



## Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday, March 6 . . . . .                     | 8:15 AM              |
| Jacob Schurman Family                          |                      |
| Wednesday, March 7 . . . . .                   | 8:15 AM              |
| <i>(Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)</i> |                      |
| Safety of Our Military Personnel               |                      |
| Thursday, March 8 . . . . .                    | 8:15 AM              |
| <i>(Saint John of God, Religious)</i>          |                      |
| Special Intention (S.W.)                       |                      |
| Friday, March 9 . . . . .                      | 8:15 AM              |
| <i>(Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)</i>      |                      |
| † Margaret & Tony Scardina                     |                      |
| Saturday, March 10. . . . .                    | 8:15 AM              |
| † George & Katherine Drilling                  |                      |
|  | <b>5:00 PM</b>       |
|  | † Harold Stelpflug   |
| Sunday, March 11. . . . .                      | <b>7:30 AM</b>       |
|  | People of Our Parish |
|  | <b>9:30 AM</b>       |
|  | † Gerald Shea        |

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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

*February 24 & 25*

|                                     |                   |
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| Church Support Envelopes . . .      | \$3,811.00        |
| Offertory Cash . . . . .            | \$731.00          |
| Children's Offertory . . . . .      | \$67.00           |
| Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .  | \$983.00          |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>              | <b>\$5,592.00</b> |
| Budgeted Offertory for Feb . .      | \$34,580.32       |
| Offertory Received in Feb . . .     | \$31,177.00       |
| <b>Budgeted Amount Not Met . .</b>  | <b>\$3,403.32</b> |
| <b>Monthly Offertory Comparison</b> |                   |
| Feb. 2018. . . . .                  | \$31,177.00       |
| Feb. 2017. . . . .                  | \$32,774.33       |

## From Our Pastor:

More than two weeks ago, we entered Lent longing for a newness that we cannot find within ourselves. "The relentlessness of life meets what it needs in Lent," writes Father Peter John Cameron, OP (*magnificat.com*). The following is adapted from an essay by Fr. Cameron:

No matter how beset or beleaguered we may get because of life's burdens, Father Cameron stated, our faith convinces us that we are wanted by *Someone* who surpasses all our worries and woes. That *Someone* is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And He is calling to us. Lent is God's way of drawing us back to Himself in love. No matter what our defects may be – no matter the gravity of our failures or the frequency of our forgetfulness of God, the Lord patiently calls us again this Lent. And so we respond to His grace by trying to live in His grace, and therefore we go to Mass and to Confession, thirsting for mercy and love that is real, to be forgiven, healed and strengthened by God, and we pray:

*Lord, please take away all my anxieties and all my resistance.* Because of my selfishness, my self-reliance and my fear, I often end up saying "no" to You. Please take away my defiance. Help me to hear *Your Voice* calling me to *Your Love*.

*Lord, please do not let me be slavish to my plans.* Many good things have happened to me in ways that I never expected. Your loving providence is greater than anything that I could arrange. Teach me to be attentive to Your presence at every moment of each day. Teach me to trust You.

*Lord, do not let me be done in by discouragement.* You know how prone I am to melancholy, bitterness, resentment and indifference. Even in the midst of my negativity, hope drives me on to reach out for true, fulfilling life. Curb my contrariness and complaining. My desire for joy leads to You. Help me to be true to that desire.

*Lord, let me turn over to You all my self-doubt.* My limitations make me more aware of my need to depend on You. Beyond my understanding, You want me in Heaven for Life Eternal. Help me to hold fast to this truth.

*Lord, let me make of my life this Lent a true sacrifice to You.* For sacrifice consists in becoming totally receptive to Your will and letting myself be completely taken over by You, my God.

In the first week of Lent, the prophet Isaiah reminded us: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness... the Lord will guide you always and give you plenty... He will renew your strength, and you shall be... like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:10-11). May we believe this promise. This Lent, may we, like the prodigal son (Luke 15), come to our senses, declaring, "I will arise and return to my Father."

With peace and prayers in Christ, as our journey through Lent continues,  
*Fr. William*

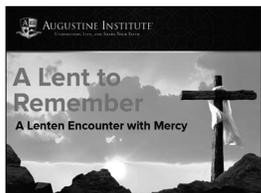
## EASTER MEMORIALS



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!

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Chris and Stacey Stowe and their son Joshua



## 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 will begin the parish-wide study with Session 1: "Forgiven: Where Are You?" All you need to do is to log-in to FORMED, and select "A Lent to Remember," which can be found in the Custom Content area of the homepage (just scroll down the homepage to find Custom Content). Click on Session 1, "Who Are You?" and open your heart to those who are sharing their stories of being away from God, and returning back to Him. And be sure to look at the Participant Materials for the accompanying Study Guide.

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.

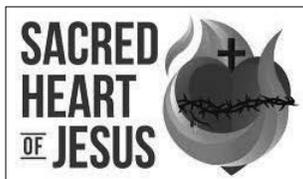
**Looking ahead:** Week Two will be the week of March 11, with "An Encounter with Mercy." The week of March 18, Week Three, will feature "Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained," and the study will conclude on Holy Week with "The Paschal Mystery."

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### LENT ADULT EDUCATION: "A LENT TO REMEMBER"

"A LENT TO REMEMBER: A Lenten Encounter with Mercy" adult education study groups continue this week. We'll be watching Session Two: "An Encounter with Mercy" on Monday evening at 6:30 PM, and again on Wednesday morning at 9:15 AM. We will meet in the parish office meeting room.

If you are unable to attend our group sessions, 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

This Lent Ladies...

Would you like a heart-to-heart encounter with the Lord? Are you dealing with personal struggles? Have little annoyances bogged down your spiritual life? Do you desire to grow closer to Jesus? If you can say "yes" to any of these questions, then this Day of Reflection is for you. Heidi Indahl will lead the day by sharing her own story of faith, explaining how God can use everything, even huge struggles and little annoyances, to draw us closer to Him. The cost is \$10, plus you will need to bring a brownbag lunch. To register, or to get more information, contact Angie Snyder at 608-732-6329 or at [kielersnyder@gmail.com](mailto:kielersnyder@gmail.com).

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

It's not too late to attend the "Together Encountering Christ" (TEC) retreat March 9-11, 2018, but you will need to register quickly. The retreat will begin at noon on March 9 here at St. Clement Parish. TEC is for anyone over 15 years of age. Going on a TEC retreat can be a powerful, life-changing experience, especially during the Lenten Season as we reflect on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Come and spend a couple of days with the Lord and with other people of faith. You will not regret it! To register, contact Steve Davies at 608.220.2088.

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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!

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

March 7: No Class

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

CLASS SCHEDULE: March 7

Grades 7, 8 & 9: No Class

### 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, March 4. . . . . Marriage Prep Day, Noon-5:30 pm,  
 St. Clement School Cafeteria  
 . . . . . St. Clement Men's Group "Surrender" ~7 pm Social;  
 7:30 Presentation, Dining Hall

Thursday, March 8 . . . . . TEC Retreat, 5 pm (through Sunday  
 afternoon), parish school and dining hall  
 . . . . . Knights of Columbus, 7 pm Rosary, 7:30 pm Meeting,  
 KC Room

Friday, March 2 . . . . . Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

### 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@schrsmary.org.

### 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).

## DEFENDING SEXUAL INTEGRITY

This Annual Interdenominational Youth & Parent Event will be 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.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:30 pm,  
March 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. 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!!!

#### SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to Ariana Hauck on winning first place in our annual Saint Clement School Spelling Bee. Brandon Winter earned second place honors and Ema Jensen finished third in the competition featuring our top spellers from grades four, five and six. These three students will now have the opportunity to represent our Saint Clement Parish School in the Area 5 Spelling Bee at St. Joseph's School in Dodgeville. We would also like to congratulate our spelling bee champions from grades one, two, and three: Dax Kauffman, Aubrie Stader, and Nathan Winter.

#### This year's finalists included:

- Grade 1:** Cooper Graney, Dax Kauffman, Mitchell Mumm, Lexie Olmstead and Josh Winter
- Grade 2:** Evan Anderson, Brooklyn Crubel, Greyson Howard, Vanessa Ihm, and Aubrie Stader
- Grade 3:** Alexandra Busch, Sosie Hoffman, Greta Jensen, Seth Mendis, and Nathan Winter
- Grade 4:** Landon Alderson, Vivian Bernhardt, Anthony Busch, Dayne Kauffman, and Brady Mack
- Grade 5:** Aurora Fritz, Aiden Hauk, Trinity Ihm, Emma Jensen, and Brandon Winter
- Grade 6:** Emily Cummins, Findley Hoffman, Ariana Hauck, Josephine Hoerth, and Lilyann Weber



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### 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

### 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

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

## 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)

THE  
FORTY  
DAYS  
of LENT



RETURN  
to the  
LORD  
YOUR  
GOD

## YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the past 25 years, Matthew Kelly has promoted a theme: "Be the Best Version of Yourself." There is a change in his emphasis lately, as he now encourages us to "Be a Better Version of Yourself" each day. Perfection is daunting; progress is more reasonable.

These 40 days of Lent are opportunities at daily progress in learning how to make God the Lord of our lives (vs. making ourselves the lord of our lives). Our first conversation of the morning, for example, should be with God, opening our hearts to His plans. Our last conversation of the evening should be with God, reviewing the day, examining our consciences, measuring our progress, and planning to do better tomorrow.

The Holy Spirit can guide us if we listen. The Holy Spirit will help us stop uncharitable thoughts before we can speak them, and urge us to be more grateful for all God has given and for all He has taken away. We invite the Holy Spirit into our decision making when we have small prayers to say throughout the day - "Jesus, I trust in You," "Jesus, have mercy," "O, Dear Jesus, let me love You more."

What a glorious Lent we will have when we allow God to be the Lord of our lives, guiding us to become a better version of ourselves each day until we fall into His loving arms through the Sacrifice of His Son on Good Friday, to rejoice on Easter Sunday with an increase of the Joy of the Holy Spirit within us.

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

## 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

### 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, Cole Slaw,  
Cheese Curds, Grilled Cheese, Dinner Rolls,  
Beverage & Dessert

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

March 4 ~ 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Presentation

Chapter 3: Surrender and Be an Icon of Jesus!