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never fails

(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 16	8:15 a.m.
	†Helen Vogel
Wednesday, May 17	8:15 a.m.
	Avianna Ihm
Thursday, May 18	8:15 a.m.
	<i>(Saint John I, Pope and Martyr; The Ascension of the Lord, transferred to Sunday)</i>
	†Jeanine Fortun
	7:00 p.m.
	For those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday, May 19	8:15 a.m.
	†Marcella Mulrooney
Saturday, May 20	8:15 a.m.
	<i>(Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest)</i>
	†James D. Giesen
	5:00 p.m.
	†Don Williams
Sunday, May 21	7:30 a.m.
	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
	<i>(Seventh Sunday of Easter)</i>
	†Jean Mergen
	9:30 a.m.
	People of our Parish

OFFICE HOURS:

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

May 6 & 7

Church Support Envelopes	\$5,444.00
Offertory Cash.	\$639.00
Children’s Collection	\$62.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$1,205.00
1st of the Month	\$1,920.00
Total	\$9,270.00
May Budgeted Offertory	\$39,500.00
May Offertory Received.	\$9,270.00
Monthly Offertory Comparison	
April 2023 (5 weekends)	\$49,191.00
April 2022 (4 weekends)	\$37,244.00

From Our Pastor:

During the forty days between Easter Sunday and the Ascension of Our Lord, the Church encourages us in an especially focused way to keep our eyes on Heaven, our ultimate purpose in life, to which Our Lord Jesus Christ is calling us. This focus becomes more intense as we approach Ascension Thursday, the celebration of Jesus, God the Son, ascending into Heaven, to the right hand of God the Father (in the Diocese of Madison and some other dioceses, the celebration of Ascension Thursday, May 18 this year, is transferred to Sunday, May 21).

Before His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus Christ promised His disciples that He would be with them forever (John 14:19-20; Matthew 28:20) – and He has kept His promise in His Church, Word and Sacraments. Indeed, at every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Our Lord gives us Himself in His glorified Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, re-presenting to us His one Passion, Death and Resurrection, reminding us that He has prepared a place for us in His Father’s House (John 14:2-3), that on the Last Day, God will raise our mortal bodies to be like His own, in glory, reuniting our body and soul in Heaven (John 6; 2 Corinthians 4-5). This is our Faith and Hope that God has given us, which we proclaim at Mass and when we say the Apostles’ Creed and Nicene Creed, stating that we believe in and look forward to the resurrection of the body and eternal life in Heaven.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, may we always be inspired and comforted by the hope of Heaven, realizing that Jesus strengthens us for the journey by His grace given through His Church, Word and Sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist, where Jesus is truly, really and substantially present – therefore, we have a duty to keep inviting and encouraging our families and friends to return to the heart of our faith, Jesus Christ and His gift of the Mass. Thanks be to God that He continues to guide and direct His Church through His Holy Spirit (John 14:23-29), along with His gifts of prayer, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and His teaching authority, the Magisterium. As Jesus has reminded us through His Church, our fundamental duty as His disciples is to follow the Lord, to keep His Commandments, to love Him with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, and help as many people as possible to do the same. Jesus Christ is our Hope and He calls us to proclaim the Truth with Love in a world where evil-doers are increasingly hostile toward God and His Church as they reject His basic teachings on life, marriage and the family – so let’s keep praying for the conversion of all evil-doers, to conquer them with all that is good, beautiful and true (Romans 12:21). Meditating on Heaven helps us to love God and neighbor as He has loved us – a love that transforms everything we say and do, even the most mundane moments, realizing that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is present at every moment, as He sanctifies our words and deeds, calling us to live evermore deeply in His love, peace and joy, evermore aware that He is with us, always.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day this Sunday, May 14, may we always thank God for all our moms, living and deceased, and ask Jesus Christ’s mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first and perfect disciple of Jesus, to pray for us – may she help us to pray and to be faithful, hopeful and loving Catholic Christian disciples, in closer communion with her Son, Jesus Christ, the Only Savior of the world. Amen. Alleluia!

With peace and prayers in Jesus Christ,
Fr. William

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR SPONSORS

Please keep in your prayers our parish students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. here at Saint Clement Church: Alyvia Bahl, Vivian Bernhardt, Anthony Busch, Zachary Hermsen, Dayne Kauffman, Cameron Krantz, Brady Mack, Kylie Olmstead, Lauren Reukauf, and Taylor Williams. May they be strengthened and enlightened with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to live out their faith with the virtues of faith, hope and love and bear witness to the truth in their lives. Please also pray for their sponsors, that they receive the necessary graces to help and guide the newly confirmed throughout their faith journey in this life. **Please take from the baskets in church a name of our Confirmation students as a reminder to pray for them.*



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
MAY 20 & 21**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Rick Benson
5:00 p.m. Servers: Brody, Brooklyn & Braelyn Crubel
7:30 a.m. Lector: Linda Ihm
7:30 a.m. Servers: Vincent & Mitchell Mumm
9:30 a.m. Lector: Josh Jensen
9:30 a.m. Servers: Trinity, Vanessa & Selina Ihm

2ND LETTER FROM FATHER STEVE

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

My name is Fr. Steve Brunner, and I will be your new “Parochial Administrator!” Parochial Administrator is a big title that essentially means “Pastor,” but it is often used in situations where there is a change in leadership. I am excited to come to your church, along with Fr. Mark and Fr. Sudhakar, and to teach you the Catholic faith and to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In this bulletin letter, I’d like to introduce myself and tell you more about my story.

I grew up in Yardley, Pennsylvania, which is a small town outside of Philadelphia. I grew up there with my two brothers Greg and Matt. I am 37 years old, Greg is 40, and Matt is 42. As a boy growing up in Yardley, I went to the public grade school and middle school. Then, for high school, I attended Holy Ghost Prep, which is an all-boys Catholic high school in the area. I was blessed throughout all of those years to have great teachers in school and great coaches in sports. Among the sports I played, I enjoyed soccer, baseball, basketball, and hockey the most.

One quality about myself for which I give thanks to God is that I have always been a good student. I’ve always been fascinated by math and science. So, leaving high school, I studied physics at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, and then came to UW-Madison to study medical physics in graduate school. Some people love physics, and others hate it! I think you can imagine how I felt about it!

Things started to change for me in January 2011 when I attended the baptism of my niece, Miriam. I went to the baptism to be a good brother and uncle, I left the baptism thinking, “How can I come back to the Catholic Church?” From that point on, I became active and involved in my Catholic faith, and eventually entered the seminary!

It is great to take a moment to introduce myself to you in this bulletin letter. There is much more to say. I look forward to meeting you and hearing more about YOU and YOUR story!

In Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Steve Brunner

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.” St. Therese of Lisieux

HAPPY
Mother's Day



SAVE THE DATES

Photography for our new Parish Directory is quickly approaching: 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! On most weekends in May, we are also scheduling photography appointments at the entrance of the church after Mass. Look for us near the SCRIP table!

We strongly encourage you to sign up for a photo session. With the forming of the pastorates on 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 for a photo sitting and choosing your free 8x10 photo, plus you will receive a free parish directory for taking part. Presently, we have only ¼ of our allotted photography sessions filled. So please schedule soon, either online, after Mass, or by calling the parish office.

PROTECTING CHILDREN

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Church is constantly committed to protecting children. The Church’s vigilance on abuse continues. Any allegation of sexual abuse should be brought to the attention of law enforcement officials. If an allegation involves a priest, deacon, or other Church personnel, regardless of when it is said to have occurred, it should also be reported to the Diocese of Madison, by way of the Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line, 608-821- 3162. The diocesan policies regarding sexual abuse allegations, and instructions for making a report of sexual misconduct, are available on the diocesan website: madisondiocese.org. It is the responsibility of all of us to protect children and the vulnerable among us.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

MADISON DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Diocese of Madison will hold its first-ever Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist Church in Waunakee, September 29-October 1. The Congress will blend devotion, prayer, Mass, keynote talks, breakout sessions, Adoration and more. People from throughout the diocese will gather to encounter Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to celebrate His redeeming Presence. There is no cost to attend. To register and to get more information: www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

**SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM,
CURRICULUM FAIR & ART SALE**

We are rapidly approaching the big day for our annual Spring Music Program, which will be held in conjunction with our annual Curriculum Fair and Art Sale once again on Friday, May 19th. The Curriculum Fair and Art Sale will begin at 6:00 p.m. with projects on display in each classroom and student artwork for sale in the display cases near the front entrance. The Spring Music Program is then scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun-filled evening, so feel free to invite extended family and friends to join us.

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