



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, February 6 8:15 AM
(Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs)
 † Babies who were unwanted and aborted

Wednesday, February 7 8:15 AM
 For the Homeless Souls

Thursday, February 8 8:15 AM
(Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)
 † Jim Lee

Friday, February 9 8:15 AM
 Neglected/Kidnapped/Victims of Human Trafficking

Saturday, February 10 8:15 AM
(Saint Scholastica, Virgin)
 Forgotten Souls Currently in Nursing Homes
5:00 PM
 People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 11 **7:30 AM**
 † Paul Klaas
9:30 AM
 † Rosemary Wolf

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 27 & 28

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$3,690.00
 Offertory Cash \$854.00
 Children's Offertory \$89.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$978.00
Total \$5,611.00

Budgeted Offertory for Jan. . . \$35,892.32
 Offertory Received in Jan. . . \$32,141.00
Budgeted Amount Not Met. . \$3,751.32

Monthly Offertory Comparison

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

ST CLEMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Feb 9 • 12 – 5 pm
 St Clement School Gym

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org to schedule a time.

Walk-ins are welcome as well.

From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, we once again hear about Jesus curing many who were sick (Mark 1:29-39). Each and every one of us needs Jesus Christ to heal us in mind, body and soul. He is the Redeemer, the Only Savior of the world. Jean Vanier, a Catholic theologian and philosopher and founder of L'Arche (*The Ark*, please visit the website: jean-vanier.org/en), an international network of communities that serve the developmentally disabled, gets the last word:

“Being reborn in Jesus is not rapid for many of us. It is a quiet, gentle growth, like the growth of the child in the womb of his mother and like his gradual growth in knowledge, affection, physical strength, and understanding after birth. The healing power of the Holy Spirit is a quiet, gentle power. He makes die in us all the fears, the desire to possess or to destroy, the hurts and the frustrations, all the power which wants to dominate. There is a growth in the power of listening, the power of compassion, of patience, of learning to wait for the hour of God. We learn to surrender to the power of the Spirit, the power of God, to stop agitating, to let God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit take over our lives, to abandon ourselves to the Supreme Healer.”

“Jesus manifests Himself as He walks through Judea, when He comes to give sight to the blind, to enable the lame man to walk, and the deaf to hear. All these are essentially symbols of something much deeper. He opens the eyes of the heart, so that we begin to see reality as it is, so that we see our wounded brothers and sisters, see their anguish. He opens our ears, for just as we see but are blind to reality, so we hear but do not listen. There is a fundamental healing that must take place before we really can listen to the music of reality, before we can listen to people without fear, before we can listen to the Holy Spirit (and when we listen to the Spirit, we're listening to the Father and the Son, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity).”

“Jesus the Healer comes when we are conscious that we need a healer; when we become conscious of our own egoism, all the anarchy of desire, all the fears, all the cowardice and weakness, all the need for human security that incites us to possess. It is only when we become conscious of our weakness and our fears that we can begin to grow in union with the Holy Spirit.”

With prayers and peace in Christ,
Fr. William

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Parish family,

Thank you for all the notes, cards, gifts and food this past Christmas Season. Please accept this belated “**thank you**” note from me for all your kind words and your generous and thoughtful gifts during my first Christmas here at Saint Clement Catholic Parish in Lancaster! Please know that I continue to thank God for you and your families each day, as it is a blessing to serve you – you're in my daily prayers, especially at Mass. As we strive to live the virtues of faith, hope and love, may we grow in our love for Jesus Christ, His Church and one another, and may God bless you all.

– *Fr. William*

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 11th to Sunday before Easter, 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. Don't you just dislike that word! We might 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.

FORMED: A NEW MEANS OF FAITH FORMATION

Check out the Custom Content area at FORMED.org this week. We've added the ANIMA series that we are using for our study groups at the parish as we get ready for Lent. We've also added the video, "Bakhita: From Slave to Saint," which tells the story of St. Josephine Bakhita, whose feast day is February 8th. You will also find a Fr. Mike Schmitz video on the Theology of the Body. These items, plus much more, are 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." Our Parish Access Code 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.

FORMED AND ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Lent is almost here and we are preparing our hearts to enter this Holy Season with a study titled ANIMA. We saw the first segment, "Crux," last week, and this week we will view the second segment, "Kenosis." Soon after Lent begins, we will begin our second study titled A LENT TO REMEMBER: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy. 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 either of these group gatherings, you can always participate by viewing them at FORMED.org. You may want to even consider inviting a few people to watch them with you and have a short discussion afterward.

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.

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR LENT**

Lent comes every year, and it's meant to be a time where we examine our lives, give our struggles to God and invite Him by His grace to help us grow in holiness as we prepare to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. However, Lent is often approached as a season to endure, where little transformation happens, and we can't wait for Easter to arrive. Let's change that.

This Lent, the St. Paul Center is happy to announce that both of their highly acclaimed "Journey Through Scripture" Bible studies will be available for free!

Join host Matthew Leonard for each of these visually stunning series that explore God's gifts of life and love to His children. Experience the power of the Church's seven signs of grace in *The Bible and the Sacraments*, and unveil the mystery of Our Lady in Scripture in *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. Join thousands of Catholics online by participating in these free Bible studies!

The free online studies begin on February 14, 2018 and will continue throughout the Lenten Season. To sign up for one or both of these free studies, go to: <https://stpaulcenter.com/lent-2018/>.

Both *Dynamic Catholic* and *Redeemed Online* are offering daily emails during the Lenten Season that will come directly to your email inbox. Each day you will receive an email that includes a short video and questions for reflection. To sign up for *Dynamic Catholic*, go to: www.DynamicCatholic.com/bestlentever. *Redeemed Online* will focus on the Gospel of Mark each day in their videos. To receive the emails from *Redeemed Online*, go to: www.lentseries.com.

Also keep in mind the parish study we have with ANIMA and A LENT TO REMEMBER, which can be found at FORMED.org, or by joining our study reflection groups on Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings. The above are just a few online studies available during Lent. There are many more. Try not to sign up for ten different emails -- you will spend more time reading them than you will in prayer and reflection! It's important to find one or two that speak to your heart, which will allow the grace of God to enter in.

"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. Check the bulletin board (outside the parish office) for more detail.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

February 7: Class 6:00pm to 7:00pm

February 14: We will NOT meet at 5:30 as the original schedule states. Children will come to class at 6:00; parents may meet them in church at 6:50 for Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00pm.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS for Grades 7 to 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: February 7

Grades 7, 8 & 9 – DTS, 7-8:30 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY - ISAIAH 43

February 7 – DTS, 7-8:30 pm

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 27th through 29th 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

Wednesday, February 7 All School Mass, 8:15 am
. RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm)
. DTS; Grades 7-12 (7-8:30 pm)
Thursday, February 8 . . . Education Commission Meeting, 6 pm
Friday, February 9 Red Cross Blood Drive, Noon-5 pm,
St. Clement School Gym
. Mass at Morningside Nursing Home, 11:15 am

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. Every registered family will have an envelope.

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."

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.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

JOSEPH IVAN

Son of Thomas and Amanda (Hefty) Friederick

CHARLES THEODORE

Son of Taylor and Katie (Felhofer) Reynolds

DAVID CLARENCE

Son of Douglas and Stacy (Allen) Wiedenbeck

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

SAINT CLEMENT BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Clement Parish is hosting a Lancaster Community Blood Drive in our school gymnasium this coming Friday, February 9th from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Right now, the American Red Cross has an urgent need for eligible blood donors. Busy holiday schedules, winter weather and illness have led to a winter blood donation shortage. Patients are counting on us to help meet their needs and we are hoping to provide our students with another example of how we can live our faith by helping others in need. We are urging all of our blood drive partners to go the extra mile as we recruit donors for our upcoming blood drive.

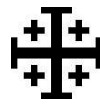
4K REGISTRATION

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**



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

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

*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!**

YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Many of our Catholic prayers, especially in the Liturgy, end with the phrase “through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.” Our prayers are always offered to the Father, through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. This phrase is preceded by various intercessions, for instance: “that we may always walk in the light of Your truth.” “that we may be presented to You with minds made pure.” “that we may be defended always by Your protection.” This is greater comfort than the world can ever offer. We live in the age of the Holy Spirit, strengthened by the Grace won through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, with the right of baptized children to appeal to the Father for all of our needs. This week, let’s ask the Holy Spirit to give us the grace of “full, conscious, and active participation” in the Liturgy to which Vatican II called us (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 14), and pray with the priest at Mass with open hearts and minds turned to God to catch and comprehend every word.

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

ST. CLEMENT FALL FESTIVAL - 2017

MAIN RAFFLE

Ticket Sales.....	\$18,370.00
Printing Cost	-\$739.06
Prizes.....	-\$10,000.00
NET PROFIT.....	\$7,630.94

RAFFLE DONATIONS

NET PROFIT.....	\$15,375.00
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DINNER

Ticket Sales.....	\$18,130.00
Carry Outs/Food Sold.....	\$4,492.75
Cost of chicken/food/paper products	-\$8,860.37
Cost of Charcoal	-\$662.40
Printing.....	-\$94.50
NET PROFIT.....	\$13,005.48

CASH DONATIONS

NET PROFIT.....	\$3,670.00
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SWEET ROLLS

Sales	\$613.75
Expenses.....	-\$97.16
NET PROFIT.....	\$516.59

BEER TENT

Sales/TV Raffle	\$809.26
NET PROFIT.....	\$809.26

SILENT AUCTION

NET PROFIT.....	\$6,095.00
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COUNTRY STORE

Bakery.....	\$500.00
Crafts/Produce.....	\$133.50
Quilt Raffle.....	\$264.00
Raffle Tickets.....	-\$48.00
NET PROFIT.....	\$849.50

GAMES

Net Receipts.....	\$1032.90
Cake Walk.....	\$214.75
50/50 Raffle	\$73.00
Cost of Prizes	-\$270.64
Cost of Blow-Ups.....	-\$300.00
NET PROFIT.....	\$750.01

VEGAS TICKETS

Sales	\$229.25
Cost of Tickets	-\$0.00
NET PROFIT.....	\$229.25

OTHER EXPENSE

Advertising.....	-\$986.33
Miscellaneous	-\$302.34
TOTAL LOSS.....	-\$1,288.67

TOTAL NET PROFIT	\$47,642.36
BEGINNING BALANCE.....	\$1,991.32
TOTAL	\$49,633.68

TRANSFER TO PARISH \$48,000.00

BALANCE ON HAND

December 31, 2017.....	\$1,633.68
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**Good work everyone! Thank you all for pulling together
for a successful Fall Festival!**

