opportunities to share the Church’s mission to evangelize with all of you. In order to have a successful effort, we need the faithful of the parish to be engaged in the mission to evangelize. Please embrace this opportunity as we are invited to be ambassadors of the cathedral and the Church herself to the many who will visit us and worship with us.

New ambassador ministry

In a previous bulletin column, I wrote about our new ambassador ministry, and the need for parishioners to assist with this ministry. It’s a new ministry, and will encompass the ministries of greeter and usher. People with a warm, outgoing and welcoming personality are very much needed in order to make this ministry a success. Would you prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry? We’ll need ambassadors at all our weekend Masses as well as at special Masses and events held here at the cathedral. Thanks for considering this important opportunity to serve.

With sympathy and prayers

We offer our prayers to the family of **Nick Hanuschewicz** of the cathedral who died this past week. May the Lord grant unto him the fullness of His mercy in the joy of eternal life.

*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:
January 11, 2025 (Week 28 of 52)

Envelopes.....\$ 2,185.00
Loose.....\$ 692.35
Outreach.....\$ 45.00
Catholic Herald.....\$ 40.00
Bulletin.....\$ 100.00
TOTAL.....\$ 3,062.35

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:
Collected to date.....\$220,412.67
Needed to date.....\$239,624.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)...(\$ 19,211.33)

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

January 1: Kathy Rasmussen-\$150	January 8: Vicki Stout-\$20
January 2: Joe & Helen Buechner-\$20	January 9: Luke House-\$20
January 3: Mary Ellen Briggs-Pomo-\$100	January 10: Mark & Jennefer Lehman-\$100
January 4: Joseph Nielsen-\$100	January 11: Timothy Zeier-\$100
January 5: Keith Hildebrand-\$20	January 12: Valley of Our Lady Monastery-\$20
January 6: Fiona Reilly-\$20	January 13: Eric & Amy Rottier-\$20

Thank you to all who participated in the 2026 Calendar Raffle.

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

Monday, January 19th Second Week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 15:16-23 ✠ Ps 50 ✠ Mark 2:18-22
5:45pm Confessions
6:30pm L/D members of the Rickey Family †

Tuesday, January 20th St. Sebastian (m)
1 Sam 16:1-13 ✠ Ps 89 ✠ Mark 2:23-28
7:45am Travis Shippy †
Following Rosary

Wednesday, January 21st St. Agnes (M)
1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 ✠ Ps 144 ✠ Mark 3:1-6
7:45am Barbara Madsen †
Following Rosary

Thursday, January 22nd Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7 ✠ Ps 56 ✠ Mark 3:7-12
7:45am Ken Carpenter †
Following Rosary

Friday, January 23rd St. Vincent of Saragossa (m)
1 Sam 24:3-21 ✠ Ps 57 ✠ Mark 3:13-19
7:45am Open Intention
Following Rosary

Saturday, January 24th St. Francis de Sales (M)
2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 ✠ Ps 80 ✠ Mark 3:20-21
8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, January 25th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ✠ Ps 27 ✠ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 ✠ Matt 4:12-23
4:30pm (Sat.) L/D members of the Beich & Gunski Families †
8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Confessions
10:00am Sooil & Andrew Kim †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of:

Gerard Wixa

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!



PRAYING FOR UNBORN CHILDREN



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life Jan. 16 – Jan. 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com

January 22, 2026

The following information is reprinted from www.usccb.org:

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

-- Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

Millions killed by abortion

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

Day of Prayer designated on Jan. 22

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

CATHEDRAL DATES AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jan. 25, after 8am & 10am Masses



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

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

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. 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. Cards include Hyvee, Culver's, Food Fight, and Woodman's. Thank you for your support.



RECYCLE THE WARMTH BLANKET DRIVE JAN. 31-FEB. 1

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Madison will be holding its 34th annual Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive on Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Donate new and gently used blankets, bedding, and sheets, which will be distributed to families in need throughout the year. For a list of drop-off points, visit www.svdpmadison.org/rtw/



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE TICKETS

To purchase KC raffle tickets, call Joe Buechner at 608-223-1191.

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



Questions? contact Donna Verges. Call 608-477-0765 or email holyfamilyhrcenter@gmail.com

3-DAY SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN Held at Durward's Glen Retreat Center



Retreat led by
Fr. Simon Tipps

Three-day silent men's retreat "Heaven's Weapon" on spiritual warfare and the Rosary led by Fr. Simon Tipps

Friday-Sunday, February 13-15
Register at durwardsglen.org

\$200 before January 1
\$225 before January 15
\$250 after January 15
\$75 for Saturday only

durwardsglen.org | 608-356-8113
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