



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 25 . . . . .	8:15 AM
† Eternal Happiness of Marg Esch	
Tuesday, September 26 . . . . .	8:15 AM
<i>(Saints Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs)</i>	
Healing for Kathy Kreul	
	5:15 PM
† Leo, Vera & Jack Muldoon	
Wednesday, September 27 . . . .	8:15 AM
<i>(Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest)</i>	
† Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday, September 28 . . . . .	8:15 AM
<i>(Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs)</i>	
Special Intention	
	5:15 PM
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Friday, September 29 . . . . .	8:15 AM
<i>(Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels)</i>	
† Diane Heinrichs	
Saturday, September 30 . . . . .	8:15 AM
<i>(Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church)</i>	
† Lona, Lynn & Darrall Leighton	
	5:00 PM
† Clarence Nuti	
Sunday, October 1 . . . . .	7:30 AM
People of Our Parish	
	9:30 AM
† Marie Olson	

## 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 15, 17, & 18*

Church Support Envelopes . . .	\$4,706.00
Offertory Cash . . . . .	\$565.00
Children's Offertory . . . . .	\$29.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$978.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving	\$3,448.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$9,726.00</b>

Budgeted Offertory for Sept . . .	\$34,569
Offertory Received in Sept. . . . .	\$24,240
<b>Budgeted Amount Still Needed . .</b>	<b>\$10,329</b>

### Monthly Offertory Comparison

August 2016 . . . . .	\$34,365.00
August 2017 . . . . .	\$30,764.00

## From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, Jesus tells a parable about those who are grateful for God's generous mercy and those who grumble about His mercy (Matthew 20:1-16). The landowner in the Gospel represents the eternal Kingdom of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reflecting the mercy of the Kingdom, as he persistently and personally goes to the marketplace to hire laborers for his vineyard. Indeed, God never ceases to draw us to Himself, constantly reaching out to us in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. It's good for us to note that during the five hours of the landowner's search for laborers, some of those times coincide with the Church's official hours of prayer and the key moments of the Passion of Christ: dawn is when the chief priests meet in council about Jesus (Matthew 27:1); noon is when the darkness of Good Friday begins (Matthew 27:45); and three o'clock in the afternoon is when Jesus cries out from the Cross (Matthew 27:45-46), often called the "hour of mercy."

"Why do you stand here idle all day?" the landowner asks – thus giving the workers the opportunity to express their unfailing desire to work. At the very late hour of 5 p.m., some might have even given up hope of being hired. In this parable, we realize that their desire for work actually represents their desire for Heaven. Their very desire makes them worthy of Heaven because it is an obedient response to the landowner's invitation (Father Peter John Cameron, OP, To Praise, To Bless, To Preach). Jesus reminds us that the true "work" of a Christian is obeying the will of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 7:21-23). So, even at 5 p.m., the laborers appreciate the value of spending just one hour at work in the vineyard, and they gratefully seize the opportunity. Those who grumble against the landowner, however, miss the fact that the landowner is mercifully generous to all, no matter how late the hour. Their envy and grumbling hinder their ability to see the generous mercy of the landowner. Indeed, they don't seem to realize that without the landowner's merciful and generous invitation, they would all be standing idle all day! Likewise, Jesus keeps inviting us to follow Him, to work in His vineyard, to love Him with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves – and He warns us that on Judgment Day, we will be held accountable for every idle or careless word that we speak (Matthew 12:36).

As brothers and sisters in Christ, may we not fail to see how every one of us is a worker hired late. None of us has a claim to the resources of God – we cannot "earn" our way into Heaven. By God's grace and His generous mercy, He keeps inviting us to follow Him, in faith, hope and love, through His Church, Word and Sacraments. And if God seems more generous with others than with us, it might be because the others are more in need of His mercy. May we always be grateful to God for His infinite mercy, for calling us to be workers in His Vineyard – as we pray with such gratitude in nearly every preface of the Mass: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord." And may Our Lord Jesus Christ bring us all to life eternal in Heaven, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints.

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

## SPIRITUAL DAY OF RENEWAL FOR WOMEN

All Catholic women are invited to a Spiritual Day of Renewal, Monday, October 16, 2017, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2947 Thinnes St., Cross Plains, WI. Liz Kelly, an inspirational speaker and spiritual director, will lead a day retreat based on her new book, Jesus Approaches. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., the retreat begins at 9:00 and ends at 3:00 p.m. Sponsors of the event are the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Madison Catholic Woman's Club. To register please send a \$25 check made payable to the Madison Catholic Woman's Club to Carol Brennan, W1533 Gladys Ct., Berlin, WI 54923. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 11.



**Attention Servers:** Your new schedules are available in the sacristy. Please note that we need altar servers to volunteer at the Sunday Mass at 7:30 AM. If you attend that Mass on a given Sunday, please come to the sacristy and see if a server is needed.



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



**SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1**

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

**5 PM Servers:** Hunter Abing, Hope Williams, & Braeden Bausch

**7:30 AM Lectors & Servers:** Need Volunteers!  
Call Bill Manthe at parish office

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Jenny/Gracie Winter & Sheri Ihm

**9:30 AM Servers:** Matthew Crosby, Lydia Mack & volunteer

### OCTOBER 7 & 8

**5 PM Lectors:** Rick Benson & Linda Ihm

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

**7:30 AM Lectors:** Shayne LaBudda

**7:30 AM Servers:** Need Volunteers!  
Call Bill Manthe at parish office

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

**9:30 AM Servers:** Joey & Carolyn Recker, Caden Timmerman

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



### 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** this Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> after the 8:15 AM Mass. We will gather in the parish office 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: UPDATE FROM OUR HOST WEEK!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way make our host week a grace-filled one. We were asked to host on short notice, and many of you stepped up last minute to make this come together. Know that all our efforts, whether it be food prep, serving meals, doing fellowship or staying overnight with guests, is making a big difference in the lives of families experiencing homelessness. Thank you again for working together as the Body of Christ at St. Clement, bringing His care, compassion and love to families with children experiencing homelessness.

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Why would we talk about Fatima when our topic is the Holy Spirit? Because the Holy Spirit enables us to pray.

The three Fatima children, Lucia (9), Francisco (8), and Jacinta (6) said the two prayers listed in the bulletin last week with great fervor and reverence, sometimes keeping their foreheads to the ground for a long period of time, repeating the words of the prayers over and over again. In 1916, an angel preceded Mary's visit to Fatima, and it was the angel who taught them the prayers. The Holy Spirit, who is the Breath of Love within the Trinity, was preparing the children for the Blessed Virgin Mary's six visits in 1917.

In the midst of World War I in 1917 when many people tried to demoralize the Catholic faith and destroy devotion, three little children listened to Mary, the spouse of the Holy Spirit, as Mary told them to pray, pray, and pray, with reverence and fervor, unceasingly. Particularly, Mary said, pray the Rosary, and pray for peace and the conversion of sinners.

Have you thought of the power of the Holy Spirit in your life lately? Do you have a quiet place to pray and consider the action of the Spirit's Love in you? Have you considered that with the help of the Holy Spirit, greatness is often accomplished in small things? Have you sought to understand the relationship between Mary and the Holy Spirit? Have you contemplated the message of Fatima and its pertinence for today? The Holy Spirit seeks to reside in a soul that loves Mary. The Angel of the Lord is a messenger from the Holy Spirit. He is knocking on the door of your heart too.

*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.*

### FALL FESTIVAL

Our St. Clement Fall Festival is Sunday, October 8. We need all of our parish families to be involved to make it a success! Thank you in advance for all your hard work! **Silent Auction Items** can be brought to the Parish Office. Be sure to include your name with your item. Please contact Jessica Hermsen at 563-599-3792 or email; [jessicadavid@tds.net](mailto:jessicadavid@tds.net) with any questions.

FR. LARRY RICHARDS WANTS YOU TO

# Be A Man!

**September 24 ~ 7 PM Social; 7:30 PM Presentation**  
Session 1: Be a Man Who Stays Focused on the Final Goal

### CCW LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA

CCW would like to remind you to check out the Lighthouse Media stands to help you continue to grow in faith using CDs, books, and pamphlets.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

September 27: Class 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Be in church before 6:00pm, where we meet to pray before going to class. Children may come quietly into church as early as 5:45pm.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: September 27

Grades 7, 8, & 9 – class, 7 – 8:30 pm

\*Grade 7 – Please drop and pick up students in front of St. Clement School entrance.

## YOUTH MINISTRY- ISAIAH 43

Check the future bulletin and Isaiah 43 Facebook page for October gatherings. Also keep checking the table by the holy water font (smaller Lighthouse Media center is on the table) for information regarding sign-up for Steubenville Youth Conference 2018 and other activities. Remember to sign up to help with our St. Clement Fall Festival on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Each one of you is vital member of our Church and it starts with your parish - St. Clement.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus invites you to join them for 40 Days for Life Campaign on Thursday evenings starting Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and through Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rosary will be prayed from 7 to 8 pm in front of the Planned Parenthood's abortion clinic in Madison. If anyone is interested in carpooling or have questions, please contact Bill Seyer at 723-4842 or call Katie at the Parish Office (723-4990). We will leave the parish parking lot at 5:30 pm and return about 9:30 pm.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA CONFERENCE

Make plans now to experience a spirit-filled Our Lady of Fatima Conference on Saturday, October 14, 2017 hosted by KCRD (98.3 FM) at the Grand River Center, Dubuque. Check the bulletin board for more information.

## A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving God, Creator of all things,  
You call us to be in relationship with You and others.  
Thank You for calling me to be a catechist,  
for the opportunity to share with others  
what You have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith  
discover how You are present in all things.

May they come to know You, the one true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,  
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising You.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of Your truth.  
May all my words and actions reflect Your love.

Amen.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, September 24 . St. Clement Men's Group "Be a Man!"~  
7 pm Social; 7:30 Presentation, Dining Hall  
Wednesday, September 27 . . . . . All School Mass at 8:15 am  
. . . . . Mass at Orchard Manor, 9:30 am  
. . . . . Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care, 10:30 am  
. . . . Finance Council Meeting at Noon, Parish Office Meeting  
Room  
. . . . RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm); Grades 7-9 (7-8:30 pm)

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Daniel and Katie (Friar) Glass and their daughter Annalise

## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

### RENEW YOUR MAGAZINES TODAY!!!

Did you know that anyone and everyone can renew their current magazine subscriptions to support our great school? You may also purchase new magazines and other gift items by following these easy steps:

1. Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://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

18	\$25	Ed Zweifel
19	\$25	Lenny & Carol Bass
20	\$25	Dan Ihm
21	\$25	Rana & Kalle Pluemer
22	\$25	Joe Brandemuehl
23	\$25	Matt & Becky Stader
24	\$50	Braelyn Crubel



## ST. CLEMENT FALL FESTIVAL

*Sunday, October 8, 2017*

### Each Family is asked to bring:

- Two homemade pies or a pan of bars (*non-refrigerated please!!*)
- One large salad
- One cake for the cake walk, covered or wrapped (specify it's for the cake walk)

The Cherry St. entrance to the dining hall will be open from **8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 7th** for your convenience in dropping off food items for the festival.

**Silent Auction Items:** Can be dropped off at the Parish Office by **Noon on Friday, Oct. 6th**. Include your name with your item(s).

**Donations needed for sweet rolls:** eggs, butter, lard and brown sugar. Take donations to the school kitchen by **2 PM on Friday, Oct. 6th**. Call Dawn Mumm at 794-2132 with questions.

The following items can be taken to the Country Store (school gym) between **8:00 AM and Noon on Saturday, Oct. 7th:**

- **Craft Items:** woodworking, hand stitching of any kind, floral arrangements, wreaths, Christmas and holiday decorations, etc.
- **Farmers Market:** pumpkins, squash, apples, nuts, vegetables, dried flowers, money plant, Chinese lanterns, hydrangeas, etc.
- **Sweet Shop:** breads, cakes, pies, bars, rolls, cookies, homemade candy.

*The Country Store will be open on **Sunday, Oct. 8th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.***

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Please remember turn in your dinner and raffle tickets to the parish office as soon as possible. All monies can be turned into the Parish Office. Any raffle tickets returned after 10:00 AM on Sunday, October 8th are not guaranteed to be put into the drawing.

Games, inflatables, and other activities will take place on Washington Street (in front of Church) on **Sunday, Oct. 8th from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**. Washington Street will be blocked off for these activities. See below for handicap parking. **Cake Walk** is also **Sunday, Oct. 8th starting at 10:30 AM** in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

BBQ Chicken Dinner with salad bar and dessert will be served in the Church Dining Hall from **10:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, Oct. 8th**. **ACCESS TO THE DINING HALL** is through the School Entrance on Maple St. (across from Piggly Wiggly). Dinner tickets will be on sale at that entrance only!

**CARRYOUTS** will be available at the main entrance of the school (across from Piggly Wiggly) from **10:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, Oct. 8th**.

Raffle drawing will be held at **3:00 PM on Sunday, Oct. 8th** in the school gymnasium.

**HANDICAP PARKING:** Parking spaces will be reserved from the main School Entrance on Maple Street east to the corner, as well as the parking spots just south of the Church on Cherry Street. We ask that everyone be mindful in reserving those who need to use these parking spaces because of age or illness.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Large crew is needed on **Sunday, Oct. 8th** for clean-up after the Festival. Contact Jeff Kasperek at 723-9990 if you haven't already signed up for this.
- We always seem to need extra volunteers for the games and bounce houses! If you or your high schooler can help with these, please contact Nikki Nemitz at 988-6365 if you haven't already signed up.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**