



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, July 17 8:15 AM
 † Jeanie Gansmer

Tuesday, July 18 8:15 AM*
 Fr. John Sasse
 5:15 PM
 † Eric, Mark, Chuck & Kristine

Wednesday, July 19 8:15 AM
 † Jane Klaas

Thursday, July 20 8:15 AM*
 Special Intention for Snyder & Abing Families
 5:15 PM
 Fr. William's Intentions

Friday, July 21 8:15 AM
 Suffering Mothers

Saturday, July 22 8:15 AM*
 Fr. William's Intentions
 5:00 PM
 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
 for Prayers Answered

Sunday, July 23 7:30 AM*
 People of Our Parish
 9:30 AM
 † Ruby Bruggeman

**Please note that Masses Fr. John celebrated in Extraordinary Form (Latin) will be celebrated in Ordinary Form until further notice.*

RECONCILIATION
 (in the confessional closest to the rectory)
Mon. thru Sat. from 7:45 – 8:05 AM
Saturday at 4:00 PM
 Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 8, 9 & 10

Church Support Envelopes . . .	\$4,938.00
Offertory Cash	\$585.00
Children's Offertory	\$43.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$978.00
Total	\$6,544.00
Budgeted Offertory for July	\$34,579
Offertory Received in July	\$14,057
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . .	\$20,522

LOST AND FOUND
 Are you missing any items you may have left in church? Please check out the Lost and Found located by the water fountain in the back of the church!



From Our Pastor:

Dear Parishioners,

This being my last article in the St. Clement Bulletin: I thought that I would use it to bid you all farewell. My four years here in Lancaster have been really wonderful. I love the snowy, cold winters and the change of seasons, the beautiful rolling landscape, and the beautiful bluffs along the Mississippi and the Wisconsin. Many of you have gone way out of your way to welcome me, help me, and even to take care of me. I can't thank you enough. I especially want to thank the staff: Katie, Bill, Kitty, Jeff, Bev, Josh and Carla, but also all of the teachers who do such a spectacular job teaching our children. Mr. Jensen and I get compliments all the time about how well behaved the children are in class, at Mass and everywhere they go. I would also like to tell the students, past and present, both in the school and the religious ed. program how much I enjoyed working with them and also going to the Steubenville Conferences with them. We have made a lot of progress in these years. We have vastly improved the Catechism, both in the school and in the religious ed. program. We stayed ahead of the curve with the diocesan requirements concerning confirmation and are one of the first echelon parishes forming young adults with a clear understanding of the importance of our faith and the frequent reception of the sacraments. We have started a Youth Group and its corresponding ministry (Isaiah 43). We have begun the extra-ordinary form at our parish and so we breathe spiritually from both lungs (ordinary and extra-ordinary) of the liturgical body of the Church. We have made excellent progress in solidifying the financial situation of the parish, but we still have some work to do here. Thanks to a very generous donation we have been able to order a complete set of new vestments including a very beautiful gold set for the great solemnities, which will be used on August 15th when the Bishop comes.

I urge you to give Fr. William Vernon the same if not even a better welcome. He is a very holy and hardworking priest. He has a great zeal for the salvation of souls and a great love for the Lord, the Blessed Sacrament, and a great devotion to Our Lady. He has a very warm and friendly personality, so no need to be afraid of him. He has a great love for the Church, and a great desire to build her back up again. I wanted to expand the school to 7th and 8th grade. Please support his efforts to do so. Our young people so desperately need it. He also has a great love for the Vicar of Christ on Earth, our Holy Father the Pope. He is a great confessor and will offer many opportunities for confession every week. I urge all of you to resist the influence of Gossip Hounds and nee-sayers, and to greet Fr. William with an open heart and mind.

Again I thank everyone who has helped me in these years. If I could have selected a replacement for myself here at this parish - it would have been Fr. William. Know that you will be in my prayers.

God Bless,
 Fr. John Sasse

PRAYER IS POWERFUL!

Jesus often referred to the importance of prayer- prayer for our needs, prayer for others, prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude, and more. Prayer connects us with God, the source of our being and our life. Just a reminder that we have our PRAYER NETWORK book in the back of church where you can write down your intentions, whatever they may be. This book is found on a book stand by the central aisle in the back of church. Each Monday morning, we type up these prayers and make copies for people to take home and they in turn lift these prayers up to God. We also send it out via email to others. Please use this book as we support one another in prayer.

LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



****A number of 8x10 individual/family photographs were shipped to the parish address and not to family homes. If you have not received your free 8x10 photo, please contact the rectory office, or check the back of church.

If you were not able to come in to have your picture taken by Lifetouch you can still submit a photograph. Lifetouch requires that these be 5x7 or smaller vertical photos if possible. (If you send a horizontal pose that's ok, but know that it will appear small in the directory). If your photograph was professionally taken, you do need to obtain a permission letter from that photographer. We have permission forms here at the rectory if you need one. The only exception from this is if the photo was taken by Olan Mills. In that case permission is not required. Please include the names of everyone in the photograph and to whom it should be returned to once we are finished. If at all possible, do not send an original photo, but rather a copy or one on disk. The cost of submitting pictures is \$10 (this is our cost for submitting individual/family photos to Lifetouch). This will also allow you to receive a free directory.

We also welcome any photographs you may have of parish events and from parish groups and organizations. Activities such as Love Begins Here, Steubenville Conference, May Crowning, fall festival, the Christmas programs (both school and religious education), VBS are just a few examples. We know that there are many, many more photos out there from the past 8-9 years since the last directory. We can't promise that each photo will be included, but it does allow us options to choose from. As you submit these photographs, include who is in the picture, what event it is from and who to return it to. As a reminder, if any of these activity photos was professionally taken (other than Olan Mills or Lifetouch), a permission letter must also be obtained.

We would like to receive submitted photos plus activity photos as soon as possible. All submitted photos must be turned in by the end of July. But the sooner the better. For all submitted photos of family and events, we would prefer to have them in an envelope of some kind so that they can be kept separate from other submitted photos.

Thank you for your help with this project!



FAMILY PROMISE:

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Our week to host families with children who are homeless begins next weekend with families arriving on Sunday afternoon (July 23) and leaving the following Sunday morning. We still have a number of volunteer slots to fill, so if you have not yet sign-up to help, please do so soon so that we may be ready to serve our guests. The sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the church. As of this writing, there is one family in the program; and they are so appreciative of all the support they have been given. Here's a few reminders for the coming week....

- **I will be calling people to bring in breakfast items, milk, juice** and other food items that we will need for our host week. **As a reminder, please do not bring in food items for breakfast or lunch unless we call you.** We don't want to have too much of one item and not enough of others.
- **I will be calling those who have volunteered** a few days prior to your volunteer date as a reminder of what you signed up for, to pass along pertinent info such as number of people we are serving and so forth.
- **If you signed up to volunteer** but have not filled out a volunteer application, contact me ASAP. It will only take 5 minutes of your time.
- **Again, sign up to assist us in this important work of mercy and compassion!** I promise that you will find it very rewarding and also very easy. And you will make a world of difference to families in need.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 723-4990. ~ Bill



STEWARDSHIP & THE WORD OF GOD

July 16, 2017 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

NOTICE OF DISPENSATION FOR INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR

In accordance with the norm of canon 527 §2, notice is hereby given by the local ordinary of the dispensation of the requirement of taking possession of office for the Rev. William F. Vernon, who was duly appointed as the pastor of Saint Clement Catholic Parish, Lancaster, WI, by the Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino, Bishop of Madison, on July 15, 2017.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 TO 9

We are now accepting registrations for grades 7 to 9. The registration forms are on the tables in the back of the church. Please help by spreading the word so no parish members going into grades 7-9 are left out. As a reminder, 9th grade students will be preparing for Confirmation. The registration forms (with the fee) can be dropped off at the Parish Office, in the offertory basket or mailed at your earliest convenience so we can order enough books/workbooks. Parent meeting date will be announced in the future bulletin.

ISAIAH 43 (YOUTH MINISTRY)

Steubenville Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting on Monday, July 24 @ 6:30 PM in the dining hall. We will meet participants from other parishes that will be attending Steubenville Conference with us and go over pertinent information.

Grades 10-12 Students

Please sign up on the form in the back of church and also look for information/schedule packet that was handed out at the pool party and picnic.

MASS INTENTION OPENINGS

We have openings for Mass Intentions in coming weeks and months. Have a Mass said for your living and/or deceased loved ones, in thanksgiving or for your special intentions. Starting this weekend (July 15-16), Mass will be celebrated in Ordinary Form until Fr. William is ready to celebrate Mass in Extraordinary Form (Latin).



SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE IS TODAY (Sunday, 16th)

In 1960 Knights of Columbus Squires from Canada, United States and Mexico decided to honor Mary by "running" a natural rose from Ontario Canada and presented the Rose to her on her feast day, 12 December, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. By the third year, it was the Running of the Silver Rose. In 1990s the Running of the Silver Rose became an official event for the Knights of Columbus. In 2001 the Knights reaffirmed the Run by recognizing the sacredness of life and Mary's position as the Mother of God and our Mother.

We are now into the 57th running of the Silver Rose, the fourth year for Wisconsin Knights, asking her to accept our thanks and to intercede for our petitions. There are six Silver Roses. We are part of route 3 which started at Manitoba on 5 March. The Rose arrives in Wisconsin from Iowa Knights on 16 July for 28 days. We pass the Rose to Illinois Knights on 13 August after the Rose has traveled throughout the State of Wisconsin with 31 locations having special prayer services. Knights will present the Silver Rose to Mary on 12 December at the Basilica in Monterrey. The Rose will pass through **St. Clement THIS Sunday, July 16th at 3 pm** for you to place your thanks and your petitions for Mary!!!! Bring your family. Bring your friends. With the problems that we have in this country, we should fill the church!

SOMETHING NEW!

Check out the pamphlet stand by the choir loft as we have some new offerings for you to look at, take home and be inspired in faith and action. The topics range from the rosary, the Eucharist, marriage, family life and more!

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

WELCOME FATHER WILLIAM!!!

All of us at Saint Clement School would like to extend our warmest welcome to Father William Vernon. Father William comes to St. Clement from St. Christopher Parish in Verona, where he has been pastor since 2009. We are all looking forward to the many gifts and talents that Father William will undoubtedly bring to our wonderful school and parish. We also keep Father William and Father John Sasse in our prayers as they transition to their new parishes and acclimate themselves to their new parish families. Let us all be sure to welcome Father William and take comfort in the words of our Lord, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

STONE HEARTH PUB SCRIP IS NOW AVAILABLE

As most of you are aware, our former librarian Mrs. Nikki Nemitz is the new owner and operator of the Stone Hearth Pub at the Lancaster Country Club. Please take time to visit this newly remodeled restaurant and wish Nikki the best on her new vocation. We also encourage you to take some Stone Hearth Pub SCRIP with you on your next visit. These gift cards come in \$25 denominations and Nikki will graciously donate 15% of all SCRIP purchased back to Saint Clement. Simply stop by the SCRIP table in back of church following each weekend Mass or the school office during the week for all your SCRIP needs. Remember, your participation in the SCRIP program does not cost you anything! For example, if you buy \$100 in Stone Hearth Pub SCRIP from us, you will have that full \$100 to spend at the Stone Hearth Pub... just like cash or other gift cards! Saint Clement actually purchased these SCRIP certificates for \$85, so in essence Stone Hearth Pub has just donated \$15 to Saint Clement through you. Please help spread the word and start purchasing SCRIP today!!!

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

July

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| 10 | \$25 | Josh & Jennifer Bailie |
| 11 | \$25 | St. Clement School |
| 12 | \$25 | Nicole Mclean |
| 13 | \$25 | Melissa Landon |
| 14 | \$25 | Joe & Kelly Ihm |
| 15 | \$25 | Steven Jantzen |
| 16 | \$50 | Don & Michelle Bennett |



PRAY THE ROSARY TO END ABORTION

“Lord, Creator of Life, you have blessed us with the privilege of bringing new life into the world. May Your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to recognize Your special gift of children, and Your great love for each of us created in Your image and likeness.

You sent Your son Jesus to redeem us and through love He entered our world.

We now turn to Mary, our Mother, for her intercession as we struggle to protect innocent unborn children. Following Mary’s example may we proclaim the truth of our faith, assist those in crisis and protect those most vulnerable.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

FR. WILLIAM VERNON TO ST. CLEMENT PARISH!



This weekend Fr. William Vernon begins his new pastoral assignment with us at St. Clement Parish! Fr. William becomes the 21st pastor of the parish of St. Clement. As many of you know, Fr. William comes most recently from St. Christopher Parish in Verona. We welcome him and ask God to watch over him and guide him as he leads our parish. We will let Fr. William tell you more about himself in a future bulletin. And look for a time to “meet and greet” Fr. William coming up soon.

“Lord Jesus, you are the Great High Priest, our Good Shepherd, who never leaves your flock untended, but always with tender care watches over us and leads us to the life-giving water and the heavenly feast of your Word and Sacrament.

Guide Fr. William today as he begins his ministry with us and for us. May you fill him each day with the seven-fold gifts of your Holy Spirit that he may lead us more deeply into the mysteries and wonder of your presence with us. May his work and ministry bear forth much fruit in our parish and within each of us.

May he bring the light and life of the Gospel to each and every member of this parish family and to the wider community. May you shine through him and in him, as he takes up this new responsibility among us, dear Lord. May he show forth by word and example the way that leads to you, you who are “the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

May we in turn, be supportive of Fr. William with our prayers, and in our generosity, our patience and kindness. Help us all, Lord, to work together in building up your kingdom here on earth, in this community and in this parish, according to your will, and not our own. By our working together, help us all Lord to grow in holiness and righteousness, so that all that we do may be pleasing in your sight.

Dear Shepherd of the flock, bless Fr. William today and each day that he might carry out the ministry that you have entrusted to him at St. Clement. Keep him always under your watchful care, and may your Holy Spirit uphold and sustain him always. May you guide him that we may be led to you.

Amen.”

YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Lover of my Soul, lead me to grow in holiness and charity. Awaken in me the awesome wonder of your gifts within, that in response to your grace I may be a gift to my family, my friends, my parish, and especially to You. Holy Spirit, My Friend and My Guide, Strengthen Me.

The “Year of the Holy Spirit,” is coming to St. Clement. During this time we will put ourselves under the protection of the Holy Spirit, and beseech Him to work His awesome wonders in all of us.

As individuals and in parish community, we ask the Holy Spirit to overshadow us with his grace as we seek to intensify and rejuvenate the life of the parish through these goals:

- enjoy God’s life within us in prayer, learning, fun, service and worship
- form hearts of love for Christ and His Church
- inform minds with knowledge of our Catholic faith
- live out the mission of our Baptism to know and share our faith
- be united in the Eucharist celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass
- participate in parish life, with invitation and compassion toward others
- celebrate our history of commitment, our present faith, and future hope

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- August 15, 2017: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Bishop Morlino will celebrate Mass at St. Clement The beginning of the “Year of the Holy Spirit.”
- August 28: First meeting of Hospitality Committee, 6:30pm

LET’S BEGIN WITH MANY VOICES LIFTING UP THE PRAYER ABOVE.

Contact Kitty with an offer to help with scheduled Movie Nights, Fun Nights, Pot Luck Brunch; call if the Holy Spirit gives you an idea for a parish or small group activity.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS WANTED

Would you enjoy improving your life and lives of children? Are you 55 and older and looking for a meaningful experience? Do you have limited income and would benefit from receiving tax free earnings for volunteering at a local approved community location? By volunteering your time and experience, you can make a difference in the lives of children. Find out more on Tuesday, July 18 from 10 to 11 AM at the Schreiner Memorial Library. If you are interested but unable to attend then please contact Cindy at the local sponsoring agency, Southwest CAP at 1-800-704-8555 Ext. 209 or c.deckert@swcap.org.

MARRIAGE MATTERS AND MORE!

Whether you are married many years, recently married, newly engaged or single, the USCCB has something for everyone. For Your Marriage, an initiative by the USCCB, is a website full of resources to assist and inform persons from all walks of life. There are discussions about finances, parenting, preparing for marriage. There is the Marriage Tip of the Day that can be sent directly to you. You can also find them on Facebook. Go to www.foryourmarriage.org to see for yourself!