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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, May 2 8:15 a.m.
(Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)
Members of the Baus Family

Wednesday, May 3 8:15 a.m.
(Saints Philip and James, Apostles)
†Ed Evans

Thursday, May 4 8:15 a.m.
†Ernest & Hazel Schildgen

Friday, May 5 8:15 a.m.
Ethan McLimans

Saturday, May 6 8:15 a.m.
†Braeden Bausch
5:00 p.m.
Family of Clara & Clarence Fuerstenberg

Sunday, May 7 7:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter
People of our Parish
9:30 a.m.
†Leonard & Marcella Mulrooney

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 22 & 23

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$4,346.00
Offertory Cash \$611.00
Children’s Collection \$41.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,205.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving . \$3,520.00
Total \$9,723.00

April Budgeted Offertory \$39,500.00
April Offertory Received \$41,041.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison
March 2023 (4 weekends) \$36,356.00
March 2022 (4 weekends) \$31,608.00

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Avery Marie Jacobson
Daughter of Janean McCormick

Lucas Andrew, Leighton Grace, Libby
Rae Ann, and Louis Frederick John
Children of Andrew & Holly Knapp

Aleera Justine
Daughter of Clinton & Hannah Miller

From Our Pastor:

We read in the Communion antiphon of the Mass for this Fourth Sunday of Easter: “The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down His life for His sheep, and willingly died for His flock, alleluia!” This prayer and others in the Mass and today’s Gospel (John 10:1-10) refer to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who gave up His life for His sheep. Through His Passion, death and Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, Jesus *gave life* to His sheep and brought them back to the fold. “By His wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25).

At every Mass, the perfect prayer of the Church, the whole Church faithfully prays that the continuing work of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, will bring us eternal joy – that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will give us the strength we need to follow Jesus as He leads us by His grace to join the saints in Heaven. This prayer of the Mass, an expression of our faith, is at the heart of the Church’s main duty of evangelization. It is from and in this prayer and faith that any and all of our works have any enduring meaning.

As our Lord Himself appointed Saint Peter as the shepherd of His whole flock, handing him the Keys to the Kingdom and giving him authority to lead and guide the entire Church (Matthew 16; John 21), let us pray for all shepherds whom Jesus authorizes to serve His Church. The Fathers of Vatican Council II stated that when Jesus Christ put Peter at the head of the other Apostles, He established a lasting and visible source and foundation of the unity of both faith and communion (*Lumen gentium*, 18). *Ubi Petrus ibi Ecclesia* – where Peter is, there is the Church. We pray for Pope Francis, the 265th Successor to Saint Peter, to always proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead, to proclaim the Truth with charity and clarity. We pray for Bishop Donald J. Hying, whom Pope Francis appointed the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Madison. In Saint Peter and his successors, and in holy, obedient and courageous bishops and priests, we see Our Lord’s mission continue: inviting and encouraging all people to meet Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, in a life-affirming and life-changing way, as we all serve and follow *the* Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. In communion with our Lord and His vicar, the pope, we know with certainty the Way that leads to salvation: Jesus Christ, the Only Savior of the world. Also, as the month of May begins, we’re reminded to always pray for the intercession of Jesus’ mother Mary, as He entrusted her to His Church (John 19:26-27) – Mary, Mother of mercy, pray for us. Amen! Alleluia!

With peace and prayers in Jesus Christ,
Fr. William

THANK YOU!

The Celebration of Giving Committee would like to give a large thank you to all who attended, donated, and assisted with the event. The donations were generous and we greatly enjoyed having you with us during the auction. The event raised \$48,864.04 for our cherished Saint Clement School. Thank you so very much and we hope to see you next year!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today, nineteen 2nd graders will receive the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion for the first time. As they begin to experience with us a profound sharing in that one loaf and one chalice at the altar of the Lord, let us pray that all of us are able to discover new ways to courageously share our faith with others.



WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

Andrew, Holly, Lucas, Leighton, Libby, and Louis Knapp • Cheri Brunton Tyler, Morgan, and Felicity Streif • Janean McCormick and Avery Jacobson



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: MAY 6 & 7



5:00 p.m. Lector: Tom Schaefer
5:00 p.m. Servers: Will & Abel Kratochvill, Adeline Helmke
7:30 a.m. Lector: Lenny/Carol Bass
7:30 a.m. Servers: Franklin & Charlie Ihm
9:30 a.m. Lector: Bill Manthe
9:30 a.m. Servers: Maddie Driscoll, Lydia Muldoon,
 Alan Pagenkopf

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. Click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login." Our Church Code is: WI243 and our Password is: photos. Sign up soon! Starting this weekend, and on most weekends in May, we will also be scheduling photography appointments at the entrance of the church after Mass. Look for us near the SCRIP table!

Even if you have recently had your family photos taken, we encourage you to sign up for a photo session. With the forming of the pastorates July 1, this will be our last St. Clement Parish directory. We would like you to participate and be included in it. It will only take a few minutes of your time for a photo sitting and choosing your free 8x10 photo, plus you will receive a free parish directory for taking part. Please schedule soon, either online, after Mass, or by calling the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

"I LOVE THE PEACE OF ADORATION"

"The Eucharist is everything to me, as it is where I find the most peace. I know He listens. I know this is going to sound crazy, but within the last month, I was at a parish where Adoration is held all day on Friday. So after I'm finished working, sometimes I just go there. And so I'm sitting there recently and — I don't know why I did this selfish thing — but there were quite a few people in there and I said, 'I just want to sit here with You by myself.' Within three minutes everyone was gone. I was blown away. It was strange but beautiful.

I used to go before the Blessed Sacrament with printed Prayers. Now, I look at Him and listen, and that has been very, very powerful.

During Adoration, I experience great peace. I feel like I can sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament and just rest. Sitting in front of the Blessed Sacrament provides me with an opportunity to talk with Jesus and leave the chaos of the world outside. I encounter Jesus in a true way. I talk with Him and He talks to me, and like one saint said about a parishioner of long ago, 'He looks at me and I look at Him.' I love the intimacy of Communion with the Lord through the Eucharist.

I love the peace of Adoration and praying with Him who is with us in every parish throughout the world!"

~ Connie Borg, Detroit, MI. From the *"I AM HERE"* series that the Archdiocese of Detroit is conducting, asking parishioners to share their encounters of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

MOTHER'S DAY

The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling roses after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13 & 14.

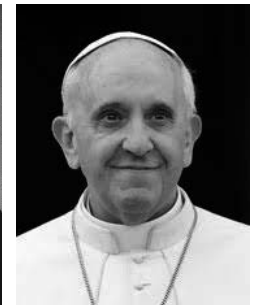
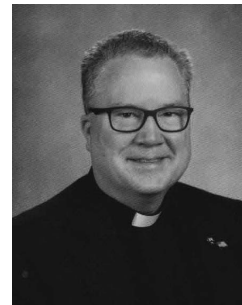
FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MAY 5 & 6

We will have First Friday Adoration in the main body of the church at Saint Clement, beginning right after 8:15 a.m. daily Mass on Friday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m., with Solemn Benediction. Please sign up on the schedule near the Fatima Chapel. You may come at any time during the 24-hour adoration, however signing up for just one hour will assure at least one person is in the church at all times keeping vigil with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and night. Thank you for the donation of your time!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will be the best and most profitable time you will ever spend here on Earth....Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on Earth." -Saint Teresa of Calcutta

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for those who lead the Church, for those in priestly and religious formation, and for an increase of men and women to answer Christ's call to serve His People in Holy Orders and in Religious Life. With all that is happening in the Universal Church, and in the Diocese of Madison with the *INTO THE DEEP* initiative, we ask that you keep Pope Francis, Bishop Donald Hying, Fr. William and the priests of our diocese especially in your prayers. While much is unknown, we do know that Jesus promised that He would never abandon His Church, and that He Himself is its Head. He is the eternal Good Shepherd, leading the Church and guiding us always to abundant life. While the journey will pose challenges, Jesus Christ is with us, therefore we are unafraid and profess daily, *"Jesus, I trust in You!"*



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR USING SCRIP!!!

As we begin to put the finishing touches on another awesome school year, we would like to take time to thank all of you for your continued support of our wonderful parish school. Most fundraisers like our super successful Celebration of Giving dinner auction and our amazing Pizza Sales are limited to specific dates, but SCRIP can be purchased throughout the year. So, please continue to purchase SCRIP at the SCRIP table following each weekend Mass and at the school office throughout the week. Did you know that you can also purchase SCRIP online using the RaiseRight App? Thanks again for your continued support of our Saint Clement Parish and for trying to make SCRIP a part of your daily routine!!!

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