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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

**Morning Masses** 

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15 AM First Saturday: 8:15 AM

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

#### Private:

All Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:30 PM By Appointment: Contact Parish Office

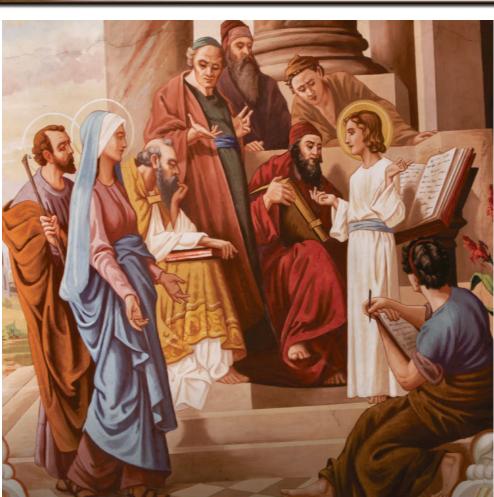
### **EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL**

Private Prayer: 7 AM to 5 PM daily Adoration: 8:45-11 AM on Tuesdays

## **DEVOTIONS**

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 8:45 AM on Thursdays

Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:45 AM on first Saturday of the month



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GÎO-

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 †Rita and Alfred Nonn 10:30 St. Bernard parishioners

Monday, January 24 - St. Frances de Sales

**Tuesday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul** 8:15 †Rosanne Raemisch

Wednesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus 8:15 †Cecelia and John Malak family

**Thursday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici** 8:15 †Dick Horan

Friday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas 8:15 †Jeff Nolden

Saturday, January 29 5:00 †Sylvester Ziegler

Sunday, January 30 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 St. Bernard parishioners 10:30 †Donna Werla



## **GOSPEL READING**

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." —Luke 1:21

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**January 23, 2022** 

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10/1 Corinthians 12:12-30/

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10/Mark 3:22-30 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16/Mark 16:15-18 Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8/Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/Mark 4:21-25 Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17/Mark 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17/Mark 4:35-41 Next Sunday: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13/Luke 4:21-30

USCCB Daily Bible readings:dailyreadings@usccb.org

Jesus began his public ministry by making the words of Isaiah his own.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

The good news in all of this is that God's mercy is freely available to all those who seek it.

God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long awaited Savior of the poor and the oppressed.

Jesus did not merely announce the Good News and leave it at that. He began to make it a reality.

At the root of innumerable wrongs in our world is the discrepancy between word and deed.

Today the task of preaching the Gospel to the world depends on us. It is our discipleship. It is a great privilege, but a daunting task.

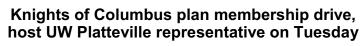
But like Jesus, we are given the help of the Holy Spirit. We too are anointed.

The best way to preach the Gospel is by living a Christian life.

The only book that

some people will ever read about the Gospel is the book of our lives.

Let's hope that others can give it a positive review. Have a blessed week, Fr. Brian



Our local council Monsignor Lederer Knights of Columbus Council #4549 will hold a membership drive after all the masses on the weekend of Feb. 12-13.



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world.

Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council, you

will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council number 4549 for local information.

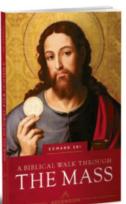
Any man 18 years or older and in good standing with the church is eligible to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, go to kofc.org.

**Jan. 25 meeting:** A representative from St. Augustine Parish at UW-Platteville will talk about the great work they do keeping faith alive in their students and update us on the status of their new dorm. The presentation will start at 7 p.m., in the lower level of the RE building. Please join us!



## **Liturgical Life**

### Learn more about the Mass



Does Mass seem boring or hard to understand?

Gain a deeper appreciation for the Mass, its Biblical roots, and the meaning behind symbols and gestures we encounter every week in this upcoming video series, "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri, facilitated by parishioner Tom Enwright.

The group will meet in the parish library Thursdays 1-2:15 p.m., Feb. 3 to March 3.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tom at tenwright00@gmail.com.

### Need a New Year's resolution?

How about joining one of our liturgical ministries?



It takes many people to make the liturgy flow well each weekend, and the new year would be a great time to volunteer to serve in one of the ministries!

Opportunities are available for lector/commentator, server

(fifth grade and up), Eucharistic Minister and usher (high school students and older). Training is provided.

For more information, contact Joy Bauman at 829-5880 or joy@stbmidd.org.



When was the last time you had a heart-to-heart conversation with God? As a parent wants to hear about a child's day, so God our Father wants to hear about ours.

Many beautiful prayers have been written over the centuries that can lead us in our conversation with the Trinity, but praying in our own words let God hear our unique voice.

So find a quiet space, take a deep breath, and just begin, "Hi Jesus."—Laura Angle

## **FORMED**°

#### Cleansed

Something radical is on display in the Gospel. Whereas in the Old Testament the impurity of a leper was contagious, the New Testament shows that Jesus' purity is infectious.

Come to Jesus with your brokenness and hurt, seeking to be healed as the leper was.

## **Religious Education**



Students in Georgine Jacobs' preschool class recently learned about "The Good Shepherd." They learned that Jesus takes care of us like a good shepherd takes care of his sheep, said Jacobs. "Jesus takes care of us by giving us loving parents and the things we need to live with kindness and love for God and each other."

## LBH registration begins Monday

This past summer, over 600 missionaries joined Love Begins Here in service to our neighbors in need, giving 11,300 hours of love to the poor and suffering within the Diocese of Madison.

We give great thanks and praise to God for the revival that took place in the hearts and homes of those who served and those we were able to help.

We look forward to a glorious summer in 2022, welcoming all missionaries back to the traditional format of overnight, weeklong mission trips around the diocese.

If you have middle or high school teens in your family, we would love for you to mark your calendars for Jan. 24, when LBH2022 registration will open.

Contact Kathleen Teodoro at Kathleen@stbmidd.org.

## **Stewardship**

## Plant your works in the word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message.

When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively."

Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be.

Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God.

We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship.

There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.— Tracy Earl Welliver, LPI

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP January 9, 2022

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God's Plan 2022	\$13,568.00
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Building Maintenance	\$107.00
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Snack Pack	
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December 30, 2021	

## AUTOMATED TRANSFER

**January 15, 2022**God's Plan.....\$26,381.50

## Make a donation to the Parish Center Renovation fund today!

We still hope to receive pledges from all of our parish families to celebrate the community effort in making this campaign, "Celebrating Our Past – Building for Our Future," a success.

You can make your donation on our website at: stbmidd.org/renovation.

## Calendar

Sunday, January 23

7:00 PM AA/Alanon Meeting/REC LL

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25

8:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration/Chapel

9:00 AM Our Lady's Good Helpers/REC

5:30 PM Reconciliation Parent Meeting/REC LL

7:00 PM KC Meeting/REC LL

Wednesday, January 26

5:30 PM Reconciliation Parent Meeting/REC LL

6:00 PM RCIA/POCR

Thursday, January 27

5:30 PM Book Study Group/Library

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

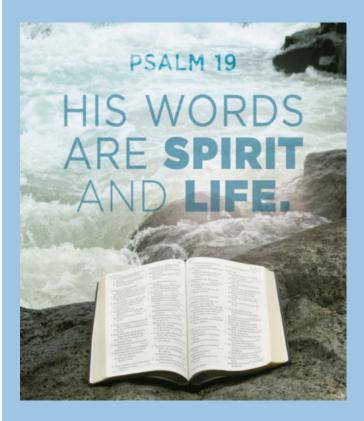
**Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive** 

3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church

Sunday, January 30

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8:50 AM Reconciliation Class/REC LL 7:00 PM AA/Alanon Meeting/REC LL



## **Parish Events**

## SVdP to hold 30th annual blanket drive next weekend

St. Vincent de Paul's 30th annual Recycle the Warmth



Blanket Drive will be held Jan. 28-30.

SVdP will collect new and gently used blankets as well as funds to purchase new blankets and bedding.

To donate funds to purchase new blankets, go to: svdpmadison.org/donate/

recyclethewarmth.

You can also purchase and donate new blankets or gently used blankets and bedding at any Dane County St. Vinny's Thrift Store or here at St. Bernard parish. Bins will be located at the church entrances.

All the bedding collected will be given to people with low incomes, who request help with clothing and/or furniture vouchers from SVdP.

SVdP members visit homes and provide vouchers to St. Vinny's stores for essential furniture and household goods, as well as new airbeds that come with sheets and the blankets donors generously gave during Recycle the Warmth.

## 'Prayer warriors' needed for prayer network

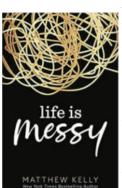
We are looking for "prayer warriors" to pray for those who are struggling with illness, grief, stress, anxiety, surgery, aging and many other issues.

You can do this at home, in your pajamas or in the car or wherever! Just pray.

This is how it works: Go to the St. Bernard website, there is a banner at the top of the page for the "Prayer Chain Network." Click on the button, and you will see a list of people in need of prayers. Then you just pray for them!

Contact Sharon Braem at scbraem@tds.net or 608-335-9001 or Barb Bohringer at barbarabohringer2@gmail.com.

## Life is Messy book discussion begins Feb. 5



Need some incentive to read the new book, "Life Is Messy" by Matthew Kelly?

Make a resolution to finish it in January, then come to the Religious Education Center lower level on Feb. 5 from 9-10:30 a.m., to discuss what you read.

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Laura Angle at laura@stbmidd.org.

Mark your calendars!

## IN & AROUND THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

**St. Anthony Spiritual Center** will hold a silent retreat on Jan. 28-30. "Separating the wheat from the chaff in our lives: Upheaval, Deep Listening, New Paths" will be presented by Fr. Frank Corradi and others. For more information, call 715-443-2236 or go to their website at info@sarcenter.com.

Is your marriage tearing you apart? We invite you to find help through Retrouvaille, (re-tro-vi), where husbands and wives are helped to re-disover each other. In Retrouvaille, couples discover they are not alone. There is hope and grace. Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program begins January 28-30 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Call 608-249-2377. Check our website at www.helpourmarriage.org. Your confidentiality is always respected.

**St. Anthony Spiritual Center** will host a presentation, "Create and Pray with Art" by Rev. Tammy Barthels on Feb. 4-5. The cost is \$115. For more information, call 715-443-2236 or go to info@sarcenter.com.

The Madison Catholic Herald needs a full-time administrative assistant with duties in secretarial/reception, circulation, editorial/production, writing/photography, and advertising areas. Microsoft Office, Adobe, layout design, and database experience helpful. Knowledge of the Catholic Church required. Excellent benefits. Send a cover letter with resumé by Feb. 13 to: Kevin Wondrash, Editor The Catholic Herald Attn: Administrative Assistant Position, 702 S. High Point Rd., Ste 121 Madison, WI 53719-4926 or info@madisoncatholicherald.org.

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The Catholic Multicultural Center has several fun and engaging ways to stay up to date about program news, events, stories and quotes from staff, volunteers, and program guests, and more: 1) Subscribe to our email newsletter on our homepage: cmcmadison.org; 2)Like us on Facebook; or 3) Follow us on Instagram (@cmcmadison. Together we can make a difference, one person at a time.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at stbmidd! Also see on our YouTube channel some amazing video footage from our past!



St. Bernard's young adults, pictured above playing board games, spent their New Year's Eve at a mini-retreat held at Durward's Glen in Baraboo. The group had time for reflection before celebrating the New Year at midnight with snacks and games and enjoyed breakfast and more fellowship before checking out and heading back to start the new year! For more about joining the group and upcoming events, contact Laura Angle at laura@stbmidd.org.

## Creation Care Corner





"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the Care of Creation."

Pope Francis

## Invasive species and Creation Care

Caring for Creation includes working to keep the local natural ecology in balance. Consider keeping tabs on invasive species in your locality and helping to take action. Invasive species like common Buckthorn can upset that balance. Common Buckthorn is a shrub or small tree that crowds out desirable plants in neighborhoods and takes over entire woodlands. Buckthorn poisons the soil with a chemical called emodin which prevents native plants from growing. Emodin also harms frogs. Buckthorn spreads quickly when birds eat and eliminate the berries, but those berries also make birds sick. In caring for God's Creation, please consider identifying and removing invasive buckthorn and replacing it with native plants that will support pollinators, birds, and amphibians. Winter is a great time to remove invasive buckthorn! More information at:

https://www.ancientoaksfoundation.org/ buckthornbusters/

#### **BAPTISM**

If you are expecting a child, please contact Jenna Ripp at jenna@stbmidd.org about scheduling a baptism preparation class.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome our new parishioners:

## **Aron Kendall and Natalie Hoefs Arthur and Judy Sanger**

Adults who are 18 years and older are welcome to register at the parish office from 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also call the parish office at 831-6531, pick up a new parishioners registration packet at any entrance to church or on our website at www.stbmidd.org/parish-membership.

#### **HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS**

Please call Kevin Laufenberg at 829-5876 whenever you or someone close to you is seriously ill so that he can plan a time for a visit. Also call if you or someone you know is homebound and would like a visit, a phone call or the Eucharist.

### LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost or misplaced car keys, jewelry, religious items or umbrellas in the church? If there is a particular item that you have lost, please check the table in the usher's room. If it cannot be found there, please call the parish office at 831-6531.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If you plan to move, change your address or leave the parish, please contact the parish office at 831-6531, so we can update our records.

#### PREGNANCY HELPLINE

Pregnancy Helpline of Madison is a non-profit organization that exists to provide life-affirming, compassionate care: giving accurate information, material support and community referrals to women, men and families before, during and after pregnancy. All programs are free. To find out how you can help by volunteering or donating, go to www.pregnancyhelpline.net or call 608-222-0008.

### OUR LADY OF HOPE CLINIC

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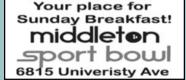
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