

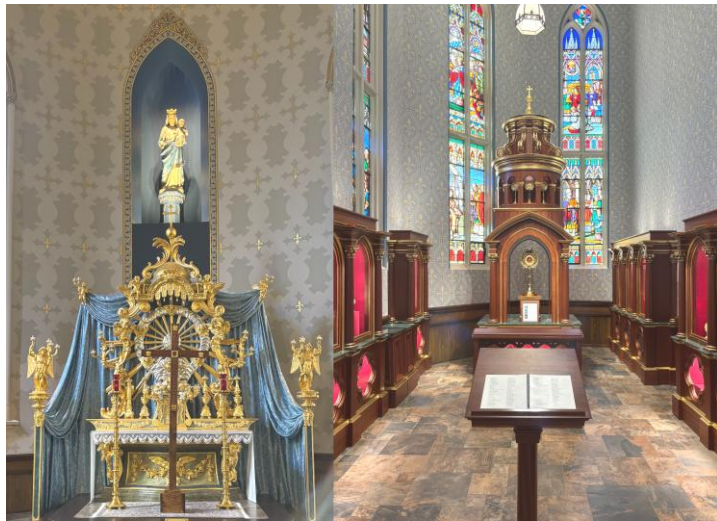
Tridentine Community News

April 19, 2026 – Second Sunday After Easter

Notre Dame Basilica

By Walter Plymale

The University of Notre Dame is probably the most high-profile Catholic institution in the United States. Founded in 1842 by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, it rose to prominence in the early 1900s due to its football program. For many people, Notre Dame is synonymous with football, their iconic gold helmets and loyal fanbase have cemented themselves in American sports culture.



However, the campus of Notre Dame contains many gems for Catholics looking for sacred beauty. Chief among them is the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, which sits in the centre of campus next to the iconic “Golden Dome”. This writer was privileged to attend the 5:15 Mass on a Friday and afterwards received a tour from two writers from *The Irish Rover*, the Catholic newspaper on campus. The church was consecrated in 1888 and elevated to a minor basilica by St. John Paul II in 1992. The architecture of the church is French Gothic revival, with beautiful stained glass throughout, many of them gifted from supporters in France. The ceiling is also painted with various saints and angels, chiefly

among them being the Four Evangelists, whose images adorn the ceiling directly above the altar.

Adoration, Benediction, and Confession preceded Mass. The Confession line was long, and Confession was heard throughout Mass. The Mass was celebrated by one of the priests on campus according to the Ordinary Form in English. There was a very talented cantor, and the Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, and Agnus Dei were all sung in Latin. A large number of the congregation knelt for Communion, a promising sight. After Mass, this writer was given a tour that included a stop at the Basilica’s reliquary [lower photo at left], designed by the renowned church architect Duncan Stroik. Dr. Stroik has many connections to Michigan, including renovating Kalamazoo’s St. Augustine Cathedral and designing Christ Chapel at Hillsdale College. His work has been featured several times in this publication and was featured in episode 8 of *Extraordinary Faith*, which aired in 2016. Dr. Stroik is a professor of architecture at Notre Dame. The reliquary was beautiful and contained well over a hundred relics, including those of each of the 12 Apostles. The tour was rounded out by a visit to the Basilica’s Lady Chapel, with a striking High Altar in the Baroque style. During Lent, a relic of the True Cross was available to venerate. Mass is available every day of the week, and Mass times for the Basilica can be found at <https://basilica.nd.edu>

Catholic Trivia Night: Team from St. Benedict

The Leamington, Ontario Lebanese Club is hosting a Catholic themed “Battle of the Parishes” trivia night on Friday, May 8th.

Teams of up to 8 players register for \$50; cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. If you are interested in being on a team from the St. Benedict Tridentine Community, please send a message to the St. Benedict Facebook page or reach out to Matthew Charbonneau.

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Tue. 04/21 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. Anselm, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)