



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 8	8:15 AM
† Rev. Ronald Rank	
Wednesday, May 9	8:15 AM
† William L. Reinecke	
Thursday, May 10	8:15 AM
<i>(Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)</i>	
† Lambert & Garlyn Baus: Also Their Living & Deceased Family Members	
Friday, May 11	8:15 AM
† Arlyne Nuti	
Saturday, May 12	8:15 AM
<i>(Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)</i>	
† Fr. Philip Krogman	
5:00 PM	
In Thanksgiving ~ 60th Wedding Anniversary of Maynard & Judy Behncke	
Sunday, May 13	7:30 AM
<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	
People of Our Parish	
9:30 AM	
† Mary Wagner	

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

April 28 & 29

Church Support Envelopes . . .	\$4,320.00
Offertory Cash	\$676.00
Children's Offertory	\$80.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$983.00
Total	\$6,059.00
Budgeted Offertory for April	\$42,217.48
Offertory Received in April . .	\$41,007.00
Budgeted Amount Not Met . .	\$1,210.48

Monthly Offertory Comparison

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



From Our Pastor:

During the forty days between Easter Sunday and the Ascension of Jesus Christ, the Church instructs us to keep our eyes on Heaven, our final resting place, to which Our Lord Jesus Christ is calling us. We become more aware of this instruction as we approach the celebration of the day on which Jesus, God the Son, went up to the right hand of God the Father (Rev. Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*). In the Diocese of Madison and some other dioceses the celebration of Ascension Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, May 10th this year, is transferred to the subsequent Sunday, which is May 13th this year.

Our Lord had promised His disciples that in a little while He would be with them forever. "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me..." (John 14:19-20). Jesus Christ kept His promise in His Church, Word and Sacraments. And His presence did not end when He went up in His glorious body to His Father, because, by His Passion, Death and Resurrection, He has prepared for us a place in His Father's House (John 14:1-6). "I will come back again," Jesus tells us, "and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). Indeed, on the Last Day, God will raise our mortal bodies to be like His own, in glory, reuniting our body and soul in Heaven. This is our Faith and Hope, which God has given us. We proclaim this every time we say the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed, when we state that we believe in and look forward to the resurrection of the body and eternal life in Heaven.

The Apostles and each disciple of Christ are comforted by the hope of Heaven. In our journey toward Heaven, our purpose in life, we are strengthened by the Eucharist, where Jesus Christ is truly, really and substantially present. And God continues to guide and direct His Church, for He has given us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit (John 14:23-29). Our duty is to follow the Lord, to keep His Commandments, to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. In the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, which we hear this Sunday, Jesus Christ tells us to remain in His love, and if we keep His commandments, we will remain in His love (John 15:9-17). Jesus gives us this command so that His joy may be in us and our joy might be complete. "This is my commandment," He says, "love one another as I love you." Meditating on Heaven helps us to love as God has loved us – a love that transforms everything we say and do, even the most mundane moments, realizing that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is present at every moment, sanctifying our words and deeds. It is then that we realize evermore deeply His peace, a peace that the world cannot give and the world cannot take away (John 14:27). Amen. Alleluia.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families, with thanksgiving to God particularly as we celebrate First Holy Communion for 25 of our young people this Sunday and as we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day on May 13th for all of our moms, living and deceased. Mary, Mother of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

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 or 608-778-3952. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



“FORMED” PICK OF THE WEEK!

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, as well as Mother’s Day. It is also the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. With this feast in mind, we suggest the film, “The 13th Day,” which dramatizes the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to the three young children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

To enable finding 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 during this month dedicated to her. You also may want to watch “Finding Fatima,” which is a docudrama of the events of Fatima, and a film that we will watch at our adult education gatherings this week. This film is also in the Community section of FORMED.

If you have not yet registered at **FORMED**, go to 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.

ADULT EDUCATION: “FINDING FATIMA”

On May 13, 1917, our Blessed Mother Mary appeared for the first time to three young children at Fatima, Portugal. “*Finding Fatima*,” produced by Ignatius Press, is a docudrama that uses interviews, archival footage and reenactments to tell the story of Our Lady of Fatima and her messages of prayer, penance and conversion that are so much needed in our own day and age.



We will be viewing “*Finding Fatima*” on Wednesday morning, May 9, at 9:15 in the parish office meeting room. The film lasts 1 ½ hours, followed by a short discussion. There will be a second opportunity to view the film in the evening on May 9 starting at 6:30 PM in the parish meeting room.

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.

MAY: HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY



“Dear pilgrims, we have a Mother, we have a Mother! Clinging to her like children, we live in the hope that rests on Jesus. As we heard in the second reading, ‘those who receive the abundance of the grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ’ (*Rom 5:17*). When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He brought to the Heavenly Father our humanity, which He assumed in the womb of the Virgin Mary and will never forsake. Like an anchor, let us fix our hope on that humanity, seated in Heaven at the right hand of the Father (cf. *Eph 2:6*). May this hope guide our lives! It is a hope that sustains us always, to our dying breath. Confirmed in this hope, we have gathered here to give thanks for the countless graces bestowed over these past hundred years. All of them passed beneath the mantle of light that Our Lady has spread over the four corners of the earth.”

(Pope Francis at the 100th Anniversary Mass of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Canonizations of St. Jacinta Marto and St. Francisco Marto)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS



We know from Sacred Scripture that Jesus ascended to Heaven forty days after Easter. Before doing so, He gives the apostles a number of commands, one of which is to go to Jerusalem and await the coming of the Holy Spirit. This event is celebrated by the Church as Ascension Thursday. However, a number of years ago, most provinces in the United States (including the province we are part of), transferred the celebration of the Ascension of Jesus to the following Sunday. Therefore Thursday, May 10, will be celebrated as Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter, and the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus will be celebrated on Sunday, May 13.

The origin of novenas has its beginning at the Ascension of Jesus and the Solemnity of Pentecost. The word “novena” comes from a Latin word which means nine. For nine days after the Ascension, the Apostles prayed in the Upper Room, and on the 10th Day, the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 1,2). Consider praying a novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this Thursday, May 10th, asking for the Holy Spirit to come powerfully upon you and upon the whole world. Google “Novena to the Holy Spirit” and you will find numerous websites with prayers for each day.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS FOR GRADES K TO 6

Classes are finished for this school year. Classes will begin again in the Fall. May you all have a safe and blessed Summer.

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, 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.

FOOD PANTRY

The Lancaster Association of Churches (LAC) Food Pantry is always in need of food donations, as well as items such as shampoo, liquid laundry detergent and toilet paper. Items may be placed in the grocery cart located outside the parish office door. Thank you for your kindness!

A reminder too that there is always a need for volunteers to assist at the LAC Food Pantry when it is St. Clement Parish's turn to do so. The time serving at the pantry goes by very fast and means so much to those in need. You can volunteer by calling Renee Schwantes at 723-2231 or the parish office at 723-4990.



THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, May 6. . . First Holy Communion celebrated at 9:30 am Mass

Tuesday, May 8. Vocations Commission Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday, May 9. All School Mass, 8:15 am
. Mass at Orchard Manor, 9:30 am
. Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care, 10:30 am

Thursday, May 10. . . . Education Commission Meeting, 6 pm
. Knights of Columbus, 7 pm Rosary, 7:30 pm Meeting



American Red Cross

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY (MAY 11TH)

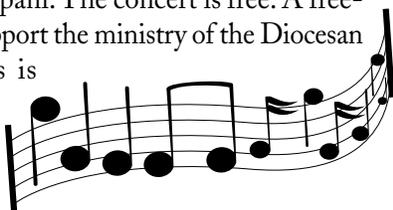
The American Red Cross Blood Mobile is coming to Lancaster on Friday, May 11, 2018. This will be held at the Eckstein Building from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be 17 years of age or older. Those that are 16 years old can donate with permission from a parent or a guardian. Each day, the American Red Cross needs approximately 900 donors to give blood to help patients. Thank you and we hope you will take time to share your good health by donating blood.

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 or call (608) 821-3081 for more information.



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

PIZZA PRODUCTION & PICK-UP MAY 12

We would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to all those who ordered delicious St. Clement pizzas from our students during our annual Spring Pizza Sale. Please mark your calendars as these pizzas will be made fresh for pick-up on the morning of Saturday, May 12th. Simply come to the front entrance of the school from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. to get your pizzas. Thank you once again for your continued support of our pizza sale fundraiser, our amazing students, and our wonderful Catholic school.

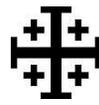
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Tuesday, May 8th is National Teacher Appreciation Day and is part of Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a time "for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives." We are truly blessed with some amazingly dedicated teachers at our wonderful Catholic School and ask that you keep them all in your prayers this week. Also, if you see any of our teachers, please take time to personally thank them for their role in helping our students grow in their faith, grow in their knowledge, and look for ways in which they can serve others.

LECTORS: YOUR NEW SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.



WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



MAY 12 & 13

5 PM Lectors: Mary Seiler & Emil Everix

5 PM Servers: Mason & Avery Crooks

7:30 AM Lector: Shayne LaBudda

7:30 AM Servers: Bill Manthe

9:30 AM Lectors: Jenny/Gracie Winter & Sam Jonas

9:30 AM Servers: Joey & Carolyn Recker, Fin Hoffman

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

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

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The Platteville Elks Lodge, located at 50 S Oak St in Platteville, will be holding a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th from 9:00 am -1:00 pm. Please join us for a day to celebrate the Mothers in your family. Prices: Mothers: \$5.00; Adults: \$12.50; Children 6-12 \$7.00; 5 and under free. Please call 608-348-9674 for reservations or questions.



MARIAN GEMS!

May is the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will send you *Marian Gems* by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, directly to your phone each day throughout May. All you need to do is text MARY to 49892 to sign up.



NEW CCW CATHOLIC MEDIA LIGHTHOUSE CD TITLES

Check out the new CD titles on the Lighthouse Media stands by the entrances of 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:

Protecting Innocence: Parenting, Your Kids, and the Internet

Matt Fradd, a best-selling Catholic author, presents new data to show how the changes in the types and accessibility of pornography being promoted today make it far more dangerous and harmful than ever before. Matt draws from a wealth of experience to guide parents in taking decisive action to protect their children, and he empowers adults with specific wording to effectively address this sensitive topic with children of all ages before they encounter pornography or after they've been subjected to it.

Say Yes to Christ!

Internationally renowned Catholic speaker and theologian Dr. Scott Hahn teaches the importance of giving our complete "yes" to Jesus Christ and fully recognizing Him as King of Kings, and Lord over all. Dr. Hahn delves into Scripture to show that by dedicating ourselves to the Lord, He can accomplish more in us and through us than we ever could on our own. This talk is filled with wisdom for all who want to grow closer to God.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

JACK DAVID

Son of David and Tiffany (Wright) Helmke

JOSEPH JEROME

Son of Brett and Gina (Hinderman) Rollins



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This **Sunday, May 6**, our 2nd Grade students from our parish (church and school) are receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:30 am Mass. Please keep these 25 students in your prayers as they partake in the Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will publish their names in next week's bulletin.

