



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 13 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
Conversion of Sinners

Wednesday, February 14. . . . . 8:15 AM  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Rob and Jenny Winter Family  
**7:00 PM**  
† Caitlin Recker

Thursday, February 15 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
†Forgotten Souls that have passed away  
in Nursing Homes

Friday, February 16. . . . . 8:15 AM  
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 17. . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)*  
† Most Forgotten and Abandoned Souls  
**5:00 PM**  
† Leo Abing and Virginia Williams

Sunday, February 18 . . . . . 7:30 AM  
People of Our Parish  
**9:30 AM**  
† Alan Schwantes

## 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

### February 3 & 4

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$5,696.00  
 Offertory Cash . . . . . \$581.00  
 Children's Offertory . . . . . \$54.00  
 Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . \$978.00  
 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month Electronic Giving . . \$1,025.00  
**Total . . . . . \$8,334.00**

Budgeted Offertory for Feb . . \$34,580.32  
 Offertory Received in Feb . . . \$8,334.00  
**Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . \$26,246.32**

### Monthly Offertory Comparison

Jan. 2018 (4 weekends) . . . . . \$32,141.00  
 Jan. 2017 (5 weekends) . . . . . \$32,484.33

## ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT

In addition to the daily and Saturday Confession schedule, Fr. William will be offering Confessions from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, and 20, and on **Holy Saturday, 4-5 pm.**

## From Our Pastor:

We begin another journey through the Season of Lent this Ash Wednesday, February 14, in our preparation for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday! During the 40 days of Lent (we don't count Sundays in the 40), we *pray, fast, give alms* (Matthew 6:1-18), and *repent* as we renew our commitment to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel, to follow Jesus (Mark 1:12-15). Please see this bulletin for our Ash Wednesday and Lenten schedule.

The love of God is at the heart of our Lenten journey – His love for us and our love for Him. All that we do and say should be directed toward God who is Love. Fasting and abstinence are part of that journey – as these practices help us to grow in our love for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in our love for one another.

Remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the major days for **fasting** (one regular meal; then two smaller meals that, together, equal one meal; no snacks) for those who are 18 to 60 years old. During Lent, Ash Wednesday and all Fridays are days of **abstinence**, meaning that we do not eat meat on those days for those who are age 14 or over. By abstaining from meat on Fridays, we remember that on Good Friday Jesus gave His flesh for the life of the world. By eating fish on Fridays, we recall Jesus Christ's miracle of the loaves and fish, a foreshadowing of the miracle of the Holy Eucharist; and we recall that Jesus told the Apostles who were fishermen that He would make them "fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). Remember, too, that the Greek word for *fish* is *Ichthys*, which is also an ancient Christian acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." In our Lenten journey, we might also give up something as part of our penitential practice, more closely uniting ourselves with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who Himself suffered for us, giving His flesh, His very life, in order to save us, as He died on the Cross and rose from the dead to conquer sin and death and to give us eternal life in Heaven.

This Lent, our Saint Clement Catholic Parish family will have many opportunities to grow in our love for Jesus and His Church and one another, including:

**Mass** Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8:15am; Saturdays 5pm; Sundays 7:30am, 9:30am.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** (confession) Before daily Mass; Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, February 20, 27, March 6, 13 and 20; Saturdays, 4-4:50pm; Holy Saturday, 4-5pm.

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday, March 3, after Mass until Saturday, 8am.

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays, 5:30pm, February 16, 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

May you and your families have a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey in Christ,  
*Fr. William*

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

This seven-week program will run from this Sunday, February 11th to Sunday, March 25th. 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. 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.

## ILLNESS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS

The Diocesan Offices have received a number of questions regarding participation in the Mass during the flu season. We hope that the following points are useful:

1. While Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, a serious reason may cause you to miss. Being sick is a serious reason for being excused from the obligation to attend Mass. If you have the flu or some other serious and/or contagious illness, please stay home. (Another common serious reason is severe weather.)
2. If you feel you have a cold or if you have a compromised immune system, please don't shake hands with others during the sign of peace. You may smile and say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."

**FORMED: A LENTEN TOOL FOR GROWTH**

Check out the Custom Content area at FORMED.org this week. We've added the "ANIMA" series as well as "A LENT TO REMEMBER" that we are using for our study groups at the parish during Lent. These items, plus much more, are at FORMED.org.

If you have not yet registered at FORMED, you will need to enter our parish access Code which is **DHYNXC** and then complete the registration information. In the future when you go to FORMED.org you will use the login icon using your email and password.

During Lent, you can also sign up to receive daily **Lenten Reflections** from FORMED sent directly to your email inbox. To do so, go to: <https://formed.org/promo/lent-2018>. It's quick and easy, and you do not need to be registered with FORMED sign up for these emails. Lenten Reflections includes a short video by Bishop Donald Hying who is the Bishop of Gary Indiana. He is also the nephew of Lucille Tracy, a former member of our parish. You will definitely benefit by signing up for Lenten Reflections.

**Please note** -- you should not use Internet Explorer for the FORMED site, as some of the features are not compatible. Using Chrome or Firefox as your browser should allow you to access the FORMED site without encountering problems. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or are having trouble getting registered.

**FORMED AND ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS**

Lent is now just days away. As we begin this Holy Season, we will watch the last video in the ANIMA series next week on February 19 and February 21. Our other study during Lent titled, A LENT TO REMEMBER: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy, will begin the last week of February. Both of these studies can be found on FORMED. There will be two opportunities to take part in our study groups. One opportunity will be held on Monday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM. The second opportunity will be on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 AM beginning. Each session will last about one hour and will be held in the parish office meeting room.

If you are unable to attend our group gatherings, you can always participate by viewing them on your own at FORMED.org. If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.

**ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT IS HERE!**

Our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, February 14th. All over the world, men, women and children will partake in our 40 days observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we keep our Lenten observance, we must remember that we do not do so alone. We are part of the Body of Christ who share a common resolution to allow the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and minds so that we may be more conformed to Jesus Christ, and prepared for the celebration of Easter.

**Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence**

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and older. The obligation to fast ends at age 60. On the days of fasting, only one full meal should be taken. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain health according to one's circumstances, and taken together, should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these minimally prescribed penitential practices.

How else might I fast? What will I give up 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 and charity? Will I make an effort to fast from gossip, rash judgments, unhealthy habits and other patterns of sin and self-centeredness? Besides Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, will I fast from food on other days?

**Prayer and Almsgiving**

How will my prayer be different this Lent? Will I come to daily Mass when I can? Will I make time for daily prayer, such as the Rosary, reading Sacred Scripture and/or other spiritual material? Honestly examining my life, will I make celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation a priority?

How will I give alms and reach out in charity to others? Donate to Operation Rice Bowl or another organization that assists the needy? Will I volunteer at an outreach program such as the LAC Food Pantry or assist at one of the nursing homes or thrift shops? How will I show mercy to others?

**Going Beyond the Minimum: Being Conformed to Christ**

It's tempting to think in Lent (and in life), "what's the least I have to do?" To grow in life, however, especially in our spiritual life, we need to get beyond this mindset. Recall the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount where He says, "You have heard it said...but I say to you..." Jesus calls for a conversion of heart, mind and soul, of thinking and acting. True conversion doesn't come with doing what's least expected. It takes commitment and openness to God's desire to work in us. Just as Jesus disciplined Himself through prayer, fasting and good works, we must do the same. These are just a few questions for thought before Lent begins. Consider, decide and then act on your decision on keeping Lent this year so that come Easter, we will be conformed more closely to Jesus.

**Helps for the Journey**

The February edition of *Magnificat*, the Lenten edition of *The Word Among Us*, as well as Rice Bowls, can be found at the entrance of church. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday. Sign up for Lenten Reflections from FORMED, or another one of the multitude of on-line helps for Lent.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

February 14: Class 6:00pm. Children will go to church at 6:50 to meet their parents for Ash Wednesday Mass.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: February 14

Grades 7, 8 & 9 – Attend Mass, 7 pm, Ash Wednesday, meet in the entrance of church.

## YOUTH MINISTRY - ISAIAH 43

February 14: Attend Mass, 7 pm, Ash Wednesday



### THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Tuesday, February 13 . . . . . Diggers Hotline Annual Meeting, 6:30-9 am, Dining Hall

Wednesday, February 14. . . . . Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:15 am  
. . . . . Mass, 7 pm  
. . . . . Mass at Orchard Manor, 9:30 am  
. . . . . Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care, 10:30 am  
. . . . . RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm)  
. . . . . Grades 7-12, Attend Mass at 7 pm, Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15 . . . . . Lancaster Fire Dept. Chili Supper, 4:30 – 7 pm, Dining Hall

### OUR ST. CLEMENT PARISH END-OF-YEAR MAILING

Please remember to pick up your envelope that contains our parish's end-of-year mailing (and includes your contribution statement if we have a record of your contributions) on the tables in the entrance of the church. Every registered family will have an envelope. Any questions, contact Katie at the parish office (723-4990).

### “HAVE A HEART QUILTING BEE”

Mark your calendar and plan to join with your friends for the 16th annual “Have a Heart Quilting Bee” on Saturday, February 17th, from 9 AM to 3 PM, at the Youth & Ag Center at the Fairgrounds in Lancaster. The quilters need people to participate in quilting/tying baby blankets (no experience necessary) and experienced quilters to oversee production. The infant and toddler quilts/blankets remain and are donated to families in need in Grant County. They accept monetary donations and currently need large plain color sheets or material. Contact Ellen Conley for questions at 608-822-3098 or [dellen@tds.net](mailto:dellen@tds.net). Check the bulletin board (outside the parish office) for more detail.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:30 pm, February 16, 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.



## DIOCESE OF MADISON ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018

*“We Dare to Hope”*

The theme for the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison concentrates on Hope. We ask that God grant us the ability to put our *hope* in Him to allow us the capacity to love and care for those in our parishes, our diocese and the Church throughout the world. We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports diocesan ministries, education and services and assures a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and the people that it serves.

This year, each of us is asked to consider making a pledge, payable over five months. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide grant opportunities for Catholic schools, religious education programs and assisting distressed parishes in need.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

St. Clement Parishioners,

Many thanks for all the cards, prayers, and good wishes I received from so many of you. Do know you are also in my daily prayers. After being bounced around from one doctor to another for 6 months, I have finally started with my radiation treatments, and I hope and pray that they are successful.

Sr. Angeline Kieler, OFM

### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

#### SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Our Saint Clement Parish School would like to congratulate the following students for earning a place on our Honor Roll for the second quarter:

»**High Honors:** Emily Cummins, Abigail Esser, Ariana Hauck, Josephine Hoerth, Mallory Olmstead, Lilyann Weber, Aurora Fritz, Trinity Ihm, Emma Jensen, Nicole Kelley, Cassie Nemitz, Ava Stader, Logan Harding, and Brandon Winter

»**Honors:** Findley Hoffman, Reese Belscamper, and Olivia Webster

»**Honorable Mention:** Connor Raisbeck, Owen Fritz, Ava Hermsen, Brianna Kirsch, Caden Timmerman, Jillian Adam, Brenin Belscamper, Logan Muldoon, Austin Reuter, and Aiden Hauk

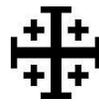
#### 4K REGISTRATION

Families wishing to send their children to Four-Year-Old Kindergarten at our Saint Clement Parish School this Fall should complete our Application for Enrollment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Please call the school office at 723-7474 if you would like to receive registration information or schedule a school visit.

*Saint Clement School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic and other school-administered programs.*



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**8:15 AM Lectors and Servers:** St. Clement School

**7 PM Lectors:** Bill Manthe & Kitty Mumm

**7 PM Servers:** Matthew Crosby, Joey Recker & Jenna Raisbeck

### FEBRUARY 17 & 18

**5 PM Lectors:** Tom Schaefer & Peg Jonas

**5 PM Servers:** Haley & Caden Timmerman, Brenin Belscamper

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

**7:30 AM Servers:** Bill Manthe

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Jenny/Gracie Winter, Josh Jensen

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

### FEBRUARY 24 & 25

**5 PM Lectors:** Linda Ihm & Rick Benson

**5 PM Servers:** Mason & Avery Crooks

**7:30 AM Lector:** Shayne LaBudda

**7:30 AM Servers:** Volunteers

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Sam Jonas & Kathy Larsen

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

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

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ash Wednesday falls on Saint Valentine's Day this year. The beginning of the Catholic tradition of six weeks of penance and sacrifice starts on that same day that some call a "holiday of love" and express sentiments of "forever yours." Two such different celebrations, or are they?

Christ showed us how to love through sacrifice. Saint Valentine was a martyr who gave his life rather than give up his faith in and love for Christ. There may be things we don't necessarily want to do for those we love. But, when we follow Christ's example of selfless love, giving to the point of suffering, we rise happier and more fulfilled.

Ash Wednesday is appropriate for Saint Valentine's Day as we prepare to be selfless and self-giving in our love for God and others. "Forever yours" is what we want to be, souls ready to do works of mercy, prayers of gratitude and penance, and sacrifices big and small. "Forever yours" is what Jesus proclaimed on the Cross and what we remember each Lent. On this Ash Wednesday, thinking of Saint Valentine's Day, we answer Him with "Won't You be mine," and we find ourselves molded into "living valentines," more surely loving God and our neighbor.

Let us pray:

*Holy Spirit, Lover of my soul,  
lead me to grow in holiness and charity.  
Awaken in me the awesome wonder of Your gifts within,  
that in response to Your grace I may be a gift  
to my family, my friends, my parish and especially to You.  
Holy Spirit, my Friend and my Guide, strengthen me.*

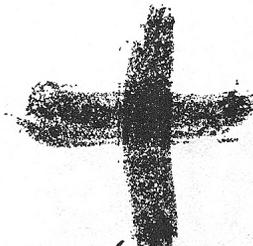
## AREA FISH FRY...

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH FISH FRY

St. Joseph School, Sinsinawa, WI, Friday, February 16, 4:00-8:00 p.m., Serving: Deep-fried and baked fish, baked potatoes, potato salad, coleslaw, lettuce, carrots, dessert & milk. Carry-outs available 3:30-6:00 p.m. Call 608-748-4442. Games & refreshments in gym. Proceeds go to St. Joseph Catholic School.

### KIELER FISH FRY

Friday, February 23 • Serving 4:30-8:30 p.m. HG-IC SCHOOL IN KIELER 3685 County HHH 608-568-7220 Adults: \$12.00 Children 6-12: \$6.00; 2-5: \$3.00 CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE - \$13.00 Baked & Fried Fish, Baked Potato & American Fries, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Relishes & Dessert



*Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.*

## TEC RETREAT #172 IS COMING TO ST. CLEMENT PARISH

The "Together Encountering Christ" (TEC) retreat date is March 9-11, 2018. The retreat will begin at noon on March 9. TEC 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 over 15 years of age, it can be especially rewarding for youth who are preparing for or have been recently Confirmed and adults in the RCIA program. This is also an invitation for those who have already experienced a TEC to come and help by working on team. Fr. William Vernon will be the Spiritual Director, and Steve Davies is the overall Director. Steve can be reached at 608.220.2088 if you have questions. Applications and more information about TEC can be found at [www.kairostec.org](http://www.kairostec.org) or from the brochures that are available on our bulletin board by the parish office. TEC retreat is a fantastic faith experience, especially during the Lenten Season.

