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(1 Corinthians 13:8)



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Bulletin Announcements: Deadline is Monday at Noon to the St. Clement Parish Office or to st_clement@tds.net



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 18	8:15 a.m.
	†Doris McLimans
Wednesday, April 19.	8:15 a.m.
	K. Pink
Thursday, April 20	8:15 a.m.
	†Ambrose Timmerman
	4:00 p.m.
Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women	
Friday, April 21.	8:15 a.m.
	<i>(Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)</i>
	†Ted & Stephanie Warczak
Saturday, April 22.	8:15 a.m.
	†Kathleen Schoonover
	5:00 p.m.
	†Jiggs & Shirley Winkler
Sunday, April 23.	7:30 a.m.
	<i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>
	People of our Parish
	9:30 a.m.
	†Kathleen Schoonover

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

**Before Daily & Sunday Masses;
 Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.**

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 8 & 9

Church Support Envelopes	\$3,124.00
Offertory Cash.	\$1,485.00
Children's Collection	\$241.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$1,205.00
Easter Sunday	\$2,652.00
Total	\$8,707.00
April Budgeted Offertory.	\$39,500.00
April Offertory Received	\$20,982.00
Monthly Offertory Comparison	
March 2023 (4 weekends)	\$36,356.00
March 2022 (4 weekends)	\$31,608.00

THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Thank you for your donations to the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Our parish family's donation of \$1,307.00 will help support and protect Christianity's holiest sites and places, and Christians who live there. Please continue to pray for their safety and well-being.

From Our Pastor:

Happy Easter! On this Second Sunday of the Easter Season, Divine Mercy Sunday, we read in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-31, Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 118, and 1 Peter 1:3-9, about the infinite mercy and love of Jesus Christ, as Jesus is always ready to forgive us, with divine love, compassion, kindness and generosity. Indeed, by His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has rescued us from sin and eternal death, and has wrought for us Eternal Life in Heaven. Today, Catholic Christians throughout the world conclude a Novena to the Divine Mercy, a nine-day devotional prayer that we began on Good Friday.

God calls us to *respond* to His mercy (His infinite compassion, love and forgiveness): to believe in, follow and love Him, and to remember our *ABC's*: **A**sk for His mercy, **B**e merciful and **C**ompletely trust in Him. By God's amazing grace, we can both receive and communicate God's mercy. When we receive His grace in the Sacraments (the Holy Eucharist and Confession, for example), Jesus Christ enfolds us in His infinite mercy, giving us strength to be instruments of His mercy and love, to live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, helping our neighbors in their spiritual and bodily necessities (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2447).

Regarding spiritual and corporal works of mercy, Jesus said that as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me (Matthew 25:31-46; Isaiah 58; Hebrews 13); and He tells us to: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; visit the sick; visit the imprisoned; and bury the dead. In Sacred Scripture and Church history, God calls us to: counsel the doubtful; instruct the ignorant; admonish the sinner; comfort the sorrowful; forgive injuries; bear wrongs patiently; and pray for the living and the dead.

We can participate in works of mercy *right now*, by praying for: the dead; the mourning; the sick, injured and suffering, including all who are suffering in any physical, spiritual, mental or emotional way; all those caring for the sick and suffering; moms and dads and their babies; strong marriages; vocations to the priesthood and religious life; the elderly; the orphaned and widowed; a defense and restoration of our Judeo-Christian ethics and morals, for the good of our families, country and the world; an end to the crises of illegal immigration, human trafficking and fentanyl that are being allowed along our U.S. southern border by our elected/non-elected officials; an end to the natural energy crises (that's causing inflation and poverty) by re-opening U.S. oil and gas drilling and processing; the homeless, jobless and all who are experiencing economic hardships; an end to all wars; peace in the world; and God's protection for all serving as first responders, border patrol agents and in our U.S. Armed Forces. We can feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless by participating in our Knights of Columbus and our Council of Catholic Women, helping with our Family Promise host week, giving of our time and treasure to our local food pantry at the Jim Hoehl Center, local thrift stores, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, Grant County Right to Life, Clarity Clinic in Platteville, Women's Care Center in Madison, the Missionaries of Charity, and Mary's Meals. Let us continue to pray: *Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world. And Jesus, I trust in You. Amen. Alleluia!*

With peace and prayers in Jesus Christ,
Fr. William

BLEST ART VISITING NEXT WEEKEND!

Blest Art is visiting our parish the weekend of April 22 and 23. They are here on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine and their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. Please take time to visit their display of beautiful olive wood art and consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. Your purchase will help support and make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
APRIL 22 & 23**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Connie Reinsbach
5:00 p.m. Servers: Cameron & Caleigh Krantz
7:30 a.m. Lector: Linda Ihm
7:30 a.m. Servers: Michael & Katie Murphy
9:30 a.m. Lector: Sheri Ihm
9:30 a.m. Servers: Carolyn Recker, Nicole Kelley,
 Josephine Spraggon

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

“Years ago, I had a roommate who was raised Christian. I loved hearing about her faith journey; it was evident every time she spoke about Jesus, she knew Him. They were tight. Naturally, she had questions about Catholicism, and sometimes oppositions. Oftentimes my initial reaction was to try to defend and convince. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit would gently remind me just to share my experiences of Him, and follow His promptings. A year later, this dear friend asked me to be her Confirmation sponsor when she entered the Catholic Church. She felt I never tried to convince her of anything, but rather shared my testimony and allowed the Holy Spirit to work.” ~ Catherine Huss from Every Sacred Sunday

Like Catherine, like the Samaritan Woman at the Well, Mary Magdalene, the Apostles and Christians for the past 2000 years, we have also been given a similar command by Jesus to tell others of His saving grace and share our story of faith. *GO MAKE DISCIPLES – LIVE* will be held in our parish dining hall this Sunday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Register at www.madisondiocese.org/gmd-live. The event is free but registering helps with lunch preparations. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about evangelization. The need to tell others about Jesus Christ is urgent! We encourage you to come, see and hear how you can live out the unique mission Jesus has given to you! We promise that you will be inspired and renewed to follow the Lord’s call to spread the Good News.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

We begin our host week for Family Promise starting today, Sunday, April 16. There are still opportunities to put your faith into action, and to do works of mercy. Contact Bill at 723-4990 to volunteer.

ROSARY FOR GIFTS

The Rosary Group will be selling Rosaries after Mass April 22nd and April 23rd. Please stop by to see what they have to offer. Have a broken Rosary? Bring it along, and we can fix it for you. Have a broken umbrella you no longer want? We can use the parts to make tools to fix Rosaries. All proceeds from sales will go toward the making and shipping of mission Rosaries. If you are interested in joining the group, we would be happy to talk with you. Hope to see you there! Call Katie Banfield, 608-723-8767, with any questions.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On the Cross, Jesus poured forth His mercy upon the world, saving and redeeming fallen humanity. And He continues to do so daily. God’s mercy is never-ending. For reflection: How has God shown His mercy to you?

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers two of our parishioners who died recently. Aelred “Al” Runde was called home to the Lord on March 27, and his funeral Mass was offered on March 31. Al was 102 at the time of his passing from this life to life eternal with God. We are very sure he was the oldest parish member of St. Clement. Faith, family, friends, farming and fishing were all important to Al. He loved his birthday fish fries, and gathering with loved ones. Al, and his wife Pearl, who preceded him in death, were blessed with three children – Larry (Judy), Trudy and Terry. He also adored his grandchildren, great-grandkids and all his loved ones.

We also pray for Dale Felder who died on March 31 and his funeral service was held on April 10. Dale was 62 when the Lord called him to Himself. Dale attended Southwest Opportunities Center for his education and employment. Dale enjoyed so many things, especially group activities. He loved being with others, and he radiated joy to everyone. Dale is survived by his siblings – Virginia, Phyllis, Gerald, Steve and Greg, and other family and friends.

As we pray for Al and Dale, may we also pray for their loved ones who mourn for them. May the Lord pour out His consolation upon them.

“Eternal rest grant unto Al and Dale, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

**THE GRANT VICARIATE COUNCIL
OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women invites ALL WOMEN of the parishes in Grant County to attend their Spring Vicariate meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at St. Clement Church in Lancaster. The Theme for the meeting will be “Enriching Our Lives – Discovering our Childlike Spirit”. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. in the Church with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt will give his spiritual message at Mass. Dinner will be followed by a speaker and a short meeting. Our speaker will be Cindy Busch of Lancaster who will talk on “Adulthood – Escaping Adulthood. Renew your sense of curiosity and find fun in the little things.”

Please send your name and \$15 registration fee to Jan Block, 837 Beetown Road, Lancaster, WI 53813 by **Monday, April 17**. An Offertory collection will be taken for the Lancaster Food Pantry. Please contact Jan Block, 608-723-7978, with any questions. The Church and Dining Hall in Lancaster are handicap accessible.

NOTES & REMINDERS

First Holy Communion is Sunday, April 30.

Confirmation is Thursday, May 18.

New Priest Assignments and map/flyers for our Pastorate are located at the church entrances.

Please check the Lost & Found for items that may have been misplaced.

Please check out our bulletin board near the parish office entrance for other area events.

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