



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 19 8:15 AM
(Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary)
 † Celine Schmitz

Wednesday, March 20 8:15 AM
 † Joyce Klaas

Thursday, March 21 8:15 AM
 Members of the Baus Family

Friday, March 22 8:15 AM
 † Joe Schwab

Saturday, March 23. 8:15 AM
(Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop)
 † Marie Muller & Her Deceased
 Family Members
5:00 PM
 † Harold Stelpflug

Sunday, March 24 7:30 AM
Third Sunday of Lent
 People of Our Parish
9:30 AM
 † Virgil Vorwald

RECONCILIATION

Before Daily & Sunday Masses
Saturday at 4:00 PM

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT

In addition to the daily and Saturday Confession schedule, Fr. William will be offering Confessions from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Tuesdays, March 19 & 26 and April 2, 9 and on **Holy Saturday, 4-5 pm.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 9 & 10

Church Support Envelopes \$3,695.00
 Offertory Cash. \$456.00
 Children's Offertory. \$48.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$988.00
 Ash Wednesday Offertory. \$682.00
Total \$5,869.00

Budgeted Offertory for March . \$33,337.00
 Offertory Received in March. . \$15,717.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . \$17,620.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison
 February 2019 (4 weekends). . . . \$28,595.00
 February 2018 (4 weekends). . . . \$31,177.00

From Our Pastor:

In the Transfiguration of Jesus that we hear about this Second Sunday of Lent (Luke 9:28-36), God gives us a glimpse of His glory in Heaven. We respond, as we do at every Mass, with prayers of thanksgiving, and with prayers for people who have died – because they may benefit from our prayers if they are in Purgatory, which is not a place but a state of being, a state of purification, that occurs in Heaven. When we die, we either go to Heaven or Hell – and God will judge us according to our deeds, whether good or evil (2 Cor. 5:10; Matthew 25). To be in Purgatory means that we are in Heaven, for Jesus has saved us from our sins. To be before the Face of God in the full glory of Heaven (the Beatific Vision), we may need a purging of the effects of the sins we committed, sins that Jesus Christ in His infinite mercy has forgiven. Purgatory is Our Lord's merciful justice. Jesus revealed His justice and mercy in His Crucifixion and Resurrection. Purgatory is like the time I broke a window at my parents' home – I asked them to forgive me and they did, but the window remained broken. Someone had to repair it. Likewise, we seek God's forgiveness for our sins and He forgives us, yet the effects of our sins remain (harm we caused to others by our sins). So by God's grace we strive to repair the damage we caused by our sins. Such reparation (Masses, prayers, fasting, almsgiving, penances) can also be done by us on behalf of the dead who may need a final purification.

Purgatory, then, is a state of purification in Heaven, where the saving merits of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection are applied to the soul of the deceased Christian who has died with non-deadly (1 John 5:16-17), post-baptismal sins on his soul (Jesus purifies us of the effects of the sins He has forgiven). This final purification prepares the Christian's soul for total union with God in the full glory of Heaven (the word "Purgatory" does not appear in the Bible, but we still use the term just as we use the non-Biblical word "Trinity" to describe God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Let us pray for the faithful departed – if they're already in the fullness of Heaven, then our prayers and penance may deepen their love for God, or God will apply them to others who do need them. The Bible and Catechism can help us to understand Jesus Christ's Teachings on Purgatory:

Isaiah 6:5-7; 2 Macc. 12:38-46; Sirach 7:33; Psalm 99:8; Rev. 6:9-10, 8:3-4, 21:27; Matthew 5:8, 5:48, 12:32, 17:1-8, 25:31-46; Mark 9:49; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:16-17; 1 Cor. 3:10-20, 15:20-34; 2 Cor. 4:7-18, 5:1-10; 2 Tim. 1:15-18; Hebrews 9:23-28, 12:14. Also, Catechism of the Catholic Church #1030-1032.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

- Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 pm St. Charles Church, Cassville
- Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm, St. Clement Church, Lancaster
- Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 pm at St. Mary Church, Bloomington

JOURNEY TO THE EASTER SACRAMENTS

Throughout the Lenten Season, may we keep in our prayers those in our parish who will be celebrating one or more of the Easter Sacraments. Lynne Klaas will be entering into Full Communion in the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Our high school freshmen will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the evening of April 10. Emily Olson, a college student, will also be Confirmed that night. Our 2nd Grade students will be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation on March 20; and on Sunday, May 5, they will be receiving our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for their very first time. May the Holy Spirit bless, sanctify and lead all of these adults, teens and children to a deeper love for the Lord and His Church in this sacred time.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: MARCH 23 & 24



5 PM Lectors: Tom Schaefer & Bill Manthe
5 PM Servers: Meg Walker, Austin Reuter & Logan Harding
7:30 AM Lector: Bill Manthe
7:30 AM Servers: Sam & Grace Schaffer
9:30 AM Lectors: Kitty Mumm & Sam Jonas
9:30 AM Servers: Matthew Crosby, Logan Muldoon & Fin Hoffman

FORMED: FOR THIS WEEK!

This weekend we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and in the coming week the Church will also celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. FORMED has a few offerings for kids and adults that will help you understand and appreciate these two heroic saints. For greater knowledge of St. Patrick, FORMED offers two videos for children (and moms and dads). "The Secret of the Shamrock" and "Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle," are excellent short videos on the life and significance of St. Patrick. For adults, there is an audio-dramatization of the life of St. Patrick titled, "The Trials of St. Patrick."

"Joseph of Nazareth" would make an excellent choice for a movie night as we celebrate his solemnity this week. Witness how God chose St. Joseph from all other men to love and care for the Blessed Virgin Mary and for his foster son, Jesus Christ.

To make these selections easier to find, we have included them in the Community section of FORMED.

To register for FORMED, go to www.FORMED.org, click on "Enter Code," enter our parish code, **DHYNXC**, then proceed as directed. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions. Take advantage of FORMED this Lenten Season!

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.

PLEASE JOIN US

You are invited to pray the Rosary in support of traditional marriage, as God intended, between one man and one woman, on Saturday, March 23, after 8:15 am Mass. We will pray the Rosary in the church due to uncertainty of the weather.

LADIES: DO YOU NEED A DAY OUT?

Holy Ghost - Immaculate Conception Parishes are hosting...

A Day of Reflection for Women: Mary our Refuge,
Mary our Strength ©

Saturday, March 23, 2019 • 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Kieler, WI

Featuring guest speaker: Shannon K. Evans wife, mother, author, and writer. For more information and to register contact Angie Snyder 608-732-6329, kielersnyder@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 17 7 pm, St. Clement Men's Group Session, Dining Hall

Tuesday, March 19 6:30-7:30 pm, Confessions

Wednesday, March 20 9:30 am, Mass at Orchard Manor
 10:30 am, Mass at Atrium Post Acute Care
 Noon, Finance Council Meeting
 2:15 pm, Stations of the Cross (School)
 . . . 6 - 6:45 pm, Pray to End Abortion, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
 RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm); Grades 7-9 (7-8:30 pm);
 6 pm - First Confessions, Grade 2, in church

Friday, March 22 5:30 pm, Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23 9 am, Rosary in Support of Traditional Marriage, church

ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING FOR LENT

During the Holy Season of Lent, join us as we focus on the Passion of Jesus, using the newly released study by Dr. Edward Sri titled, "*No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion.*" There are two opportunities to take part in "*No Greater Love*": Wednesdays at 9:00 AM; and Thursdays at 6:15 PM. We will gather in the parish office meeting room, with sessions lasting about an hour and a half. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Bill Manthe at the parish office if you have any questions.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Have you made your Annual Catholic Appeal pledges? If you have not made a pledge, please consider making a pledge, payable over six months. This appeal funds many ministries throughout the diocese and helps many in need through works of mercy. Please make check payable to Diocese of Madison. Send the pledge through the offertory basket or drop it off in the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your support of our parish, the diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 5:30 pm, March 22, 29
and April 5 and 12.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

Please consider attending the St. Clement School 4th Annual Celebration of Giving Auction Dinner April 6. Our very own Nate Gallagher will be performing before dinner. Dinner will be served by Doolittle's. Our MC's Kevin Raisbeck and Brian Muldoon put on a great auction. We have some great items on the auction: Front row seats to the Christmas and Spring program, trap shoot with Father William, Girl Scout cookies, rifle, Grant Regional Spa Package, LaVon Morrow Oil painting, guided turkey hunt with Justin McLimans, 6 tickets to the Dubuque Escape Room, Picnic Basket and Gift Card to American Players, mystery wallet and many more wonderful items. Tickets are \$35.