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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2026

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"

- Matthew 14:31



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays (2nd-5th Mondays at 6:30pm
Tuesday through Friday at 7:45am
First Saturday at 7:45am
The rosary is prayed after weekday Mass.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

2nd-5th Mondays at 5:45pm
First Saturday following Mass
Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm
Sunday morning at 9:15am
Other times by appointment

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LINE

The cathedral has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intention on the prayer line, please contact Carol at (608) 244-4817.

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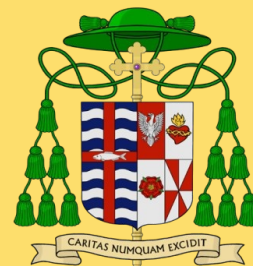
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PASTOR'S PULSE on the PARISH



August 9, 2026

Dear Friends,

This past week, we commemorated our Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

I remembered back to the time when I visited the mount in 2005 on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a trip designed for clergy, and it packed a 10-day pilgrimage into seven! We were up at 5:30am and didn't finish until almost 10:30pm every day ... it was exhausting, but yielded such beautiful memories.

To get to the top of the mountain, you piled into these old Mercedes taxis and the driver took you to the basilica that was built upon the site of the Transfiguration. The drive was scary as we would come within inches of vehicles making their way down. I couldn't watch the road after a few close encounters!

The trip up the mountain resembles very much the spiritual journey we take in this life, friends. Before we reach the parapet and behold the glory of our surroundings, there is turmoil, suffering, and hardship before us always.

Physical, mental suffering

Immediately preceding the Transfiguration, our Lord shared with the apostles that He was to suffer greatly for the sake of the world. The journey to Calvary and the crucifixion in and of itself brought tremendous amounts of physical suffering, but equally painful was the Lord's mental



anguish and feelings of abandonment from those who had accompanied him, but turned away when the situation got too hot.

One of them was Jesus' greatest friend and the one who would eventually receive the Church: Peter. Jesus was in agony in the garden over what was to come for him, and the words he cried out -- "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me" -- pierce even the most faithful of hearts.

Suffering leads to joy

The one thing we must always hold in our hearts is the fact that God always knows our motives and what lies behind our true intentions of carrying out an action. We may be looked down upon, people might fabricate stories that aren't true, and it may cause us great struggle and consternation, but in our midst is the Lord, transfigured - the One who reminds us that suffering leads to perfect joy in happiness.

I always treasure these words of St. Paul and think about them always. They come to us from the third chapter of his pastoral letter to the Colossians. "Your life is hidden with Christ in God."

In other words, there is only One whom we strive to honor, please, and adore. If others pick us apart and we become the one who

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- Fr. Michael

suffers, we rest in the fact that the Lord knows the true motives that lie in the deep recesses of our heart.

Christ knows your heart

In chapter six of St. Matthew's gospel, Jesus acknowledges this kind of life with these words, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." The true treasure of our hearts lies at the top of the mountain ... when we have climbed and traveled through all the hills and mountains of disappointment, struggle, and hardship, we reach our true reward when we know as God knows, we see as God sees, and we love as God loves.

It will come for each and every one of us, friends. To renew and refresh us on our journey is the gift of the Eucharist - a sharing in the very suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ at every holy Mass we celebrate.

Keep the Lord ever before you, friends, and when the hardships and struggles of this life begin to consume you, rest in the knowledge that Christ knows the goodness of your heart, because your heart is His heart.

Progress continues

We are currently preparing to install the light bollards that will line the sidewalk leading up to the

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OUR GIFT of TREASURE

2026-27 Offertory Budget

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

OFFERTORY

August 2, 2026

Envelopes.....	\$ 2,550.00
Loose.....	\$ 941.00
Electronic Funds..	\$ 1,685.90
Building & Grounds	\$ 22.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,198.90

OFFERTORY PROGRESS

Collected to-date..	\$ 31,951.09
Needed to-date.....	\$ 42,790.00
Surplus (Shortfall):	\$(10,838.91)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 10th

St. Lawrence (F)

2 Cor 9:6-10 ✕ Ps 112 ✕ John 12:24-26

5:45pm

Confessions

6:30pm

L/D Members of the Keys Family †

Tuesday, August 11th

St. Clare (M)

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 ✕ Ps 119 ✕ Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

7:45am

Gregory John Pehler †

Following

Rosary

Wednesday, August 12th

St. Jane Frances
de Chantal (m)

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 ✕ Ps 113 ✕ Matt 18:15-20

7:45am

Steven Martine

Following

Rosary

Thursday, August 13th

Sts. Pontian
& Hippolytus (m)

Ezekiel 12:1-12 ✕ Ps 78 ✕ Matt 18:21-19:1

7:45am

Alberto & Margarita Carrascosa †

Following

Rosary

First Friday, August 14th

St. Maximilian
Mary Kolbe (M)

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 ✕ Isaiah 12 ✕ Matt 19:3-12

7:45am

Sr. Annacile Kees & Br. Bill Laufenberg †

Following

Rosary

Saturday, August 15th

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

Rev 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB ✕ Ps 45 ✕ 1 Cor 15:20-27 ✕ Luke 1:39-56

8:00am

Holy Mass in the Cathedral Parish Center gym

3:30pm

Confessions

4:30pm

L/D priests of the Diocese of Madison †

Sunday, August 16th

20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 ✕ Ps 67 ✕ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 ✕ Matt 15:21-28

8:00am

Pro populo

9:15am

Confessions

10:00am

Elisabeth Handojo †

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rectory's main entrance on Atwood Ave. This will be the main path of travel for many of our priests when they come to vest for Masses and liturgical events, and it's important that the path be well-lit.

Most of the handrails in the church and rectory are installed now, and Paul continues to churn out massive amounts of finished woodwork as the reredos continues to take shape. Progress continues to be made.

We offer our love and prayers to the family of **Patrick Burns** of our parish whose funeral will be celebrated at the St. Dennis campus of Queen of Apostles Parish. May the Lord reunite him with his beloved Sharon and bring comfort and peace to his family.

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael

Mass for the Assumption

On Saturday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Assumption of our Lady. Because the holy day falls on a Saturday this year, it is **not a holy day of obligation**. We will celebrate holy Mass at 8:00am on that Saturday morning to honor our Lady's Assumption - all are welcome to attend and join with us in prayer.



BULLETIN SPONSOR

This week's bulletin is sponsored for:

The Rottier and Christenson families

Our bulletin is printed in-house, and is sponsored each week by parishioners and friends of the cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask for prayers, to offer a prayer in thanksgiving, to remember someone, living or deceased, or to advertise your local business! If you'd like to be a bulletin donor, a suggested gift of \$50.00 is asked to cover printing costs. Please call the parish office or email Julianne for more information. Thank you for your generous support of our weekly cathedral publication!



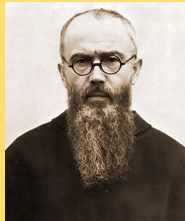
LIVES OF THE SAINTS

August 14, 2026

The Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1894-1941) is universally celebrated by the Church today. The following is reprinted with permission from www.catholicculture.org:

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

St. Maximilian was born Raymond Kolbe in Poland Jan. 8, 1894. In 1910, he entered the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1918.



Militia of the Immaculata

Father Maximilian returned to Poland in 1919 and began spreading his Militia of the Immaculata movement of Marian consecration (whose members are also called MIs), which he founded on October 16, 1917. In 1927, he established an evangelization center near Warsaw called Niepokalanow, the "City of the Immaculata." By 1939, the City had expanded from eighteen friars to an incredible 650, making it the largest Catholic religious house in the world.

'Apostle of the Mass Media'

To better "win the world for the Immaculata," the friars utilized the most modern printing and administrative techniques. This enabled them to publish countless catechetical and devotional tracts, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000 and a monthly magazine with a circulation of over one million. Maximilian started a shortwave radio station and planned to build a motion picture studio—he was a true "apostle of the mass media." He established a City of the Immaculata in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1930, and envisioned missionary centers worldwide.

Maximilian was a ground-breaking theologian. His insights into the Immaculate Conception anticipated the Marian theology of the Second Vatican Council and further developed the Church's understanding of Mary as "Mediatrice" of all the graces of the Trinity, and as "Advocate" for God's people.

'Martyr of Charity'

In 1941, the Nazis imprisoned Father Maximilian in the Auschwitz death camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. On August 14, 1941, his impatient captors ended his life with a fatal injection. Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian as a "martyr of charity" in 1982. St. Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement and the chemically addicted.

—Militia of the Immaculata

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

UPCOMING BRAT STAND AT CATHEDRAL

Come and enjoy some delicious brats and hot dogs sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Friday, August 14, and Saturday, August 15. Our drive-thru opens at 10am and closes at 2pm each day. \$7.00 will get you a brat or hot dog, bun, chips, soda, and condiments. An extra brat or hot dog is \$5.00. If you need more than 10 orders, please order in advance by contacting Tim Zeier at 608-513-6358.



STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE



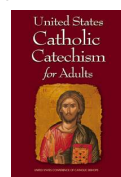
Whether you've been married for two years or 40, Navigating US is an engaging marriage enrichment weekend that offers practical tools to help you communicate better, navigate conflict more effectively, and deepen your connection. It will take place 10:30am-3pm Saturday, Sept. 19, and 12:30-4:30pm Sunday, Sept. 20 at St. Bernard Church, Middleton. **Early Bird Registration** is \$75/couple through Aug. 16, which includes participant workbooks, lunch on Saturday, and refreshments on Sunday. Register at: madisondiocese.org/navigatingus

UPCOMING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

An eight-week grief support group for adults will be offered 10am to 11:30am Thursdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 22, through the SSM Health at Home Madison Hospice Office, 4639 Hammersley Rd., Madison. The group explores the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing, while providing a safe place to share your experiences and questions with others. The group is free but space is limited. Please register by Aug. 27 at www.ssmhealth.com/events or call 608-324-1229.



JOIN DEACON TIM'S CATECHISM CLASSES



Come and join Deacon Tim Reilly and fellow parishioners for classes on the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. If interested, email Deacon Tim at Tim.Reilly@sbmsn.org or chat with him after Mass. Classes are held in the St. Veronica Room from 7 until 8:30pm on the following dates: Sept. 2, 8, 16, 30; Oct. 7, 13, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 10, 18; Dec. 2, 8, 16.

NEW MEMBERS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the Cathedral of St. Bernard: **Welcome!** Austin Bunch and Adam Lindsey.

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS AT CATHEDRAL



There are still many open slots for Mass intentions through December, so call the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention today!