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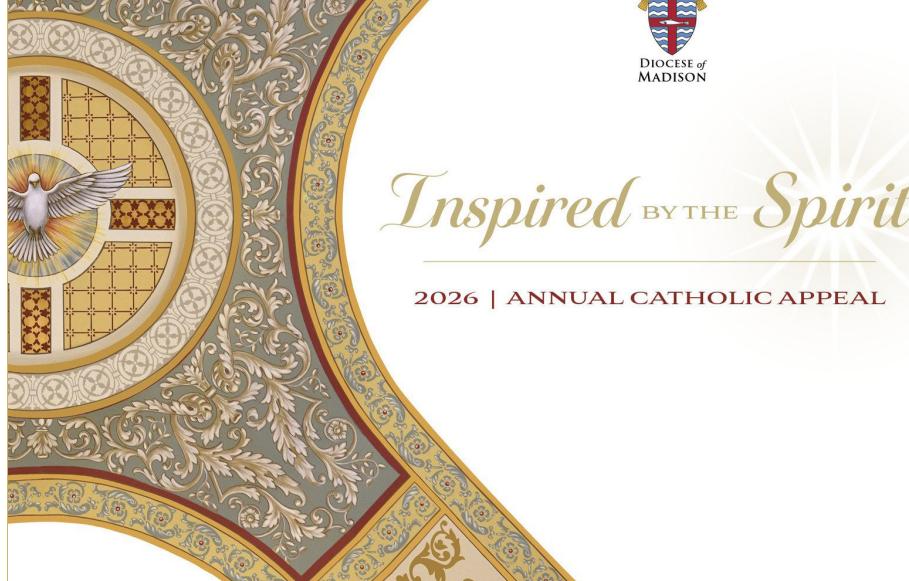
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

-Matthew 5: 16



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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
FEBRUARY 8TH
2026

Dear Friends,
This weekend, I'd like to share a significant update on the cathedral's timeline. While we've tried to attach timelines to almost every aspect of the project, the wildcard was the detailed woodworking that needed to be done for the intricate pieces, which include the reredos, the side altars and several other pieces. It was determined that our original timelines were not adequate.

After meeting with Bishop Hying this past week, he expressed the desire to consecrate the cathedral when it's completely finished. While we could have had some things ready for the consecration in May, the cathedral would not have been completely finished. The decision was made to postpone the consecration of the cathedral until the early fall. This will ensure everything is done well and in the needed time-frame so as to not affect overall quality by rushing to get things finished.

Facing challenges

I understand that this will be a great disappointment to you, as we will need to endure some additional months in the gymnasium. There is much wisdom in the bishop's decision to wait until everything is complete. The first Mass at the cathedral will be the Mass of Consecration. It will most likely be televised on EWTN and covered by major news outlets. Many prelates and dignitaries will be in attendance as well. Ensuring we have the needed time to get things finished and test out all our new systems will be a great blessing.

John's departure at the end of the month introduced some additional challenges that needed to be overcome. With the later date, we will, God willing, have

a new director in place. The two organs will be installed and blessed at the Mass, and will be used for the first time. Everything will be in a better place and more settled so we can move into the consecration with a sense of readiness.

We've had to move a number of events to other churches, including the ordinations to priesthood and transitional diaconate. I'm working with six wedding couples to reaccommodate them to other churches for weddings that were scheduled to be celebrated in the late summer. The Lord is inviting us to wait just a bit longer, and so, we respond as we always have: with faith, trust and a renewed sense of prayer for all who are working to bring the project to completion. A specific date has not yet been determined at this time, but when it does, I will share it with you as soon as I can.

Sacred music director

Things are moving along with the sacred music director position. While this is a diocesan position, the director will spend a good amount of time here, and will be a great steward of the beautiful instruments that have been entrusted to our care. The job posting ends on February 16th, and after that time, we will begin with a selection of candidates that we would like to interview.

A committee has been formed which includes one person from the cathedral choir, one person from the diocesan choir, a current music director, a member of the faithful, bishop, myself, the Vicar General and the director of the Office of Worship.

As of this writing, we have 13 candidates who have applied. Of those 13, there are a few which bring me some excitement. Let us join in intercessory prayer to St. Cecilia that we will receive a new director that is willing to share their gifts and talents openly and generously with the cathedral, the diocese and all the faithful. I'll continue to keep you updated as the process unfolds.

Expressing gratitude

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the St. Vincent de Paul blanket drive this past weekend. Your

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- Fr. Michael

generous response ensures that those in need are well-cared for. It's been a difficult winter for so many, and with the recent rate increase in electricity and natural gas, it's made a difficult situation even worse. These acts of kindness and love are reminders that we are called to serve Christ in all our brothers and sisters.

Offering prayers, surrender

We offer our prayers to the family of **Darcy Hall** (nee Schwoegler), whose funeral will be celebrated here on Monday morning. May the Lord grant her the fullness of life in the joy of His kingdom.

I know that we've been through so much, friends, and this is just another small hiccup that we'll get through together. I share in your disappointment, but it's a good reminder to me and to all of us that sometimes our schedules and timelines do not align with what the Lord wills for us. We surrender to the Lord and greet Him with the words of our Lady, "Let it be done to me as you have said."

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

Save dates for parish mission

Please save the dates for our parish evangelization mission during the evenings of Monday, Feb. 23 and Wednesday, Feb. 25 in the vestry. Vespers will be held Monday and Adoration and Benediction will be held on Wednesday. Light refreshments will also be available.

Lenten Companions available

The *Magnificat Lenten Companion* is available at the back of church. Please feel free to pick one up before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18!

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

01/26/2026 (Week 30)	
02/01/2026 (Week 31)	
Envelopes.....	\$ 3,020.00
Electronic Funds..	\$ 7,899.21
Loose.....	\$ 1,720.00
Catholic Herald..	\$ 170.00
Building Endowmt..	\$ 100.00
Outreach.....	\$ 75.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 12,984.21

OFFERTORY PROGRESS

Collected to-date...	\$239,190.79
Needed to-date.....	\$265,298.00
Surplus (Shortfall):	\$(26,107.21)

Lenten Reflections with Bishop Hying

Join Bishop Donald J. Hying of Madison this Lent for "Conquered by Christ," a study program inspired by the Sunday Gospel readings of the Lenten season! Each week, Bishop Hying will offer a video reflection on the Gospel and all that Jesus has conquered – Satan, sin, division, sickness, and death – in the weeks leading up to Easter and Christ's ultimate victory on the Cross. Perfect for individuals, families, and small groups, this five-week program will include videos from Bishop Hying, discussion guides, prayers, saintly role models, and ways to grow in virtue during our Lenten journey. Start gathering your small groups now! Weekly videos and study guide materials will be available beginning Feb. 16 at madisondiocese.org/lent2026.



**CONQUERED
by CHRIST**

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

January 28:

Women's Care Center-\$20

January 29:

Terrance Braun-\$20

January 30:

Cristina Bravo-\$20

January 31:

Eric & Amy Rottier-\$20

February 1:

Dianne Fettig-\$20

February 2:

Gregory Blum-\$100

February 3:

Eileen Zeier-\$50

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Weekday

Monday, February 9th
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 ✰ Ps 132 ✰ Mark 6:53-56

5:45pm Confessions

6:30pm James Meylor †

St. Scholastica (M)

Tuesday, February 10th

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 ✰ Ps 84 ✰ Mark 7:1-13

7:45am John A. Gundlach †

Following Rosary

Our Lady of Lourdes (m)

Wednesday, February 11th
1 Kings 10:1-10 ✰ Ps 37 ✰ Mark 7:14-23

7:45am L/D members of Fettig & Petroviak families †
Following Rosary

Weekday

Thursday, February 12th
1 Kings 11:4-13 ✰ Ps 106 ✰ Mark 7:24-30

7:45am L/D members of the Rickey Family †
Following Rosary

Weekday

Friday, February 13th
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 ✰ Ps 81 ✰ Mark 7:31-37

7:45am Jamie A. Gundlach †
Following Rosary

Sts. Cyril & Methodius (M)

Saturday, February 14th
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 ✰ Ps 106 ✰ Mark 8:1-10

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 15th
Sirach 15:15-20 ✰ Ps 119 ✰ 1 Cor 2:6-10 ✰ Matthew 5:17-37

4:30pm (Sat.) Marti Salmon †
8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions
10:00am Marie & Leonard Schmit & William Zopf †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week's bulletin is sponsored in honor of:

Pope Leo XIV

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 10, 2026

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

St. Scholastica

St. Scholastica, like her brother St. Benedict, dedicated herself to God from early youth. Information on the virgin Scholastica is very scanty. In his Second Book of Dialogues (Ch. 33 and 34) Pope St. Gregory has described for us the last meeting between brother and sister:



"His sister Scholastica, who had been consecrated to God in early childhood, used to visit with him once a year. On these occasions he would go to meet her in a house belonging to the monastery a short distance from the entrance. For this particular visit he joined her there with a few of his disciples and they spent the whole day singing God's praises and conversing about the spiritual life. "When darkness was setting in they took their meal together and continued their conversation at table until it was quite late. Then the holy nun said to him, 'Please do not leave me tonight, brother. Let us keep on talking about the joys of heaven till morning.' 'What are you saying, sister?' he replied. 'You know that I cannot stay away from the monastery.' The sky was so clear at the time, there was not a cloud in sight.

Prayers for her brother to stay

"At her brother's refusal Scholastica folded her hands on the table and rested her head upon them in earnest prayer. When she looked up again, there was a sudden burst of lightning and thunder accompanied by such a downpour that Benedict and his companions were unable to set foot outside the door. By shedding a flood of tears while she prayed, this holy nun had darkened the cloudless sky with a heavy rain. The storm began as soon as her prayer was over...He had no choice now but to stay, in spite of his unwillingness. They spent the entire night together and both of them derived great profit from the holy thoughts they exchanged about the interior life. The next morning Scholastica returned to her convent and Benedict to his monastery.

Watching her soul enter heaven

"Three days later as he stood in his room looking up toward the sky, he beheld his sister's soul leaving her body and entering the heavenly court in the form of a dove. Overjoyed at her eternal glory, he gave thanks to God in hymns of praise. Then, after informing his brethren of her death, he sent some of them to bring her body to the abbey and bury it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. The bodies of these two were now to share a common resting place, just as in life their souls had always been one in God."

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

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL APPROACHING FEB. 14-15

"Inspired by the Spirit" is the theme for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift and participation helps to ensure that every person in the Diocese of Madison is graciously invited every day to meet the person of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, face to face and be changed by him. The Holy Spirit calls each of us to be good stewards, to give of our time, talent, and treasure. Please consider how you can help us reach our goal of raising \$4.2 million to continue the work of Christ in the Diocese of Madison. Envelopes will be available at Mass the weekend of February 14-15. Your support helps continue the Church's transformative mission in our local communities. Thank you for being part of this Spirit-led mission. To donate online visit madisondiocese.org/inpew or join the Perpetual Steward Society with a continuous monthly gift at madisondiocese.org/stewards

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EARTHEN VESSELS LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Earthen Vessels

The Schoenstatt Family of the Diocese of Madison invites women to participate in a Lenten day of reflection called Earthen Vessels on Saturday, Feb. 14. During this retreat day, women will learn about the four temperaments and how to grow in virtue based on your God-given temperament. The day starts with optional Confessions at 7:30am, followed by 8am Mass, breakfast and lunch, talks, and time for prayer. Registration is requested and there is a suggested \$30 donation, which will be collected at the door. Contact Michelle Amend to register at 608-333-2782.

ONE-DAY RETREAT AT DURWARD'S GLEN ON FEB. 21

"Lent is Calling You Home" is a one day retreat at Durward's Glen from 8:15am to 2:15pm on Saturday, Feb. 21, with Fr. Randy Timmerman, Fr. Pedro Escribano and Paul and Carol Quist (new directors at the Glen). Cost is \$30/person, \$50/for two people. The day includes Mass, Confessions, talks, light breakfast, and lunch. Register by calling 608-356-8113 or emailing theglen150@gmail.com.

ORDERS & INFLUENCE LECTURES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is sponsoring a series of lectures open to the public at 6pm in Room 7200 at the UW Law School. The first lecture is "Universal Fraternity as the Heart of a Sociopolitical Vision" by Sr. Marie Kolbe Zamora on Monday, Feb. 9. See the poster on the bulletin board in the Parish Center entryway for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

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



Adult Religious Education with Deacon Tim

Join Deacon Tim and Cathedral of St. Bernard parishioners for classes focusing on the content of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. Over the course of 18-20 sessions, we will study all the chapters of the *Catechism*. The first set of classes will meet at 7pm in the St. Veronica Room on the following dates: March 4, 10, 18, 25, April 1, 7, and 15. Contact Deacon Tim at deacontimreilly@outlook.com if you are interested.

