



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 27 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Fr. John Urban

Wednesday, February 28 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Jerry Fellenz

Thursday, March 1 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Dennis Fishnick

Friday, March 2 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Joe & Mary Winter

Saturday, March 3 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Al & Jane Klaas  
**5:00 PM**  
 † Vince & Germaine Mumm

Sunday, March 4 . . . . . **7:30 AM**  
 People of Our Parish  
**9:30 AM**  
 † Joyce Klaas

**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.

**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 27, March 6, 13, and 20, and on **Holy Saturday, 4-5 pm.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*February 17 & 18*

Church Support Envelopes . . .	\$5,902.00
Offertory Cash . . . . .	\$789.00
Children's Offertory . . . . .	\$46.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$983.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving . .	\$3,368.00
Ash Wednesday . . . . .	\$599.00
Children's Offertory (Ash Wed.) . .	\$13.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$11,700.00</b>
Budgeted Offertory for Feb . .	\$34,580.32
Offertory Received in Feb . .	\$25,585.00
<b>Budgeted Amount Still Needed . .</b>	<b>\$8,995.32</b>

## From Our Pastor:

In the Transfiguration of Jesus that we hear about this Second Sunday of Lent (Mark 9:2-10), God gives us a glimpse of His glory in Heaven. We respond, as we do at every Mass, with prayers of thanksgiving, and with prayers for people who have died – because they may benefit from our prayers if they are in Purgatory, which is not a place *but a state of being*, a state of purification, that *occurs in Heaven*. When we die, we either go to Heaven or to Hell – and God will judge us according to our deeds, whether good or evil (2 Cor. 5:10; Matthew 25). To be in Purgatory *means that we are in Heaven, for Jesus has saved us from our sins*. To be before the Face of God in the full glory of Heaven (the Beatific Vision), we may need a purging of the effects of the sins we committed, sins that Jesus Christ in His infinite mercy has forgiven. Purgatory is Our Lord's merciful justice. Jesus revealed His justice and mercy in His Crucifixion and Resurrection. Purgatory is like the time I broke a window at my parents' home – I asked them to forgive me and they did, but the window remained broken. Someone had to repair it. Likewise, we seek God's forgiveness for our sins and He forgives us, yet the effects of our sins remain (harm we caused to others by our sins). So by God's grace we strive to repair the damage we caused by our sins. Such reparation (Masses, prayers, fasting, almsgiving, penances) can also be done by us on behalf of the dead who may need a final purification.

Purgatory, then, is a state of purification in Heaven, where the saving merits of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection are applied to the soul of the deceased Christian who has died with non-deadly (1 John 5:16-17), post-baptismal sins on his soul (Jesus purifies us of the *effects* of the sins He has forgiven). This final purification prepares the Christian's soul for total union with God in the full glory of Heaven (the word "Purgatory" does not appear in the Bible, but we still use the term just as we use the non-Biblical word "Trinity" to describe God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Let us pray for the faithful departed – if they're already in the fullness of Heaven, then our prayers and penance may deepen their love for God, or God will apply them to others who do need them. The Bible and Catechism can help us to understand Jesus Christ's Teachings on Purgatory:

Isaiah 6:5-7; 2 Macc. 12:38-46; Sirach 7:33; Psalm 99:8; Rev. 6:9-10, 8:3-4, 21:27; Matthew 5:8, 5:48, 12:32, 17:1-8, 25:31-46; Mark 9:49; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:16-17; 1 Cor. 3:10-20, 15:20-34; 2 Cor. 4:7-18, 5:1-10; 2 Tim. 1:15-18; Hebrews 9:23-28, 12:14. Also, Catechism of the Catholic Church #1030-1032.

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

## MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF FR. SAMUEL MAZZUCHELLI, OP

The annual Mass commemorating the death of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, OP will be held **TODAY**, Feb. 25 at 1:30 PM at St. Patrick Church in Benton. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass & Social. Fr. Samuel died on Feb. 23, 1864, at the age of 57 and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery. In the mid-1800's, he was instrumental in establishing and building many Catholic Churches in SW Wisconsin and the tri-state region. Fr. Samuel was declared "Venerable" by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and his cause for beatification is in process. Fr. Samuel, an immigrant from Italy who came to the United States of America to spread the Gospel, was dearly beloved by Native Americans, the immigrant population here in the U.S., and all who knew him. He was an extraordinary man and priest. The Sinsinawa Dominicans, which he founded, has an extensive exhibit in honor of this great pioneer priest.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Olivia Ann and Elliott John, children of Adam and Jayne (Brandemuehl) Webster, received their First Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist! May God bless you always!





## FORMED: A LENTEN TOOL FOR GROWTH

This Lent, be sure to go to FORMED.org to help prepare yourself for a joy-filled Easter! Check out “**FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession.**” We do a lot to make ourselves look good on the outside. But more importantly, what are we doing to clean our heart, our conscience and our soul? We encounter the healing power and mercy of the Risen Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation who gives us a clean heart and steadfast spirit. Learn more about this Sacrament of Mercy in “FORGIVEN.”

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.

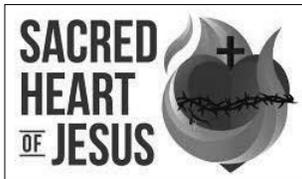
**Please note**-- you should not use Internet Explorer for the FORMED site, as some of the features are not compatible. Using Chrome or Firefox as your browser should allow you to access the FORMED site without encountering problems. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or are having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

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### LENT ADULT EDUCATION: “A LENT TO REMEMBER”

The four - session A LENT TO REMEMBER: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy adult education study will begin this week. There will be two opportunities to take part in study groups. One opportunity will be held on Monday evenings, beginning on February 26 at 6:30 PM. The second opportunity will be on Wednesday mornings beginning on February 28 at 9:15 AM. 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, or miss a group gathering, you can always participate by viewing this study at FORMED.org. If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.



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### SUFFERING AND THE SACRED HEART:

*A Day of Reflection for Women*

**Immaculate Conception Church in Kieler • March 24 from 9:30 – 4:00**

Have you ever wondered about suffering? Why bad things happen to good people? Is there comfort for suffering? What about love? What role does God’s love have in suffering? Come hear Heidi Indahl, a wife, mother and author, share her testimony. Reflect on suffering’s spiritual purpose. Ponder the love of the Sacred Heart. Enjoy time away to pray and grow in faith with other women seeking to do the same. There will be opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost is \$10. **Please note:** You will need to bring your own brownbag lunch! Contact Angie Snyder at [kielersnyder@gmail.com](mailto:kielersnyder@gmail.com) or 608-732-6329 for information and to register.

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### 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 Confirmation 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.

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### WOMEN OF THE BIBLE DRAMA AT SINSINAWA MOUND

The popular “Women of the Bible” drama returns to Sinsinawa Mound Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 and 21. Actress Anita Gutschick of Baltimore, Md., vividly portrays biblical women. Through a series of monologues, these women recount their personal stories, offering lessons for the present and hope for the future. Tuesday’s performance will be Gutschick’s “Who Ya Gonna Serve?” program, which portrays Elizabeth, Puah, and Herodius. Wednesday’s performance will be “Fruit of the Tree,” featuring Eve, Potiphar’s wife, and Mary of Magdala. Reservations made by March 13 are available for the meal and the performance (\$30) or the performance only (\$20). Cost for the show only after March 13 will be \$25 at the door. Times are 5:45 p.m. meal and 7 p.m. performance on Tuesday and noon meal and 1:30 p.m. performance on Wednesday. For more information, contact Guest Services at 608-748-4411 or visit [www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter)

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

February 28: Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: February 28

Grades 7, 8 & 9: Class 7:00-8:30pm

### YOUTH MINISTRY - ISAIAH 43

Parents of Steubenville North Youth Conference participants, please register your child/ren. The registration cheat sheets for Steubenville is on the Youth Ministry table by the Holy Water font.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 25 . . . . St. Clement Men's Group "Surrender"  
~7 pm Social; 7:30 Presentation, Dining Hall

Tuesday, February 27 . . . . . Knights of Columbus 1st Degree  
Ceremony, 7 pm, Parish Office Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 28 . . . . . All School Mass, 8:15 am  
. . . . . Mass at Orchard Manor, 9:30 am  
. . . . . Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care, 10:30 am  
. . . . . RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm), 7-9 (7 - 8:30 pm)

Thursday, March 1 . . 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meeting,  
7 pm, Parish Office Meeting Room

Friday, March 2 . . . . . First Friday Adoration  
(24 hours through Saturday, 8 am)  
. . . . . Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 3 . . . . . Arlyne Nuti Visitation, 9:30 to 11 am,  
Funeral Mass at 11 am

### DEFENDING SEXUAL INTEGRITY

This **Annual Interdenominational Youth & Parent Event** is presented by Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin on Wednesday, March 7, 6:30-8:30 pm at Community Evangelical Free Church in Platteville. This free event is for youth (13 and older) and parents/guardians. Youth and parents will be encouraged by music and messages centered on the power and courage it takes to personally defend *sexual integrity* according to Christian morality.

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MARCH 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



## 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 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.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Stations of the Cross also available on EWTN  
on Fridays at 1:30 pm.

### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

#### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Saint Clement "Celebration of Giving" Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 2018. Please mark your calendars now, make plans to attend, and help spread the word to friends and family. Invitations and additional information will be coming out soon. Music, Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction will be starting at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Live Auction will be starting at 7:00 p.m. Also, please contact the school if you have items that you would like to donate for the auction. We are especially looking for bigger "experience" items such as vacation rentals, concert or game tickets, or family friendly packages like fishing/camping trips, waterpark packages. etc. Thank you all once again for your continued support of our wonderful parish school!!!

#### KNOWLEDGE CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements in our annual Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest:

**Math – Grade 6:** 1) Ariana Hauck 2) Josephine Hoerth  
3) Findley Hoffman

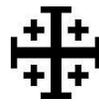
**Spelling – Grade 6:** 1) Ariana Hauck 2) Josephine Hoerth  
3) Emily Cummins

**Math – Grade 5:** 1) Trinity Ihm 2) Logan Muldoon  
3) Aurora Fritz

**Spelling – Grade 5:** 1) Trinity Ihm 2) Brandon Winter  
3) Aurora Fritz



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### MARCH 3 & 4

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

**5 PM Servers:** Brianna Kirsch, Zach Mendis, Madeline Reukauf

**7:30 AM Lector:** Jan Block

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

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Tom Lucke & Sheri Ihm

**9:30 AM Servers:** Lydia, Aaron & Anna Murphy

### MARCH 10 & 11

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

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

**7:30 AM Lector:** Connie Reinsbach

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

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Kitty Mumm, Jenny/Gracie Winter

**9:30 AM Servers:** Emma, Joe and Abby Esser

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

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Fiedler who died on Saturday, February 17, and whose funeral Mass was this past Wednesday, February 21. Richard was 86 at the time of his passing from this life to life eternal. While Richard was in the U.S. Army and stationed in Baltimore, he met his future wife, Eileen. They married in 1955, and at the time of his death they were just 2 days shy of 63 years of marriage. Richard and Eileen had a wonderful love for each other, and he had a deep devotion to his family. Richard also had a beautiful love for God, a man of faith and prayer. After he retired, he and Eileen were often daily Mass attendees, and to be in their home was to be surrounded by images of saints, Jesus, Our Blessed Mother and other objects of devotion. Richard's love for God and for others was clearly evident in his life. As we keep this good man in our prayers, may we also pray for his beloved wife Eileen, his children Eileen, Linda, Nick, Chris, and Pat, his sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his brother Bernard and sister Mary, and all of his loved ones in this time of sorrow. May God's consolation and comfort be with them.

*"Eternal rest grant unto Richard, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

### HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Documented Human Trafficking incidents exist in every one of the 72 counties in Wisconsin. Come learn about the warning signs, and how to respond if you suspect trafficking activity. Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin is sponsoring this **FREE educational event**, along with Grant County Sheriff's office and UW-Platteville. This event for parents and college students will be held on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 PM, at UW-Platteville. Together we can stop Human Trafficking in SW Wisconsin. Go to [standwithclarity.com/.events](http://standwithclarity.com/.events) to register.

### YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill my heart with Your holy gifts.

Let my weakness be penetrated with  
Your Strength this very day  
that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously,  
that I may do what is right and just.

Let my charity be such as to offend no one,  
and hurt no one's feelings;  
so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me.

Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all the trials of my life.  
enlighten me in my ignorance,  
advise me in my doubts,  
strengthen me in my weakness,  
help me in all my needs,  
protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions.

Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit,  
and pour Your Light into my heart, my soul, and my mind.  
Assist me to live a holy life and to grow  
in goodness and grace.  
Amen.

### AREA FISH FRY...

#### STS. ANDREW-THOMAS PARISH FISH FRY

Friday, March 9 • Serving 5 to 7:30 pm

Sts. Andrew-Thomas School, Potosi

Adults: \$10.50; Children 3-12: \$5.50;

Carry-Outs Available (.50 extra)

Fried & Baked Cod, Potato Salad or Baked Potato,  
Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Beverage & Dessert

#### ST. MARY—FENNIMORE LENTEN FISH FRIES

Friday, March 9 and Friday, March 23

Serving 5 to 7:30 pm, church hall

Adults: \$10.50; Children 5-12: \$5.50;

Carry-outs are available by calling 822-6735 in advance.

Deep fried cod, baked potato, potato salad,  
coleslaw, dinner rolls, relish tray, buns and dessert.

### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

**KINSLEY NICOLE**

Daughter of Bradley and Kathryn (Kesler) Fishnick

**LIAM JOHN**

Son of Adam and Jayne (Brandemuehl) Webster



### ST. CLEMENT MEN'S GROUP PRESENTS:

#### FR. LARRY RICHARDS' "SURRENDER"

February 25 ~ 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Presentation

Chapter 3: Surrender and Be Free!



