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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

*"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy."*
-Matthew 5: 7



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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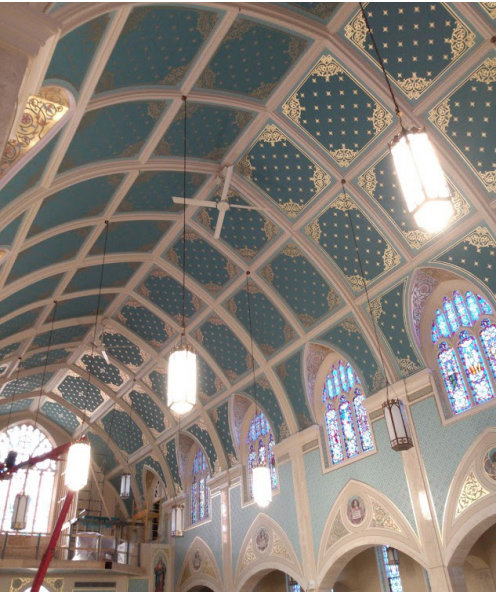
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PASTOR'S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1ST
2026

Dear Friends,
I'm happy to include some pictures of the church this week that highlights recent progress! A majority of the lights in the main portion of the nave and the side aisles of the nave have been installed. The reredos and sacrificial altar are currently being trimmed with oak, and in another week, the marble mensa top will be installed, allowing us to continue the trim finishes. Steel for the ambo has been approved and is in process, and work is beginning on the baptismal font as well. It's a flurry of activity!



Being the light of the world

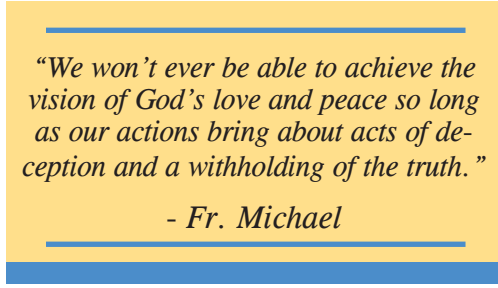
This past week in the scriptures, we had the reading about being the light of the world. Secrecy and deception can be worthy opponents to light in a person's life. Light always stands for truth and justice, and when those two items are negated through lies, cover-ups and the hiding of truth, the darkness begins to set in and cause a restless spirit. Those who have kept secrets because they could be damaging to relationships know exactly what this feeling is.

We wish to be the bearers of light, but we find it too difficult - either on our part, or upon those who are affected. Lies and deception seem to be rampant in the political realm these days. Leaders make promises, and a few days later, they're back to their same old ways. We won't ever be able to achieve the vision of God's love and peace so long as our actions bring about acts of deception and a withholding of the truth.

Truth can be difficult to reveal sometimes, and it could potentially mean that relationships will change when the truth is finally proclaimed. We all know that it eventually comes out, friends, so why not be beholden to truth and justice at all times? The world may stand against us, but the Lord will never abandon us, and He alone is the One we strive to please by living in His heart and proclaiming the bright light of truth whenever it is needed.

Evangelization and service

Lent is not too far around the corner, with Ash Wednesday occurring on February 18th. This year, we have two things to embrace during the Lenten season: our evangelization mission that will be held on Monday, February 23rd and Wednesday, February 25th and our Lenten Service Project. The evangelization mission



will help us to better embrace our calling to bring Christ's love to those we encounter, and will explore why evangelization is such an integral part of parish life.

This year's Lenten Service Project will benefit Solace House - a hospice home for those without shelter. Solace House takes in the homeless who have terminal illnesses and cares for them in a hospice setting until they begin their journey home to the Lord. I've interacted with the staff at Solace House a few times as I've provided Sacramental ministry to Catholic patients in need. They provide a beautiful and much-needed ministry, and I'm excited to support them with our Lenten treasure this season.

Parish Office news

Becca Fischer began her ministry in the Parish Office this past week. We're delighted to have her. Her kind and patient heart are just what's needed in the office environment, as both she and Julianne interact regularly with parishioners and visitors. I have a bit of sad news to report on Lori, who has been with us for a number of years. Last weekend, she suffered a serious fall at her home and fractured her shoulder. She underwent emergency surgery to replace the shoulder, and will be homebound for several weeks as she recovers. Please remember Lori in prayer as we ask the Lord to console her and bring her the healing graces she needs at this time.

There's another round of phishing emails going around from me asking for gift cards again. ☺ Please know that I will never send emails asking you for gift cards. The cyber world continues to become increasingly complicated. If something looks fishy, it probably is! Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you have any questions about messages that you might receive.

*With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael*

OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

2025-26 Offertory Budget

Envelopes.....\$370,000.00
Loose (Cash).....\$ 75,000.00
TOTAL.....\$445,000.00
NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00

OFFERTORY

01/19/2026 (Week 29)

Envelopes.....\$ 2,194.00
Electronic Funds..\$ 847.93
Loose.....\$ 606.95
Outreach.....\$ 15.00
TOTAL.....\$ 3,663.88

OFFERTORY PROGRESS

Collected to-date..\$226,553.58
Needed to-date.....\$248,182.00
Surplus (Short-fall):\$(21,628.42)

Silent retreat for men at Durward's Glen

Men are invited to a three-day silent retreat called "Heaven's Weapon," which focuses on spiritual warfare and the Rosary. It will be held Feb. 13-15 and led by Fr. Simon Tipps, parochial vicar of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. The weekend will help men develop a deep personal relationship with Jesus through Mary. Questions? Call 608-356-8113 or email theglen150@gmail.com To register for this retreat or to see other events at Durward's Glen visit durwardsglen.org

A Lenten Day of Reflection

Earthen Vessels

Understanding The 4 Temperaments and how a to grow in virtue with our God given temperament.

*You Father are our potter.
All of us are the work of your hand.
Isaiah 64:8*

Saturday, February 14
800 am - 200 pm

Presenters: Barbara Brochtrup & Michelle Amend

Schoenstatt Heights

5901 Cottage Grove Road, Madison

Join other women for a day to reflect, learn, pray and enjoy fellowship. Mass, Rosary, Private Prayer.

Breakfast & Lunch served

Call Michelle Amend with questions 608-333-2782

Use the QR Code to Register
Suggested Donation \$30

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, February 2nd Presentation of the Lord (F)
Mal 3:1-4 ✕ Ps 24 ✕ Heb 2:14-18 ✕ Luke 2:22-40
NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY

Tuesday, February 3rd St. Blaise (m)
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 ✕ Ps 86 ✕ Mark 5:21-43
7:45am Richard Trace †
Following Rosary

Wednesday, February 4th Weekday
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 ✕ Ps 32 ✕ Mark 6:1-6
7:45am Jerry Sigg †
Int. Catherine Sigg Family
Following Rosary

Thursday, February 5th St. Agatha (M)
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 ✕ 1 Chron 29 ✕ Mark 6:7-13
7:45am Frances Reilly †
Following Rosary

Friday, February 6th St. Paul Miki and Companions (M)
Sirach 47:2-11 ✕ Ps 18 ✕ Mark 6:14-29
7:45am L/D members of the Larson, Scovill & Brazy Families †
Following Rosary

Saturday, February 7th BVM
1 Kings 3:4-13 ✕ Ps 119 ✕ Mark 6:30-34
7:45am James K. Scott †
Following Litany of the IHM & Confessions

Sunday, February 8th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10 ✕ Ps 112 ✕ 1 Cor 2:1-5 ✕ Matthew 5:13-16
4:30pm (Sat.) Dave Haack †
8:00am Pro Populo
9:15am Confessions
10:00am Frank & Ruth Heidt †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

Fr. Michael & Staff at St. Bernard's

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

February 6, 2026

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

Today is the Memorial of St. Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions (d. 1597), who were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ.



St. Paul Miki and Companions

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, killing hundreds of thousands. Three and a half centuries before, twenty-six martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his church.

Best known martyr of Japan

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: “The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ’s example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.”

Faith was secretly preserved

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

—Excerpted from *Saint of the Day*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M.

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

RECYCLE THE WARMTH BLANKET DRIVE

Donate new and gently used blankets, bedding, and sheets to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Madison’s blanket drive Jan. 31-Feb. 1. For a list of drop-off points, including the Cathedral of St. Bernard, visit www.svdpmadison.org/rtw/ Contribution envelopes are also available at the entrance to the Parish Center.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMING UP

Next week, a special edition of the *Catholic Herald* will arrive in your home, highlighting the Annual Catholic Appeal. This issue will showcase just a few of the many ways the Holy Spirit is at work in our diocese—from youth ministry and marriage enrichment to leadership training for parish leaders and outreach to the Hispanic community. Everything the Church does is for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. Envelopes will be available the weekend of February 14–15. Your support helps continue the Church’s transformative mission in our local communities. To donate online visit madisondiocese.org/inpew Or join the Perpetual Steward Society with a continuous monthly gift at madisondiocese.org/stewards

SCRIP ORDERS DUE TO PARISH OFFICE BY FEB. 2

Monthly SCRIP orders will be processed on Tuesday, Feb. 3, so they are due to the parish office by Monday, Feb. 2. Forms can be found at the back of church or by the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!



ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY EVENT ON FEB. 6

All are invited to the next Encounter School of Ministry event, “Worship & Freedom: Encounter His Love” from 6 to 8:30pm on Feb. 6 at St Dennis Catholic Church, 505 Dempsey Rd, Madison. Register at www.encounterschool.org/madison/#events

RESURRECTION CEMETERY

Bless your family by planning ahead. Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Madison serves our parish. Arrange your graves (including green burials), niches, vaults, monuments, Trappist caskets, and vases. Our regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. Call 608-238-5561 for an appointment to discuss your options. You can also browse available property at www.madisondiocese.org/cemeteries

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE TICKETS



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

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

January 21:

Nathan & Mary Lenar-\$20

January 22:

Joe & Helen Buechner-\$100

January 23:

Donna Swadley-\$20

January 24:

Fr. Bill Nolan-\$20

January 25:

Karen Frey-\$20

January 26:

Ruth Schultz-\$20

January 27:

Dave & Amy Kneifl-\$20

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

