

SAINT CLEMENT CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

June 3 & 4
Church Support Envelopes \$4,480.00
Offertory Cash\$548.00
Children's Collection\$59.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,205.00
1 st of Month Electronic Giving \$1,920.00
Total\$8,212.00
June Budgeted Offertory\$39,500.00
June Offertory Received \$8,212.00
Monthly Offertory Comparison
May 2023 (4 weekends)\$28,969.00
May 2022 (5 weekends) \$38,742.00

From Our Pastor:

This Sunday, June 11, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). The Holy Eucharist is central to our life as Christians - it is a moment of true Communion with the Lord, and with our brothers and sisters who share at the Lord's altar. When we're adoring Jesus Christ truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, we allow ourselves to be transformed by Him and conformed to His Sacred Heart. As we do, we give thanks to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His blessings of our life, faith, hope, love, our families and friends, His Church, Word and Sacraments, and we pray for our needs and intentions, the sick and suffering, the Church, our country and the world. Thanks be to God for our priests through whom God gives us the Holy Eucharist!

Pope Benedict XVI said that the Solemnity of Corpus Christi invites us "to contemplate the supreme Master of our faith: the Blessed Eucharist, the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the altar... Each time a priest repeats the Eucharistic sacrifice, he lends his voice, hands and heart to Christ, Who wished to remain with us and to be the pulsating heart of the Church. Even after the celebration of the divine mysteries, the Lord Jesus remains living in the tabernacle; because of this He is praised, especially by Eucharistic adoration" (Angelus address, June 10, 2007). "There is an intrinsic connection between celebration and adoration. The Holy Mass, in fact, is in itself the Church's greatest act of adoration. Adoration outside Holy Mass prolongs and intensifies what happened in the liturgical celebration and renders a true and profound reception of Christ possible." We can adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every day at Saint Clement, as our church is open 24 hours, seven days a week. The Diocese of Madison will hold its first-ever Eucharistic Congress September 29 to October 1 this year, hosted by Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parish in Waunakee (please see our bulletin, church entrances, the Catholic Herald and madisondiocese.org for ongoing details). The event will gather people from throughout our diocese to encounter Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist and to celebrate His redeeming Presence, to be witnesses in the world to Jesus Christ's Eucharistic love. You are invited!

Jesus and His Church have taught us from the beginning that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself, body, blood, soul and divinity, truly, really and substantially; His glorified Body and Blood; the source and summit of our very life (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1322-ff; John 6; Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34). In the awesome gift of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, Jesus gives us His joy, love and strength to fulfill our life's mission. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta has said, the Eucharist "is the spiritual food that sustains me - without which I could not get through one single day or hour in my life." Her order, the Missionaries of Charity, with all the work that they do, draw their strength from the Lord in His Mass and in Eucharistic adoration every day. Let us pray for all who have left the Holy Eucharist and for all who do not have the substantial Presence of Jesus in their church, that they would return to and come to the Sacramental life of the Church, the fullness of the faith.

"In life today, which is often noisy and scattered," Pope Benedict XVI said, "it is more important than ever to recover the capacity for interior silence and recollection: Eucharistic adoration permits one to do this not only within one's 'I' but rather in the company of that 'You' full of love who is Jesus Christ, 'God, who is near us.' May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, lead us into the secret of true adoration. Her heart, humble and silent, was always recollected around the mystery of Jesus, in whom she worshipped the presence of God and His redemptive love."

With peace and prayers in Christ,

Fr. William

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our adult faith formation will be resuming on Tuesday, June 20, after the 8:15 morning Mass. With the start of the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival, we will be focusing our study and discussion on the Holy Eucharist. We will meet in the parish office meeting room, with our sessions ending by 10:30. If there is interest in an evening session, or if you need more information, please contact Bill Manthe.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: JUNE 17 & 18



<u>5:00 p.m. Lector:</u> Bill Manthe
<u>5:00 p.m. Servers:</u> Will & Abel Kratochvill, Adeline Helmke
<u>7:30 a.m. Lector:</u> Linda Ihm
<u>7:30 a.m. Servers:</u> Franklin & Charlie Ihm
<u>9:30 a.m. Lector:</u> Josy Hoerth
<u>9:30 a.m. Servers:</u> Relly Hoerth, Connor Raisbeck

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL! PARISH YEAR OF RENWAL AND REVIVAL

This Sunday, The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*) begins the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival. This is part of a three-year Eucharistic Revival called for by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. As part of this revival, the Diocese of Madison will hold it's first-ever Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist Church in Waunakee, September 29-October 1. To register and to get more information: <u>www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com</u>. There is no cost for this great opportunity to renew our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. You can also get information, and a prayer for the Congress, by picking up one of the postcards at the entrances of the church.

Look for parish opportunities in the coming months as we seek to grow in our love for Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. Revival and renewal first begins in our own hearts. Pray to our Lord, asking that you may grow in your love for Him. Each Mass is an encounter, not with a thing, but with God Himself, who desires nothing more than to be in intimate relationship, in communion, with you!

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Our host week for Family Promise begins next Sunday evening, June 18. Volunteer sign-up forms are on a table at the entrance of the church. We need many more people to volunteer a few hours of their time to assist families during our week. Jesus calls us to serve others, just as He came to serve and not to be served. Volunteering for Family Promise is as easy as welcoming friends to your home, giving them a bite to eat and visiting. All it takes is a willing and caring heart. Please do what you can to help in this important outreach to the needy in our midst. Contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990 or Peg Jonas at 723-2051 if you have any questions or need more information.



FATHER WILLIAM'S FAREWELL GATHERING

Happy 26th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ, Fr. William! He was ordained June 14, 1997. "You are a priest forever according to the

order of Melchizedek" (Ps 110:4; Heb 5:6). Father William, may our Triune God bless you abundantly for all that you do for our parish family. We will be celebrating his 62nd birthday and wishing him farewell on his last Sunday here at Saint Clement Parish, June 25, after the 9:30 Mass, in the dining hall.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you to those who had their family photos taken for our parish directory! Now, with photography completed, we will continue to work on the directory. If you were not able to have your family photo taken, but would like to submit a picture, that is an option. In the coming weeks, we will be asking you to do this in a certain fashion. **Please, do not submit photos now, but wait for further instructions on how to do this.** Thank you.

THE 68TH ANNUAL MADISON DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION IS AT SAINT CLEMENT

The MDCCW would like to have you join us at Saint Clement in welcoming our fellow CCW members from around the Diocese on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023** for our annual Diocesan Convention – the theme is "Quilted Together in the Eucharist".

The Convention begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends around 3:00 a.m. in the church. The day starts with a light continental breakfast, followed by a short meeting, speaker, Mass at 11 a.m., lunch, and another presentation in the afternoon.

Our main speaker will be Msgr. James Bartylla, Vicar General of the Diocese of Madison. His address is titled "Eucharistic Revival, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and Knitting Together the Church." A presentation in the afternoon will be given by Joey Mahieu, a quilter who will speak about her love for quilts. Joey is also a long-arm machine quilter from Mineral Point.

Please send your name and registration fee to Margaret Sprague – Grant Vicariate Treasurer at 1605-14th Street – Fennimore WI 53809. **The registration deadline is June 13** and the fee is \$35.00 with a \$10.00 discount for new first time MDCCW convention attendees. An Offertory collection will be taken for the Boxes of Joy project. Contact Kathy Loy at 608-822-6412 if you have questions. Please find the registration forms and complete agenda list at the church entrances.



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL SUMMER SCRIP IS HERE!!!

Summer is finally here and we would like to invite you all to make SCRIP a part of your weekly routine. Simply stop by the SCRIP table after each of the weekend Masses or visit the school office throughout the week. The school office will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Monday - Friday and by appointment. Please note that we have SCRIP on hand for a majority of the businesses that you shop at, it doesn't cost you anything more than you are already spending, and it greatly benefits our beloved parish. One easy way to get started is by simply using SCRIP for your gas and grocery purchases. SCRIP is also great for all of your gift-giving needs, and can now be purchased right from your computer or smartphone using the RaiseRight App!!



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