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*Bulletin Announcements: Deadline is Monday at Noon to the St. Clement Parish Office or to [st\\_clement@tds.net](mailto:st_clement@tds.net)*



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 9 . . . . . 8:15 a.m.  
†Victor & Katherine Everix

Wednesday, May 10 . . . . . 8:15 a.m.  
*(Saint John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church;  
Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest)*  
†Gene Block

Thursday, May 11 . . . . . 8:15 a.m.  
Busch Family

Friday, May 12 . . . . . 8:15 a.m.  
*(Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;  
Saint Pancras, Martyr)*  
†Irene Wood

Saturday, May 13 . . . . . 8:15 a.m.  
*(Our Lady of Fatima)*  
Maynard & Judy Behncke  
5:00 p.m.  
†Larry Drew

Sunday, May 14 . . . . . 7:30 a.m.  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
People of our Parish  
9:30 a.m.  
†Richard & Mary Anne Hoffman

### 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 29 & 30*

Church Support Envelopes . . . . .	\$5,846.00
Offertory Cash. . . . .	\$963.00
Children's Collection . . . . .	\$136.00
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . .	\$1,205.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$8,150.00</b>
April Budgeted Offertory. . . . .	\$39,500.00
April Offertory Received . . . . .	\$49,191.00
<b>Monthly Offertory Comparison</b>	
March 2023 (4 weekends) . . . . .	\$36,356.00
March 2022 (4 weekends) . . . . .	\$31,608.00

## From Our Pastor:

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ calls us *every day* to experience a spiritual renewal in our life, to be His faithful, hopeful and loving disciples. These gifts of faith, hope and love that come from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, lead us to communion with Him. In the free will that God gives us, we either embrace or reject these gifts from God who is love (1 John 4), for He will not force us to live them. Remarkably, when we say “yes” to Jesus and embrace His saving grace with faith, prayerfully turning to the Lord in His Church, Word and Sacraments, committed to conversion, we can experience His renewing love, hope, joy, peace, goodness and beauty! Faith is an adherence to God as His sons and daughters “beyond what we feel and understand” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2609). Conversely, when people are not being faithful, hopeful and loving disciples of Jesus Christ, the results are much of the troubles and evils we see in the world today – as people reject the Good Shepherd and His teachings on life, marriage and the family, they openly advocate abortion and the mutilation and trafficking of children (a record 250,000 unaccompanied children illegally crossed our U.S. southern border in the last two years; current federal elected and non-elected officials cannot locate nearly half of them). Nonetheless, in His love for us, Jesus Christ keeps calling us to conversion, to turn away from our sinfulness and be faithful to the Gospel as He consoles and counsels us this Sunday: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God...” and therefore love and follow Him because He is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:1-12).

When we’re faithful, hopeful and loving Christian disciples, we experience communion with the Lord Jesus and we do the *opus Dei* (work of God), aware that God has prepared for us a dwelling in Heaven if we, by His grace, follow Him (John 14). We do this when we pray daily and go to Mass on Sundays (third Commandment), crying out like the Apostles, “Increase our faith, Lord!” (Luke 17:5), embracing God’s saving grace with faith, asking Him to help us to live the faith that we profess, to be His instruments of love and mercy, for we need God’s help, His grace, every day in order to pray, to proclaim the Truth with love, to keep His Commandments (Ephesians 4; John 14:15; 15:1-17), and stay close to Him in His Church, Word and Sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist (thanks be to God that 18 of our children made their First Holy Communion last Sunday). When we follow Jesus Christ, we do not settle for compromise or mediocrity, for Jesus is not an opinion or feeling – rather, He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). Apart from Him, we can do nothing good, because He is the source of all that is good, beautiful and true. Adherence to Jesus Christ ensures that where He is we too will be, by His grace, unto the ultimate Communion with Him and the Father and the Holy Spirit in eternal life in Heaven.

As we prepare to celebrate Mother’s Day on May 14, thanking God for all our moms, living and deceased, let us 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 a name of our Confirmation students as a reminder to pray for them.*





**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:  
MAY 13 & 14**



**5:00 p.m. Lector:** Bill Manthe  
**5:00 p.m. Servers:** Josh Stowe, Lucas Harding, Thairn Kramer  
**7:30 a.m. Lector:** Bill Manthe  
**7:30 a.m. Servers:** Ben Cummins, Gavin Vesperman  
**9:30 a.m. Lector:** Kitty Mumm  
**9:30 a.m. Servers:** Alaina, Ava, Addie, & Aubrie Stader



**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION  
APRIL 30, 2023**

***Congratulations to our  
First Communicants!***

*Jesus Christ comes to us in Holy Communion to feed us, to love us, and fill us with His grace. Congratulations to the following boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. May the grace, love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist be with them always.*

Kassidi Joan	daughter of Joshua & Jennifer Bailie
Bromley Bruce	son of Brian & Amy Belscamper
Theodore Alexander	son of Adam Bernhardt & Katherine Bernhardt
Noah Robert	son of Nathan & Rebeka Bray
Savannah Grace	daughter of Adam & Ashleigh Hampton
Avery Marie Jacobson	daughter of Janean McCormick
Liam Nicholas	son of Brandon & Samantha Klein
Lila Rose	daughter of Jason & Katie Knapp
Lucas Andrew	son of Andrew & Holly Knapp
Lillian Darleen	daughter of Mitchel & Amy Kratochvill
Paisley Rose	daughter of Cory & Amber McKelvey
Adelynn Grace	daughter of Josh & Danielle McLimans
Leyton Jean	daughter of Ben & Sara Mumm
Benjamin Edward	son of Steve & Heidi Nelson
Mara Therese	daughter of Matthew & Abby Rasmussen
Ruby Louise	daughter of Taylor & Katie Reynolds
Emmett Clement	son of John & Bridget Spraggon
Lucy Theresa	daughter of Jacob & Katelyn Stoeffler



**MOTHER'S DAY**

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

**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! 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 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.

**THE WILD GOOSE:  
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE EUCHARIST**

The Eucharistic liturgy is saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit. From the moment you decide to go to Mass the Holy Spirit is active and alive. Within the liturgy, the Holy Spirit is constantly being invoked. Join us as Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, takes a deeper look at the power of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. We will meet on Tuesday after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

This is the final episode of *The Wild Goose*. Watch the bulletin for future adult faith formation opportunities during the Summer.

**EUCHARISTIC 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](http://www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com)

**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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