



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, August 21 . . . . .	8:15 AM
Descendants of Earl & Flo Ehrlich	
Tuesday, August 22. . . . .	8:15 AM
† Diane Heinrichs	
	5:15 PM
† Ken Freese & Roger VanNatta	
Wednesday, August 23 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† Lavern & Leona Digma	
Thursday, August 24. . . . .	8:15 AM
Joann Uppena	
	5:15 PM
† Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Friday, August 25 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† Ruth Knoke & Kris Keene	
Saturday, August 26 . . . . .	8:15 AM
Healing for Charlie Brehan	
	5:00 PM
† Andrew Bahl	
Sunday, August 27 . . . . .	7:30 AM
People of Our Parish	
	9:30 AM
† Rosemary Wolf	

## RECONCILIATION

(in the confessional closest to the rectory)

**Mon. thru Sat. Before Mass**  
**Saturday at 4:00 PM**

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*August 12, 13, & 14*

Church Support Envelopes . . .	\$5,180.00
Offertory Cash . . . . .	\$625.00
Children's Offertory . . . . .	\$24.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . .	\$978.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,807.00</b>
Budgeted Offertory for July . . . .	\$36,340
Offertory Received in July . . . .	\$15,061
<b>Budgeted Amount Still Needed..</b>	<b>\$21,279</b>

### REMINDER:

Please remember that we often pray the Rosary before daily and Sunday Masses. Please join us.

## From Our Pastor:

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) gives us a clear illustration of perseverance in prayer, and how God always hears and answers our prayers – His answers include: “yes” and “no” and “not right now, I have a better idea.” Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, through the example of the Canaanite woman, that we need to persevere in prayer, to believe in God's mercy & love – and His teaching is not in a parable or sermon, but in a real-life story.

A Canaanite woman, a Gentile, begs Jesus to deliver her daughter from a demon. It's something that Jesus encountered often – people were frequently coming to Him, asking Him for a physical, emotional or spiritual healing. But, instead of answering her request immediately, Jesus does something surprising. He replies in what some people might consider a rude way. At first, He seems to ignore her. Then He tells her that His mission at this time was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and it did not include Gentiles. Then He refers to her and her people as “dogs” (a term used by Jews to describe people who did not believe in God). And to make matters more difficult, the Apostles ask Jesus to dismiss her! Yet, at each step, the mother remains undeterred. She perseveres. She persists until Jesus finally says, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish” – and the woman's daughter was healed (Matthew 15:28).

Why did Jesus respond to the woman in this delayed way? One explanation is that He was testing her faith, as well as testing the Apostles' faith, and making sure that everyone knew how much He treasured persistent, trusting belief in Him. And that's what the Canaanite mother showed. She was a Gentile, labeled as an outsider, yet she believed in Jesus Christ, calling Him *Lord* and *Son of David*, and she was not to be ignored, sidelined or denied. She comes to the Lord (Isaiah 56), weighed down by the trials of her ill daughter – and her faith, expressed in her loving trust in Jesus Christ, lifted her from the heaviness of hopelessness (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said that Faith makes us light, enabling us to escape our own gravity, which drags us down.). In persevering faith, she seeks God's mercy. She began with a request, and ended on her knees in worshipful prayer. She was persistent. She persevered – and so must we!

Like the Canaanite woman's faith, our faith gets tested at times, in the physical, emotional and spiritual trials we face, and in the evil we see people doing in the world. When our faith is tested, let us remember that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is calling us to a stronger faith by challenging us to trust Him even when we think He is ignoring or rejecting our request, our prayer, or that He seems distant at times. He is present, however (“I am with you always...” Matthew 28:20) – for He is with us in our prayers, in His Church, Word and Sacraments, especially and substantially in the Holy Eucharist. So, we persevere in faith that makes us light, enabling us to escape our own gravity – because no matter how it appears, Our Lord has not given up on us! Jesus Christ calls upon us to believe in His mercy and love, to know, love and serve Him, to be in communion with Him, with the Only Savior of the world, as He gives us the grace each day to pray, “Jesus, I trust in You.”

With peace and prayers in Christ,  
*Fr. William*

## RESPECT LIFE RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 15 & 16

Vigil for Life invites you to come away to be re-energized in your prayer and work to protect and defend life. Please join us for this Respect Life Retreat led by Fr. Eric Sternberg, pastor of St. Cecelia Parish in Wisconsin Dells. The retreat will run Friday evening, September 15 through 3:30pm on Saturday, September 16 at Durward's Glen Retreat Center in Baraboo. \$85 with overnight room or \$30 for commuters. Scholarships are available. Please contact Marie Lins at marielins@hotmail.com or 608-469-3982 or Bette Weisshaar ehweisshaar@hotmail.com or 608-358-5963 for more information and to reserve your place.

# PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE



We have begun working on the parish directory, sifting through the activity and event photos you have submitted. These will be used for the directory's introductory activity pages. We hope to finish this portion of the directory project in the coming weeks. When this is completed, we will send these activity pages, submitted family photos and our parish roster to Lifetouch, who will in turn put together a draft directory. They will send this draft to us to proofread and make any needed corrections. When our proof work is complete, our directory will be ready for Lifetouch to print. If everything goes smoothly, we hope to have the directory to you some time in the fall.



## STEWARDSHIP & THE WORD OF GOD

August 20, 2017 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - Romans 11:29*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called by the Lord to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. God's gifts to us are not meant solely for ourselves. Rather, they are meant to be used to build up the Body of Christ and to proclaim the Gospel. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work in and through us will be left undone.



**Attention Lectors and Servers:** Your new schedules will be coming out in the coming weeks. If you would prefer to be scheduled as a lector or altar server at the 7:30 AM Mass on Sunday, please contact the parish office. We do need people to commit to assisting at this Mass so that the needed liturgical roles are covered each week.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Please come up to the altar to assist with the distribution of the Holy Eucharist when Fr. William is receiving from the chalice.

Also, **after you have finished distributing Holy Communion** and taken the Blessed Sacrament to the altar, please "rinse" your fingers of any fragments of the Blessed Sacrament in the ablution cup (a covered, glass container with water). This will be on a table, along with the hand sanitizer, on a table behind Fr. William and the servers. Thank You!

## HAPPY FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW!

This Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of St. Bartholomew, apostle and martyr. Bartholomew, which is a Hebrew name meaning, "son of Tholmia", is mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, as well as the Acts of the Apostles. In John's Gospel, Nathaniel is mentioned as one of the twelve, while Bartholomew's name is absent. Because Nathaniel's name is missing from the names of the apostles in Matthew, Mark and Luke, most believe that Bartholomew and Nathaniel are the same person. After Pentecost, Bartholomew preached in Egypt and Arabia, and was eventually martyred in Armenia.



Did you know that St. Bartholomew has a connection to our parish? In fact, St. Bartholomew was the original patron of the parish! When the first Catholic church was built in Lancaster in 1859, one block from our present church, it had a stone over the entrance of the church which read, "ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US". (This stone can be seen outside the parish office door in the hallway). When Bishop John Henni of Milwaukee (we were part of the diocese of Milwaukee at the time) came to consecrate the new church in 1860, he remarked that there were already a number of churches in the diocese under the patronage of St. Bartholomew. So he suggested that the name of the church should be changed to St. Clement! And so it was. This Thursday, let's not forget our roots and our first patron saint. **ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US!**

## FATHER MAZZUCHELLI ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

The Father Samuel Mazzuchelli Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus extend an invitation to all to attend a Mass to honor the Venerable Father Samuel Mazzuchelli. The Mass will be offered on Sunday, August 27 at 3 PM at St. Patrick's Church in Benton. Following the Mass, the Assembly will serve a beef or chicken breast dinner in St. Patrick's reception hall. Contact John Pace at 723-4463 if interested in attending.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE MASS

On Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Mass, St. Clement Knights of Columbus Council 2820 is coordinating a Blue Mass for our local heroes; Police, Firefighters and EMTs, all of whom are invited to attend the Mass with their families. Reception will follow after the Mass in the dining hall in their honor. Please come and thank them for all that they do for us and our community.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades K to 6

K - Grade 6 RE opening meeting for parents and children is Wednesday, Sept. 13, 5:30 to 7:00pm in the dining hall. We will serve a light picnic meal, register the children, and provide information for the year. Regular class times will be 6:00-7:00pm, beginning on September 20.

*Bring a small picture of each child for Mrs. Mumm to keep as a reference.*

*Bring a small family picture that you will use in a project.*

We welcome everyone back from last year. We encourage new families to join us. If you took a break for a year, we invite you back. Please extend this welcome to any Catholic neighbors or friends. We strive to support parents in their role as the first and most important teachers of their children in the ways of our Catholic faith. Together, we will grow in our ability to Know, Love and Serve God so we can be happy with Him in this world and for all eternity in Heaven. We will learn about God and His Church, participate in prayer and the sacraments, and celebrate our lives as God's children in St. Clement Parish. Come and learn about the new Family Activity which you will do at home throughout the year.

Watch for current information throughout the year on Facebook: St. Clement K-6. Questions: use the Facebook page or Kitty's information on the front of the bulletin.

*God the Father, thank You for Your love!*

*God the Son, Jesus, we want Your saving grace!*

*God the Holy Spirit, our friend and our guide, strengthen us!*

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

The parent meeting for grades 7-9 is scheduled for Monday, August 21 at 7 p.m. Please have at least one parent attend. The meeting will be held in the dining hall. The registration forms are also on the table closest to the holy water font (by the smaller CCW Lighthouse Catholic Media stand). Please note that the registration forms are the same for Grades 7 to 9, but each grade has a separate schedule. You can drop off the registration forms at the Parish Office, in the offertory basket or bring it with you to the parent meeting.

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED

### BRONSON JOHN

Son of Jesse & Jeanna (Burggraf) Hampton



## HEAT UP! WISCONSIN

Every year, since 2010, the Lennox dealers of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan donate up to 100 furnaces to homeowners in need at absolutely no charge to the recipient. So far, over 500 furnaces (a value of \$2.2 million) have been donated and installed free-of-charge in Wisconsin and Michigan.

They rely on nominations and believe parishioners can help by spreading the word or nominating people you know who could use a helping hand.

This program consists of small dealers who want to make a difference in their communities. You are a key to helping them find people in your neighborhood who could use a new furnace in their home.

For more information or to nominate someone, please visit [www.HeatUpWisconsin.com](http://www.HeatUpWisconsin.com), by September 5, 2017.

## HELP AT THE PANTRY!

We wish to thank Kevin Koester and Bill and Judy Seyer for stepping forward to coordinate the work at the Lancaster Association of Churches (LAC) Food Pantry when we are scheduled to "run" the pantry each month. We also wish to thank Tom and Joan Sheehan and Ron and Mary Koenen for their many years of serving the pantry in this way and in various other capacities. Thank you to all of you for the beautiful work you have done and will do to assist the needy living in the area.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the fantastic work of Renee Schwantes. Renee does the phone calling to find the needed volunteers to assist at the pantry. This is such an important task that Renee does for us each month. Thank you, Renee, for giving selflessly of your time! We can always use more volunteers willing to serve at the LAC Food Pantry. It's very easy and very rewarding work. Contact Renee at 723-2231 to volunteer or to get more info.

## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

### SCRIP NOW AVAILABLE IN PARISH OFFICE

To help make SCRIP more readily available to all of our parishioners, SCRIP will now be available for purchase at the parish office throughout the week. Simply stop by during regular office hours and let Katie help you with all your SCRIP needs. We will also continue to sell SCRIP after each weekend Mass, in the school office during the week, and at Walker's Clothing and Shoes during their normal business hours. Please feel free to call the school office or email us at [scrip@saintclementschoo.com](mailto:scrip@saintclementschoo.com) if you have any questions or need any assistance with SCRIP. You can also like our St. Clement SCRIP Program on Facebook to stay updated on the latest SCRIP news, deals, and more. Please help spread the word and thank you for your participation in our great SCRIP program!!!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The 2017-18 school year will be here before we know it. Here are a few important dates to add to your calendars:

- Monday, August 21, 2017: Registration 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Open House 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29, 2017: First Day of School
- Monday, September 4, 2017: No School - Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 5, 2017: Public School / Busing Begins

### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

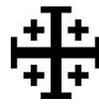
#### August

14	\$25	Raymond & Sheri Ihm
15	\$100	Steve Esser
16	\$25	Ted & Nancy Novinska
17	\$25	Jack & Lillie Reuter
18	\$25	Lincoln Hoerth
19	\$25	Carol Schnering
20	\$50	David Knoke





## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### AUGUST 26 & 27

**5 PM Lectors:** Tom Hughey & Emil Everix

**5 PM Servers:** Paige & Larry Pluemer, Braeden Bausch

**7:30 AM Lectors & Servers:** Need Volunteers! Call the rectory

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Sam Jonas, Jenny/Gracie Winter

**9:30 AM Servers:** Haley & Caden Timmerman, Cole Zenz

### SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

**5 PM Lectors:** Tom Schaefer & Peg Jonas

**5 PM Servers:** Erin & Meg Walker, Hope Williams

**7:30 AM Lectors & Servers:** Need Volunteers! Call the rectory

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Carol Bass & Josh Jensen

**9:30 AM Servers:** Katie & Abbi Martin, Alaina Stader

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled liturgical role,  
please find a substitute.*

## CLARITY CLINIC NEEDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clarity Clinic is in financial need due to the fact that the exponential increase in demand for their medical and educational services have not been accompanied by a proportional increase in donations. The number of babies saved and ultrasounds performed during the first six months of this year surpassed that of all of last year. The number of men visiting the clinic for STD tests has **TRIPLED** since last year. The number of educational venues and participants in their education programs for youth and parents has **QUADRUPLED!**

An anonymous donor has offered to match any donation made by August 31st, so every dollar given, up to \$10,000 will be **DOUBLED**. This will enable them to continue to reach women, men and youth with medical and educational services that strengthen our communities as we affirm the God-given dignity of every individual.

There are envelopes and online donation instruction sheets at the entrance of the church, or you can mail your donations to the following address:

Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin

185 E. Pine Street

Platteville, WI 53818

For questions or information, call 608-348-5787.

**JUST A REMINDER:** If you're receiving the newspaper *Catholic Herald* and haven't submitted the payment of \$22.00, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to the parishioners who have already made the payment. Our parish has to absorb the cost of those subscriptions that are not paid. Envelope holders will find an envelope in their packet or you may put your payment in a plain envelope marked "Catholic Herald" with your name for proper credit. Please make the check payable to St. Clement Parish. Thank you.

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Please continue to pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit to bless St. Clement Parish:

*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.*

Thank you to everyone who donated pies and cakes, helped set up and serve for the reception on August 15, or helped clean up afterwards. Mary doesn't want to do anything without us, and we can accomplish nothing good without the Grace of her Son, Jesus. How nice it was to help her accomplish so much on the Solemnity of her Assumption as we participated in the Mass with Bishop Robert Morlino, and enjoyed parish family fellowship after Mass. Our efforts make it possible for us to receive God the Holy Spirit's grace, as Mary intercedes for us and we all strive for holiness, each one in our own way, living out our vocations at this time and in this place.

Check out the following opportunities to plan for the immediate future:

- Thursday, August 24, 6:30 p.m. in parish office basement meeting room  
*Meet with Bridget Spraggon to discuss initiating a Hospitality Committee, which will be established to reach out to fellow parishioners in recognition, gratitude or prayer. Please come, anyone from age 12 and beyond if you want to participate in this ongoing work of charity in our parish. This initial meeting will help set the purpose and specific efforts of a Hospitality Committee. Your ideas are important to its success.*
- Saturday, September 9: Watch the Movie "The Song of Bernadette" in our dining hall after the 5 p.m. Mass.  
*Bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided. Please call Katie in the parish office (723-4990) or Kitty in the RE office (723-7425) to let us know that you will attend. This movie is appropriate for family viewing and is a beautiful retelling of Mary's appearance to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France. We will provide some other activities for little children who might be too young to keep their attention on the movie. In October, we will watch a movie about Our Lady of Fatima.*



**EWTN**

Global  
Catholic  
Network

The new fall EWTN schedules are available in the pamphlet stand by the choir loft door, as well as the small LightHouse Media stand on the opposite end of the vestibule.

## MASS INTENTION OPENINGS

We have openings for Mass Intentions in coming weeks and months. Have a Mass offered for your living and/or deceased loved ones, in thanksgiving or for your special intentions.