



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, September 4 9:00 AM
 † William Brackett

Tuesday, September 5 8:15 AM
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious)
 † Martina Schmitz
 5:15 PM
 † Marie Olson

Wednesday, September 6 8:15 AM
 † Dale Bausch

Thursday, September 7 8:15 AM
 For a Person in Hospice Care
 5:15 PM
 † Don & Florence Pluemer and Leonard
 & Virginia Schmitz

Friday, September 8 8:15 AM
(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 † Doris Kartman

Saturday, September 9 8:15 AM
(Saint Peter Claver, Priest)
 For a Person Suffering from Cancer
5:00 PM
 In Thanksgiving for Healing

Sunday, September 10 **7:30 AM**
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 Safety of Firefighters, Police & EMTs

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 26, 27, & 28

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$4,169.00
 Offertory Cash \$600.00
 Children's Offertory \$31.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$978.00
Total \$5,778.00

Budgeted Offertory for August . \$36,340
 Offertory Received in August. . \$30,762
Budgeted Amount Not Met. . . . \$5,578

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

From Our Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Sunday's Gospel, Saint Peter tries to deny the Lord His Passion – "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." – where, in effect, Saint Peter is denying the possibility of true joy (Matthew 16:21-27). As Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ taught us, the only way to everlasting joy is *through His Cross and Resurrection* – Saint Peter, our first pope, did not yet understand this in his encounter with Jesus in today's Gospel, but he would soon understand (for Peter would eventually be martyred, crucified, rather than give up the Faith, rather than give up his faith in and love for God – as Jesus foretells in John 21). Indeed, Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). There is no Resurrection without the Crucifixion – so, when we look upon a crucifix, we look upon a reminder of God's love for us (John 3:16-21): that by *His One Sacrifice on the Cross*, Jesus has redeemed the world and wrought for us life eternal – if we would just follow Him (Matthew 16:21-27; Luke 9:23; John 14:1-6).

"It is only by freeing himself through suffering that man finds himself, that he finds his truth, his joy, his happiness," Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said (*Magnificat*, September 2017). You see, *when we unite our suffering with Jesus' redemptive suffering on the Cross*, then our suffering takes on meaning, for it becomes redemptive suffering. Therefore, we eagerly offer not only our suffering, *but our entire being* as a living sacrifice to God, as Saint Paul reminds us this Sunday (Romans 12:1-2). For, no matter how much our sharing in Christ's Cross may make us an object of the world's laughter and mockery, we know that our need to live our relationship with the Lord will become *like fire burning in our heart* (Jeremiah 20:7-9). "The Cross forces us to look upon the fact that we are loved by God," Pope Benedict XVI has said. "The Cross becomes a new center of gravity for the bringing together of what is divided."

At every Mass, we stand at the foot of the Cross, where the *One Sacrifice of Christ* is made present on the altar, by the power of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, working through the unworthy priest. Jesus gives us Himself in the Holy Eucharist, in what still looks like bread and wine but has become the real, true and *substantial* Presence of Jesus Christ – body, blood, soul and divinity. When we enter into this awesome Mystery of the Mass, into the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, we find the meaning of our life, we find Truth and Love and everlasting Joy.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

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.

As a corporal work of Mercy (Matthew 25), we will have a special collection this weekend for the victims of the hurricane. All donations from the special collection will go to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. You can also 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.



STEWARDSHIP & THE WORD OF GOD

September 3, 2017 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” – Matthew 16:16

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. It’s easy to lose our focus and forget that our true riches are found in Christ and our goal is Heaven. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and virtues such as faith, hope and love, which are eternal, and not the values of the material world, which are imperfect and temporary. What can each of us do this week to reflect this reality?



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!



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 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, Family Promise of Grant County Program Director, 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. In the last year, nine families have been served and supported by the efforts of Family Promise of Grant County. Family Promise has also assisted many other families by directing them to appropriate services and agencies. Know that all the work by Hannah, our community agencies, and church volunteers from our parish and around the county, is making a HUGE difference in the lives of families with children experiencing homelessness. So, buy your ticket and have a great meal and a chance to win big, and most importantly, support a great cause- helping families with kids make the journey from being homeless to having a place to call home.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers this week Dennis Morgan, a dear member of our parish, who died last Saturday, August 26, and whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday. Dennis’ life could be summed up in two words, devotion and service. Dennis was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. Oh, how he loved his family! He was also a devoted employee at John Deere for 37 years. He was devoted to our country, to our community and to our parish. In each of these three areas he served God and neighbor through his 20 years of service in the National Guard, serving on the Lancaster City Council for over 35 years, and in the variety of ways he served our parish, most notably the parish choir. Dennis was a devoted man of faith, hope and love. Dennis had a deep love for God, love for his family, and love for his friends and anyone in need. May the Lord, in His mercy, welcome this good and faithful man into the glory of paradise. As we pray for Dennis, may we pray too for his dear wife Diane, his children Stacy, Steve and Dan, his grandchildren and all of his family in this time of sorrow. May God’s consolation and comfort be with them.

“Eternal rest grant unto Dennis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

KEEP WATCH!

Check out the bulletins in the coming weeks for adult educational opportunities that we will be offering this Fall.

Magnificat!

The September edition of *Magnificat* is available in the back of the church. A \$3 donation is suggested to cover costs.

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, by September 5, 2017.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Meeting for parents and students: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the dining hall. Students will register and parents will receive all necessary information to make this a successful year, as we grow in our love for God and for our neighbor.

This meeting is required for all parents and students who will be enrolled in the program for this year. We will provide a light picnic meal. Bring a small family picture and a small student picture, please, so Kitty has a reference for all the students. If you know of another family who is not currently participating in our religious education classes, but you think they would like to, please encourage them to attend this meeting.

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.

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

Grade 9 – class on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 – 8:30 pm in the Dining Hall.

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.

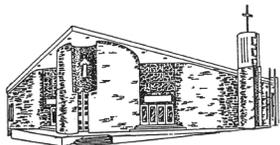
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE MASS

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.

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Monday, September 4. Labor Day (Parish Office Closed)
Wednesday, September 6 All School Mass at 8:15 am
Wednesday, September 6 9th Grade RE, Dining Hall,
. 7 to 8:30 pm
. 7th & 8th Grade RE (First Class), Convent, 7 to 8:30 pm
. Youth Ministry (Grades 10-12),
Convent (Youth Room), 7 to 8:30 pm

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA!

This Tuesday, September 5th we celebrate the feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and mark the 20th anniversary of her death. The light, love, and charity that Saint Teresa shared with the poor and suffering is an inspiration that so many people draw on twenty years later. In the Diocese of Madison, the Saint Mother Teresa Mercy Endowment Fund provides financial support to ministries performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Please consider a gift of \$20 or more to honor this significant milestone and to continue her legacy of mercy in our Diocese. 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*

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHER AIDE

We are very excited to announce that Mrs. Jayne Webster has been hired as our school’s new K-6 Teacher’s Aide. Mrs. Webster joins our school family following the resignation of Mrs. Jessica Hauk, who has been hired as a library assistant at the public school. Jayne and her husband Adam recently relocated back to the area with their children: Oliviah, Elliott, Lillian, and Liam. We are very excited about the many God-given gifts and talents that Mrs. Webster will undoubtedly bring to our school family!!!

SAINT CLEMENT VOLLEYBALL

Our fifth and sixth grade volleyball girls have been working very hard at practice and have been having a lot of fun as they improve their volleyball skills. Once again, we have enough girls to divide them into two teams so they can all get the playing time they deserve. This year’s fifth grade “Green Team” includes: Ava Stader, Emma Jensen, Trinity Ihm, Reese Belscamper, Oliviah Webster, Cassie Nemitz, Nicole Kelley, and Grace Schrack. They are coached by Mrs. Jayne Webster and Mrs. Becky Stader. This year’s sixth grade “Gold Team” includes: Ava Hermsen, Emily Cummins, Josy Hoerth, Abby Esser, Brianna Kirsch, Lily Weber, and Ariana Hauck. They are coached by Mrs. Chris Budden. We greatly appreciate all the support from our parents and coaches and look forward to an outstanding season!

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

August

- 28 \$25 Dan & Julie Hermsen
- 29 \$25 Curt and Sara Hullerman
- 30 \$25 Michael Vesperman
- 31 \$25 Ian Crapp

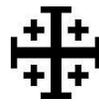
September

- 1 \$25 Katie Mergen
- 2 \$25 David Adams
- 3 \$50 Maury & Martha McLean





WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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 Bill Manthe at parish office

9:30 AM Lectors: Lenny Bass & Rita Schmitz

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

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

*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.

Your support 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.

WHY NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING?

Fertility awareness (or natural family planning—NFP) is more than just a family planning method. It's a great way to learn about your spouse's fertility; in addition, you will become versed in how to communicate with your spouse about topics you probably have never talked about—topics that speak to the heart of each of us who are married or planning to be married. Class #1 in the 3-class series begins Saturday, September 9th in the meeting room of St. Clement Parish office, 135 S. Washington St. Lancaster, WI at 1 pm. For more information call Vicki at 608-495-6117; to register: <https://registration.madisondiocese.org/nfp/> and click on Couple to Couple League course.

YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Saturday, September 9: Please join our parish family as we 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. Call Katie in the parish office (723-4990) or Kitty in the RE office (723-7425) to let us know you are coming.

We will provide other appropriate activities during the movie if you need to bring small children who might be too young to keep their attention on the movie.

"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.

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE AREA

Holy Ghost Parish Picnic

Today (Sunday, Sept. 3)

On Sunday, Sept. 3, Holy Ghost Parish in Dickeyville will hold their annual picnic. They will be serving Kalmes' Chicken & Ham dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., carry-outs available until 5 p.m. Prices for dinner are \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for senior citizens 65+, \$5.00 for children 10 & under, carry-outs \$11.00. Check out the bulletin for other activities.

St. Thomas Church, Montfort, Fall Festival

Sunday, September 10th

Roast Beef and Ham Dinner with all the fixin's

Serving from 11:00 - 2:00 pm

Adults \$11.00, Children - \$4.00

Carry Outs Available

Live Auction 1:00 pm, Hollywood, Games, Raffle/Pull Tabs, Beer/Pop Tent.

Cookie Walk

Grant Regional Health Center Auxiliary's 20th Annual Cookie Walk will be held on Friday, September 8 from 7:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main Lobby by Registration.

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.