



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, August 28 8:15 AM
(Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 Special Intention

Tuesday, August 29. 8:15 AM
(The Passion of Saint John the Baptist)
 † Marie Olson

5:15 PM
 † Karl & Caroline Kuenster
 & Karolyn Huinker

Wednesday, August 30 8:15 AM
 † Larry Drew

Thursday, August 31. 8:15 AM
 Bishop Robert Morlino

5:15 PM
 † Souls of Dick Klar & Deceased Relatives

Friday, September 1 8:15 AM
 † Gilbert Schmitz

Saturday, September 2 8:15 AM
(Blessed Virgin Mary)
 Bishop Robert Morlino

5:00 PM
 † Lavern & Leona Digman

Sunday, September 3 7:30 AM
 People of Our Parish

9:30 AM
 † Al & Jane Klaas

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 15, 19, 20 & 21

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$4,920.00
 Offertory Cash \$550.00
 Children's Offertory \$29.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$978.00
 Mid-Month Electronic Giving \$3,448.00
Total \$9,925.00

Budgeted Offertory for August . . \$36,340
 Offertory Received in August. . . \$24,986
Budgeted Amount Still Needed. . \$11,354

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

From Our Pastor:

Every Sunday and solemnity in the Church, we profess the Faith as we recite the Nicene Creed. Based on the Apostles' Creed and given to the Church by God through two Church councils in 325 and 381 A.D., the Nicene Creed states that we believe in *one, holy, catholic and apostolic* Church. In light of today's Gospel (Jesus says, "And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:13-20), it is worth reviewing these four marks or pillars of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 26-1065; please note in the Catechism the many references to Holy Scripture):

We are **one** because the Church's source is the *one and only* God. There can therefore only be *one* true Church, *one* mystical Body of Christ, founded by Jesus, who restores unity between creation and the Creator. We believe in: *one* faith, rebirth in *one* Baptism, only *one* Body, and that it is given life by the *one* Spirit.

We are **holy** because Christ Himself founded the Church as His bride. He gave Himself up to make her *holy*. At Pentecost, the Spirit of *holiness* gives her life. Since she still includes sinners, she is "the sinless one made up of sinners." Her *holiness* shines in the saints; in Mary she is already *all-holy*. It is through the Church that the grace of God is distributed. We need that grace to be saved. We, likewise, are called to become *holy*!

We are **catholic (universal)** because the Church contains the *fullness* of the faith, which includes all seven Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, the Holy Eucharist, Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick). She bears in herself and administers the *totality* of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples *everywhere*. She speaks to all people and *encompasses all times*. She is missionary of her very nature. We likewise are called to assent to this *fullness* of the *universal* truths she offers and to be missionary.

We are **apostolic** because the Church was built on the twelve *apostles*, by Christ and the Holy Spirit. The Church is therefore indestructible (see today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20). She is upheld infallibly in the truth because Christ governs her through Peter and the other *apostles*, who are present in their successors, the Pope and the college of bishops in union with him. This is, by definition, the Magisterium of the Church.

If we fall short of really believing these pillars of the Church, we will find it difficult to be as sincere as possible when we profess the Faith every Sunday and on every solemnity. God calls us to accept not just one, or only some, of these marks. In giving us the Creed, He calls us to believe them *all*, in an illuminated faith. Similarly, we would be wise to always take an honest look at those beliefs that we might question and to look deeper, so as to reconcile ourselves to the fullness of the faith of Christ's Church, and never the other way around. In joyful and loving obedience, then, may we continue to profess the faith that God has given us, in word and deed, as we follow Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for He is the way, the Truth and the life, yesterday, today and forever, the Only Savior of the world. Amen! Alleluia!

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.



STEWARDSHIP & THE WORD OF GOD August 27, 2017 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that He may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. All that we have has come from the loving hand of God. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! How do we express our gratitude to the Lord with our time, our talent and our treasure?



Attention Lectors and Servers: 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.

A note to all **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** **After you have finished distributing Holy Communion** and returned 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!

"SHOW ME THE PATH TO LIFE"

This week St. Clement School begins another academic year. Next week, the public school does the same. Colleges have either already started classes or will do so soon. Mindful of this, our seminarians in the Diocese of Madison have returned to their respective seminaries for another year of academics and formation. This week and in the coming weeks our school and our religious education programs will begin the important task of passing on the Faith to the children and youth of our parish.

How important it is for us to pray for our youth, for our seminarians, our priests, bishops, our Holy Father and for one another. God calls each of us by virtue of our baptism to a life of holiness. We live this out in our day-to-day interactions with others, whether at work or at school, and especially within our homes. Let us pray daily for one another, that we may each serve the Lord as He desires, in our love for God and love for our neighbor.

A VOCATION PRAYER

Good Shepherd of the flock, in baptism You have called us each by name to follow Your voice, to follow You.

Watch over Your people, the sheep for whom You gave Your life, by sending it shepherds to guide and lead it.

Grant our Diocese of Madison an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and to the lay apostolate.

Bless and consecrate in love and charity all who serve Your Mystical Body now, and pour out your Spirit upon seminarians and those in religious formation.

Help us to be instruments of Your grace in guiding young people through our teaching of the Catholic faith and the example of our lives.

Instill in us all the desire to be models of virtue, love and holiness so that all people may come to know You as the Good Shepherd of their lives.

We ask this through Your holy name, Jesus.
Amen.

FATHER MAZZUCHELLI ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS TODAY (SUNDAY, AUGUST 27)

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.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SEPTEMBER 1 & 2

Please sign up on the schedule near the Fatima Chapel. You may come at any time during the 24-hour adoration, however by signing up for just one hour, it will assure at least one person is in the Chapel at all times keeping vigil with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and night. Thank you for the donation of your time!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be the best and most profitable time you will ever spend here on Earth.....Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on Earth." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

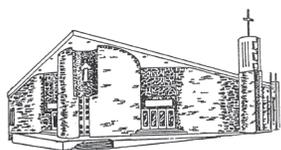
Thank you to the parents who came to the parent meeting last Monday night! We appreciate your support. Please contact Katie at the Parish Office (723-4990 or st_clement@tds.net) know if your child (children) will be enrolling in grades 7 to 9 CCD classes and if you have not sent in your registration forms. Along with the registration form, we need each family to fill out a medical release form, which will need to be filled out once (the information will be verified subsequent years until the young adults graduate from high school). The registration and medical release forms are in the Parish Office. 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 and medical release forms at the Parish Office.

Grade 9 – First class is Wednesday, August 30 at 7 – 8:30 pm in the Dining Hall.

Grade 7 & 8 – First class will be Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 – 8:30 pm in the Convent. Please use the Cherry St. entrance.

Grades 10-12 Students

Your first gathering will be Sept. 6 at 7-8:30 pm in the Convent (Youth Room). Please use the Cherry St. entrance.



THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Tuesday, August 29 First Day of School
 Wednesday, August 30 All School Mass at 8:15 am
 (6th Grade)
 Wednesday, August 30 9th Grade RE
 (First Class 7- 8:30 pm), Dining Hall

THE SAINT MOTHER TERESA MERCY ENDOWMENT FUND

Saint Mother Teresa's feast day will be celebrated on September 5th. This year that day also marks the 20th anniversary of her death. The Saint Mother Teresa Mercy Endowment Fund honors Mother Teresa's life of service to the poorest of the poor by supporting ministries performing the works of mercy within the Diocese of Madison. Please consider a gift of \$20 or more to honor this significant milestone and to continue her legacy of mercy in our diocese. All contributions stay in our diocese and provide ongoing financial support to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Watch for a special envelope in this week's Catholic Herald supporting the Saint Mother Teresa Mercy Endowment Fund. Checks made out to Saint Mother Teresa Mercy Endowment Fund can be sent to: Catholic Diocese of Madison Foundation, 702 South High Point Road, Suite 223, Madison, WI 53719. To learn more or to make a gift online, please visit diocesemadisonfoundation.org.

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 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:

- 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:

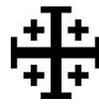
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21	\$25	John Heinrichs
22	\$25	Lawrence & Mary Durst
23	\$25	Betty Von Glahn
24	\$25	Astra Mangulis
25	\$25	Adeline & Aubrie Stader
26	\$25	Rita Raisbeck
27	\$50	Renee McLimans





WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

5 PM Lectors: Linda Ihm & Rick Benson

5 PM Servers: Mason & Avery Crooks, Brenin Belscamper

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

9:30 AM Lectors: Lenny Bass & Rita Schmitz

9:30 AM Servers: Kelsey & Kaitlyn NeCollins, Haley Hampton

*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:

- 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.

"BECOMING BETTER MEN" CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Men's Group at St. John the Baptist Parish, a quick reminder about the "Becoming Better Men" conference Saturday, September 16th. Our keynote speaker will be Steve Bollman, founder of the **That Man Is You program**. For more information, visit us online at www.becomingbettermen.net or call 608-849-5121, ext. 118 at St. John's, Waunakee. \$25 before Aug 31: \$30 after Sept 1.