



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, November 20 8:15 AM
 † Martina Schmitz

Tuesday, November 21 8:15 AM
(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 † Florence Schildgen
 5:15 PM
 † Ray and Jay Carey

Wednesday, November 22 8:15 AM
(Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr)
 † Leila and Sylvester Bausch

Thursday, November 23 **9:00 AM**
(Thanksgiving Day)
(Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr)
 Special Intention

Friday, November 24 8:15 AM
(Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs)
 † Mary Curley

Saturday, November 25. 8:15 AM
(Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary)
 Continued Healing for Virgil Blum
5:00 PM
 In Thanksgiving-50th Wedding Anniversary of Wayne and Carolyn Nuti

Sunday, November 26. **7:30 AM**
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 † John P. Prichard

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 11, 12 & 13

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$5,119.00
 Offertory Cash \$447.00
 Children's Offertory \$57.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$978.00
Total \$6,601.00

Budgeted Offertory for Nov. . \$34,440.30
 Offertory Received in Nov. . \$15,640.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . \$18,800.30

Monthly Offertory Comparison

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

From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, Jesus Christ tells the parable of the talents, where a man gave each of his servants a number of talents (certain valuable possessions). The first two servants used the talents they received well, but the third did not (Matthew 25:14-30). After hearing the parable about the talents, we might ask: "Did we identify more with the third servant in this parable than with the first two?" Indeed, how often do we fear that we might lose the little bit we think we have! We may even think that the outcome of this parable is unfair, for why should the first two servants who have so much receive more? But this isn't a parable about fairness. It's about using the talents that God has given us, not burying them. It's about Jesus Christ helping us to bear the fruits of His Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), which we can do because He has given us many talents, by His grace, to help us give glory to God, to keep His two great Commandments by loving Him and our neighbor.

Let's think of the talents entrusted to parents. A mother and father can teach their children about the ways of the Lord, and be role models for their children in faith, hope and love, in patience, justice and kindness; they can help their children to pray and teach them to treat each other with love and mercy. Day after day, parents can either bring about the Kingdom of God in their children's lives or not. And when they do, it extends to the lives of their children's children, reaching generations!

Consider a young person who witnesses to his or her faith in Jesus at school. That one student can inspire many classmates by their courageous witness to the faith, letting others know that God works in our lives and that we need not be embarrassed talking about our faith. The inspired classmates can, in turn, witness to others. Think of how some professional athletes affect others when they publicly give thanks to God for the talents they have. I've often heard athletes say, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" (from Philippians 4:13).

God has given each of us gifts/talents, especially faith, hope, love, the seven-fold gifts of His Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord), His Church, the Sacraments, His Word, prayer, the Communion of Saints – all to help us proclaim God's Kingdom, to know, love and serve Him, and to love our neighbor so as to draw others and ourselves into closer communion with Him.

As we pray for one another, let us pray particularly for our parish's young people, for all who are making a Confirmation retreat this weekend and for all in our religious education classes and in our parish school – praying that we all grow in faith, hope and love, in deeper communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with Your gifts that we might bear a hundred-fold Your fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, modesty, self-control and chastity. And may He bring us all to life eternal in Heaven. Amen. Alleluia!

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

YOU'RE INVITED TO THANKSGIVING DINNER!

The Lancaster Association of Churches (LAC) invites everyone to Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, to be held at the United Methodist Church in Lancaster. Dinner will be served from 11:30 to 1 PM. Individuals and families are welcome to share in this celebration of God's blessings. The Thanksgiving Dinner is FREE; any cash donations will go to the LAC Food Pantry. The food and labor has been provided by members of the Lancaster churches. **If you are able to help out on Wednesday with food preparation or on Thursday, please call 723-4384.** Any help you can give is greatly appreciated!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Gracious and generous God, Father of all mercies, on this Thanksgiving Day we give You humble thanks for Your goodness and kindness. We thank You for the beauty of creation, the gift of life and all the blessings You shower upon us; but above all for Your immeasurable love given to us by Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the true food from Heaven.

We ask Your blessing upon this food, upon all those present, and upon all who have worked to provide this meal. We pray too for those away from home and family this day, and for those who live in want and loneliness- keep them under Your watchful care and give us hearts attentive to their plight.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your blessings, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by serving You, Lord, and caring for others; by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory through all ages. Amen.



ST. CLEMENT & THANKSGIVING

This year Thanksgiving Day falls on the same day as the feast of our patron, St. Clement! St. Clement was the 3rd successor of St. Peter, being martyred about the year 100. Like St. Paul, St. Clement wrote a letter to the church in Corinth in which he urges them to remain faithful to Christ, and to His Body, the Church. The closing portion of his letter is a prayer of praise for God's creation, in which he asks that we reflect upon God's goodness and respond in gratitude.

"The earth, bearing fruit in fulfillment of His will at her proper seasons, gives forth food that supplies abundantly both men and beasts and all living things.... The seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter give way to one another in succession in peace... Yes, the smallest of living things come together in concord and peace. All these things the great Creator and Master of the universe ordered to be in peace, doing good unto all things, but far beyond to the rest of us who have taken refuge in His compassionate mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ.... Seeing therefore that we have all these things from Him, we ought in all things to give thanks to Him, to whom be the glory and the majesty forever and ever. Amen." *St. Clement, pray for us!*

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.

"VALUING GOD'S GIFTS IN OURSELVES AND OTHERS"

Safe Environment Education Week for Children

Last week, **November 12-18**, was proclaimed by Bishop Morlino as Safe Environment Education Week for the children throughout the Diocese of Madison.

During this important week, every Diocesan school and parish religious education program in the Diocese of Madison provided learning opportunities for their students regarding safe environment lessons that are found in the program "Valuing God's Gifts in Ourselves and Others," which was promulgated on August 15, 2007, as the Diocese of Madison's official instrument for providing education and training about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.

Teaching children, parents and volunteers who work with children, as well as teachers and catechists about the importance of keeping kids safe and steps that be taken to ensure their safety is a priority by the USCCB, our diocese and our parish. One only needs to listen to the news of the past few weeks to begin to realize just how important it is to do all that we can to educate and empower youth, parents and adults in order to keep the children and youth entrusted into our care safe from harm and abuse.

Each diocese also has a Victim Assistance Coordinator. In the Diocese of Madison, this person is Cheryl Splinter, the Director of the Safe Environment Office. She can be reached at (608) 821-3162, or at victimassistance@madisondiocese.org. May all of us commit ourselves to do all that we can to help make our parish, our community and our homes places where all God's children are valued and respected.



GET READY FOR THE NEW YEAR...

...The new Church Year that begins on December 3rd, the 1st Sunday of Advent. In the days after Thanksgiving, take a few moments to get out (or buy) your Advent wreath and candles, and an Advent calendar if you have one, so that Advent doesn't catch you by surprise. It's only 2 short weeks away!

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

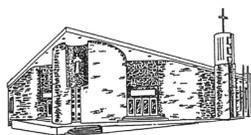
Nov. 22: No Class

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: No Class

YOUTH MINISTRY- ISAIAH 43

**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

Wednesday, November 22 All School Mass at 8:15 am
. Mass at Orchard Manor, 9:30 am
. Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care, 10:30 am
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9 am

FORMED: HANDING ON THE FAITH IN A NEW AGE!

FORMED offers opportunities for faith formation and enrichment any time, anywhere. FORMED brings together numerous Catholic publishers into one web location, offering persons the opportunity to do Bible studies, grow in knowledge of the Catholic Faith, watch movies, read e-books and more. One can do so on a computer, tablet, TV, or even a smart phone! St. Clement Parish has purchased a parish subscription to FORMED that allows all parishioners access to this treasure chest of faith enrichment.

To get connected to FORMED, go to www.FORMED.org. Scroll down the page and on the right side you will see the word "Register". Click on that and it will ask you for your email address and for the parish code. Our parish code is **DHYNXC**. Then proceed into the FORMED site.

You will also be asked to create a password, which along with your email address, you will use when you log into FORMED in the future. Once you are into the FORMED site, you will begin to see the many possibilities that FORMED offers. In the upper right hand corner of the page, you will see your initials and an >. Click on that to see the "profile" and "sign out" buttons of FORMED.

At the FORMED Home Page, you will see the reflection for Sunday's readings at the top. Below that, you will see other video offerings. **If you scroll further down, you will see some custom content that we have suggested.** There you will find a video by Fr. Mike Schmitz, another on baptism, and finally a movie about the life of Fr. Solanus Casey, who was just beatified this weekend. The content of this area will change periodically. The custom content area of the FORMED Home Page is a great place to go to get acquainted with FORMED. But feel free to go wherever the Holy Spirit leads you!

In the coming weeks, we'll be teaching you more about FORMED. For now, get signed-up, watch the video reflection for Sunday's readings, take a peek at the custom content and make yourself more familiar with the site. For those of you on Facebook, go to the St. Clement Facebook page, and you will find two videos, one a promotional video about FORMED and another about navigating FORMED. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

TEC RETREAT COMING TO ST. DENNIS IN MADISON

The date is December 28 (starts at noon)- 30 (ends 2:30). TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is an intergenerational movement of the Catholic Church, especially designed to help meet the spiritual needs of Catholic Christians. Although it is an amazing experience for anyone 16 years of age or over, it can be especially rewarding for those who are preparing for or have been recently Confirmed and those presently or recently in the RCIA program. This is also a 'shout out' to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help with this one. Fr. Randy Timmerman will be the Spiritual Director. Applications and more information about TEC can be found at www.kairostec.org. or by calling Shannon Davies, the director, at 608.279.9319. Applications may also be available at your church or parish office.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Saint Clement will be partnering with Family Promise of Grant County to provide needed items for the homeless in our local communities. For this year's Thanksgiving Offering, we are collecting items from the following "Wish List of Very Needed Items" provided by Family Promise Director, Hannah Campbell Gustafson:

- Diapers & Pull Ups (all sizes)
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Garbage Bags (large black)
- Dish Sponges
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- SCRIP Cards (Piggly Wiggly)
- Cleaning Products:
 - Toilet Bowl Cleaner
 - Multi-Surface Cleaners, etc.

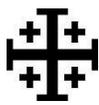
These donations will be used to support homeless families right here in Grant County. If you would like to join us in supporting our Family Promise families, simply drop off your donations at the school or parish offices. Students will be presenting these donations during our special Thanksgiving Mass at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22nd. Hannah will also be speaking after Mass to personally thank our parish families and help explain how these donations will help others in need.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

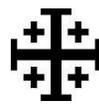
November

13	\$25	Ken & Jane Klaas
14	\$25	Dan Riniker
15	\$25	Myron & Pat Reuter
16	\$25	Steve Walker
17	\$25	Jack Gruender
18	\$25	Scott Jantzen
19	\$50	Alan & Dolores Schwantes





WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



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

DECEMBER 2 & 3

- 5 PM Lectors: Rick Benson & Linda Ihm
 5 PM Servers: Mason & Avery Crooks, Brianna Kirsch
 7:30 AM Lector: Jan Block
 7:30 AM Servers: Bill Manthe
 9:30 AM Lectors: Sam Jonas & Josh Jensen
 9:30 AM Servers: Delanie & Lilyann Weber, Matthew Crosby

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

LECTORS AND SERVERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP

- Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 23, with Mass at 9:00 AM. If you can volunteer as a lector or server, please contact the parish office. Thanks!

FR. LARRY RICHARDS WANTS YOU TO

Be A Man!

November 19 ~ NO SESSION THIS SUNDAY

GIVING TREE

Once again our parish will be participating in the Grant County Holiday Project to help families in need. The "Giving Tree" is up and ready for you to help make a difference for families in need this Christmas. Please watch the bulletin for more details in the weeks ahead. Any questions, please contact, Lynn Crooks, Cheryl Raisbeck, Sue McLean, Emily Schildgen, Ashleigh Hampton or Katie Crosby at the Parish Office (723-4990). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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.

WWW.FRANKRUNYEON.COM

"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.

CLARITY CLINIC'S (PLATTEVILLE) BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please return the filled baby bottles to the Parish Office by THIS Monday (Nov. 20). (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).

2018 PARISH CALENDARS

The 2018 parish calendars are here and can be picked up in the entrance of the church. We wish to extend a big THANK YOU to Greg and Rita Schmitz of Homeward Bound for once again supplying our calendars for us. Thank you Greg and Rita for your generosity!!