



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday, December 4 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church)*  
 † Anny & Hedwig Strotz

Tuesday, December 5 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 Campion H. S. Alumni & Cadre  
 5:15 PM  
 † Karl and Caroline Kuenster  
 & Karolyn Huinker

Wednesday, December 6. . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Nicholas, Bishop)*  
 † Florence Schildgen

Thursday, December 7 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*  
 Protection for President Trump  
 5:15 PM\*  
*\*Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception  
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
 † Jim Lee

Friday, December 8. . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
 † Joe Crubel  
 7:00 PM  
 People of Our Parish

Saturday, December 9. . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Juan Diego Cuahhtlatotzin)*  
 In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony  
**5:00 PM**  
 † Lucille Tracy

Sunday, December 10. . . . . **7:30 AM**  
 People of Our Parish  
**9:30 AM**  
 †John Errthum

**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 25, 26 & 27*

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$6,338.00  
 Offertory Cash . . . . . \$701.00  
 Children's Offertory . . . . . \$101.00  
 Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . \$978.00  
**Total . . . . . \$8,118.00**

Budgeted Offertory for Nov. . \$34,440.30  
 Offertory Received in Nov. . \$32,558.00  
**Budgeted Amount Not Met. . \$1,882.00**

**Monthly Offertory Comparison**

Nov. 2016 . . . . . \$29,077.00  
 Nov. 2017 . . . . . \$32,558.00

## From Our Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we enter the Season of Advent, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ commands us to “Be watchful! Be alert!” He tells us to “watch,” for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come (Mark 13:33-37). Jesus warns the disciples that when He comes again, there will be many people who choose to ignore Him, who choose to ignore the fact that He is the source of all truth, love, beauty, justice, and peace. Our Lord says, “May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Being watchful, being alert consists in *living* the Christian life, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ through faith, hope and love. It consists in realizing that all good things come from and lead back to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has stated: “Faith is a liberation of my ‘I’ from its preoccupation with self, a liberation that sets me free to respond to the Father, to speak the ‘Yes’ of love that sets me free to say ‘Yes’ to being. Faith is a breaking out of the isolation that is the malady of my ‘I.’ The act of faith is a breaking open of the door of my subjectivity.”

As disciples of Christ, we are to follow the Lord Jesus and to be *His disciples* in word and deed. Discipleship, therefore, is much more than a “feeling,” much more than what I think that it is. Being Jesus Christ’s disciples includes: keeping His Commandments; living the virtues of faith, hope and love; spending time with God in prayer; reading His Word in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition; and frequenting the Sacraments.

This Advent Season reminds us to avoid our tendency to focus on our self – rather, we are to focus evermore intently on our Savior, Jesus Christ, with gratitude, in friendship and love. This Season reminds us to avoid being complacent in the Faith, to avoid the dangerous attitude of being a “*good enough* Catholic Christian.” This Advent, we prepare once again to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, His first coming into the world, and we anticipate His Second Coming at the end of time. In between these two comings, we focus on His presence in our thoughts, words and prayers, in His Church, Word and Sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist. God reminds us of this at every Mass, as we strive to pray the Mass well. And God calls us to be evermore aware of His presence in our daily life, to allow Him to sanctify our words and deeds, watchful and alert in our daily conversation with Him and in our serving Him through acts of charity. May Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ find us doing so.

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

In addition to the daily and Saturday Confession schedule, Fr. William will be offering Confessions from 6:30 – 8:00 PM every Tuesday during Advent, December 5, 12 and 19. Area Communal Penance Schedule:

- **Wednesday, Dec. 6, St. Andrew Church, Potosi, 7:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 13, St. Mary, Bloomington, 7:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 19, St. Charles Borromeo, Cassville, 7:30 pm**

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Christmas is just around the corner. We are once again offering the opportunity to remember your deceased loved ones through Christmas memorial donations. The money we collect will go toward decorating our parish church during Advent and throughout the Christmas Season. Please put your donation in an envelope marked with your name and the name(s) of those you wish to remember, and drop the envelope in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office. All checks should be payable to St. Clement Parish, and be turned in no later than **December 17** (Sunday). The memorial listing will be published in the Dec. 23/24 bulletin. Thank you!



## FORMED: HANDING ON THE FAITH IN A NEW AGE!

We hope you have already registered on FORMED and become familiar a bit with its content and hopefully even taken advantage of watching a video or listening to one of the speakers. If not...**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. 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](http://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. The custom content area of the FORMED Home Page is a great place to go to get acquainted with FORMED. When you go to FORMED.org, you can always watch a video reflection on the Sunday's readings without even logging in!

Remember, when you go to the FORMED website for the first time, you will need to REGISTER to create your profile. After that you will use the login icon. As we move into the Advent and Christmas Seasons, there are many videos and studies available for you to view that will enrich this sacred time. Don't miss out and get signed up for FORMED! Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

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## ADVENT: A SENSE OF THE SEASON

The season of Advent ushers in our new Church year. Advent, which means "coming" or "arrival," focuses our attention on the ways Christ comes to us. In the first weeks of Advent, we focus on Christ's coming again in glory at the end of time. In late Advent, we recall how Jesus came to us 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Each and every Sunday, during Advent and throughout the year, we pay attention to the ways our Lord comes to us in Scripture (the Word of God), prayer, the daily events of life, the Sacraments and most especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



Advent is a time of preparation and transformation. How do we do this? Prayer, spiritual reading, worship and acts of love and service are ways that open us up to God's grace. We may volunteer at the food pantry or a nursing home, or help out in any way that benefits others. We can put our faith into action by doing good, being kind, helpful and patient with others. We've included "Daily Helps" and an "Advent Adult Ed Offering," which will help us all to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

## DAILY HELPS

From **Dynamic Catholic**, you can receive a daily email with short inspirational videos, practical tips, and real-life stories of hope. Sign up at [www.BestAdventEver.com/almostchristmas](http://www.BestAdventEver.com/almostchristmas).

**Redeemed Online**, in partnership with Franciscan University, also has daily email video reflections. To sign up, go to [www.adventseries.com](http://www.adventseries.com).

**Magnificat** and **The Word Among Us** are great daily devotionals booklets that you can find at the entrance of the church.

An **Advent wreath and candles** and an Advent calendar are great ways to celebrate as a family. Below is an Advent Wreath Blessing to use in your home.

**Get registered on FORMED.org**, if you have not already done so, and begin using their offerings.

Finally, consider making **daily Mass** part of your Advent. At Mass we hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us, and we also receive Jesus, Emmanuel, truly present in the Eucharist.

## ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

O Lord our God, Creator of all things,

You promised Your people a Savior who would bring peace on earth and be a light to the nations. In the fullness of time, You sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, the true Light that enlightens the world.

Father, bless this wreath, its candles and our family this Advent that our home may be a place of peace, and our lives reflect the light and love of Jesus in all that we do. Make us ready to welcome Your Son, the light that never ends, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## ADULT ED OFFERING

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the last day of her apparition to St. Juan Diego in 1531. Learn more about the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego, and the tilma that bears her image, by attending one of the video presentations that we will be offering. On December 12<sup>th</sup> there will be two opportunities to view the documentary, "Our Lady of Guadalupe", one at 9:15 AM and the second at 6:30 PM. Each viewing will last about an hour and a half, and will be held in the parish office meeting room.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Dec. 6: Class 6:00-7:00pm

Children's Choir for students in grades 3-6, 5:15-6:00pm, in the choir loft.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

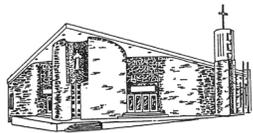
Grades 7, 8 & 9 – class, 7-8:30 pm

**December 8** - Attend Mass, 7 pm, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation), meet in the entrance of church.

## YOUTH MINISTRY- ISAIAH 43

**December 8** - Attend Mass, 7 pm, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

*\*Registration form for Steubenville North Youth Conference is on the Isaiah 43 Youth Ministry 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, December 3. . . St. Clement Men's Group "Be a Man!"~  
7 pm Social; 7:30 Presentation, Dining Hall

Tuesday, December 5 . . Individual Confessions, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 6. . . .RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm),  
7-9 (7-8:30 pm)

Thursday, December 7 . . . . . Vigil Mass, 5:15 pm,  
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 8. . . . . The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass, 8:15 am  
. . . . . Mass, 7 pm

## 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](http://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.

## RESPECT LIFE AND INTERNATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION NOTE

Through your generosity, we collected \$396.00 for Respect Life and \$516.00 for International Combined Collection. Thank you.

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED

### DEMPSEY BURKE

Son of Mark and Nicole (Landon) Bahl

### ANNALISE ETHEL

Daughter of Daniel and Katie (Friar) Glass

### ZACHARY BECKET

Son of Robert and Jennifer (Capps) Winter



## NEXT WEEKEND! BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

Please offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We would like to invite you and your family to our annual Saint Clement School Christmas Program on Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Mrs. Dreher and the students have been working very hard to prepare for their presentation of "The Legend of the Christmas Tree." Please mark your calendars today and make plans to join us on December 15th!!!

### SCHOOL RECEIVES EXXON MOBIL GRANT

Nate Weber from Bennett's Auto Clinic recently helped Saint Clement School secure a \$500 Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant. This grant money will be used towards the purchase of new interactive flat panel display screens to support the school's math and science programs. Exxon Mobil has a long history of supporting math and science programs across the nation. Don and Michelle Bennett, and now Nate Weber, have a long history of supporting our school... Thank you and God bless!!!

### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

#### November

- 27 \$25 Jerrett & Krista Weber
- 28 \$25 Matt & Angie Schmitz
- 29 \$25 Arin & Lynn Crooks
- 30 \$25 Jerry Kuenster

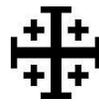
#### December

- 1 \$25 Rodney Taylor
- 2 \$25 Brian Timmerman
- 3 \$50 Braeden Bausch





## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### DECEMBER 9 & 10

**5 PM Lectors:** Bill Manthe & Tom Hughey

**5 PM Servers:** Zach Mendis & Madeline Reukauf

**7:30 AM Lector:** Lenny & Carol Bass

**7:30 AM Servers:** Need Volunteers!

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Tom Lucke & Kathy Larsen

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

### DECEMBER 16 & 17

**5 PM Lectors:** Mary Seiler & Emil Everix

**5 PM Servers:** Paige & Larry Pluemer, Owen Fritz

**7:30 AM Lector:** Rita Schmitz

**7:30 AM Servers:** Sam & Grace Schaffer

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Sheri Ihm & Sam Jonas

**9:30 AM Servers:** Joey & Carolyn Recker, Findley Hoffman

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

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"O come let us adore Him," we sing as we anticipate Christmas during this Advent Season. "O come let us adore Him" joins us to the angels worshipping Jesus at the Stable. "O come let us adore Him" raises children's voices in simplicity and innocence.

The Children's Choir will begin meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6 to practice for Christmas. All children in grades 3-6, in Religious Education and in our school, are invited to join the choir under the direction of Bernadette Schaefer, accompanied by Patricia Leh-Murphy. Please come to the choir loft on Dec. 6, 13, and 20. Practice is 5:15pm to 6:00pm. The Children's Choir will sing for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24.

## 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!!

\*\*We need lectors and servers on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM and December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Call the parish office to volunteer.

FR. LARRY RICHARDS WANTS YOU TO

# Be A Man!

December 3 ~ 7 PM Social; 7:30 PM Presentation

Session 9: Be a Man Who Is Holy

## GIVING TREE REMINDER

Please have all gifts, toiletries, and gift cards returned to church no later than **December 10th**. Gifts and toiletries can be placed under the Giving Tree and the gift cards and cash need to be placed in the wooden podium by the tree.

We have "adopted" six families who will be very appreciative of the extra help this Christmas.

Thank you for helping others in need.

~Cheryl Raisbeck, Sue McLean, Emily Schildgen, Lynn Crooks and Ashleigh Hampton



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

This coming Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, one of the Church's Holy Days of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM, and on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Mass times are at 8:15 AM and at 7:00 PM.

This Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is often confused with the Feast of the Annunciation where the angel Gabriel comes to Mary to tell her that she is to be the mother of our Savior. The Immaculate Conception celebrates the conception of Mary in her mother's womb, where she is kept free from Original Sin by the power of God's grace that she might be a pure vessel for her Son. It is under the title of "The Immaculate Conception" that Mary is the patroness of the United States. We, with Saint Gabriel, give her honor and sing God's praises by saying, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by enjoying a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Jan. 26-28 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 16-18 in Geneva, IL or March 16-18 in Madison, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

