



Holy Week



Tuesday, March 27 8:15 AM
 † Karl and Caroline Kuenster & Karolyn Huinker

Wednesday, March 28 8:15 AM
 Special Intention for Pink Family

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29 7:00 PM
 † Marie Muller & Her Deceased Family Members

*After Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 in the Fatima Chapel until 10 PM.*

LITURGY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30 3:00 PM
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER VIGIL MASS

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31 8:00 PM
 † Lona, Lynn & Darrall Leighton

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1 7:30 AM
 People of Our Parish
 9:30 AM
 Kyla Klaas & Her Family

**Please note the changes in Mass
 times for Holy Week.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 17 & 18

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$4,268.00
 Offertory Cash \$717.00
 Children's Offertory \$75.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$983.00
 Mid-Month Electronic Giving \$3,368.00
Total \$9,411.00

Budgeted Offertory for March . . \$36,127.65
 Offertory Received in March . . \$24,948.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . \$11,179.65

Monthly Offertory Comparison

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

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION
 TIMES DURING LENT**

In addition to the daily and Saturday
 Confession schedule, Fr. William will be
 offering Confessions on **Holy Saturday,**
4-5 pm.

From Our Pastor:

With the Church throughout the world, we solemnly celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and begin the week that changed the world: Holy Week. Today, we read the Lord's Passion from Saint Mark (14:1-15:47). On Good Friday, we will read the Passion from Saint John (18:1-19:42).

Before the Passion of Christ, as the apostles thought about Jesus Christ being in Heaven with the Father and the Holy Spirit, there was a discussion about a place of honor (Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45). Jesus had told the mother of James and John that being on His right and on His left when He came into His Kingdom was not His to grant.

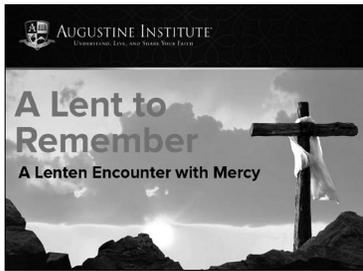
That place of honor was for those for whom it was prepared. Saint Luke's account of the Passion introduces us to two of those for whom it was prepared: two criminals (Luke 22:1-23:56). These men were being crucified right next to Jesus as He died on the Cross – we see that although Jesus Christ has saved us by His Passion, Death and Resurrection, it is up to us to *respond* to that salvation wrought for us by Christ. Do we reject or embrace the grace of the Cross of Christ? Do we live in that grace, conscious of being instruments of His mercy and love? *God requires the response of our freedom*, to respond to His grace, to seek His mercy and love – Pope Francis has reminded us that God, in His love for us, never gets tired of giving us His mercy; rather, it is we who get tired of seeking and asking for His mercy, which we all need.

From their crosses, both sinners saw the same thing. One complained and reviled Jesus, just like those who crucified Him. The other, the repentant criminal, was moved when he heard Jesus Christ forgive His persecutors from the Cross – the repentant sinner desired that forgiveness, for he wanted to die with the same hope and certainty with which he saw Jesus living through His suffering and death. The repentant man dared to utter his desire to live! He saw the love of Jesus and begged for His love and mercy. And the repentant man's destiny is certain: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." The non-repentant criminal's destiny is known only to God. Today, on Palm Sunday, in a most poignant way, the Church puts us before the Cross of Jesus Christ. Which side is your freedom on?

Let us pray: "Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us to live in Your grace each day, proclaiming Your love and mercy in our words and deeds."

May you and your families
 have a blessed Holy Week and joyous Easter,
Fr. William

(Please see this bulletin for opportunities to participate in Holy Week and Easter.)



A LENT TO REMEMBER: A PARISH-WIDE STUDY

Our parish-wide study found at FORMED.org, “A Lent to Remember: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy,” concludes this week with Session 4: “The Paschal Mystery.” If you missed any of the previous sessions, you can always view them at FORMED.org. Be sure to download the participant’s study guide for prayer and reflection.

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.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM: THREE DAYS TO SAVE

The Great Three Days of the Church Year, the Sacred Triduum, begins this week. The Triduum begins on Thursday night, continues through Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night, and flows into Easter Sunday, ending that night with Evening Prayer. These days form the center, the core, of the Church Year for Christians. Each of us is asked to “save” these days, to free ourselves from all that distracts us, so that we might focus more fully on the saving acts of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection.



On **Holy Thursday**, the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Church commemorates Jesus’ institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist, His Real, Substantial and Abiding Presence with us. As part of the liturgy, Jesus reminds us that “what I have done you must do” in the washing of the feet. Discipleship is a call to humble service, patterned after the One who came to serve, not to be served. As the liturgy ends, the Eucharist is taken to the altar of repose, which will be in the Fatima Chapel, where the Lord calls us to “watch and pray.”

As a reminder of the seriousness and sacredness of these days, **we fast from food and abstain from meat on Good Friday**. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus died for us, the ungodly, while we were still in our transgressions. Jesus’ act of loving sacrifice on our behalf should naturally lead us to genuine sorrow for our sins, and adoration of our Lord. On this day we venerate the cross, recall His passion, offer petitions and are strengthened by Holy Communion. The Lord’s death on the cross should lead us to self-denial, fasting and prayer.

This stance of prayer continues into **Holy Saturday** as we prepare our hearts to hear once again the good news that, “He is Risen!” Holy Saturday is the most sacred night of the Church Year, it is the Vigil of all Vigils. The Service of Light and Proclamation of Easter, the Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and the Liturgy of the Eucharist make up the four parts of the Easter Vigil. (Weather permitting, the lighting of the Easter fire and Easter candle will take place outside). On this night we tell the great stories of Salvation history, culminating in the Resurrection of Jesus. We will renew our baptismal promises and be renewed and nourished by sharing in the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord. It truly is a beautiful night that then flows into **Easter Sunday**, as again the Church announces, “Alleluia, He is Risen!” Easter is a celebration that will last for 50 days!

By saving these days, we make them free for prayer, reflection, silence and worship so that our hearts and minds are ready for savoring the many graces God wishes to give us during the three-day celebration of the Passover of the Lord. We encourage you to partake in all the liturgies of the Triduum, if at all possible. During Holy Week we hear some of the Church’s most beautiful music, retell our most sacred stories, and pray with hearts and minds attune to the sacred and saving events of Christ made present in our midst.

“We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.” (Entrance antiphon of Holy Thursday).



FAMILY PROMISE: OUR HOST WEEK IS COMING UP SOON!

Our week to host families experiencing homelessness is coming up the week of April 15, so we need to get ready to once again offer them our care and hospitality. Volunteer Sign-Up Forms for the various areas of service are on a table in the entrance of church. Please sign up early in order for us to be ready on the 15th. Just one reminder - **please do not bring in food items at this time**. As we get closer to our host date, we will contact people for the items we need. If you have any questions, or are interested in helping out but have not done so in the past, please give me a call at 723-4990. Thanks!! ~ Bill Manthe

AREA FISH FRY...

HOLY GHOST-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL FISH FRY

Friday, March 30 – Serving 4:30 to 8:30 pm; Sunset Hall, Dickeyville, WI

Adults: \$13 Youth \$6 Children 2-5: \$3; Call (563) 590-4304 for Carry-outs \$13.50

Serving Cod: Seasoned, baked or battered; baked potato or potato salad, coleslaw, jello, dinner rolls, corn and homemade desserts.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Wednesday, March 28: Class 6:00-7:00 pm

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: March 28

Grades 7 - 9: Class 7-8:30 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY - ISAIAH 43

Please attend and experience the beauty of Easter Triduum which encompasses Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.



THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

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

Wednesday, March 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); Grades 7-9 (7-8:30 pm)

Thursday, March 29 Live Presentation of Stations of
the Cross, K-6, 10:00 am

Friday, March 30 Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

CLARITY CLINIC OF SW WISCONSIN FUNDRAISER

Clarity Clinic invites you to their "Dessert Social & Coffee Bar" fundraiser with theatre-style seating in lieu of a Banquet. Speakers for this event will be Terry & Patti Cullen, who will share how their marriage became a "cord of three strands" through their son, Ben, who committed suicide. This event will be held at the UW-Platteville, Velzy Commons on Friday, April 6, 2018. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the program will begin at 6:30 pm. Please contact Lorrie Polzin at the clinic (608-348-5787 x 110), or go to standwithclarity.com/events to register.

ATTENTION MASS SERVERS:

Your new schedules may be picked up in the sacristy.
Thank You for all you do to assist us with Mass!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:30 pm,
March 30.

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

RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls can be turned in any time this week to the parish office or put on the table at the entrance of the church when you come to Mass on Holy Thursday, the Good Friday commemoration, or Mass on Easter Sunday. If you are writing a check, you can put that in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and drop it in the offertory collection. The money collected from the Rice Bowls this year will be donated to the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, and the great suffering of the people caught in the crossfire of violence and religious persecution. Rarely do we hear of the shrinking Christian population in this region, a community that struggles to remain intact in the land of our Lord's Birth, Ministry, Passion, Death and Resurrection. On Good Friday we will take up the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support and protect Christianity's holiest sites and places, and Christians who live there. Please help our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving generously to this very important collection, and praying for their safety and security. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

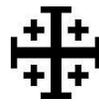
Our annual Saint Clement "Celebration of Giving" Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 2018. Please mark your calendars now, make plans to attend, and help spread the word to friends and family. Music, Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction will be starting at 6:00 p.m., Dinner and Live Auction 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 31 & APRIL 1

Holy Saturday Mass, the Great Easter Vigil, will be at 8 PM.

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:30 & 9:30 AM.

Please contact Bill Manthe to volunteer to be a lector or to serve Mass for these celebrations!

**Also, we will need volunteers to lector and serve Mass on Holy Thursday at 7 PM, and for the Good Friday liturgy at 3 PM. Call Bill Manthe if you can assist with these celebrations of the Lord's Passion and Death.

**On Holy Thursday, we will be offering Holy Communion under both forms. Please contact Bill Manthe if you can assist as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at this Mass.

APRIL 7 & 8

5 PM Lectors: Bill Manthe & Tom Hughey

5 PM Servers: Mason & Avery Crooks

7:30 AM Lector: Shayne LaBudda

7:30 AM Servers: Volunteers!

9:30 AM Lectors: Sheri Ihm & Kitty Mumm

9:30 AM Servers: Katie & Abbi Martin

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

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!



EASTER MEMORIALS DUE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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!

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

March 25 ~ 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Presentation
Chapter 7: Surrender and Live God's Will!

THE CHURCH LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!

We hear that comment a lot from visitors to St. Clement, as well as from parishioners, especially during the festive seasons. Please help us continue to keep the church a beautiful place to worship God and to pray by volunteering to be on our decorating committee. Recently we have had a couple of people make the hard decision to step aside from serving on this committee for a variety of reasons. In addition, Andrea McMahon, who has headed up the committee in recent years, would like to hand over the reins of the committee, so to speak, to someone else. She is willing to assist whoever takes over so that person can learn what needs to be done, and she will be available for guidance. We pray that a number of generous people will step forward and give of their time and talent in this area, and we definitely need one or two people willing to lead the committee. Contact Bill Manthe at the parish office and he will pass your name to Andrea.



CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 PM, at St. Maria Goretti Church in Madison. Bishop Robert C. Morlino will be the main celebrant with the priests of the diocese concelebrating. At the Chrism Mass, the oils to be administered in the Sacraments in the coming year are blessed by the Bishop. These Holy Oils are: the Oil of the Sick, administered in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick; the Oil of Catechumens, administered in the Sacrament of Baptism and for adults preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation; and the Sacred Chrism, administered in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. Also at the Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their vows of service to God and His Church. Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful Mass.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

VINCENT EDWARD

Son of Joshua and Jennifer (Sigg) Bailie

COLTON LEE AND CORBIN LEE

Twin Sons of Christopher and Cami (Cummins) Ewers

KYLAH ROSELLA

Daughter of Keane and Kelsey (Clark) Hudson

KELLY ANN

Daughter of Nathan and Jennifer (Heberlein) Landon

ADRIAN ASHAN

Son of Chanaka and Roshini (De Soyza) Mendis