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# Holy Week



Tuesday, April 4 .....	8:15 a.m.	Members of the Baus Family
Wednesday, April 5 .....	8:15 a.m.	†Marcella Mulrooney
<b>HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, April 6 .....</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Courtney Beckstrand
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 .....</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY, April 8 .....</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b> Busch Family
<b>EASTER SUNDAY, April 9 .....</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> †Debra Reinsbach 9:30 a.m. People of our Parish

**Please note the changes in Mass times for Holy Week.**

## GRANT VICARIATE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

ALL WOMEN of the parish are invited to attend the Spring Meeting April 20 at Saint Clement Church. Sign in at 3:30 p.m.; Mass at 4:00; dinner, program, and meeting to follow in our dining hall.

Send reservation of \$15, written out to Saint Clement CCW, to Jan Block, 837 Beetown Rd, Lancaster, WI, 53813, by April 15. For more information, call Jan at 608-723-7978.

## VOTE APRIL 4TH SUPPORT GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE

Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, each person's life and dignity must be respected from conception to natural death. People are more important than things, and the measure of every good society is whether it protects and respects the life and dignity of the human person, especially the most vulnerable.

## HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL! GO MAKE DISCIPLES – LIVE

Register for *GO MAKE DISCIPLES – LIVE*, to be held at our parish on April 22 from 9-1, by contacting the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at [www.madisondiocese.org/gmd-live](http://www.madisondiocese.org/gmd-live). Learn ways to share our faith with others.

## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

### CELEBRATION OF GIVING DINNER AUCTION

Saint Clement School's Annual Celebration of Giving Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 15th and we would like you to join us! Dinner Tickets are just \$40 each and can be purchased at the school or parish offices. We also have raffle tickets available for just \$25 each for a chance to win \$5,000 cash!!! Thank you for any and all help that you can provide and, as always, we thank you for your continued support of our wonderful parish school.

### OFFICE HOURS:

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

### RECONCILIATION

**Before Daily & Sunday Masses;**  
**Fridays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Saturdays, 4:00 p.m.**

Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### March 25 & 26

Church Support Envelopes . . . . .	\$3,627.00
Offertory Cash. . . . .	\$716.00
Children's Collection . . . . .	\$71.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$1,205.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$5,619.00</b>
<b>March Budgeted Offertory . . .</b>	<b>\$39,500.00</b>
<b>March Offertory Received . . .</b>	<b>\$36,356.00</b>

#### Monthly Offertory Comparison

February 2023 (4 weekends) . . . . .	\$30,884.00
February 2022 (4 weekends) . . . . .	\$32,024.00

### NOTES & REMINDERS

**Car wash cards** that you have ordered from the Steubenville Youth Conference Fundraiser are ready for pick up in the parish office.

**40 Cans for Lent** food drive is happening through Easter Sunday by the youth ministry table.

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

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:30 p.m. during Lent

### SAVE THE DATES

Photography for our new Parish Directory is scheduled for June 1-3 and June 6-10. The sign-up link for scheduling your session is: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login." Our Church Code is: WI243 and our Password is: photos. Sign up soon!



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: HOLY WEEK



Lectors & Servers: We need volunteers for all of the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Night and Easter Sunday. Contact Bill to volunteer!

### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers one of our dear parishioners, Donald "Donnie" Bahl who died on Thursday, March 23, and his Funeral Mass was offered on Wednesday, March 29. Donnie was 87 at the time of his passing from this life to life eternal with God. Donnie was a farmer through and through. Farming was a career that he thoroughly enjoyed, which also led him to serve on the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and other organizations. Donnie shared his love for farming with the love of his life, his dear wife Ruth. They were joined in marriage for 68 years and they were blessed with four children – Linda (Ron), Dave (Nancy), Bill (Sharon) and Jeff (Amy), along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandkids. Donnie was also very committed to our parish, serving on a number of committees and councils over the years, and volunteered in many ways. Donnie embraced life, he embraced love and he embraced faith. May this good and faithful servant now rest in the peace and joys of Heaven. And may the Lord pour out His consolation and comfort upon his family in this time of sorrow and sadness.

*"Eternal rest grant unto Donald, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Seldom do we hear of the great suffering of the people caught in the crossfire of violence and religious persecution in the Holy Land. Nor are we aware of the shrinking Christian population in this region, a community that struggles to remain intact in the land of our Lord's birth, ministry, Passion and Resurrection. On Good Friday we will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support and protect Christianity's holiest sites and places, and Christians who live there. Please assist our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving generously to this very important collection.



### RECENTLY BAPTIZED MAVERICK JOSEPH

Son of Donald & Rebecca Dean

### EASTER MEMORIALS DUE THIS MONDAY, APRIL 3!

As we journey through Lent, it's that time of year again where we anticipate 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 Saint Clement Parish and turned in by **Monday, April 3**. Thank you!



## From Our Pastor:

With the Church throughout the world, we solemnly celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and begin the week that changed the world: Holy Week. Today, we read the Lord's Passion from Saint Matthew's Gospel (26:14 – 27:66). On Good Friday, we will read the Passion from Saint John's Gospel (18:1 – 19:42). Please see this bulletin for a list of ways for you and your family to participate in Holy Week and Easter, to grow in your love for God and neighbor.

Contemplating Holy Scripture, God's Word, may we think about Holy Week and the moments before the Passion of Christ, when the apostles thought about Jesus Christ being in Heaven with the Father and the Holy Spirit and they discussed having a place of honor (Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45). Jesus had told the mother of James and John that being on His right or His left when He came into His Kingdom was not His to grant. That place of honor was for those for whom it was prepared. Saint Luke's account of the Passion introduces us to two for whom it was prepared: two sinful criminals (Luke 22:1-23:56). These two men were being crucified right next to Jesus as He died on the Cross – in this encounter, we realize that while Jesus Christ has saved us by His Passion, Death and Resurrection, it is up to us to *respond* to that salvation He has wrought for us. Do we reject or embrace the grace of the Cross of Christ? Do we *live* in that grace (God's help and strength), conscious of being instruments of His mercy and love? Do we pick up our cross and follow our Lord every day (Matthew 10:38, 16:24-26; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23, 14:26-33)? Jesus Christ requires from His disciples a response, in freedom, to His grace – that we embrace His saving grace with faith, hope and love, that we freely choose the good and seek His mercy and love. The Church regularly reminds us that God, in His love for us, never gets tired of being merciful; rather, it is we who sometimes get tired of asking for and seeking His mercy, which we all need. May we never get tired of praying for and seeking God's mercy, praying to God for our families, parishes, the Church and the world.

The men crucified alongside Jesus were both sinners, and from their crosses they saw the same thing. Both had the freedom to embrace God's saving grace, to choose the good (certainly, God wants us to use our freedom for the good and not for evil). One sinner, however, complained and reviled Jesus, just like those who crucified Him. The other, the repentant criminal, was moved when he heard Jesus Christ forgive His persecutors from the Cross – the repentant sinner desired that forgiveness, that saving grace, for he wanted to die with the same hope and certainty with which he saw Jesus living through His suffering and death. The repentant man dared to utter his desire to live! He saw and begged for the love and mercy of Jesus. And the repentant man's destiny is certain, as Jesus tells him: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." The non-repentant criminal's destiny is known only to God. Today, on Palm Sunday, in a most poignant way, the Church puts us before the Cross of Jesus Christ. Which side is your freedom on? Let us pray: *Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us to freely choose the good, to love You with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves, to embrace Your grace each day with renewed faith, hope and love, to proclaim Your love and mercy in our words and deeds. Help us, O Lord, to follow You, the source of all that is good, beautiful and true. Jesus, we trust in You. Mary, Mother of mercy, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Saint Clement, pray for us.*

With prayers for a blessed Holy Week and joyous Easter,  
Fr. William

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