



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, September 11 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
 † Joe, Drusilla, Warren & Leonard Schildgen

Wednesday, September 12 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(The Most Holy Name of Mary)*  
 † Loren Conley

Thursday, September 13 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*  
 Campion H.S. Class of 1968

Friday, September 14 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)*  
 Mass of Reparation for Sins Against  
 Jesus Christ and His Church

Saturday, September 15 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(Our Lady of Sorrows)*  
 Living & Deceased Family Members  
 of Nick & Katie Crosby  
**5:00 PM**  
 † Clarence & Clara Fuerstenberg

Sunday, September 16 . . . . . **7:30 AM**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 People of Our Parish  
**9:30 AM**  
 † Frank and Bernice Ihm

## 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 1 & 2

Church Support Envelopes . . . . . \$4,946.00  
 Offertory Cash . . . . . \$572.00  
 Children's Offertory . . . . . \$48.00  
 Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . . \$988.00  
 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month Electronic Giving . . \$1,040.00  
**Total . . . . . \$7,594.00**

Budgeted Offertory for Sept. . . . \$30,061.00  
 Offertory Received in Sept. . . . . \$7,594.00  
**Budgeted Amount Still Needed . . \$22,467.00**

### Monthly Offertory Comparison

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

## From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, we read that Jesus healed a deaf-mute man and that He ordered everyone to not tell anyone about the miracle (Mark 7:31-37). Why would Jesus do such a thing? Well, He knew that some folks might mistakenly think of Him as just some miracle-wonder-worker. People might get the impression that His Kingdom was just another earthly reign – an impression that Jesus did not want to give, for He is the Only Savior of the world! And He wanted people to know that His Kingdom, *the Kingdom of God*, is not bound by scandals, crises, politics, polls or economics – that He would *touch people's hearts* and bring them back into *communion with God* and put them on the *path to Life Eternal in Heaven*.

Jesus' miracles were not done to impress people and they were not the goal of His ministry, but they were *signs* of His authority, *confirmations* of the Truth of His teachings, *invitations* to the faithful to trust, love, obey and follow Him. Later, Jesus would actually *command* His disciples to proclaim the Good News – His gift of Salvation wrought by His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. He gave authority to the Apostles and He instructed them to administer the Sacraments and teach all that He had commanded them (Matthew 28:18-20), to call people to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel, to turn away from self-centeredness and evil and turn to selflessness and God's love and mercy.

In fact, Jesus Christ calls each and every one of His disciples to proclaim the Good News in word and deed. As Christians (Catholic and Protestant), we follow Jesus Christ. As Catholic Christians, this includes laypersons, religious, deacons, priests, bishops, cardinals and the pope, members of Jesus Christ's Mystical Body on earth, the Church. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit calls each of us in specific ways (ordained, single, married) to be evangelists, messengers of His Gospel, to be signs of His love, mercy and Truth. In doing so, God calls us to be open to His grace, His divine help.

"Be opened" Jesus says in the Gospel (Mark 7). What are we "open" to? Are we open to being Jesus Christ's disciples in all our words and deeds, open to His teachings through His Scriptures, Catechism and Church? Are we open to being His evangelists, beginning in our own families and among our friends, coworkers and classmates? Are we open to living according to what we believe (versus believing according to how we want to live)? Jesus calls us to be His living "miracles" in the world, witnesses to His mercy, love, joy and Truth, to be *His disciples* who strive *by His grace* to be faithful to our friendship with Him, for we belong to Him (1 Corinthians 3:21-23). Each day, God gives us His grace through prayer, His Church, Word and Sacraments, helping us to renew our commitment to living for and following, in faith, hope and love, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

## 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.

## MASS INTENTION OPENINGS

We have openings for Mass Intentions in coming weeks and months. Have a Mass offered for your living and/or deceased loved ones, in thanksgiving or for your special intentions. Contact Katie at the parish office (723-4990) or use the envelopes found in the entrances of the church.



## WEEKEND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



**SEPTEMBER 15 & 16**

**5 PM Lectors:** Rick Benson & Linda Ihm

**5 PM Servers:** Brenin & Reese Belscamper

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

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

**9:30 AM Lectors:** Tom Lucke & Sheri Ihm

**9:30 AM Servers:** Katie & Abbi Martin, Emma Jensen

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



## THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, Sept. 9 . . . 9:30 am, Blue Mass, Reception Following Mass  
 . . . . . First Day of Family Promise Host Week

Tuesday, Sept. 11 . . . . . 7 pm, Vocations Commission Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 12 . . . . . 9:30 am, Mass at Orchard Manor  
 . . . . . 10:30 am, Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care  
 . . . . . 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Religious Ed Grades 7-9

Thursday, Sept. 13 . . . . . 6 pm, Education Commission Meeting  
 . . . . . 7 pm, Rosary; 7:30 pm Meeting, Knights of Columbus

Friday, Sept. 7 . . . . . 8:15 am, All School Mass  
 . . . . . 1:15 pm, Mass at Morningside Assisted Living

### FAMILY PROMISE: OUR HOST WEEK IS HERE!

Our week to host families experiencing homelessness begins this week, September 9 - 16. Presently (Sept. 4) there are no families in the program. However, families can come into the program at any time during the week. We will make phone calls to volunteers normally two days prior to the day you signed-up to assist to let you know if we have a family to serve or not. If you have any questions, please call Bill Manthe at 723-4990.

### COME SING!

The St. Clement Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm. The choir is a great way to keep your voice healthy, serve the congregation, make music, and be with good people. All are welcome. You will not be asked to sing alone or be put “on the spot.” We will teach you what you need to know. Bring your eyes, ears, brain, and voice, and we will make a joyful noise unto God. Questions may be directed to Dave Murphy (608) 723-9185 or [murphyd@lancastersd.k12.wi.us](mailto:murphyd@lancastersd.k12.wi.us). See you soon!

### MASS OF REPARATION & EMBER DAYS

Bishop Robert C. Morlino has instructed all parishes in the diocese to join with him in offering a Mass of Reparation for sins committed against Jesus Christ and His Church by members of the clergy. This Mass of Reparation will be offered in all parishes on the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, September 14. Mass at St. Clement will be at 8:15 a.m.

Also, Bishop 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 Fall EWTN schedules can be found at the entrances of the church. Watching EWTN is an excellent way to grow in knowledge of the faith, stay current on issues within the Church, and have a daily companion for prayer.

### SPREAD MERCY!

On, September 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The charity Saint Teresa shared with the suffering in the slums of Calcutta is still an inspiration to us today. She encouraged each of us to “Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta.”

In the Diocese of Madison, the Saint Mother Teresa Mercy Endowment Fund provides financial support to ministries performing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. This year’s distribution has assisted those suffering from homelessness and addiction, helped support mothers, and provided catechisms for prison ministry. Please pray for an increase of mercy in our diocese and consider making a gift to the endowment to support these ministries. To learn more or make a gift online, visit [diocesemadisonfoundation.org](http://diocesemadisonfoundation.org), or write to Catholic Diocese of Madison Foundation, 702 South High Point Road, Suite 223, Madison, WI 53719.

### SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

#### THANK YOU!!!

The new school year has gotten off to a great start and we have many people to thank for this. First, we would like to thank the good Lord for blessing us with our wonderful Catholic school and supportive parish families. We would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kasperek for all they do throughout the year to keep our school and church clean, safe, and welcoming.

This school year, we also have new drinking fountains with bottle fillers in memory of Alan Schwantes and new display cases in memory of Catherine Schindler. We would like to thank the Schwantes and Schindler families for their many years of supporting Saint Clement. We would also like to thank several others for their roles in making these two improvements possible.

At the risk of forgetting someone, we humbly thank: Tim Block, Tom Block, Steve Fritz, David Hermsen, John Edge, Matt Friederick, Justin Seippel, Dylan Tydrich, Curt Broihahn, Charlie Kuenster, and KC members: Brandon Klaas, Bill Seyer, Greg Strobush, and Rick Benson. We also thank all those who made monetary donations to our “Wish List Fund” to help cover any extra expenses. They say “it takes a village to raise a child” and we are truly blessed with a great “village” here at St. Clement!!!