



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 11 8:15 AM
 † Joe Schildgen & His Deceased Family Members

Tuesday, September 12 8:15 AM
 † Allison Menting
(The Most Holy Name of Mary)
 5:15 PM
 † Dean & Kay Buss

Wednesday, September 13 8:15 AM
 Healing for Joann Uppena
(St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

Thursday, September 14 8:15 AM
 The Azim Family
(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
 5:15 PM
 † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 15 8:15 AM
 † Lawrence & Evelyn Fuerstenberg
(Our Lady of Sorrows)

Saturday, September 16 8:15 AM
 Special Intention
(Ss. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs)
5:00 PM
 † Harold Stelpflug

Sunday, September 17 **7:30 AM**
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 † Tissa Desoyza

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

September 1, 2, 3, & 5

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$5,618.00
 Offertory Cash \$536.00
 Children's Offertory \$49.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$978.00
 1st of Month Electronic Giving \$1,125.00
Total \$8,306.00

Budgeted Offertory for Sept . . . \$34,569
 Offertory Received in Sept. \$8,306
Budgeted Amount Still Needed.. \$26,263

Monthly Offertory Comparison

July 2016 \$34,838.00
 July 2017 \$36,340.00
 August 2016 \$34,365.00
 August 2017 \$30,764.00

From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, we read about prayer, as the Lord Jesus instructs us to gather in His Name (Matthew 18:15-20). Prayer is a gift from God, a privilege and a duty that He gives us, as God the Holy Spirit enables us to pray (Romans 8:26; Galatians 4:6). In prayer, we are in communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Reflecting on prayer, our conversation with God, let us listen to Him through His Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2558-2561):

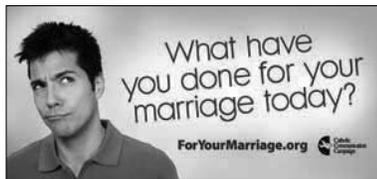
“Great is the mystery of the faith!” The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles’ Creed and Nicene Creed (Catechism, Part One) and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy (Part Two), so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father (Part Three). This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God – this relationship is prayer, which the Holy Spirit enables us to do (Part Four; and Romans 8:26-27). “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy” (Saint Thérèse of Lisieux).

“Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God” (Saint John Damascene). And when we pray, we are not to speak from the height of our pride and will, but from the *depths of a humble and contrite heart* (Psalm 130). Jesus reminds us that *he who humbles himself will be exalted* (Luke 8:9-14) – humility is foundational to our prayer life. Jesus Christ even teaches a prayer, the “Lord’s Prayer,” which we call the “Our Father” (Matthew 6:9-13). Only when we humbly acknowledge that *we do not know how to pray as we ought* (Romans 8:26), are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. In the words of Saint Augustine, “man is a beggar before God.”

“If you knew the gift of God!” (John 4:10) The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is He who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; His asking arises from the depths of God’s desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him (Saint Augustine). In prayer, God is working in and through us – and our prayer can include Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication (*acts*).

“You would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10). Our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God... Prayer is *the response of faith* to the free promise of salvation and also *a response of love* to the thirst of God the Son, Jesus Christ, the Only Savior of the world (John 7:37-39; Isaiah 12:3, 51:1). Let us pray, always.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have a really great website called, “For Your Marriage.” It has articles for newly married couples, parenting, tips for engaged couples and many other resources, one being the “tip of the day.” For Your

Marriage can be found at its own website, www.foryourmarriage.org, on twitter and on Facebook. For Your Marriage is a tool to assist couples in building happier, healthier and truly spiritual marriages. Be sure to check it out! Below is the Marriage Tip of the Day for September 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (Jn 3:16) God’s love is a sacrificial love. Are you willing to make sacrifices for your beloved?



STEWARDSHIP & THE WORD OF GOD September 10, 2017 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law.
Romans 13:9-10

Many of us are generous and loving. Yet, how often does our generosity to love God and one another remain at the minimum level required? How often can we, without even thinking, do just enough to get by or give just what we think we have to? We can become hesitant to love as the Lord commands because of prejudice, past hurts, resentment or indifference. However, the Lord calls us to be joyful, generous givers with our time, our talents and our treasure. We are to model ourselves after the Lord who was (and still is) generous to us in His love; a love that led Him to the Cross to die for our sins. Jesus held nothing back. This week we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross where the great love of Jesus for us was fully evident. This week we also remember September 11th, where emergency responders and people from all walks of life put themselves in harm's way and rushed to the aid of others. We have seen similar acts of love and generosity in recent disasters. The challenge is to love in this way each and every day. Ask God for the grace you need to grow in sacrificial love.



Attention Lectors and Servers: Your new schedules will be coming out in the next few weeks, we need to know who is willing to be an altar server or a lector at the Sunday 7:30 AM Mass. We need to know this week if you can assist at this Mass. Contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Please consider helping our brothers and sisters suffering from the effects of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston, Texas, area and beyond. First of all, let us continue to pray for them, for God's peace and strength and healing presence for all the victims of the hurricane, and for all the volunteers, first responders and U.S. military personnel who are helping to provide relief directly.

You can contribute on-line through the following:

1. Disaster Relief at the Office of Stewardship and Development of the Diocese of Madison (madisondiocese.org/donate), click "Donate Online", then click on "Hurricane Harvey Relief"
2. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (catholiccharities.org/donate-now-and-help-our-neighbors-recover-from-disaster/)
3. Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief (catholiccharitiesusa.org),
4. Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA Disaster Services Corporation (svdpusa.org)

Donations given directly online will not be factored into the final tally of funds donated by the parishes of the Diocese of Madison. Donations made online are also fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed under law since the aforementioned organizations are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations.



ARE YOU SEEKING WISDOM?

We all, hopefully, would say 'yes' if asked this question. The beautiful thing is that God desires us to grow in His wisdom and He gives us tools to do just that! **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life** is an 8-part formation series that will help us understand wisdom as God defines it. Led by Jeff Cavins, **Wisdom** uses scripture, prayer, study, reflection, video and small-group discussion to assist participants grow in making wise choices. We will begin this 'study' of **Wisdom** on Wednesday, September 27th after the 8:15 AM Mass. We will gather in the parish meeting room, and our sessions will end by 10:30 AM. We hope to offer an evening session if there is interest. Contact Bill Manthe at the parish office if you would like to meet in the evening, or to get more information.



Family Promise of Grant County's MAJOR fundraiser of the year is coming up soon. **\$10 GRAND IN YOUR HAND** will be held in our parish dining hall on Thursday, November 9 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$100, giving **two people** a delicious, catered meal, drinks and a chance to win \$10,000! Every ticket will be pulled, and every 10th ticket pulled will win a gift prize worth at least \$100. The last four ticket holders will have a chance to win graduated prize money with the final ticket holder possibly taking home \$10 GRAND! One does not need to be present to win. Only 250 tickets are being sold, so get yours now at the Day Center from Hannah Campbell Gustafson, the Program Director of Family Promise of Grant County, or one of the Family Promise Board members. Those from our parish are: Bev Doll, Roshini Mendis, Carol Schwartz, Stacy Martin and Lynn Knutson - or contact Bill Manthe and he will put you in touch with one of these people. Get your ticket now and come and support a great cause - helping families with children make the journey from homelessness to having a place to call home.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Thank you to our catechists who met last Wednesday to prepare together and encourage each other in the work of Catholic education for our youngest students.

Please pray in thanksgiving for these faithful teachers who are drawn to share their love of Catholicism. Ask the Lord to use them as instruments for His generosity and joy as they teach the Truth of the Gospel.

Lexi Bahl Kindergarten
 Lydia and Aaron Murphy Grade 1
 Patricia Leh Murphy Grade 2
 Jenna Raisbeck Grade 3
 Sandy Kalnins Grade 4
 Kevin Koester Grades 5 and 6

Required Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 5:30 to 7:00pm.

This meeting is for all students and parents of students participating in the K to 6 religious education program on Wednesday evenings. Meet in the dining hall at 5:30 for a light supper, encouragement and a blessing from Father William, a short introductory class for the students, and information for parents. **Remember to bring a small picture of your family and a small picture of each student.**

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

We need each family to fill out a medical release form, which will need to be filled out once (the information will be verified in subsequent years until the young adults graduate from high school). If we do not have your medical release form, we will send it home with your youngest child on Wednesday night. They can be returned with your child or dropped off at the Parish Office.

CLASS SCHEDULE: September 13

Grade 7 & 8 – class 7 – 8:30 pm, meet in the Convent. Please use the Cherry St. entrance.

Grade 9 – DTS, 7 – 8:30 pm, meet in the Dining Hall. Please use the Cherry St. entrance.

YOUTH MINISTRY- ISAIAH 43

Grades 10-12 Students – DTS, 7 – 8:30 pm, meet in the Dining Hall.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile is coming to Lancaster on Thursday, September 14th. This will be held at the Eckstein Building from noon to 5 p.m.

Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be 17 years of age or older. Those that are 16 years old can donate with parental permission. Each day, the American Red Cross needs approximately 900 donors to give blood to help patients. Thank you and we hope you will take time to share your good health by donating blood.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE MASS

Today's (Sunday, Sept. 10) 9:30 AM Mass will be a Blue Mass for our local heroes; Police, Firefighters and EMTs. 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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sun., Sept. 10 . . . Blue Mass 9:30 AM, Reception following the Mass in Dining Hall
 Tues., Sept. 12 Vocations Commission Meeting at 7 pm, Parish Office Meeting Room
 Wed., Sept. 13 All School Mass at 8:15 am
 Wed., Sept. 13 Parent & Student meeting for RE K to 6, 5:30 to 7 pm, Dining Hall
 9th Grade RE, DTS, Dining Hall, 7 to 8:30 pm
 7th & 8th Grade RE, Convent, 7 to 8:30 pm
 Youth Ministry (Grades 10-12), DTS, Dining Hall, 7 to 8:30 pm
 Thurs., Sept. 14 . . . Education Commission Meeting at 6 pm, Parish Office Meeting Room

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

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1. Go to www.gaschoolstore.com
2. Click on the "SHOP NOW" button at the top of the page.
3. Enter our St. Clement School code **#2529808**
4. Enter the name of a student if you would like (or "SKIP THIS STEP")
5. Start shopping!!!

Saint Clement School will receive **50%** of all magazine orders (renewals and new sales) and **40%** of all other items purchased (gift wraps, jewelry, personalized products, pro & college team items, holiday décor, etc.) The online store is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but don't delay... renew your magazines today and help spread the word to friends and family!!!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION & MILK MOOLA

General Mills "Boxtops for Education" coupons and Kwik Trip "Milk Moola" milk and juice caps or bag tops, and Glazer price ovals can all be saved to support our school. Please help spread the word and be sure to send these items to school or church as often as possible.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

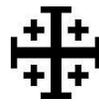
September

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| 4 | \$100 | Larry & Donna Jean Bernhardt |
| 5 | \$25 | Joan Rogers |
| 6 | \$25 | Dan and Courtney Duncan |
| 7 | \$25 | John & Deb Ihm |
| 8 | \$100 | Charlie Kuenster |
| 9 | \$25 | Bob & Pam Kauffman |
| 10 | \$50 | Ashton Wickwire |





WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

5 PM Lectors: Bill Manthe & Mary Seiler

5 PM Servers: Zach Mendis, Quentin Fritz & Madeline Reukauf

7:30 AM Lectors & Servers: Need Volunteers!

Call Bill Manthe at parish office

9:30 AM Lectors: Kathy Larsen & Tom Lucke

9:30 AM Servers: Jeremiah and Michael Ihm, Delanie Weber

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

5 PM Lectors: Emil Everix & Tom Hughey

5 PM Servers: Paige & Larry Pluemer, Findley Hoffman

7:30 AM Lectors & Servers: Need Volunteers!

Call Bill Manthe at parish office

9:30 AM Lectors: Kitty Mumm & Sheri Ihm

9:30 AM Servers: Jenna, Cole & Connor Raisbeck

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

"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.

ST. CLEMENT MEN'S GROUP

For the past three years, the St. Clement Men's Group has brought "That Man Is You" to the men of the parish on Sunday nights. This year, we decided to make a change to our programming and we are excited to bring you "Be a Man" by Father Larry Richards. Fr. Larry is a gifted and captivating speaker; he has given talks to thousands of men all over the country in a straight-forward manly style. He inspires men to become true heroes to their families and members of their community. "Be a Man" has been called a spiritual wake-up call with a refreshingly honest presentation of what it means to be a man of God. We will continue our normal schedule on Sunday nights in the dining hall starting with a social (snacks and drinks starting at 7:00 pm) followed by a video presentation and ending with a discussion. Our first Sunday will be September 24th and it will continue for 10 weeks ending in early December. We will be in the entrance of Church the weekend of September 17th & 18th for anyone who might have questions. Otherwise join us in the parish dining hall on Sunday September 24th at 7:00 pm.

FR. LARRY RICHARDS WANTS YOU TO

Be A Man!

YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In our prayer to the Holy Spirit, we ask Him to help us "grow in holiness and charity," and to awaken in us "the awesome wonder of Your gifts." These gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2 and Catechism of the Catholic Church #1831).

We can meditate on these gifts. Pray for each to grow in you, along with faith, hope, and charity, which are virtues received in Baptism. The seven gifts of the Spirit are the particular virtues of Confirmation. They will grow with prayer and a continual turning of our hearts to God.

As we pray and use these gifts in the practice of our faith (Catholic Christian conduct, as Father William talked about recently), we can look for fruits of the Spirit to become active in our daily lives, so that we can bear good fruit. We learn about twelve fruits of the Spirit from St. Paul (Galatians 5:22-23), and the CCC #1832: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, given freely by the grace won by the Savior, free for a life of happiness and fulfillment, free to share with everyone we meet in our love for God and neighbor.

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.

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH CHOIR

The Saint Clement Church Choir is starting up for the year. If you like to sing, please consider joining. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and will sing at various Masses throughout the year. We will teach you everything you need to know. Please contact Dave Murphy if you are interested in joining the choir or have any questions call 723-9185 or email; murphyd@lancastersd.k12.wi.us. Raise your voice in praise.

SAINT MOTHER TERESA MERCY ENDOWMENT FUND

On September 5th we celebrated the feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and marked the 20th anniversary of her death. You are invited to extend Saint Teresa of Calcutta's spirit of charity with a gift to the Saint Mother Teresa Mercy Endowment Fund. Please consider a gift of \$20 or more to mark this significant milestone and support ministries within our Diocese performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. To make a gift, visit diocesemadisonfoundation.org or send a check to Catholic Diocese of Madison Foundation, 702 South High Point Road, Suite 223, Madison, WI 53719.

"Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." – St. Teresa of Calcutta