



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, September 4 8:15 AM
 † Maria Miles

Wednesday, September 5 8:15 AM
(Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious)
 † Martina Schmitz

Thursday, September 6 8:15 AM
 Defend Donald Trump & Our Republic

Friday, September 7 8:15 AM
 † Arlyne Nuti

Saturday, September 8 8:15 AM
(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 † Cyril Weisenbeck
5:00 PM
 † Harold Stelpflug

Sunday, September 9 **7:30 AM**
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 Police, Firefighters, EMTs and Veterans
 & Active Members of the U.S. Military

RECONCILIATION

Before Daily & Sunday Masses
Saturday at 4:00 PM

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
 9 am to 5 pm

Thursdays & Fridays:
 9 am to 2 pm

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 25 & 26

Church Support Envelopes \$4,422.00
 Offertory Cash \$625.00
 Children's Offertory \$54.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$988.00
Total \$6,089.00

Budgeted Offertory for August . \$31,024.00
 Offertory Received in August . \$29,994.00
Budgeted Amount Not Met \$1,030.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison

August 2018 \$29,994.00
 August 2017 \$30,764.00

From Our Pastor:

God cares not only for our physical being, our bodies, He cares for our spiritual being: He cares for our *whole being, heart, mind, body & soul*. God is love (1 John 4) – and He loves us, always. But He does not always love *what* we say and do – He does not love our sinning. God made us in His image and likeness. He is the source of all goodness, love and mercy, and He made us to know, love and serve Him in this life so as to be eternally happy with Him in Heaven.

That's what He's explaining to the scribes, Pharisees and all His disciples this Sunday in the Gospel of Saint Mark (7:1-23). But the hearts of the scribes & Pharisees *were far from God* – what was coming from their hearts were such evils as malice, lies, pride, deceit and blasphemy. That cannot be the way for us. God wants our whole being conformed to Him – *heart, mind, body and soul* – so that what comes from us is good, holy and true. To conform our hearts to His heart, God gives us life-affirming Teachings, Commandments, statutes and decrees, His Church, Word, Sacraments, prayer and the example of the saints *to help us live in Him* – giving us the grace to live the virtuous life, to humbly welcome the Word that's been planted in us and saves our souls, and to witness to and tell the Truth, Jesus Christ, with love and joy, in word and deed (James 1:17-27).

We have heard recently of how some leaders in the Church have lied and been *far from God*, committing and/or covering up crimes, sins, evil acts – these leaders include religious brothers, deacons, priests, bishops and cardinals in the past 70 or more years, all entrusted with the care of souls (please see Bishop Robert C. Morlino's August 18th letter in the August 23rd Catholic Herald, madisondiocese.org, and Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò's letter in the National Catholic Register, ncregister.com). Let us pray for: God's healing and strength for all the victims; God's justice and mercy for the men who committed these sins and crimes and covered them up and that they resign or be removed from their office (at least half of those recently accused have died or have already resigned/been removed); the deacons, priests, bishops and cardinals who are currently serving God and His Church, that they strive with the laity to respond with ever greater fidelity to Jesus Christ and His Church; forgiveness, healing and conversion for all. Please be assured that I and all the staff and volunteers at Saint Clement Parish (school and church) will continue to: do all we can to ensure that our parish is a holy and safe environment for everyone; use the VIRTUS program and have background checks for all employees; monitor the behavior and words of all employees and volunteers. If you see or hear of any type of misconduct or abuse, please contact law enforcement, the Victims' Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Madison, our staff and me.

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, calls us all to live our life in communion with Him, with God who is love. As Jesus says, where our hearts are, there is our treasure (Matthew 6:21). As disciples of Christ, we are called to live the Faith that we profess, striving by God's grace to be His faithful, hopeful and loving disciples, in His one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. This happens when our heart is in communion with God's will. As members of Christ's Body, the Church, may we, by God's grace, renew our efforts to be faithful, hopeful, loving and holy disciples, imitating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, following Jesus Christ, conforming our heart to His Sacred Heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABORTION

On Saturday, September 8, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 58 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. A memorial service will be held at St. Michael in Dane, WI at 10:30 am. Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

5 PM Lectors: Bill Manthe & Tom Schaefer

5 PM Servers: Haley, Caden & Tyler Timmerman

7:30 AM Lector: Connie Reinsbach

7:30 AM Servers: Oliviah Webster & Bill Manthe

9:30 AM Lectors: Sam Jonas & Kitty Mumm

9:30 AM Servers: DJ & Nicole Kelley, Josy Hoerth

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

FAMILY PROMISE: OUR HOST WEEK IS ONE WEEK AWAY!

Our week to host families experiencing homelessness is coming up the week of September 9 - 16. Presently, there are no families in the program. However, families can come into the program at any time during the week, so we do need to be ready every day during our host week, and we can only do so through your generous response in volunteering. Volunteer Sign-Up Forms are on a table at the entrance of the church. As a reminder- **please do not bring in food items at this time.** As we get closer to September 9, we will make phone calls as a reminder to those who volunteered, and also relay information on the number of people we are serving. We will also call people for the additional food items we need for dinner and breakfast such as milk, juice and so forth.

If you have any questions, or are interested in helping out but have not done so in the past, please call Bill Manthe at 723-4990. Thanks!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE MASS

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Blue Mass on Sunday, September 9th at 9:30 am for our local heroes; Police, Firefighters, EMTs and Veterans and active members of the U.S. Military. A reception will follow after the Mass in the dining hall in their honor. Please come and thank them for all they have done and continue to do for us and our community.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

Please sign up on the schedule near the Fatima Chapel. You may come at any time during the 24-hour adoration, however, signing up for just one hour will assure at least one person is in the Chapel at all times keeping vigil with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and night. Thank you for the donation of your time!

During this First Friday time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please include prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Pray too for our seminarians, those in religious formation, our current priests and those in the consecrated religious life. Jesus tells us that, "The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore ask the Harvest-Master to send workers for His harvest" (Lk 10:2). Heeding His words, let us pray for vocations.

THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, September 2 1:30 pm, Wedding Mass of
Stephanie Schmidt & Keith Schaefer

Wednesday, September 5 9:30 am, Mass at Orchard Manor
. 10:30 am, Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care

Friday, September 7 First Friday Adoration
(24 hours, through Saturday, 8 am)

. 8:15 am, All School Mass
. 11:15 am, Mass at Morningside Assisted Living

Saturday, September 8 5 pm, Wedding Reception of
Kayla Mergen & Mason Nemitz

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

OLIVER CHARLES

Son of Adam and Ashleigh (Bainbridge) Hampton

MAVERICK WILLIAM

Son of Ted and Kathy (Clauer) Landon

LYDIA RAYNE

Daughter of Cory and Amber (Pagenkopf) McKelvey

WAYLON MICHAEL

Son of Michael and Megan (Cooley) Shaw

**Congratulations to Avery Lynn, daughter of Steve
and Katie (Hahn) Pitzen who received her First Holy
Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday,
August 26! May God bless you and your family!**

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE AREA

As we get ready for our St. Clement Fall Festival, there are many area church picnics and Fall festivals that are scheduled in the month of September. Please check out our bulletin board outside the parish office for details on upcoming area church Fall festivals and picnics.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC TEACHER!!!

We are excited to announce that Mr. Nate Gallagher has been hired as our new Music Teacher following the resignation of Mrs. Brandi Dreher. Nate lives here in Lancaster with his wife Jenny, and their two children: Jack and Katie. His full-time career is with the Grant County Sheriff Department as a deputy, but he has been involved with schools since 2004 as a School Resource Officer and D.A.R.E. Officer. He also teaches at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in the Law Enforcement Academy.

While Law Enforcement is Nate's primary career, he has a strong love for music and for sharing that with others. He has been helping with church music since prior to college and continues to do so here at St. Clement Parish. Mr. Gallagher will also have a lot of family support as his wife Jenny taught instrumental music for 10 years and her sister Jody Sturmer currently teaches General Music at Winskill Elementary School. Nate is looking forward to working with students as we begin the school year and we are looking forward to the many gifts and talents he will bring to our wonderful Catholic school... Welcome Mr. Gallagher!!!