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**Weekly Mass Schedule**

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**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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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- Budgeted Offertory for Dec . . . $44,994.00
- Offertory Received in Dec . . . $17,137.00

- Monthly Offertory Comparison
  - November 2020 (5 weekends) . . . $36,577.00
  - November 2019 (4 weekends) . . . $28,461.00

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**From Our Pastor:**

In these days before celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ, may we slow down for a moment (or more) and contemplate this great Mystery of His love: that God has come into the world, born of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, taking on our human nature, yet remaining divine, to save us, to redeem us by His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and His Ascension into Heaven, to bring us by His grace to life eternal with Him in Heaven.

May we imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, who trusted in the Lord so completely as they said Yes to God’s will, taking Jesus into their home, into the heart of their life (Matthew 1, Luke 1). Mary said Yes to God, becoming the mother of the Savior; Joseph said Yes to God, becoming the husband of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. In Saint Paul’s words, Mary and Joseph expressed *the obedience of Faith* (Romans 16:25-27), for they knew that they belonged to Jesus Christ and were called to be holy (1 Thessalonians 5).

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit calls each of us to express the obedience of Faith, to answer His call to be holy, to belong to Christ, to trust Him completely, to follow Him fully. Jesus loves us more than we can ever imagine, more than we love ourselves – and He’s waiting to fill our lives with His love, His grace, wisdom, strength, joy and peace. Christmas proves this love. Good Friday and Easter prove this love. Every detail of our Lord’s life proves His infinite love for us. Yet, His love will not be forced upon us. His love is a gift, *the Gift, for God is Love* (1 John 4). This Christmas, may we fervently welcome the Gift, Jesus Christ, into the home of our heart, like Mary and Joseph, and trust in Him and follow Him.

May we respond to God’s love and say Yes to faithfully following Jesus in His Church, Word and Sacraments, in our daily prayer, in telling the Truth with love, in proclaiming the Gospel with joy, the life-giving, life-affirming and loving teachings of Jesus and His Church. By God’s grace, may we strive to be the disciples, the instruments of love and mercy that Jesus Christ calls us to be, keeping His two great Commandments: love of God and love of neighbor – and during this time of the pandemic, please consider a life-changing visit to our parish’s website and social media pages and to such interactive sites as Formed.org, Catholicscomehome.org and DynamicCatholic.com. Jesus Christ has opened the way to the Kingdom of Heaven for us – and, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said, “His Kingdom is present wherever He is loved and wherever His love reaches us” (*Spe Salvi, In Hope We Are Saved*, #31). By God’s grace, may we respond by opening wide the doors of our hearts to welcome the Savior, trusting in His mercy and love. Like Saint Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the saints, let us say Yes to Jesus and His will, in the obedience of Faith, for we belong to Him, and He calls us to be holy, to live a life that is truly life, *life in Jesus Christ*, the Only Savior of the world.

With peace and prayers for a blessed and joyful Christmas,

*Fr. William*

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**IMPORTANT YEAR-END DONATION REMINDER**

We are thankful and grateful for your generous donations this year especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic!

Please have your monetary donations you would like posted to your 2020 tax statement postmarked by December 31st. All donations received after December 31st will be posted to your 2021 tax statement. Thank you for your generous support of our St. Clement Parish!

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**CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

Although music-making, especially singing, has been hit hard in this pandemic, our musicians have not given up trying to make Jesus Christ’s birthday a special celebration. Each of the four Christmas Masses will feature a prelude beginning approximately 30 minutes prior to Mass. Come, hear some sounds of the Christmas Season and celebrate His birth in the world and in our hearts.
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!
The Knights of Columbus’ “Keep Christ in Christmas” outdoor yard display “judging” is this week. If you have not already done so, contact Bill Seyer at 988-6543 to let him know that you are participating. If you would like to take in the beautiful displays, the homes taking part are: Carl & Margo Thiede, 1234 Primrose Ln; Bob & Kitty Mumm, 1032 S. Madison St; and Bill & Judy Seyer, 920 W. Maple St. Enjoy the beautiful decorations at these homes and around town as we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s birth!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24
Vigil of Christmas ........................................... 5:00 PM
Vigil of Christmas ........................................... 7:00 PM
Vigil of Christmas ........................................... 9:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord ......................................... 9:00 AM

NEW YEAR’S EVE
Thursday, December 31
Vigil Mass for the Holy Day ............................ 5:00 PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, January 1
Mary, Mother of God ...................................... 9:00 AM

WELCOME!
Welcome home one and all to the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior! Welcome college students, home for a much needed break. Welcome family and friends who have come home to gather with loved ones. Welcome to all from parishes near and far who are here to celebrate with us the Gift of God’s love, Jesus Christ. We welcome you all with great joy and pray that you may always find a warm welcome here at St. Clement Parish. Know too how much more the Lord Jesus, who became a little Child, opens wide His arms to embrace and hold you close to Him, whispering in your ear, “I love you, welcome home!”

2021 PARISH CALENDARS
The 2021 parish calendars are available at the entrances of the church. We wish to extend a big Thank You to Greg and Rita Schmitz of Homeward Bound for once again supplying our calendars for our parish. Thank You Greg and Rita for your generosity!!

THANK YOU!
“A big thank you and God bless you to all of my dear friends at St. Clement for the many beautiful cards and birthday greetings on the computer. I was overwhelmed and so pleased to hear from all of you. I will keep you in my prayers, wishing you health and happiness.” ~ Sr. Eva Marie Lorscheter

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
With Jeff Kasparek unable to remove snow from our church and school sidewalks this year as he continues to recover from surgery, we need volunteers who would be willing to assist with this. We do have a lead person who will take charge of contacting individuals when snow needs to be moved. If you are able to help with snow removal, please let us know when you can help (for example weekends only, mornings, afternoons, any hours of the day) and if you can help shovel or bring a snow blower. We have a snow blower at the parish, but more would be welcome. Contact the parish office with your name, best phone number to reach you, and when you can help. Please do not volunteer if you have a health condition that would put you at risk. We want everyone to stay healthy!

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK
Our week to host for family Promise is next week, the week of December 27 – January 2. There is presently one family in the program. We will be calling individuals for needed food items. We also need volunteers who are able to assist with the evening shift, 5:30-8:45 pm. For health reasons, contact with the family will be minimal. Call Bill Manthe at the parish office if you can assist with this important corporal work of mercy (Matthew 25).

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Saint Clement School. As we share gifts with one another, we are reminded of and most thankful for the greatest gift of all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are also thankful for the wonderful examples that all of you provide for our children by living your faith each day. And, we are very thankful for your continued support of our Saint Clement Parish School through your tax-deductible donations towards our school’s Wish List and Tuition Assistance funds. These generous donations help make our great school available to every family that wishes for their children to receive a top-notch Catholic education. Please contact our school principal, Mr. Josh Jensen, at 723-7474 for more information or to make a donation to help ensure the continued success of our school for generations to come. Thank you, Merry Christmas, and may God bless you throughout the new year!!
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