



Cathedral of St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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November 17, 2024 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

∞ Mark 13:31



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday 6:30pm (2nd-5th)
Tuesday–Friday 7:45am
1st Saturday 7:45am

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes after daily Mass. For a full listing of daily Mass devotional prayers, please visit our web site or call the office.

WEEKENDS

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am

ADORATION

First Fridays 6:00-7:00pm

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).

Bulletin Announcements

Little Drummer Program for Children



Our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVDP) is sponsoring the Little Drummer Program to help distribute Christmas gifts to children in need. Parishioners are invited to participate in this event by either: 1) Purchasing a gift card to

Burlington, Target, or Wal-Mart and placing the cards into the collection basket; OR 2) Making a monetary donation by placing a check or cash into the collection basket or mailing a check directly to the parish office. Please make the check out to the parish and make sure that "Little Drummer" is clearly written on the check or envelope your gift is in.

Monetary gifts must be received by **Sunday, December 1st** while gift cards will continue to be collected through December 8th.

Our local SVDP conference will collect all gifts we receive and take them to the District Council, where they will be distributed to those in need.



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Judgment



Heaven

Hell

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Dear Friends,

This past week, we celebrated a saint who is very close to the hearts of the people of Poland. St. Josaphat worked tirelessly for unity in the Church. He gave his

life for those very efforts, which were richly blessed by God. St. Josaphat allows this time for us to speak about unity (or disunity, as it may be) in the Church.

A look at major divisions

When the Lord entrusted His Church to the apostles, he envisioned **one Church**, not thousands. The first major schism, or division, in the Church came at the time of the expansion of the Roman Empire. The empire was becoming too large to govern in one singular body. Divisions had existed in the eastern and western portions of the empire for centuries, but they came to a boiling point in 1054 when Pope Leo IX excommunicated the patriarch of Constantinople and the patriarch excommunicated Pope Leo.

There were three main theological principles that caused the division: (1) The western Church (Rome) had added a statement in the Nicene Creed which stated that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. The eastern church (Constantinople) vigorously opposed this teaching, which became known as the *Filioque Clause*. (2) The difference between using leavened and unleavened bread was a major sticking point. (3) The issue of celibacy arose, with Rome adhering to strict celibacy while Constantinople allowed priests to marry.

The power of the papacy in the west was beginning to rise, causing tensions in the east. The patriarch of Constantinople began closing western churches in his territory, which prompted the apostolic visitation and mutual excommunication. The crusades made the division even more bitter.

Over the years

Reconciliation has taken place over the last 900 + years, but there are still major divisions between the east and west. The eastern church is known as the Orthodox Church, while the western Church is known as the Latin, or Roman Catholic, Church. The issue with the Orthodox is not to be confused with the Eastern Catholic Church. Eastern Catholic churches are in union with Rome and have particular rites specific to their territory. There are 23 Eastern Catholic churches in all.

We're all familiar with the "protestant players" in the likes of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, and others. Because of their own interpretation of the Scriptures and the rejection of most of the Church's Tradition handed on down through the ages, they caused several schisms and broke away from the Roman Catholic Church. All three men rejected the doctrine of transubstantiation, when the Holy Spirit changes ordinary bread and wine in to the Body and Blood of Christ (the Real Presence). Calvin introduced predestination — the idea that one's eternal destiny was determined by God before the beginning of time, and there was nothing one could do in order to change that destiny.

From these schisms, hundreds more have taken place, with various iterations of these ideas being promulgated throughout the world. These breaks have fractured the Body of Christ and the idea of our Lord that there would be one flock and one shepherd.

I liken what happened here to the Old Testament prophets. Their job was to proclaim what the Lord said, not interpret it. They were messengers of the Most High, not His translators. These men and countless others after them were interpreters of the will of Christ for His people. However, there was no need for interpretation because Christ Himself laid out exactly what He envisioned for His Church: a Church that exemplifies His public ministry of bringing God's love and mercy to the end of the earth; a Church that believes that He is truly present in His Body and Blood; a Church with Sacraments that incorporates people into her life; a Church that serves as the instrument of salvation to bring people from their sins to rediscover the beauty of being God's children again.

Does it make a difference?

A conversation like this almost always leads to this kind of statement: "Well, it really doesn't make a difference what you are — as long as you love God, right?" Wrong! ☺ It DOES make a difference, because the Church helps form her children to become sons

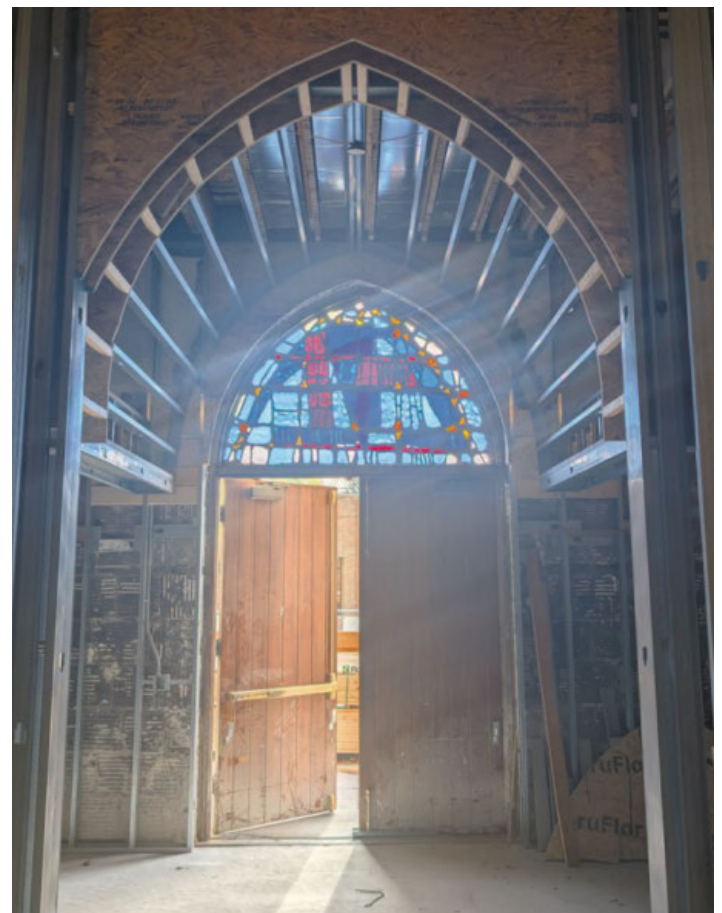
and daughters of God. She is the means by which we walk on this earthly journey and return to God when we have stepped off the path that leads to Him. The Church teaches that the fullness of salvation lies in the Church established by Christ.

Can others be brought to heaven by not being in the Catholic Church? The answer is yes, but it's important to understand where that "yes" comes from. Because all these reforms, sects, branches, subdivisions — whatever you'd like to call them — all originated in Christ and the One Church. These divisions contain elements of what Christ's Church teaches and envisions, but the fullness of understanding is not present. St. Josaphat reminds us that we are to do our best to gather these sheep together and bring them back to where they belong.

We have several people who are beginning the process of OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Everyone I'm working with has come to the realization that the Catholic Church is where God is calling them to be. Would that everyone would come to that same realization! That's what we pray for and labor for every day.

Construction updates

It's been another busy week on **Father Michael's column continued on Page 3**



Pictured above is the arch doorway for the center aisle.

Our Gift of Treasure

2024-25 OFFERTORY BUDGET

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| Envelopes..... | \$370,000.00 |
| Loose (Cash)..... | \$ 75,000.00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$445,000.00 |

NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00

OFFERTORY:

November 10, 2024 (Week 19 of 52)

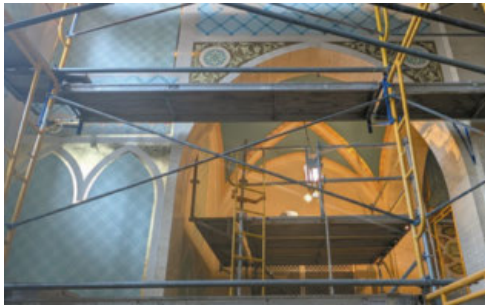
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| Envelopes..... | \$ 1,574.00 |
| Loose..... | \$ 781.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul..... | \$ 5.00 |
| International Combined... | \$ 20.00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 2,380.00 |

OFFERTORY PROGRESS:

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| Collected to date..... | \$ 171,703.26 |
| Needed to date..... | \$ 162,602.00 |
| Surplus / (Shortfall)..... | \$ 9,101.26 |

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campus with the new sidewalk entrance to the rectory done. We're still waiting on MG&E to run our new electric service from Corry Street. Once that's completed, we'll be able to close the trenches and finish the remaining concrete



Shown here are walls above the Marian Shrine.

work. I've included some pictures this weekend so you can see the progress in the church. We're getting very close to the point where we'll soon begin welcoming the canvas paintings as the painters begin the process of blending them into the walls. If schedules hold and the weather permits it, we'll have a crane on-site next week to remove the three tower bells from the bell tower. It should be an exciting day. If I can, I'll send out a Flocknote to let you all know when that will be in case you want to stop by and watch from a distance.

We're still hovering around 125 raffle tickets on our way to 400. Thanks for your help in making our fundraiser a success!

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

Update on SCRIP in November & December

We will be selling SCRIP cards after all Masses on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, and Sunday, Nov. 24th. As we approach the coming Christmas season, SCRIP is a perfect way to enhance your gift giving. In December we will place two online orders: Dec. 3rd and Dec. 17th. The orders need to be in the office on Monday, Dec. 2nd, or Monday, Dec. 16th. We will hand out the cards the following weekend at Mass. The local vendor SCRIP cards will be available for purchase after all Masses the weekend of Dec. 21st and 22nd. Order forms are located on the table in the back of church or by the office. Feel free to complete it and return via the offertory basket or dropping it off at the parish office during open door hours. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Rinehart at 608-223-9146. A percentage of the cards' sale is donated back to the parish. Thank you for using our SCRIP program.



This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Monday, November 18th

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul (m)

The 33rd Week of Ordinary Time

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 ✕ *Ps 1* ✕ *Lk 18:35-43*

5:45pm Confessions
6:30pm Don Landa †

Tuesday, November 19th

Weekday

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 ✕ *Ps 15* ✕ *Lk 19:1-10*

7:45am Jerome Sigg †
Int. Catherine Sigg Family

Following Rosary

Wednesday, November 20th

Weekday

Rv 4:1-11 ✕ *Ps 150* ✕ *Lk 19:11-28*

7:45am Patricia Zimbrick †

Following Rosary

Thursday, November 21st

Presentation of Mary (M)

Rv 5:1-10 ✕ *Ps 149* ✕ *Lk 19:45-48*

7:45am Special Intention

Following Rosary

Friday, November 22nd

St. Cecilia (M)

Rv 10:8-11 ✕ *Ps 119* ✕ *Lk 17:26-37*

7:45am Betty Laufenberg †

Following Rosary

Saturday, November 23rd

BVM

Rv 11:4-12 ✕ *Ps 144* ✕ *Lk 20:27-40*

8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine

Sunday, November 24th

Christ the King

Dn 7:13-14 ✕ *Ps 93* ✕ *Rv 1:5-8* ✕ *Jn 18:33b-37*

4:30pm (Sat.) Joan Gillitzer †

8:00am Pro Populo

9:15am Confessions

10:00am Most Rev. George Wirz †

Highlighted Time = Live Streaming

ECUMENICAL

Thanksgiving

SERVICE

Monday, November 25

6:30-7:30PM

at Bethel Lutheran Church
312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love endures forever."
Psalm 136

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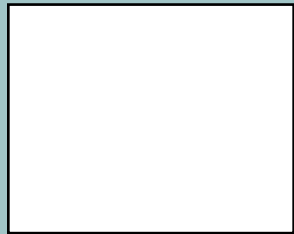
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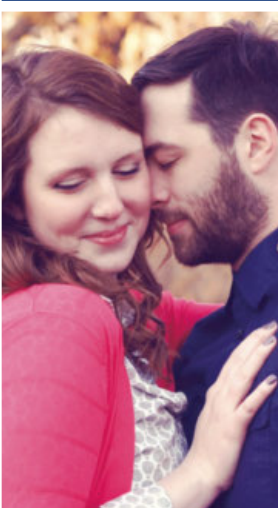


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