



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 13 . . . . .	8:15 AM
	† Joe Stohlmeyer
Wednesday, March 14 . . . . .	8:15 AM
	† Matt Schroeder
Thursday, March 15 . . . . .	8:15 AM
	Sister Angeline Kieler
Friday, March 16 . . . . .	8:15 AM
	† Victor & Katherine Everix
Saturday, March 17. . . . .	8:15 AM
	† Fr. Lawrence Heitke
	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	† Patrick Leh
Sunday, March 18. . . . .	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	People of Our Parish
	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	† William L. Reinecke

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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*March 3 & 4*

Church Support Envelopes . . . . .	\$7,187
Offertory Cash . . . . .	\$686
Children's Offertory . . . . .	\$86
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$983
1 <sup>st</sup> of the Month Electronic Giving . .	\$1,025
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$9,967</b>

Budgeted Offertory for March . .	\$36,127.65
Offertory Received in March . .	\$9,967.00
<b>Budgeted Amount Still Needed . .</b>	<b>\$26,160.65</b>

### Monthly Offertory Comparison

Feb. 2018. . . . .	\$31,177.00
Feb. 2017. . . . .	\$32,774.33

## From Our Pastor:

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, as we draw ever closer to the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Only Savior of the world, we hear from the Gospel of Saint John (3:16-21):

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.*

Yes, brothers and sisters in Christ, God calls us to follow Him to our eternal home, our purpose in life: Heaven. This means that we walk in the light of Christ, so that it may be clearly seen that what we do is done in God. We walk in the light of Christ when we keep His Commandments, summed up in the two great Commandments: love of God and love of neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40). Walking in the light of Christ is not easy, for we're all guilty of sinning – yet how often do we try to deny our guilt by blaming someone else for something that we have or have not done, or, as Fr. John Dominic Corbett, OP (*Magnificat.com*), has said, by blaming it on an earlier version of ourselves. Indeed, it is clear why so many of us, when it comes to facing who we are and what we have done, remain in the darkness rather than come to the light – for who could be expected to come to the light if what it reveals is too terrible to see? So *in mercy* the Light has come to us! It has given us not judgment but rebirth. We look upon the crucified Lord Jesus Christ and we see in God both the forgiveness of our sins and our new identity as His children. He has forgiven us. By His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and His Ascension into Heaven, He has conquered sin and death and wrought for us Life Eternal in Heaven. He requires that we repent, seek His forgiveness, pick up our cross daily and follow Him in faith, hope and love. He loves us. His mercy endures forever. This is Truth. This is Light. May we walk always in the light of Christ.

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

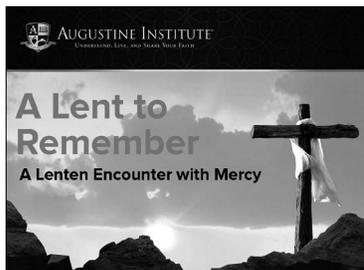
## EASTER MEMORIALS



As we journey through Lent, it's again that time of year where we have the opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones through Easter memorial donations. The money collected will go toward decorating the Church during Easter and throughout the Easter 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 **March 25**. Thank you!

## ROSARY CRUSADE FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Our parish family of Saint Clement will be praying the Rosary on March 17, at 12 Noon, outside the historic Grant County Courthouse – March 17 is the Memorial of Saint Patrick and the closest Saturday to the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19). We will be joining Catholic Christians nationwide in the 2018 Traditional Marriage Public Square Rosary Crusade, witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His teachings on marriage and the family. Please join us in praying the Rosary (and bring a folding chair if you need one; and if you cannot attend, please consider praying the Rosary at 12 Noon on that day).



## A LENT TO REMEMBER: A PARISH-WIDE STUDY

Join with others in our parish for a 4-week video-based study on FORMED.org. “A Lent to Remember: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy” is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. In this Season of Lent, we invite the Lord to give us new hearts, hearts transformed by His grace and mercy.

It’s easy to take part in this parish-wide study; and you can do so from the comfort of your home and at a time convenient for you. Each week we will invite you to view one of the 30 minute segments of “A Lent to Remember.” At “A Lent to Remember,” under Participant Material’s, there is a Study Guide

with information and reflection questions for you to ponder, or to use for discussion if you are viewing this study with your family or with others. We encourage you to watch “A Lent to Remember” as a family and/or to invite a person or two into your home to truly make this a “community” event, and to expand the fruits of reflection and fellowship.

This week we continue the parish-wide study with Session 2: “An Encounter with Mercy.” Looking ahead: The week of March 18, Week Three, will feature “Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained,” and the study will conclude on Holy Week with “The Paschal Mystery.”

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 to take part in this study, or to view any of the other great content on FORMED.

**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”

“A LENT TO REMEMBER: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy” adult education group study continues this week. We’ll be watching Session Three: “Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained” on Wednesday morning at 9:15 AM. We will meet in the parish office meeting room. Please feel free to join us even if you were not able to make previous sessions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will not be offering the group study for “A Lent to Remember” on Monday nights due to a lack of attendance. When we begin another study in the spring or early summer, we will see if there is interest in an evening opportunity at that time.

If you are unable to attend our group sessions, or miss a group gathering, you can always participate in “A Lent to Remember” by viewing this study at FORMED.org. If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.

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### LOST ITEMS AND FALL FESTIVAL/FUNERAL DISHES

Please look over the LOST AND FOUND cabinet to see if your lost item is there. Also check the dishes from Fall Festival/funerals on the table by the Holy Water font, near entrance to the Fatima Chapel, to claim them. Any remaining items in the ‘lost and found’ cabinet and dishes on the table will be donated to the thrift store at the end of this month (March). Thank you for your assistance!

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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)

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### AREA FISH FRIES...

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

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

#### ST. CHARLES FISH FRY

Friday, March 23 – Serving 5 to 8:30 pm

St. Charles School Gym, Cassville

Adults: \$11 Children 6-12: \$7 Carry-outs \$11.50

Fried & Baked fish, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Coleslaw, Cheese Curds, Grilled Cheese, Dinner Rolls, Beverage & Dessert

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Wednesday, March 14: Class 6:00-7:00 pm

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: March 14

Grades 7 & 8: Class 7-8:30 pm

Grades 9-12: "Chosen & Called" by Fr. Greg Ihm, 6:30-8:30 pm

### YOUTH MINISTRY - ISAIAH 43

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 pm, "Chosen & Called"

Parents of Steubenville North Youth Conference participants, please register your child/ren by Friday, March 16. The registration cheat sheets for Steubenville is on the Youth Ministry table by the Holy Water font or follow the link sent in the email. Thank you for your support and cooperation!



### THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 11 St. Clement Men's Group "Surrender" ~7 pm Social; 7:30 Presentation, Dining Hall

Wednesday, March 14 . . . . . 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); Grades 7-8 (7-8:30 pm)

. . . . . "Chosen & Called" - Fr. Greg Ihm, 6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, March 16 . . . St. Clement School Stations of the Cross, 2:20 pm

. . . . . Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

### CHOSEN & CALLED!

Fr. Greg Ihm and two Schoenstatt Sisters will be at St. Clement Parish this Wednesday, March 14, to speak on priestly and religious vocations. Their talks will begin at 6:30 and go to 8:30 PM, and will be held in the church. Our religious education students, and other area high school students will be in attendance, but this is open to people of all ages.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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

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

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

March 11 ~ 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Presentation  
Chapter 5: Surrender and Hear God's Voice!

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Following the Stations of the Cross is an ancient Catholic devotion, particularly practiced during Lent. For those of us who won't get to the Holy Land to walk Jesus' actual path to Calvary, we have the opportunity for a spiritual pilgrimage as we follow the Stations portrayed in our churches. As we strive to be a better version of ourselves each day, the Stations can inspire us. When we strive to make God the Lord of our lives, the Stations remind us why, for the Catechism says, "the way of perfection passes by way of the Cross." (#2015)

As the Holy Spirit enables us to pray the Stations of the Cross, let's ask for the grace to pray and live the Stations well. Here are a few ideas:

- Set aside 5:30pm on Fridays to pray the Stations of the Cross with our parish family.
- Recognize how many times we fall, and remember God's mercy.
- Confide in Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession to receive His Mercy, His loving forgiveness, healing, and call to conversion.
- Support, encourage and pray for those we know are suffering.
- Pray for a happy death for those who are dying today.
- Consider the weight of our sins and stop a bad habit this Lent.
- Choose one Station each day and consider what it teaches us.
- Review our Lenten sacrifices. Is there more we can do?
- Consider our commitment to following Jesus Christ when we sign ourselves with the Sign of the Cross.

The Resurrection is indeed a miracle, and there is great evidence of God's abundant love for us in the miraculous suffering of the Son before Easter. The Lord of our lives has shown us the path through His suffering of the Cross to the glory of His Resurrection. Let us hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He directs us in our daily sufferings and joys to follow Jesus Christ and His Way of the Cross to the glory of His Resurrection and Eternal Life.

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

### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

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. 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. We hope to see you all at the fun-filled Dinner Auction!!!

### 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.



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### MARCH 17 & 18

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

**5 PM Servers:** Hunter Abing, Braeden Bausch, Hope Williams

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

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

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Josh Jensen & Kathy Larsen

**9:30 AM Servers:** Sydney Busch, DJ Kelley, Gabi Dressler

### MARCH 24 & 25

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

**5 PM Servers:** Erin & Meg Walker, Zach Mendis

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

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

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Tom Lucke & Sam Jonas

**9:30 AM Servers:** Cole Zenz, Alaina Stader, Mallory Olmstead

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

## MARY'S NOBLE HEART:

### AN IMAGE FOR WOMEN TODAY

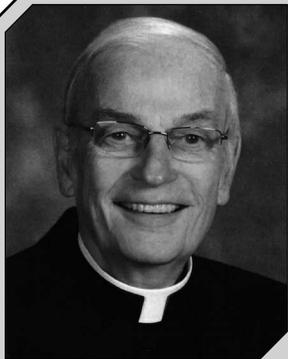
Join us on March 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Schoenstatt's annual women's retreat. Retreat includes 3 speakers, personal and communal prayer, confession, lunch, and snacks. Cost is \$30 plus a donation for the priests. You are welcome to join us for Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. before the retreat begins. Space is limited to 35 women. Register no later than March 19 by calling (608) 222-7208 or e-mailing: schoenstattheights@schrsmmary.org.

### STEVEN RAY IS COMING TO PLATTEVILLE!

Having grown up in a deeply faithful Southern Baptist family, Steven Ray brought his love of God's Word with him when he converted to Catholicism. Now he travels and evangelizes all over the world, including leading pilgrimages in the Holy Land - and he's coming to Platteville!

His presentation will be on Monday, March 12 at Velzy Commons at UW-P in Platteville at 7pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/170995273686322/>



## In Memoriam

### FR. WILLIAM JOSEPH SEIPP

**"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."**

(Hebrews 5: 6)

Fr. Bill Seipp was born on April 26, 1937 in Lancaster, the son of Leroy and Leone (Minnick) Seipp. He attended St. Clement School, and after graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade, he attended high school in Dubuque at Loras Academy. After high school, he continued his studies at Loras College, majoring in music and philosophy, graduating in 1959. The Lord called him to serve His people as a priest, and he answered that call with a resounding "yes." This led the future Fr. Bill to attend major seminary at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Madison by Bishop William Patrick O'Connor on

May 25, 1963, at St. Raphael Cathedral in Madison. Fr. Bill celebrated his First Mass later that week at St. Clement Parish on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. Bill's first assignment was associate pastor at St. Mary Parish in Janesville. In 1966, he was assigned to the faculty at Holy Name Seminary where his joy, his knowledge and his love for God and for the students was evident. After serving in this capacity for ten years, Fr. Bill became pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Cassville. Fr. Bill later served as pastor at St. Aloysius in Sauk City, St. Patrick Parish in Madison, and his final pastorate was here at St. Clement, from 2005 to 2013. Retiring to his home in Cassville, he continued to assist at weekday and weekend Masses up to the present in Cassville and Bloomington. Yes, God had called him to serve as "a priest forever," and this he did. Fr. Bill died unexpectedly, but peacefully, on the morning of March 6, and his funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, March 9.

One could say so much about Fr. Bill. He enjoyed serving in this, his home parish so much! He loved to socialize at gatherings both large and small, informal and formal. How he loved music! All of us who knew him, knew that his favorite song to sing in church was - "Seek Ye First." And we had to do this as a round, with him leading. How beautiful it was to hear the gorgeous, continual refrain of "Alleluia!" And again at Christmas Eve Masses - he would lead the congregation in the Christmas carol sing-along after Holy Communion.

He loved celebrating Mass, sharing with us the Good News of the Gospel, and sharing with us the Eucharist. This was true for all the Sacraments. Fr. Bill truly saw himself as a servant of the Lord as he celebrated the Sacraments, visited people and ministered to their needs. He was a priest who knew the joy of the Lord in all that he did. He was a good, holy priest. He was a kind, generous man. He was a dear friend to many at St. Clement, within the community and beyond.

In the coming days and weeks, please share your stories of Fr. Bill with those who did not know him. At the same time, may we all pray for Fr. Bill, that he be joined with the choirs of Heaven, singing the praises of God. And may the consolation of the Lord be upon his family, his friends and upon all who grieve.

*"Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Bill, 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."*