



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 15 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Isidore)*  
 Members of the Lancaster Police Dept.

Wednesday, May 16 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Larry Drew

Thursday, May 17 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Dennis Morgan

Friday, May 18 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint John I, Pope and Martyr)*  
 † Joyce Klaas

Saturday, May 19 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Fr. Bill Seipp  
 5:00 PM  
 † Amelia Snyder; also her living & deceased family members

Sunday, May 20 . . . . . 7:30 AM  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
 People of Our Parish  
 9:30 AM  
 † Edward & Elizabeth and Mary Walz

## 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

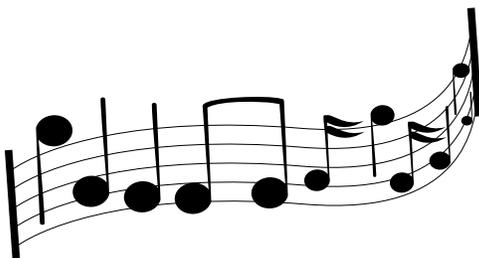
*May 5 & 6*

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$6,456.00  
 Offertory Cash . . . . . \$656.00  
 Children's Offertory . . . . . \$98.00  
 Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . \$983.00  
 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month Electronic Giving . \$1,040.00  
**Total . . . . . \$9,233.00**

Budgeted Offertory for May . \$36,329.32  
 Offertory Received in May. . . \$9,233.00  
 Budgeted Amount Still Needed . \$27,096.32

### Monthly Offertory Comparison

**April 2018 . . . . . \$41,007.00**  
**April 2017 . . . . . \$37,482.33**



## From Our Pastor:

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord occurs on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter (May 10<sup>th</sup> this year). The Church allows for the Diocese of Madison and others to transfer the celebration to the following Sunday (May 13<sup>th</sup> this year). In a homily to commemorate the Ascension of Our Lord, Pope Saint Leo the Great (400-461 A.D.) said: "Today we are not only made possessors of Paradise, but with Jesus Christ we have ascended, mystically but also really, to Heaven, and have won through Christ a grace more wonderful than the one we had lost." The Ascension of Jesus strengthens and nourishes our hope of attaining Heaven (Father Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*) – it invites us always to *lift up our hearts*, as we state in the preface of the Mass, and *seek the things that are above*, to have great hope because Christ Himself has gone to prepare an eternal dwelling place of love and joy for us (John 14:1-6; Luke 24:46-53).

Jesus is in Heaven in His glorified Body, with the signs of His redemptive sacrifice, the marks of His Passion (Revelation 5:6) – marks that Thomas could see and touch, marks that bring about our salvation. Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death and awaits us in Heaven, for we are "citizens of Heaven" (Philippians 3:20) – and at the same time we're citizens of this earth, in the midst of difficulties, challenges and sorrows, but also in the midst of joy and serenity that comes from knowing that we are children of God. Along the way, let us seek the consoling help of Jesus' Mother, Mary, as the Apostles did... "They returned to Jerusalem... and they prayed with one mind... together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus" (Acts 1-2; Saint Josemaría Escrivá, *Christ is Passing By*, #126). The hope of Heaven should fill our days with joy! Jesus ascends and He also wills to remain close to each of us (Matthew 28:16-20): in prayer, in His Church, Word and Sacraments; by virtue of our baptism, the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, dwells in us; in the Holy Eucharist, He is *substantially* present in every Catholic parish tabernacle (25 of our young people made their First Holy Communion this year; please pray for them as they grow in their love for Jesus Christ and His Church). May we go to Jesus by going to church to pray – and when we're at work, school or home, we can go to Him with our heart and mind by picturing the tabernacle at church and asking Him to help us in our daily duties. May we also make Him known to others by witnessing to His teaching, His love, mercy and peace, in our words and deeds. As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (May 20<sup>th</sup> this year), may we be one in prayer to God, praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, striving by God's grace to live the virtues of faith, hope and love, with great joy. And, on this Mother's Day weekend, let us pray with heartfelt thanksgiving to God for all our moms, living and deceased.

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

## MADISON DIOCESAN CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

*For All the Saints*

The Madison Diocesan Choir will present its annual Spring concert on Friday, May 18, 2018 (7 p.m.) at Holy Name Heights (formerly the Bishop O'Connor Center). This year's program, *For All the Saints*, features music and readings based on writings, poetry and hymns composed by the great saints of our Roman Catholic Church, such as Saint Augustine, Saint Patrick, and many others. The choir will sing music from Gregorian chant to polyphonic compositions of our own day. Congregational hymns will be sung, accompanied by the newly-refurbished Schmelzer Organ and the St. Raphael Brass Quintet & Timpani. The concert is free. A free-will offering will be taken to support the ministry of the Diocesan Choir. Holy Name Heights is wheelchair accessible. Go to [www.diocesanchoir.org](http://www.diocesanchoir.org) or call (608) 821-3081 for more information.



## “FORMED” PICK OF THE WEEK!

Happy Mother’s Day! This week we recommend, “Always A Mother,” which is part of a larger study titled, “The Bible and the Virgin Mary.” This session examines Our Blessed Mother’s maternal and eternal care for us, her children in faith. To find this film easily, we have included it in the Community section of FORMED. You can also do a search to find other films, studies, podcasts and e-books on Our Blessed Mother. You may even want to consider viewing the entire “The Bible and the Virgin Mary” study!

If you have not yet registered at **FORMED**, go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). At the top of the page you will see the words “Enter Code.” Click on this and enter our parish code which is **DHYNXC**. Next, you will be asked for your name and email address, as well as a password. (You will use your password and your email address to log in to FORMED in the future). Once you are at the FORMED site, you will begin to see the many opportunities for spiritual growth and knowledge that FORMED offers for both adults and children. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 723-4990.

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## ADULT EDUCATION: “THE MIRACLE OF FR. KAPAUN”

We are quickly marching through the busy month of May. As it draws to a close, we pause in America on Memorial Day to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom. One of these heroic men was a soldier and chaplain during the Korean War who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and whose cause for canonization is underway. His name was Fr. Emil Kapaun.

We will view the film, “*The Miracle of Fr. Kapaun*,” on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM in the parish office meeting room. **Please note the time change!** The film lasts 45 minutes and will be followed by a short discussion.

If you are unable to join us, you can also watch this beautiful film at home at FORMED.org. If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.



## HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

We’ve shared the reflection by Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty before, but because his words speak such a beautiful, eternal truth, we want to share it once more. Our society puts so much emphasis on celebrities and athletes, often placing them on a pedestal. Yet the persons who most influence our lives are those closest to us. One of these persons is our mom. Moms (and dads) are often the true, unsung heroes, in our lives.

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral – a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother.” ~ Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

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## BACCALAUREATE 2018

Everyone is invited to the 2018 Baccalaureate Service for the Lancaster High School Senior Class of 2018, to be held here at St. Clement Church this Wednesday, May 16, beginning at 7 PM. The theme for this year’s Baccalaureate is “All Roads Lead Home.” Following the service, there will be a reception in the parish dining hall.



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## MADISON DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) invites all women of our parish to 64th Annual Convention. The Convention will be held at Sinsinawa Mound Center, on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, with registration starting at 8:30 am. The theme is “Joyful Disciples.” The Keynote speakers are Mary Pedersen, Director of Adult Formation, and Joanne Pohland, Director of Catechetical Services, both of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. For more information, contact Jan Block at [jan2block@gmail.com](mailto:jan2block@gmail.com) or 608-778-3952. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6 FROM KITTY MUMM

Thank you to all the RE families in K-6 for completing a wonderful year of learning about our Catholic Faith. The children are to be congratulated for their good attendance all year, their diligence in learning each grade's prayers, and their faithfulness in completing homework that prepared them for the next class.

We are grateful to parents who have encouraged their children to deepen their understanding of the faith so they can grow in hope and love under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please continue saying prayers, reading Scripture, and finding ways that God is present to your families. Bring your children into the presence of God at Mass on the weekends. At each Mass we lift up our hearts and offer a Sacrifice of thanks and praise because it is right and just. God returns it to us in the gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

St. Clement Parish is blessed to have dedicated catechists for whom we are grateful. Thank you Lexi Bahl, Patricia Leh-Murphy, Aaron and Lydia Murphy, Jenna Raisbeck, Sandy Kalnins, and Kevin Koester. I hope you have a summer of rejuvenation to refresh your spirit in charity to start anew next Fall. Thank you for your dedication to our parish children. You are messengers of evangelization.

God lives in the midst of us, in our study and our prayer and our family fun. Enjoy a great summer. We will be glad to welcome you, students and parents and catechists, again in September.

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES 7 TO 9

\*Grade 9 – Please pick up your Confirmation certificate on the Isaiah 43 table by the Holy Water font. Thank you!

Please remember, students, to attend Mass every week throughout the year. May you all have a safe and blessed Summer!

### ISAIAH 43 – YOUTH GROUP

Steubenville Youth Conference participants and family: Steubenville Meal Fundraiser will be June 13 & 14 this year (prep days June 11-12). Please mark your calendar now and plan on assisting those days. We need everyone's participation to make this a success! Thank you in advance for your assistance.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Wed., May 16 . . . All School Mass, 8:15 am  
 . . . Finance Council Meeting, Noon  
 . . . Baccalaureate, 7 pm  
 Fri., May 18 . . . Mass at Morningside Assisted Living, 11:30 am

## HAPPENING IN THE AREA

**Bake & Rummage Sale Fundraiser** – Holy Ghost Court #228 of the National Catholic Society of Foresters is raising funds to repair Dickeyville Grotto's Patriotic Shrine Fountain. This will be held at the Holy Ghost Church basement in Dickeyville, WI, Monday through Friday, May 25 through 28, from 9 am to 4 pm each day.



## NEW CCW CATHOLIC MEDIA LIGHTHOUSE CD TITLES

Check out the new CD titles on the Lighthouse Media stands by the entrances the church. CD's are \$4 each or 3 for \$10, and books are \$5 each. We will be featuring the new CDs each week.

This week's CD titles are:

### *Understanding The Lord of the Rings as a Catholic Book*

Joseph Pearce, a prolific writer best known for his outstanding literary biographies, reveals in detail how J.R.R. Tolkien's famous work, *The Lord of the Rings*, is at its core a Catholic work. Through linguistic clues and analysis of its characters, he explains the spiritual and theological depth of this masterpiece of English literature. With humor and clarity, Pearce shows the brilliance of Tolkien and offers all Christians a topic with which to engage others in conversation about our great Catholic Christian Faith.

### *Keep Holy the Sabbath*

Dr. Timothy Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well-known Scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With fascinating detail and examples, Dr. Gray here discusses the profound importance for individuals, and for modern society, of properly observing Sunday as the Lord's Day by exploring God's gift of the Sabbath in the Old Testament. He aims to help us reclaim our Sunday from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

## STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE MEAL FUNDRAISER

Steubenville Meal Fundraiser is here once again! Take a break from cooking and let the Steubenville Youth Conference participants cook for you again this year! The pick-up/delivery dates this year will be **June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**. Delicious choice of meatloaf and/or boneless pork chops with stuffing is being offered again. Participants will be handing out order forms this weekend. **Meals must be pre-ordered.** Please return the order forms to any of the participant families, in the offertory basket or at the parish office or email order to Pat Adams at [ptadams@tds.net](mailto:ptadams@tds.net) by **Friday, June 8th**.

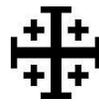
## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

### DOOLITTLE'S SCRIP OFFER... WOW!!!

Each year Kevin & Renee Timmerman have graciously offered to donate 20% of all Doolittle's SCRIP purchased in the month of May back to our wonderful parish school. In recent years, they have extended this offer into June to help even more. Now, Kevin and Renee have made this offer even better as they will be giving 20% back to St. Clement for the entire year!!! That's right, \$5 of every \$25 Doolittle's SCRIP card you buy comes right back to our great parish school. These gift cards have no expiration date and make great gifts throughout the year... birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Please help spread the word and be sure to purchase as many Doolittle's SCRIP cards as you can this year. Thanks again to Kevin and Renee and to all of you for supporting our amazing parish school through SCRIP!!!



# WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



## MAY 19 & 20

- 5 PM Lectors:** Peg Jonas & Tom Schaefer
- 5 PM Servers:** Haley & Caden Timmerman, Brenin Belscamper
- 7:30 AM Lector:** Jan Block
- 7:30 AM Servers:** Volunteers Needed!
- 9:30 AM Lectors:** Kathy Larsen & Tom Lucke
- 9:30 AM Servers:** Lydia, Aaron & Anna Murphy

## MAY 26 & 27

- 5 PM Lectors:** Rick Benson & Linda Ihm
- 5 PM Servers:** Brianna Kirsch, Madeline Reukauf & Zach Mendis
- 7:30 AM Lector:** Rita Schmitz
- 7:30 AM Servers:** Sam & Grace Schaffer
- 9:30 AM Lectors:** Sheri Ihm & Josh Jensen
- 9:30 AM Servers:** Emma, Joe & Abby Esser

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

### PRIESTS FOR OUR FUTURE: THE CHURCH IS ALIVE! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

THANK YOU and congratulations everyone for being part of a successful *Priests for Our Future: The Church is Alive!* seminarian campaign by going above the Parish Fair Share Target amount for our St Clement Parish! Due to your generosity and diligence, our parish was issued its first rebate from the over-goal portion of our St. Clement Parish campaign in the amount of \$335.64. This campaign is designed as an endowment to help fund seminarian recruitment, education, and formation for years into the future. Below is the breakout of where our parish stands as of March 31, 2018:

- Parish Fair Share Target.....\$315,000.00
- Total Pledged At Parish.....\$442,065.43
- Total Paid At Parish.....\$315,671.29
- Parish/Campaign 50/50 Rebate to Date.....\$335.64  
(funds collected between 100% & 125%)
- Parish/Campaign 80/20 Rebate to Date.....\$0  
(funds collected beyond 125%)

Thank you for your generosity in helping our St. Clement Parish family meet our share of the campaign. Please continue to fulfill your outstanding pledges. As you can see, the potential for an even more substantial rebate amount returning to our parish is great.

**Congratulations Fr. Herbert Schmidt** as you celebrate your 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on May 17. May God bless you today and always!



# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 6, 2018

## Congratulations to Our First Communicants!

*Jesus Christ comes to us in Holy Communion, to feed us, to love us, and fill us with His grace. Last Sunday we celebrated First Holy Communion with the following boys and girls. May the grace, joy and peace of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist be with them always.*

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| Belle Marie          | Daughter of Chris and Amanda Abing     |
| Owen Andrew          | Son of Chris and Amanda Abing          |
| Calisa Carley        | Daughter of Nick and Marisa Alderson   |
| Axl James            | Son of Steve and Rebecca Bailie        |
| Riley Katie          | Daughter of Brian and Amy Belscamper   |
| Payton Michael       | Son of Nick and Amy Budworth           |
| Maleah Jane Clauer   | Daughter of Kathy Landon               |
| Brooklyn Kay         | Daughter of Rob and Ashley Crubel      |
| Benjamin Curtis      | Son of Curt and Beth Cummins           |
| Jaylee Marie         | Daughter of Jay and Emily Esser        |
| Westin John          | Son of Steve and Laura Fritz           |
| Eliza Grace          | Daughter of Andy and Heidi Haas        |
| Whitney Rose         | Daughter of Justin and Becky Hampton   |
| Adaline Reid         | Daughter of David and Tiffany Helmke   |
| Greyson Kent         | Son of James and Carey Howard          |
| Vanessa Sue          | Daughter of John and Deb Ihm           |
| Vivian Marie Johnson | Granddaughter of Tony and Angela Green |
| Kyla Elizabeth       | Daughter of Brandon and Kessa Klaas    |
| Finnegan Kenneth     | Son of Jason and Katie Knapp           |
| Vincent James        | Son of Joseph and Sarah Mumm           |
| Aubrie Lynn          | Daughter of Matt and Becky Stader      |
| Joshua Michael       | Son of Chris and Stacey Stowe          |
| Gavin Joseph         | Son of Joe and Denise Vesperman        |
| Lukas Charles        | Son of Jerrett and Krista Weber        |
| Allen John (AJ)      | Son of Doug and Stacy Wiedenbeck       |

*Thank you to Kitty Mumm (CRE K-6), Melissa Martin and Patricia Leh Murphy for teaching our second graders and preparing them for their First Holy Communion. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who teach their children and all who helped with the First Eucharist retreat. We have 25 new members at our parish family "table" for Mass. May God bless you!*

