



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 30 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Florence Schildgen

Wednesday, January 31 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint John Bosco, Priest)*  
 † Zachary Ihm

Thursday, February 1 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Paul & Dolora Bausch

Friday, February 2 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(The Presentation of the Lord)*  
 Dan and Rose Kennedy & Family

Saturday, February 3 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop; Blessed Virgin Mary)*  
 Conversion of Sinners  
**5:00 PM**  
 † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 4 . . . . . **7:30 AM**  
 People of Our Parish  
**9:30 AM**  
 † Irvin & Elaine Reuter

## RECONCILIATION

(in the confessional closest to the rectory)

**Tues. thru Sat. Before Mass**  
**Saturday at 4:00 PM**

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*January 20 & 21*

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$5,194.00  
 Offertory Cash . . . . . \$561.00  
 Children's Offertory . . . . . \$67.00  
 Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . \$978.00  
**Total . . . . . \$6,800.00**

Budgeted Offertory for Jan. . . \$35,892.32  
 Offertory Received in Jan. . . \$26,530.00  
**Budgeted Amount Still Needed . \$9,362.32**

### Monthly Offertory Comparison

Dec. 2016 (4 weekends) . . . . . \$39,292.00  
 Dec. 2017 (5 weekends) . . . . . \$56,175.00

## From Our Pastor:

Thank God for the gift of faith. Faith distinguishes us from pagans and from demons, Saint Augustine has said (354 – 430 AD), for we believe that Jesus Christ is God the Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, One God, Who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus came into the world, was crucified, died and is risen from the dead, that He has conquered sin and death and wrought for us Life Eternal in Heaven. And we, by His grace, love Jesus Christ and follow Him.

The demons whom we hear about in the Gospel this Sunday also saw and believed in the things that Jesus was doing. Indeed, before Jesus had risen, the demons cried out and said, "I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" (Mark 1:21-28). But, they did not love or follow Jesus. Saint Augustine said: We distinguish ourselves from the pagans by believing that Christ has risen; let us also distinguish ourselves from the demons. The demons said: *I know who you are – the Holy One of God.* And Jesus tells them, "Quiet! Come out of him!" (Mark 1:25). Saint Augustine asks: Didn't the demons say what Saint Peter also said? Jesus was inquiring of the Apostles and said, "You, though, who do *you* say that I am?" Saint Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And while the demons are told, "Be quiet," we hear Jesus tell Peter, "Blessed are you" (Matthew 16:13-17). What made the difference for them, also makes the difference for us. What made the demons cry out? *Fear.* What made Saint Peter cry out? *Love.* Saint Peter declares the Faith with love. And in that faith and love, Peter follows Jesus (while the demons refused to love or follow Jesus).

May all faithful Christians, Catholic and Protestant, follow Jesus Christ and be on fire with the ardor of charity, of love, as Saint Augustine says, and thus differentiate ourselves from Satan and his demons. In our love for God and neighbor, let us also pray for the conversion of those who are pagans, that they come to believe in, follow and love Jesus Christ. This *ardor of love* lifts us up to Heaven, for God is Love (1 John 4). Whatever vexations we might suffer on earth, however much the enemy may humiliate Christian hearts and press them downward, the *ardor of love* seeks the heights. During this Catholic Schools Week and every day, may we realize that our Lord is always ready to give us His grace, His divine strength, through prayer, His Church, Word and Sacraments; let us choose to receive His grace with open, expansive hearts. By His grace, let us embrace the fullness of the Faith with love, follow Jesus Christ in love (by our words and deeds), tell the Truth with love, and say "yes" to God Who is Love and to His gift of life, now and always.

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

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

CALLING ALL COUPLES AND PRIESTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND. Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of the mission to proclaim the values of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. A convention will be held on June 22 – 24 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard, Il. The theme is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe." Come and join us to be excited, enriched, and empowered. Visit our website at [www.wwme2018.org](http://www.wwme2018.org) or for more information please email [Information@WWME2018.org](mailto:Information@WWME2018.org)

## PLEASE NOTE!

Please look for our parish's end-of-year mailing (which includes your contribution statement if we have a record of your contributions) on the tables in the entrance of the church this weekend (Jan. 27-28). **Please only take your family's envelope.** Every registered family will have an envelope.



**Celebrate**  
**Catholic Schools**  
**Week 2018**  
 January 28 – February 3  
 #CSW18

**FORMED: A NEW MEANS OF FAITH FORMATION**

Check out FORMED this week to listen to Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic, talk about, "Why I Left Planned Parenthood." For children, there is a short video titled "Hildegard's Gift," which briefly tells the story of St. Hildegard von Bingen, and helps children know that they too have gifts given to them by God. In the Custom Content Area, you will find the documentary titled "40," which focuses on abortion and the pro-life movement. You'll find these items plus hundreds of more videos, talks and books when you register at FORMED.org.

If you have not yet registered at FORMED, here's how: When you go to FORMED.org for the first time, you will need to enter our parish code. Click on the box that says, "Enter Code." You will need to enter our Parish Access Code, which is **DHYNXC**. Next, you will be asked for your email address, personal information and a password. In the future when you go to FORMED you will use the login icon using your email and password.

We encourage you to get registered and begin using this wonderful tool for spiritual enrichment for yourself and your family. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or are having trouble getting registered.

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**FORMED AND ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS**

Lent is coming soon and our adult education offerings will include two studies that will help to deepen our relationship with the Lord. The first is ANIMA, which is a three-week study, and the second is a four-week study titled A LENT TO REMEMBER: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy. Both of these studies can be found on FORMED, and we will use the FORMED site to view the videos and also use its study materials for our discussion. There will be two opportunities to take part in these study groups. One opportunity will be held on Monday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM on January 29. The second opportunity will be on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 AM beginning on January 31. Each session will last about one hour and will be held in the parish office meeting room.

If you are unable to attend either of these group gatherings, you can always participate by viewing them yourself at FORMED.org. You may want to even consider inviting a few people to watch them with you and have a short discussion afterward.

On January 29th, and on the 31st, we will be watching the first session of ANIMA, which is titled "Crux." We hope many of you will take part in these studies as we seek to open our hearts and minds more fully to the transforming love and mercy of God. If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.

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**LENT IS COMING!****LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

It's hard to believe that the beginning of Lent is just over two weeks away. For any important event, we spend time planning and preparing. Lent should be no different. Lent is a sacred time for us to examine our lives and once more return to the Lord with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In these days leading up to Ash Wednesday, please prayerfully decide how you will keep Lent this year. With prayer, fasting and almsgiving being the foundation of our Lenten observance, ask yourself some questions:

How will my prayer be different this Lent? Will I come to daily Mass when I can? If Sunday Mass has been a "once-in-a-while" effort, how can I make Sunday worship, keeping holy the Lord's Day, a regular part of my week? Will celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation be a priority? Will I make time for daily prayer, such as the Rosary, spend some time reading Scripture or a spiritual book? Will I pray the Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet or pray before our Lord during our First Friday Adoration, or go to the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Mary's in Fennimore?

Beyond the basic minimum requirements for fasting and abstinence, how else might I fast? What will I give up this Lent depending upon my circumstances in life? Will I limit TV, computer games or surfing the net to enable me to use that time for prayer, spiritual reading or acts of charity? Will I make a commitment and effort to fast from unhealthy habits, gossip, rash judgments and other patterns of sin and self-centeredness? Besides Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, will I fast from foods on other days?

How will I do almsgiving and reach out in charity to others? Will I donate to Operation Rice Bowl or another organization that helps the poor? Will I volunteer at an outreach program such as the LAC Food Pantry, or assist at one of the local nursing homes or thrift shops? Can I help an elderly neighbor next door with simple chores? Will I take part in a fundraiser to help the less fortunate or the sick?

These are just some of the questions to consider now before Lent begins. Most importantly, pray for God's transforming grace in your life. None of us can heal ourselves or save ourselves. We need God's help and mercy; without these, we are lost. Ask the Lord to guide you in making your decisions for keeping Lent holy. Pray, consider, decide and then act on your plan for Lent this year so that come Easter you will be conformed more closely to Christ. Remember, too, that whatever you choose to do for Lent does not need to wait for Lent to begin. As we will hear St. Paul say on Ash Wednesday, "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2).

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**MASS INTENTION OPENINGS**

We have openings for Mass Intentions in coming months. Have a Mass offered for your living and/or deceased loved ones, in thanksgiving or for your special intentions. Contact Katie at the parish office (723-4990) or use the envelopes found in the entrances of the church.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Jan. 31: Class 6:00-7:00pm

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: January 31

Grades 7, 8 & 9 – CLASS, 7-8:30 pm

## YOUTH MINISTRY - ISAIAH 43

### Steubenville North Youth Conference 2018 News

We have registered 33 high school students and chaperones from our St. Clement Parish for Steubenville North Youth Conference to be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. The attendees for this year are: Braeden Bausch, Avery and Mason Crooks, Matthew, Katie and Nick Crosby, Gabi and Jeremiah Dressler, Emma Esser, Jeremiah and Michael Ihm, Brandon Klaas, Katie Martin, Zachary Mendis, Aaron, Anna and Lydia Murphy, Lisa Phelan, Paige Pluemer, Cole and Jenna Raisbeck, Joey Recker, Grace and Sam Schaffer, Allison Stader, Matthew Vesperman, Meg Walker, Delanie Weber, Gracie and Lexie Winter, Alex and Lindsey Wolf, Jeanne Zenz.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 28 . . . . Catholic Schools Week Mass, 9:30 AM

. . . . . Book Fair in the school IMC & social in the school cafeteria following Mass

Wednesday, January 31 . . . . . All School Mass, 8:15 am

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

Friday, February 2 . . . . . First Friday Adoration

(24 hours, through Saturday, 8 am)

## THANK YOU!

“On behalf of the entire Winter Family, we wish to express our deepest gratitude for all the cards, gifts and kind words given to our family during this time of sorrow and loss. We truly feel that we are being held up by these prayers -- without them and our faith we would be lost in despair. It is truly humbling to know we have so many people caring about us and our family. Our sincere thank you goes out to each of you who expressed your kindness in some way.

God Bless you all,

Rob and Jenny Winter and family”

## WORD OF LIFE



If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”:

[www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion). ~ From the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities brochure, “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion.” You can also find more information and resources for healing at [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org).

## THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS



St. Blaise was born some time in the 200’s, and was martyred about the year 316. St. Blaise was a bishop in Sebaste in Armenia. It is recorded that while Blaise was imprisoned for his faith in Jesus, a mother brought to him her son who was choking on a fish bone. Blaise prayed over the boy, the fishbone was dislodged and the boy lived. Blaise, however, was condemned to death and was executed shortly thereafter. Devotion to St. Blaise grew in the centuries to follow. In time, people

sought his intercession for throat ailments. The Church, following the example of Jesus, has always had concern for the spiritual and the physical healing of people. The feast of St. Blaise, February 3rd, has become associated with the blessing of throats, invoking the intercession of St. Blaise. This blessing will take place after each of the Masses next weekend, February 3 & 4. The priest holds two candles in the form of a cross next to the throat of individuals and prays the following blessing:

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

### FIN HOFFMAN WINS SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE

Fin Hoffman, a sixth grade student, recently won the Saint Clement School National Geography Bee. Abby Esser took second place honors and there was a three way tie for third place between Aiden Hauk, Landon Alderson, and Lauren Reukauf. Other finalists from grades 4-6 included: Brenin Belscamper, Lily Weber, Caden Timmerman, Logan Harding, Trinity Ihm, Austin Reuter, Aurora Fritz, Brody Crubel, Grace Bennett, and Zachary Hermsen

### KC CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students on their winning entries in this year’s Knights of Columbus “True Meaning of Christmas” poster competition:

#### Grade 1:

- 1) Josh Winter 2) Dax Kauffman 3) Cooper Graney

#### Grade 2:

- 1) Vanessa Ihm 2) Evan Anderson 3) Vivian Johnson

#### Grade 3:

- 1) Greta Jensen 2) Nathan Winter 3) Adeline Stader

#### Grade 4:

- 1) Vivian Bernhardt 2) Miriam Adam 3) Kylie Olmstead

#### Grade 5:

- 1) Trinity Ihm 2) Ava Stader 3) Brandon Winter

#### Grade 6:

- 1) Josie Hoerth 2) Ariana Hauck 3) Ava Hermsen



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### FEBRUARY 3 & 4

- 5 PM Lectors:** Bill Manthe & Tom Hughey  
**5 PM Servers:** Hunter Abing, Braeden Bausch, Hope Williams  
**7:30 AM Lector:** Lenny & Carol Bass  
**7:30 AM Servers:** Sam & Grace Schaffer  
**9:30 AM Lectors:** Tom Lucke & Kathy Larsen  
**9:30 AM Servers:** Kelsey & Kaitlyn NeCollins, Lydia Mack

### FEBRUARY 10 & 11

- 5 PM Lectors:** Emil Everix & Mary Seiler  
**5 PM Servers:** Erin & Meg Walker  
**7:30 AM Lector:** Connie Reinsbach  
**7:30 AM Servers:** Volunteers!  
**9:30 AM Lectors:** Sheri Ihm & Kitty Mumm  
**9:30 AM Servers:** Delanie & Lilyann Weber, Matthew Crosby

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

**Lectors - Your new schedules may be picked up  
in the sacristy. Thanks!**

### COMING SOON!

#### ST. CLEMENT MEN'S GROUP PRESENTS: FR. LARRY RICHARDS' "SURRENDER"

This seven week program will run from the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday before Easter, March 25<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great way to incorporate something new for Lent and to learn about what it means to be a Catholic Man in today's culture.

Surrender. Don't you just dislike that word! We see it as a word that means being conquered, defeated, or filled with despair, but that is NOT what Fr. Larry is disclosing in this life-changing presentation. When you fully surrender yourself to God and His will, it is then that you find true peace; true life. So join us for this presentation and be challenged to really start living life that is life-giving to others and yourself! All men of our parish and other parishes are welcome and encouraged to attend. The group meets on Sunday nights with social, drinks and snacks at 7 PM, with presentation starting at 7:20 PM.

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our second graders are learning that prayer is talking with God and listening to Him. This is essential to know before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time because talking and listening are what we do when we seek the grace of God's Mercy in the confessional. As adults, we often allow our lives to become complicated, forgetting the simplicity and honesty of childlike conversation with God. God's Mercy is not complicated; He is the source of all mercy and His mercy is greater than any sin - for God is always calling us to Himself. God the Holy Spirit, with the Father and the Son, works through the priest and every soul in the confessional, and we hear the priest say these words of absolution:

"God, the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to Himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God give you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit."

Continue to pray for our second graders and their parents who will receive the Sacrament of Confession on Feb. 24. Pray for our parish, that the Holy Spirit will increase in all of us a desire for God's Mercy. Check out the times for Confession, where we converse with God and receive His mercy, as God forgives us, heals us, and calls us to conversion.

*Holy Spirit, my Friend and my Guide, strengthen me.*

## THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Check out the table by the holy water font for another video to borrow. *The Star of Bethlehem* is the video Father William mentioned in a homily recently. The video traces research into the biblical, historical and scientific evidence of the Star that the Magi followed.

## HELP AND HEALING FOR POST-ABORTION

No matter how much time has passed, recent or long ago. *Project Rachel* and *Rachel's Vineyard* retreats offer compassionate and individual care for anyone hurting from abortion. To talk with someone, contact Mary 608-221-9593 or [rachel@straphael.org](mailto:rachel@straphael.org) Confidentiality assured. [www.madisondiocese.org/projectrachel](http://www.madisondiocese.org/projectrachel)

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FEBRUARY 2 & 3



Please sign up on the schedule near the Fatima Chapel. You may come at any time during the 24-hour adoration, however, signing up for just one hour will assure at least one person is in the Chapel at all times keeping vigil with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and night. Thank you for the donation of your time!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be the best and most profitable time you will ever spend here on Earth.....Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on Earth." Saint Teresa of Calcutta