



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 17 8:15 AM
(Saint Patrick, Bishop)
 † James Giesen

Wednesday, March 18 8:15 AM
(Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 † Cyril Weisenbeck

Thursday, March 19 8:15 AM
(Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 Healing of Cancer Patients

Friday, March 20 8:15 AM
 † Vernon Krantz

Saturday, March 21. 8:15 AM
 Special Intention for Patricia H
5:00 PM
 † Joe Crubel

Sunday, March 22 7:30 AM
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Healing for Jack Reuter
9:30 AM
 People of Our Parish

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
 9 am to 5 pm
Thursdays & Fridays:
 9 am to 2 pm

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 on Fridays, March 20 and 27 and April 3, 6:30-7:30 pm, and on Holy Saturday, April 11, 4-5 pm.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 7 & 8

Church Support Envelopes \$5,228.00
 Offertory Cash. \$493.00
 Children's Offertory. \$37.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$988.00
Total \$6,746.00

Budgeted Offertory for March . \$42,671.00
 Offertory Received in March. . \$16,088.00
Budgeted Amount Still Needed . \$26,583.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison

February 2020 (4 weekends) \$30,114.00
February 2019 (4 weekends) \$28,595.00

From Our Pastor:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to a poor Samaritan woman and tells the whole truth about her husbands (John 4:5-42) – even though the truth could possibly embarrass and hurt her. So, one might ask: if Jesus Christ really loves her, *and He does*, why did He do it? He did it *because* He really loves her. For if she left that water well not knowing that Jesus knew her deepest shame, she would have left thinking “He seems to love me, but if He really knew about me He would never even have spoken to me.” Jesus showed her that indeed He did really know her. He knew that she had been in relationships that were not truly loving and some that might have given her a glimpse of love. And Jesus knew the love that her heart was ultimately thirsting for: the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (*God is love*, 1 John 4) – and Jesus wanted to save her from any false loves that would leave her alienated, despondent and dry.

Like the Samaritan woman, we realize that we have a deep thirst for more than water. As Jesus thirsts for our souls, for us to be one in Him, in communion with Him, we thirst for the water of Jesus Christ, welling up to eternal life, so that we may never thirst again. It is a thirst for *meaning* and *purpose* in our life that we cannot satisfy by our own efforts. Only God Himself can satisfy such a thirst. In the heart of our being, therefore, Jesus constantly draws us to Himself, toward intimate, personal friendship with Him, with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with His eternal, transcendent love – because only His love will satisfy our thirst, giving meaning and purpose to our life. This is precisely why even when all of our earthly thirsts are satisfied, when we have money, successes, and pleasures, we're still restless. It is only in God that we find true, eternal joy, for “man is made to live in communion with God...” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #45).

In an awesome way, Jesus satisfies our thirst with His Church, Word and Sacraments, and His gift of prayer. For example, when we confess our sins in the Sacrament of Penance (also known as Confession, Reconciliation), we might feel ashamed, embarrassed and hurt, acknowledging how we've tried to quench our spiritual thirst in sinful ways – and in that Sacrament, we discover that Jesus still wants us, still loves us, still yearns for us, regardless of what we have done. Jesus awaits us in Confession, looking for us to truly repent, to turn away from sin and seek His mercy and love. Let us continue to pray that this Lent we might tire of the counterfeit sense of love that comes from sin, prideful self-affirmation, selfishness and denial of our sin, and that we come humbly to the Sacrament of Penance as poor sinners thirsting for God's mercy, His loving forgiveness, His love that is real and eternal.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William

EASTER MEMORIALS

As we journey through Lent, it's again that time of year where we have the opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones through Easter memorial donations. The money collected will go toward decorating the Church for the Easter Season. Please put your donation in an envelope marked with your name and the name(s) of those you wish to remember, and drop the envelope in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office. All checks should be payable to St. Clement Parish and turned in by **Monday, April 6**. Thank you!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocese of Madison is currently accepting 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. Thank you for your support of our parish, the diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: MARCH 21 & 22



5:00 PM Lectors: Bill Manthe & Mary Seiler
5:00 PM Servers: Zach & Seth Mendis, Brody Crubel & Logan Harding
7:30 AM Lector: Connie Reinsbach
7:30 AM Servers: Oliviah Webster & Aiden Huak
9:30 AM Lectors: Kathy Larsen & Josh Jensen
9:30 AM Servers: Cole & Connor Raisbeck

Servers: Your new schedules are available in the sacristy! As Fr. William announced last weekend, we would like to have four servers at the 5 PM and the 9:30 AM Masses, and two at the 7:30 AM Mass. Please come to the sacristy even if you are not scheduled to see if your assistance is needed. Thank You!

ADULT EDUCATION: METANOIA

As we continue our journey through the Season of Lent, we especially focus on our need for conversion, for metanoia, as God calls us to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” With the guidance of Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, we will reflect this week on “Sin and Mercy.” In this episode, Fr. Dave will focus on the reality of sin. We need to take sin seriously because Jesus takes sin seriously. We don’t need to read very far into the Gospel to know this. That said, we also know that Jesus came to redeem sinful humanity, and through His words and actions, Jesus shows forth the abundant mercy of God. God’s love and mercy are greater than any sin on our part. However, we must be open to receive His grace.

There are two opportunities to take part in this video-based study. The first is on Tuesdays at 7 PM, and the second offering is on Wednesdays after the 8:15 AM Mass. Sessions are held in the parish office meeting room. If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please keep in your prayers the following students who will be attending a Confirmation retreat at Sinsinawa Mound this Sunday and will receive Sacrament of Confirmation later in the Spring:

Ailania Bainbridge, MaKenna Breuer, Sydney Busch, Kinsey Clark, Joe Esser, Ella Jackering, Kesa Mae Klaas, Paige Lolwing, Lydia Mack, Kaitlyn NeCollins, Kelsey NeCollins, Larry Pluemer, Carolyn Recker, Madeline Reukauf, Alaina Stader, Ari Winter and Jenna Wolf. May the retreat strengthen their love for God and for our Catholic faith and increase in them the virtues of faith, hope and love.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES (WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS):

- Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm, St. Clement Church, Lancaster
- Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 pm, St. Mary Church, Bloomington

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fraturdays, 5:30pm,
March 20, 27, and April 3, 10.

THIS WEEK AT ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 15 Family Promise Host Week Begins
. 7:30 am, Mass with Bishop Donald Hying
. 8 am, Confirmation Retreat, Sinsinawa Mound
. 9:30 am, Mass with Bishop Donald Hying
. 7 pm, Men’s Group, Dining Hall
Wednesday, March 18 9:30 am, Mass at Orchard Manor
. 10:30 am, Mass at Lancaster Health Services
. 6 – 6:45 pm, Pray to End Abortion, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
. RE classes; Grades K-6 (6-7 pm), Grades 7- 8 (7 pm, attend Communal Penance), Grade 9 (7 - 8:30 pm)
. 7 pm, St. Clement Communal Penance
Thursday, March 19. 6 pm, Education Commission Meeting
Friday, March 20 . 11:15 am, Mass at Morningside Assisted Living
. 5:30 pm, Stations of the Cross
. 6:30 pm, Confessions

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, March 15, and leaving next Sunday morning on March 22. Presently there are two families in the program, but that could change anytime during our host week. Here are 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.
- **Please do not bring in food items for breakfast or lunch unless we call you.** We 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! Most of our needs are filled but we do have a few opportunities for service. If you are able to help, but have not signed up, please give us 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 or can volunteer, call Bill Manthe at 723-4990.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

CELEBRATION OF GIVING DINNER AUCTION

Saint Clement School’s 5th Annual Celebration of Giving Dinner Auction is right around the corner. This year’s dinner auction will be held on Saturday, April 4th, and we are looking for a few more raffle items for the auction. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please reach out to one of the auction committee members listed below as soon as possible.

- Jessica Hermsen (jessicadavid@tds.net, 563-599-3782)
- Debra Reukauf (gpackergal@yahoo.com, 732-2026)
- Becky Stader (mbstader@gmail.com, 732-8353)

Examples of possible donation items include, but are not limited to: vacation rentals, concert tickets, sporting events, and themed gift baskets (coffee basket, rainy day basket, lottery card basket, etc.) Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful parish school!!!