



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, September 18 8:15 AM
 † Richard & Eunice Dressler

Wednesday, September 19 8:15 AM
(Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr)
 Members of Baus Family

Thursday, September 20 8:15 AM
(Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs)
 Brandon Klaas & His Family

Friday, September 21 8:15 AM
(Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)
 Living & Deceased Family Members of
 Wayne & Carolyn Nuti

Saturday, September 22 8:15 AM
(Blessed Virgin Mary)
 † Lona, Lynn & Darrall Leighton
5:00 PM
 † Ronnie Snider

Sunday, September 23 **7:30 AM**
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 † Irvin and Elaine Reuter

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

September 8 & 9

Church Support Envelopes	\$ 3,653.00
Offertory Cash	\$493.00
Children's Offertory	\$71.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$988.00
Total	\$5,205.00
Budgeted Offertory for Sept.	\$30,061.00
Offertory Received in Sept.	\$12,799.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . .	\$17,262.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison

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

From Our Pastor:

Saint James challenges us this Sunday to examine our relationship with God, to have a faith that is alive and not dead (James 2:14-18). Saint James was writing to Catholic Christians who went to Mass every Sunday and yet he still warns them against having a dead faith – telling them and us directly that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit calls us to not only believe in Him, but to follow Him and to love Him and our neighbor, in our words and deeds, just as Jesus Christ commanded us.

This teaching on faith is also depicted in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35), as Saint Peter professes his faith in Jesus, calling Him *the Christ* – yet Peter's faith falters when he hears Jesus explain that His mission as the Savior includes being rejected, suffering, dying and rising. Jesus then disciplines Peter for thinking as human beings do! Peter's faith was alive, but it needed to increase so that he could follow Jesus Christ through His miracles and preaching, and to the Cross and the Resurrection. Jesus is teaching Peter and us to *live our faith* in words and deeds, to take up our cross and follow Him (Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23), for faith without works is a dead faith (James 2:17). Our faith in Jesus Christ should affect the way we live as God's children. When we express our faith by our works (Matthew 25:31-46), we grow in wisdom, peace, patience, courage, and true Christian joy – fruits of a faith that is alive and growing (Galatians 5:22-23).

We live our faith and keep it alive and growing by: praying; reading Holy Scripture; keeping God's Commandments (John 14:15-24); loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:34-40); going to God in the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and Confession, which we can go to as often as needed (for healing, forgiveness, conversion); participating in Jesus' Mass with our parish family, giving glory to God by worshipping, praising, thanking and loving *Him* through our attentiveness to the prayers, Scriptures, gestures, hymns; examining our conscience each day, praying and asking Our Lord to help us live the gift of Faith.

Faith is a gift from God. As we strive to be in communion with God each day, living the virtues of faith, hope and love, may we continue by God's grace to nourish the gift of faith – being faithful, hopeful and loving instruments for Him, by word and deed, all for the greater glory of God. May we live our Faith as witnesses to the Gospel: praying for healing, forgiveness, conversion and justice in the midst of the scandal and crisis in the Body of Christ, the Church; praying for all people to respect God's gift of life, participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign, September 26 to November 4 – our Knights of Columbus have reserved October 21 as a day for our parish family to pray during the campaign (see our parish bulletin, website and Facebook page for details; also see VigilforLife.org and 40DaysforLife.com); and praying for all people to believe in, follow and love Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, the Only Savior of the world.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

FALL FESTIVAL

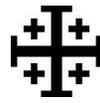
Our St. Clement Fall Festival is Sunday, October 7. We need all of our parish families to be involved to make it a success! Thank you in advance for all your hard work! Fall Festival raffle & dinner tickets are on the tables in the entrance of the church. Please pick up yours if you haven't already and also assist us by picking up packets belonging to your neighbors, friends and other family members. It is greatly appreciated.

Silent Auction Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office by Noon on Friday, October 5th. Be sure to include your name with your item.

We are also looking for a volunteer to chair the sweet rolls. We thank Dawn Mumm for her years chairing the sweet rolls. She also has graciously offered to 'train' the volunteer this year.



**WEEKEND
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**



SEPTEMBER 22 & 23

5 PM Lectors: Peg Jonas & Tom Hughey

5 PM Servers: Madeline Reukauf, Zach Mendis
& Logan Harding

7:30 AM Lector: Shayne LaBudda

7:30 AM Servers: Sam & Grace Schaffer

9:30 AM Lectors: Josh Jensen & Kathy Larsen

9:30 AM Servers: Delanie & Lily Weber, Lydia Mack

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

EMBER DAYS OF FASTING & REPARATION

Bishop Robert C. Morlino has asked that all the faithful in the Diocese of Madison, clergy and laity alike, join him “in observing the upcoming Autumn Ember Days (September 19, 21, and 22) as days of fasting and abstinence in reparation for sins and outrages committed by the members of the clergy.... Some sins, like some demons, can only be driven out by prayer and fasting.” (from Bishop Morlino’s letter, *Catholic Herald*, August 23, 2018). In addition, as Bishop Morlino states in the same letter, we must “cast out sin from our own lives and run toward holiness.” The sins that have been committed are very serious. Our response, as members of the Body of Christ, unites us in penitential action as we confront sin in the Church, in society and within ourselves. Please enter into these Ember Days of Reparation asking the Lord for His grace and mercy.

**ST. CLEMENT MEN’S GROUP IS BACK
SEPTEMBER 23RD!**

7 PM Social Drinks and Refreshments

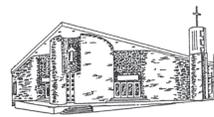
7:15 PM Presentation Starts

This year, we will be presenting Fr. Larry Richards “Knowing Jesus and His Church.” This is a great program to learn about the different aspects of the Catholic Faith from someone who doesn’t pull any punches and tells the fullness of the Truth. The program will have something for all men, from seasoned Catholics to someone just getting started in the Faith. We will discuss the Sacraments, the liturgical year, Mary in the Church and so much more. See you on the 23rd in the St. Clement Dining Hall. Any questions call, text or email Mike Tennesen 563-599-5381 / tenny3044@gmail.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

St. Clement Parish is again participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign. St. Clement has signed up for Sunday Oct. 21st from 8 am to 8 pm as our day to support this very important cause. We are looking for volunteers to peacefully demonstrate and pray on the sidewalk outside the abortion clinic in Madison for 1-hour shifts. Please call Bill and Judy Seyer at 608-723-4842 to sign up for a time.

We are also looking for people to lead the Rosary at the top of the hour at St. Clement Church from 12:00 to 6:00pm for those who would like to participate but are unable to get to Madison on Oct. 21st. If you can lead the Rosary please call Bill and Judy Seyer at 608- 723-4842.



THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Monday-Wednesday, September 17-19

..... Presbyteral Assembly with Bishop Robert Morlino

Wednesday, September 19 . . . Noon, Finance Council Meeting

..... 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Religious Ed Grades 7-9

Friday, September 21 8:15 am, All School Mass

..... 11:15 am, Mass at Morningside Assisted Living

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2018

The Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on **September 16, 2018**. The 2018 theme is, “**Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.**” Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful occasion to recognize teachers and catechists who pass on the Catholic faith in the classroom. It also is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as members of Christ’s Body, the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-6TH GRADE

Religious Education classes for Kindergarten through 6th Grade will begin on September 26 at 6pm, starting with prayer in church before going to class. Please contact us by September 19 to register your children for classes and/or to volunteer as a catechist. Rebecca Dean and Melissa Martin are the new coordinators for K-6 Religious Education; please contact them at rebeccadean@saintclementschoo.com and melissamartin@saintclementschoo.com, or Father William at the parish office, 723-4990. Thank you!

In Memoriam

Please keep in your prayers Gloria Curtis of our parish who died on Thursday, August 23, and whose funeral Mass was celebrated at her home parish of Ss. Andrew & Thomas in Tennyson/Potosi on Monday, August 27. Gloria and her husband Floyd Curtis moved from Potosi to Lancaster 18 years ago. Gloria knew much joy in life, she also knew sorrow, experiencing the death of her first husband Joe Winkers in 1971; and then again when Floyd died in 2011. Gloria had a beautiful devotion to Our Blessed Mother, and her Rosary was always near at hand. She also considered her children and those of Floyd’s family as one – all 13 were very dear to her. As we keep Gloria in prayer, may we also pray for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and all of Gloria’s family in this time of sorrow.

“Eternal rest grant unto Gloria, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”