



# Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, June 26 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
Members of the Baus Family

Wednesday, June 27 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*  
† Jim & Todd Kemps

Thursday, June 28 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr)*  
Living & Deceased Members of Earl and Floo Ehrlich Family

Friday, June 29 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles)*  
President Donald Trump and His Family

Saturday, June 30 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, Blessed Virgin Mary)*  
† Celine Schmitz  
**5:00 PM**  
† Harold Stelpflug

**Sunday, July 1 . . . . . 7:30 AM**  
People of Our Parish  
**9:30 AM**  
† Irvin & Elaine Reuter

**RECONCILIATION**  
(in the confessional closest to the rectory)  
**Before Mass Daily**  
**Saturday at 4:00 PM**  
Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

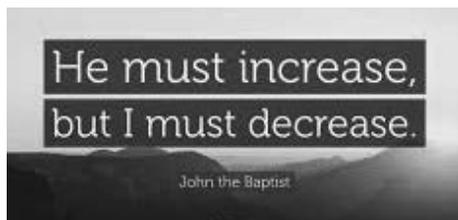
**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*June 16 & 17*

Church Support Envelopes . . . . .	\$3,984.00
Offertory Cash . . . . .	\$744.00
Children's Offertory . . . . .	\$69.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$983.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$3,268.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$9,048.00</b>
Budgeted Offertory for June . . . . .	\$34,196.25
Offertory Received in June . . . . .	\$23,650.50
<b>Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . . . .</b>	<b>..\$10,546.25</b>

**Monthly Offertory Comparison**

May 2018 . . . . .	\$30,704.00
May 2017 . . . . .	\$29,231.00



## From Our Pastor:

This year, June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist occurs on a Sunday. And once again God reminds us that His way is the best way. Elizabeth and Zechariah (Saint John's parents) learned this quickly as the time came to name their child (Luke 1:57-66, 80). Among the Jews, it was customary to give first-born boys names that would link them to their ancestors, particularly through their father's name. But Elizabeth and Zechariah chose the name "John," which was foreign to their family. Why? Because God told them to do so – through His angel's message to Elizabeth and Zechariah. They obeyed God's will even though it was not easy. They did not cave in to social pressures. It certainly was not the most comfortable and acceptable thing to do as they became vulnerable to gossips and upset some of their neighbors.

Saint Elizabeth and Saint Zechariah did what God wanted them to do – and at least two wonderful things happened as a result: (1) Zechariah miraculously recovered his speech, which he had lost when he doubted the angel's message nine months before, and he began to praise God; (2) people in the whole region began to talk more about God. Elizabeth's and Zechariah's faithfulness to the will of God had a good effect on them and on the people around them.

Their son, John the Baptist, also obeyed God and never hesitated to announce the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Only Savior of the world (even from the womb, He leapt for joy at the presence of Jesus & Jesus' mother, Mary, at the Visitation). He witnessed to the Truth, with love, defending the marriage bond that was disrespected by Herod & Herodias; defending the Truth to the point of giving his life for the Faith, because of his love for God. As God made His will known, Saint John and his parents sought to do His will.

The same is to be true for us. Whenever God makes His will known to us, He does so for a reason and certainly wants us to do His will. And He reveals His will in various ways, including: through the natural law (the Ten Commandments, summed up in the Two Great Commandments, love of God and love of neighbor); through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition; through our conscience that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit forms and informs through His Church's teaching; through our prayer and the strong interior inspirations of the Holy Spirit; through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist and all the saints; and sometimes through our interactions with people we encounter. Our obedience to God's will is key and draws us closer to God personally (and therefore to His love, His joy and everlasting happiness), and it causes a "domino effect" of grace and blessing to those around us. Trusting obedience to Jesus Christ and His Church is always the best way because it is God's way. Indeed, God's way, even when it requires self-sacrifice, is definitely the best way, for Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life, yesterday, today and forever (John 14:1-6). May He bring us all to Eternal Life in Heaven.

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

### REMINDERS:

- **Annual Catholic Herald Subscription in the amount of \$22.20 is now due**  
Our parish has to absorb the cost of all subscriptions that are not paid. If you no longer wish to receive please contact the parish office or send a note through offertory basket.
- **National Combined Collection is due by this Monday, June 25!**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The senior meal site is in need of kitchen help on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. and a runner on Fri. If you could give a few hours (10:15-12:45) one day a week, just give Marla a call at 723-6500. She would love to hear from you.

## “FORMED” PICK OF THE WEEK!

With the wedding season here, we recommend watching “Entering the Story of Marriage” which is the second session of “BELOVED: The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage.” “The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” is part one of the “BELOVED: FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE” series. “The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” has six sessions in all. To find this series easily, we have included it in the Community section of FORMED.

If you are not 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**. Enter 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.

### DO YOU KNOW....?

All of us know that we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th. Do you know which two saints’ birthdays we also celebrate on the Church’s calendar? We celebrate the feast day of saints throughout the year, but only two saints have an observance of their birth. One of these is the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose birthday is celebrated on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Blessed Virgin Mary’s “falling asleep”, her dormition, is celebrated on the Solemnity of her Assumption into Heaven on August 15.

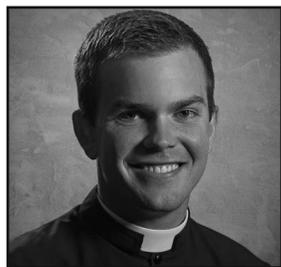
The other saint whose birthday we celebrate is St. John the Baptist, whose birthday is observed this weekend, June 24. June 24 is chosen for obvious reasons. When the Archangel Gabriel spoke to the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation (which is celebrated on March 25), he told her that not only was she to be the Mother of the Savior, but also that her cousin Elizabeth, who was thought to be barren, was in her sixth month of pregnancy by the power of God. The Blessed Mother then hurries to be with St. Elizabeth, and remains with her for three months. It is then that St. Elizabeth gives birth to St. John the Baptist, three months after the Annunciation. The day of St. John the Baptist’s martyrdom is observed on August 29. The Blessed Virgin Mary was chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord and Savior. St. John the Baptist was chosen to be His herald, preparing His way. Happy Birthday St. John the Baptist!



### GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!

This coming Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, three men will be Ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Madison at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Madison! They are Rev. Mr. Peter Lee, Rev. Mr. Drew Olson and Rev. Mr. Grant Thies.

Rev. Mr. Peter Lee is from Hartford WI, the son of John and Nancy Lee. He began his studies at UW-Platteville, and later attended Saint Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, NE, and Seton Hall University, College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Orange, NJ. He concluded his studies at The Pontifical North American College in Rome. After ordination, Fr. Peter will be Parochial Vicar at St. Cecelia Parish in Wisconsin Dells, and later in 2018 he will be returning to Rome for further studies.



Rev. Mr. Drew Olson is from Granger, IN, the son of Gregory and Kathryn Olson. Drew first worked for Epic in Verona before discerning the call to the priesthood. He studied at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit MI, and concluded his studies at The Pontifical North American College in Rome. After ordination, Fr. Drew will be Parochial Vicar at St. Cecelia Parish in Wisconsin Dells, and he too will return to Rome later in 2018 for further studies.

Rev. Mr. Grant Thies is from Elkhorn, WI, the son of Dr. David and Kathy Thies. He studied at UW-Madison and Marquette University. He attended seminary at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN and St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, MN. After ordination, Fr. Grant will be the Parochial Vicar at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish in Sun Prairie.



## ISAIAH 43 – YOUTH GROUP

9th Grade Faith Formation Class (Confirmation) of 2018–2019: The service hour record sheet is available on the Isaiah 43 Youth table by the Holy Water Font. Please check this table periodically for information.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Mary Church in Fennimore invites your K to 6 graders to “get on board and take off on a Radical Ride around the world with Amazing Angels and Super Saints.” Your children will “soar through lessons about prayer and how to put it into action.” The Vacation Bible School will run from July 9 – 12, at St. Mary Church Hall from 8 am to 11:45 am. The registration

forms are available in the Parish Office and are due back by **Monday, June 25** with \$5 per child fee enclosed.



### THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Monday, June 25 . . . . . Fr. William Vernon’s Birthday  
Wednesday, June 27 . . . . . Mass at Orchard Manor, 9:30 am  
. . . . . Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care, 10:30 am  
Thursday, June 28 . . 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting,  
6:30 pm  
Friday, June 29 . . . . . Presbyteral Ordination, St. Maria Goretti,  
Madison  
Saturday, June 30 . . . . . Wedding Mass of Leslie Larsen  
& James Gallagher, 1 pm

### JUNE IS NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

As we approach the end of June, please continue to keep in mind the needs of our Lancaster Association of Churches (LAC) Food Pantry and donate some non-perishable food items or volunteer your time. Egg cartons are also needed to replenish for local farmers who donate to Food Pantry. Your food items and egg cartons can be placed in the shopping cart outside the Parish Office. Our appreciation and thanks go out to Wayne & Carolyn Nuti for making sure the food items are delivered to the Food Pantry in a timely manner.



**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES  
GO OUT TO FATHER WILLIAM  
VERNON ON JUNE 25!  
MAY THE DAY AND THE COMING  
YEAR BRING YOU MUCH JOY  
AND BLESSINGS!!**



## 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. The last three new CD titles are:

### Signs of Life: Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots

In this informative and dynamic presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn guides us to a deeper faith through the Old Testament historical roots that underlie Catholic beliefs and practices. Dr. Hahn clears up common misconceptions about specific liturgical rituals and traditions, and responds thoughtfully to the objections raised about them.

### Winning the Culture War

To win any war, there are three things that you must know: that you are at war, who your enemy is, and what weapons or strategies can defeat him. Acknowledging that our culture is clearly in crisis, Dr. Peter Kreeft shows us that the only weapon strong enough to defeat the demons of this age is saints. Above all, Dr. Kreeft assures us that victory is assured for those who hope in Christ, because good always triumphs over evil.

### Walking Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or his country. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

- Don’t take a vacation from your marriage!
- Learn a technique of loving communication you can use for the rest of your lives.
- Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on July 20-22 in Madison, WI; Sept. 7-9 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 19-21 in Brookfield, WI.
- For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

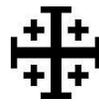
### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

#### ST. CLEMENT SCHOOL RECEIVES LCF GRANT

The Lancaster Community Fund Advisory Board recently presented Saint Clement School with a charitable grant in the amount \$3,010.00 to support our new Coding and Robotics Program. Specifically, this grant money will be used to purchase a Wonder Workshop Dash & Dot Classroom Pack and Sketch Pack along with Osmo Coding Jam Games. We will also be able to enhance our already great library with shelves full of assorted coding and STEM themed books. In addition, we will be holding our first ever Coding Camp this summer for St. Clement students interested in expanding their knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). We are so grateful for the continued support we receive from our friends on the Lancaster Community Fund Advisory Board as they continue to do such amazing things for our wonderful community!!!



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



### JUNE 30 & JULY 1

**5 PM Lectors:** Tom Hughey & Bill Manthe

**5 PM Servers:** Brianna Kirsch, Madeline Reukauf  
& Zach Mendis

**7:30 AM Lector:** Connie Reinsbach

**7:30 AM Servers:** Gabi Dressler & Aiden Hauk

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

**9:30 AM Servers:** Josy Hoerth, Kelsey & Kaitlyn NeCollins

### JULY 7 & JULY 8

**5 PM Lectors:** Mary Seiler & Emil Everix

**5 PM Servers:** Owen & Aurora Fritz, Hope Williams

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

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

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Kathy Larsen & Tom Lucke

**9:30 AM Servers:** Delanie & Lilyann Weber, Emma Jensen

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

**Servers: Your new schedules are available in the sacristy.**

## THE PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

In case you missed the news.... The long-awaited 2017 St. Clement Parish

Directories have arrived and are available in the parish office. You can also purchase a directory by stopping by the parish office during normal office hours. The cost is just \$10. Photos that were submitted for the directory may be picked up in the parish office during weekday office hours. A special Thank You to Michael Harding, Sue Mumm and Rochelle Williams for all their hard work, time and assistance in putting the directory together.



## IT'S GOOD TO GET AWAY...

Yes, it is good to get away for a day or two, or to go on a longer vacation to renew oneself and to spend time with family and friends. On your weekend outings, be sure to remember the importance of thanking God for the creation and recreation you'll be enjoying. Remember to make Sunday worship part of your vacation, as it too is a way that we "get away" from our daily routine to hear the Word of God and to be nourished with our Lord in the Eucharist. If you don't know where to find a local Catholic Church, go to the website [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find nearby parishes and their Mass times.



## Family Promise<sup>®</sup> of Grant County

## FAMILY PROMISE: OUR HOST WEEK IS HERE!

Our week to host families with children who are homeless begins this weekend with families arriving on Sunday afternoon, June 24, and leaving next Sunday morning on July 1. As of this writing there is one family in the program, but there is always the possibility of additional families coming into the program during our week. Here's a few reminders....

**We will be calling those who have volunteered** a few days prior as a reminder of what you signed up for and to pass along pertinent info such as number of people we are serving, what door to enter, where to drop off food and so forth.

**As a reminder, please do not bring in food items for breakfast or lunch unless we call you.** I will be contacting some of you throughout the week for certain items.

**Thank you to everyone who will be helping in any way** to serve families this week!

**We do have a few opportunities for service.** If you are able to help but have not signed up, please give me a call.

**Please pray** for the families whom we will be serving, for the volunteers and for Family Promise of Grant County. Fill us Lord with a spirit of generosity, kindness and compassion.

**If you have any questions** please call me at 723-4990. ~ Bill

## UPCOMING SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE PLAZA

### Summer Nights at the Plaza with Panchromatic Steel

**Tuesday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 pm**

This free concert will bring the sounds of the Caribbean to Lancaster with the group, *Panchromatic Steel*. This steeldrum band was homegrown in Madison, WI in 2016 and one band member is Keith Leinert, percussion faculty at UW-Platteville. Panchromatic Steel plays authentic island Calypso, jazz, classical and popular music on steel pans. Their music will transport listeners to their happiest moments in the sun. People who attend should wear their colorful island attire to add to the tropical atmosphere.

The UW-Madison Foundation and Alumni Association will be bringing their restored 1957 International Harvester Metro delivery van that they converted into an ice cream truck. They will be handing out free samples of Babcock ice cream.

This fun evening of music is sponsored by People's State Bank. Concessions are available. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. In case of rain the concert will be held inside the library community room. A Farmer's Market will be held on the grounds from 3:30-6:30.

**\*Please check the bulletin board outside of the Parish Office for upcoming dates on Lancaster and Potosi Band Concerts and upcoming 'Summer Nights at the Plaza' events.**



