



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, November 13 8:15 AM
(Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin)
 † Elgin Hooker

Tuesday, November 14 8:15 AM
 † Lona, Lynn & Darrall Leighton
 5:15 PM
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 15 8:15 AM
(Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 Rob and Jenny Winter Family

Thursday, November 16 8:15 AM
(Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin)
 Bishop Robert Morlino
 5:15 PM
 † John Schurman

Friday, November 17 8:15 AM
(Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious)
 † Kimberly Myers

Saturday, November 18. 8:15 AM
(Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary)
 † Dennis Morgan
5:00 PM
 † Vincent and Germaine Mumm
7:30 PM
 Safety of Hunters

Sunday, November 19. **7:30 AM**
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 † Lloyd Bruggeman

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

November 1, 4, 5 & 6

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$5,901.00
 Offertory Cash \$554.00
 Children's Offertory \$52.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$978.00
 1st of Month Electronic Giving \$1,025.00
 All Saints/All Souls Day \$529.00
Total \$9,039.00

Budgeted Offertory for Nov. . \$34,440.30
 Offertory Received in Nov. . . \$9,039.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . \$25,401.30

Monthly Offertory Comparison

October 2016 \$37,170.00
 October 2017 \$38,286.00

From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, we hear another parable about the Kingdom of Heaven, which Jesus said will be like five wise virgins and five foolish ones who go out with lighted lamps to meet the bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13).

The five foolish virgins resemble us when our hearts are not filled with "spiritual oil," when we're not living in word and deed the virtues of faith, hope and love. In other words, we become "foolish" when we choose to remain in sin, when we decide to stay away from God and His Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession, when we do not seek the help of God the Holy Spirit and His gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear (reverence) of the Lord. In essence, the foolish virgins heard the Word of God and did not put it into practice (Matthew 7:26).

By contrast, Jesus says, the other five virgins are wise because they heard the Word of God and put it into practice (Matthew 7:24) – they responded to God's grace while awaiting the Bridegroom, cultivating a life of virtue that prepares them for the wedding. They exemplify the faithful, farsighted servant whom Jesus had just described (Matthew 24:45), one who knew how to dispense the provisions of the household at need. We resemble the wise ones to the extent that we strive by God's grace to keep our lamps filled with the oil of holiness, by living in word and deed the virtues of faith, hope and love.

The reason why the wise virgins refuse to share their "oil" is simply that their "oil" cannot be shared. We cannot live others' lives for them. We're not the source of virtue and therefore cannot "lend" another our rectitude, our honesty, our moral character. Personal holiness is a gift from God that is unique and non-transferable. We either embrace the gift, or we do not. To meet Jesus Christ the Bridegroom requires that we desire to follow Him, to be His disciples. This demands a life of sanctity, dedicated and devoted to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and His ways, diligent and disciplined in all our desires and choices. It means that we decide on a daily basis to live the virtues of faith, hope and love, and the two great Commandments, love of God and love of neighbor.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, may we always want to be ready to greet Jesus the Bridegroom. Let us pray, therefore, to "stay awake" (Matthew 24:42-43), with oil lamps burning brightly with the source of all light: Jesus Christ. Let us not foolishly let our lamps of faith grow dim, acting as if God did not exist. Rather, let us be ready, keeping our lamps filled with the oil of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession, God's Word, and constant, heartfelt prayer, living the virtues of faith, hope and love, keeping God's Commandments. May our lamps be radiant with the oil of salvation as we await Jesus Christ, the Only Savior of the world.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

KATHY (SCANLAN) KREUL BENEFIT A HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in making Kathy Kreul's Benefit a phenomenal success. Thank you to the St Mary's Knights of Columbus - Council 12644 and the National Catholic Society of Foresters Court 1241 for co-sponsoring the Pancake Breakfast. Over 800 people were fed!! Thanks to everyone for being patient and all who donated food and helped out with food to feed everyone. A big thank you to the workers and especially the 8th grade class members. They did an amazing job keeping everything set and clean. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction and Stephanie Miles and Christine Schaefer for organizing it. Thanks to Jake Klas and Lu Staskal for doing the auction. It definitely took the whole community to make this happen. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you!" to Joe and Shirley Pink for purchasing 4 offertory collection baskets for our parish.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

National Vocations Awareness Week just concluded, but our need to support and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life is ongoing. If you or someone you know may be considering a Church vocation, contact Fr. Greg Ihm at 608-821-3095, or at vocations@madisondiocese.org

At the entrance of the church you will find slips of paper with the names of the seminarians studying for the priesthood for our diocese, as well as women in formation in the consecrated life. Please consider taking one of these names and including this person in your daily prayers. There is also a display with vocation awareness information. There are a number of opportunities for discernment and to "Come and See" events held at various locations in our diocese.

Our St. Clement Parish Vocations Commission does many projects for vocations. One of these is sending cards to our seminarians on their birthdays, as well as at Christmas and Easter. One of our seminarians has a birthday later this week. We're sure he would welcome your card as well. His name is Enan Zelinski, and his address is: Pontifical North American College, Via del Gianicolo 14, Rome, Italy, 00165.



THE APOSTOLATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES APOSTOLATE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Diocese of Madison is hosting an annual Advent/Christmas Party in Monroe on Saturday, December 2. The event, which begins at 9:30 AM and concludes at about 12:30 PM, includes Christmas Carols, Mass and a Christmas meal with all the trimmings. Bus transportation to and from the event is available from a couple of nearby parishes. There is no cost for the event. **Reservations are due by November 16.** For more information please call (608) 821-3050.

APOSTOLATE TO THE HANDICAPPED TV MASS HAS A NEW TIME

For almost 50 years, WISC-TV has generously aired the Apostolate's weekly TV Mass on WISC-TV 3. This Mass allows people in the Diocese of Madison to pray with Msgr. Larry Bakke and other priests of the diocese from their homes every Sunday morning. **The Mass now airs at 6am** instead of 7am on WISC-TV Channel 3 (Charter 9).

The Mass can also be seen at 7AM on TVW (Channel 3.2 for those without cable but with antennas and Charter 14) and Direct TV 14.



FORMED will be coming soon to our parish family of St. Clement! **FORMED** offers opportunities for faith formation and enrichment anytime, anywhere. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information.



THANKSGIVING DAY: HELPING THOSE IN NEED

We have much to be thankful for. All that we have is a gift from God, and God invites us to share our bounty with those in need. On Thanksgiving Day, we invite parishioners to bring food items in grocery bags with them to Mass, which will be brought up to the altar during the offertory. These items and the collection that day will be donated to the Lancaster Association of Churches Food Pantry.

KEEPING OUR YOUTH IN PRAYER

Next Saturday, November 18th, our Confirmation candidates will be going on a one-day retreat in Verona with candidates from several parishes. In this important time of preparation for this sacrament of grace, we ask that you keep these students in your prayers. May they be open to the movement and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their lives during this day of retreat, and beyond, that they may grow in the virtues of faith, hope and love, and come to know the Lord more deeply in their hearts and minds.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Nov. 15: Regular class for everyone 6:00-7:00pm.

Children will make decorations for the St. Clement Tree to be displayed in the Festival of Trees for the *Hometown Heartfelt Holiday*, at the Library on December 1-3.

Students in grades 3-6 will also have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession during class time.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: November 15

Grades 7 to 9 – DTS, meet in the Dining Hall, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY- ISAIAH 43

Grades 10-12, November 15: DTS, 7 – 8:30 pm

**Registration form for Steubenville North Youth Conference is on the table by the holy water font. Also check out the post on Isaiah 43 Facebook page for important changes to the registration this year.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, November 12. . . St. Clement Men's Group "Be a Man!"~
7 pm Social; 7:30 Presentation, Dining Hall
Wednesday, November 15 All School Mass at 8:15 am
. RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm), 7-12 (7-8:30 pm)
Saturday, November 18. Confirmation Retreat at Verona
. Hunters' Mass at 7:30 pm

ALL SOULS' DAY REMEMBRANCE

We also remember and continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the following family members and friends whose names came through the All Souls' Day envelopes:

Charles & Arlene Holzer, Paul & Dolora Bausch, Dale Bausch, Deceased Family Members of Chapman & Oelke Family, Mary Friederick, Chuck Kane, Chrissy Mennes, Sandy Tigges, Ambrose Mumm, Leonard Kirschbaum, Lila Kirschbaum, Janice Wilkinson, Norma Jean Nelson, Carol Behncke, Joan Bald

CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP

Fall clean-up at St. Clement Cemetery will end this weekend (Nov. 11 & 12). Please remove all wreaths, flower arrangements and other grave decorations that are not attached to the grave stone. Items not removed will be disposed by cemetery personnel. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST CLEMENT PARISH FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Net proceeds from this year's festival is \$48,000.00; up \$13,000.00 from 2016! THANK YOU EVERYONE!!! We appreciate your generosity, hard work and dedication. God bless you.

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. Take time to reflect on the sacrifices our veterans have made for us and thank them for helping to keep our great nation the land of the free and home of the brave.



The saints are those who struggle right to the end of their lives, who always get up each time they stumble, each time they fall, and courageously embark on their way once more with humility, faith, love and hope."

– Saint Josemaría Escrivá, 1902-1975
(The Forge, 186)

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following fifth and sixth grade students for earning a place on our Saint Clement School Honor Roll for the first quarter of the school year:

High Honors: Grade 6 - Emily Cummins, Abigail Esser, Ariana Hauck, Josephine Hoerth, Brianna Kirsch, Mallory Olmstead, and Lilyann Weber. Grade 5 - Aurora Fritz, Logan Harding, Trinity Ihm, Emma Jensen, Nicole Kelley, Cassie Nemitz, Ava Stader, and Brandon Winter.

Honors: Grade 6 - Ava Hermsen, Findley Hoffman, and Connor Raisbeck. Grade 5 - Aiden Hauk, Austin Reuter, Oliviah Webster, and Reese Belscamper.

Honorable Mention: Grade 6 - Jillian Adam, Owen Fritz, Brenin Belscamper, Caden Timmerman. Grade 5 - Logan Muldoon and Tyler Timmerman

Special recognition goes out to Emily Cummins, Abigail Esser, Ariana Hauck, Josephine Hoerth, Trinity Ihm, Emma Jensen, Brianna Kirsch, Cassie Nemitz, Mallory Olmstead, Ava Stader, Lilyann Weber, and Brandon Winter for earning perfect 4.00 grade point averages for the first quarter... Keep up the great work!!!

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

November

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| 6 | \$25 | Allison Stader |
| 7 | \$25 | Ruby & Georgia Ihm |
| 8 | \$25 | Jim Skaife |
| 9 | \$25 | Matthew Baute |
| 10 | \$25 | St. Clement School |
| 11 | \$25 | Brooklyn Crubel |
| 12 | \$50 | Richard Hoffman |





**WEEKEND
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**



NOVEMBER 18 & 19

- 5 PM Lectors:** Emil Everix & Mary Seiler
5 PM Servers: Erin & Meg Walker
7:30 AM Lector: Rita Schmitz
7:30 AM Servers: Need Volunteers!
9:30 AM Lectors: Kathy Larsen & Sheri Ihm
9:30 AM Servers: Kelsey & Kaitlyn NeCollins, & Josy Hoerth

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

- 5 PM Lectors:** Peg Jonas & Tom Schaefer
5 PM Servers: Haley & Caden Timmerman, Brenin Belscamper
7:30 AM Lector: Shayne LaBudda
7:30 AM Servers: Sam & Grace Schaffer
9:30 AM Lectors: Kitty Mumm, Jenny/Gracie Winter
9:30 AM Servers: Jeremiah & Michael Ihm, Lydia Mack

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

**LECTORS AND SERVERS:
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

- To help hunters on the opening of gun deer season, there will be a Mass on Saturday, November 18 at 7:30 PM.
- Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 23, with Mass at 9:00 AM.
 - If you can volunteer as a lector or server for either of these Masses, please contact the parish office. Thanks!



November 12 ~ 7 PM Social; 7:30 PM Presentation
 Session 7: Be a Man Who is Wise

**CLARITY CLINIC'S (PLATTEVILLE) BABY
BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Please return the filled baby bottles to the Parish Office by next weekend (Nov. 18 & 19). (Also, please note St. Clement Parish on the envelope if you are sending the payment directly to the clinic—the Clinic will add your donation to the total that it will report back to us and we will publish in the bulletin).

**“LIBERATING A CONTINENT: JOHN PAUL II
AND THE FALL OF COMMUNISM”**

Knights of Columbus of our parish has purchased the DVD of the Knights of Columbus produced movie “Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism” and is available to be checked out. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the holy water.

TV Star
FRANK RUNYEON
in:



**THE 3^{1/2} STORIES OF
CHRISTMAS**

“REMARKABLE!”
PEOPLE MAGAZINE

“INSPIRING!”
ST. LUKE'S, FOSTER CITY, CA

“THE CHILDREN WERE
ENTHRALLED!”
ASSUMPTION, FAIRFIELD, CT

Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time:

From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem,
from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of
the Christmas Angel himself!

**Wednesday, November 29
6:30 PM
St. Clement School Gym**

330 W. Maple Street, Lancaster
Use the front doors of the school on Maple Street

Free Will Offering Accepted

FRANK RUNYEON has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years... opposite Meg Ryan on AS THE WORLD TURNS, on SANTA BARBARA, FALCON CREST, GENERAL HOSPITAL, LA LAW and MELROSE PLACE. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

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“SENTIMENTS FOR SEMINARIANS”

Knights of Columbus from our parish are participating in “Sentiments for Seminarians” program. Donating simple items can really help our seminarians since they have limited funds. Most appreciated items are gas and pre-paid Visa/MasterCard cards. A list of other items they accept can be found by the containers by the entrances of the church. Please drop your item(s) in the box by Sunday, November 26th. All items help seminarians in the Diocese of Madison.

