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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, June 20 8:15 a.m.
In Thanksgiving for Tom & Patricia Zenz
60th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, June 21 8:15 a.m.
(Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious)
†William Brackett

Thursday, June 22 8:15 a.m.
*(Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John
Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs)*
†Vince & Germaine Mumm

Friday, June 23 8:15 a.m.
†Marcella Mulrooney

Saturday, June 24 8:15 a.m.
(The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist)
†William R. Vernon
5:00 p.m.
†Harold Stelpflug

Sunday, June 25 7:30 a.m.
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
People of our Parish
9:30 a.m.
In Thanksgiving for Father William
and his Service to Saint Clement Parish

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

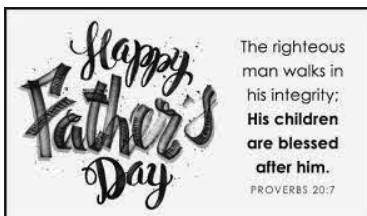
June 10 & 11

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$3,573.00
Offertory Cash \$496.00
Children's Collection \$68.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,205.00
Total \$5,342.00

June Budgeted Offertory \$39,500.00
June Offertory Received \$13,554.00

Monthly Offertory Comparison

May 2023 (4 weekends) \$28,969.00
May 2022 (5 weekends) \$38,742.00



From Our Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Sunday we hear Jesus Christ calling the Twelve Apostles and sending them out to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 9:36-10:8). As we continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, for our priests to be holy and courageous in the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, and as I prepare to offer my last Mass as your pastor and move at the end of June to another assignment as ordered by Bishop Donald J. Hying (to Saint Albert the Great Parish and Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, both in Sun Prairie, and to Saint Mary Parish in Marshall and Saint Joseph Parish in Waterloo), and in thanksgiving for the Most Holy Eucharist that God gives us through his priests, I offer the following essay from my brother priest and good friend, Father Paul Mankowski, SJ (1953-2020):

The sacristy is the room adjoining the main space of the church in which the priest vests himself for Mass. Often in a sacristy one sees a wall plaque or poster with this message: "O Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it were your first Mass, as if it were your last Mass, as if it were your only Mass." The words are helpful in pointing out that, if he's not careful, a priest can grow inattentive to the significance of what takes place on the altar. Himself reminded of the true importance of the Eucharist, the priest is more likely to celebrate with the devoutness it deserves.

Yet the fact is that each member of the laity will also have a Last Mass. It may come sooner, it may come later; but for each of us the day will arrive on which we will have taken part in the Eucharist for the last time. So the admonition has a force beyond the priest-celebrant. If we knew tomorrow's Mass would be our last, would we do things differently from usual? How would we prepare ourselves? How would we dress? How carefully would we listen to the readings and prayers? With what attitude would we approach the altar to receive Communion?

Most of us, perhaps, would pay attention to things we hadn't noticed before, and many of us would find that there is much more going on at Mass than we had realized. No aspect of the liturgy is without its own purpose and meaning. The words, the colors, the bows and genuflections, the washing of hands and cleansing of vessels, the position of the hands in prayer, the elevations, the bells and even the silences all have a particular ritual significance.

And we might also pay more attention to ourselves, so as to shake off that spiritual laziness to which all but the greatest saints occasionally fall victim. Can you remember anything about the Scriptures read at the last Mass you attended? If it were your Last Mass Ever, you would. "Stay awake," says Jesus to each of us, "for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). His first Eucharist was, and is, His only one.

With peace and prayers in Christ,
Fr. William F. Vernon

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 p.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 contact Kathy Loy at 608-822-6412 if you would still like to register or have questions. Please find the registration forms and complete agenda list at the church entrances.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

JUNE 24 & 25



5:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Manthe

5:00 p.m. Servers: Dayne & Dax Kauffman

7:30 a.m. Lector: Rita Schmitz

7:30 a.m. Servers: Ben Cummins & Gavin Vesperman

9:30 a.m. Lector: Bill Manthe

9:30 a.m. Servers: TBD

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Our host week for Family Promise begins this Sunday, June 18. We are still in need of volunteers to assist us this week, providing care and compassion to the families we are serving. Contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990 or Peg Jonas at 723-2051 to volunteer a couple hours of your time. Thank You!

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.

PARISH YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival has begun! The Diocese of Madison will hold its first-ever Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist Church in Waunakee, September 29–October 1. To register and to get more information: www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com. You can find informational fliers about the Eucharistic Congress at the entrances of the church. Take one with you, and register to attend!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT ST. CLEMENT!

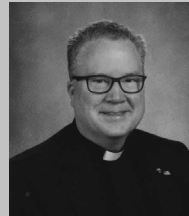
Our adult faith formation will be resuming on Tuesday, June 20, after the 8:15 morning Mass. With the start of the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival, we will be focusing our study and discussion on the Holy Eucharist using Bishop Robert Barron's series "The Mass." All are invited to discover the richness of the Mass, where Heaven and earth meet. We will gather in the parish office meeting room, with sessions ending by 10:30. If there is interest in an evening opportunity of this study, or if you need more information, please contact Bill Manthe.

"Our loves are woven with Jesus in the Eucharist, and the faith and love that come from the Eucharist enable us to see Him in the distressing disguise of the poor, and so there is but one love of Jesus, as there is but one person in the poor – Jesus."
–Saint Teresa of Calcutta

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers Ruth Bahl, one of our very dear parishioners, who died on May 30, and whose funeral Mass was offered on Monday, June 5. Ruth was 88 when the Lord called her Home to Himself. Ruth was very active within our parish and community, assisting with banquets and receptions in the dining hall, the Catholic Daughters of America and in other areas of need. What defined her life most was her family, and the farm that she and her beloved Donnie owned and operated. Their love, a love that lasted 68 years of marriage, is a real testament to their devotion. Ruth and Donnie were inseparable, working the farm as one, and enjoying life. They were blessed with four children: Linda (Ron), Dave (Nancy), Bill (Sharon), and Jeff (Amy), as well as many grandchildren and great-grandkids. Ruth and Donnie so enjoyed taking part in their family's activities. Faith, family, farming and friends were at the heart of Ruth's life. She was a very kind, generous and gracious woman, filled with love. May this good and faithful servant, wife, mother and grandmother now rest in the peace of the Lord, along with her beloved Donnie and all who have gone before her. And may the Lord pour out His consolation and comfort upon her children and all of her family and friends in this time of sorrow.

"Eternal rest grant unto Ruth, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



FATHER WILLIAM'S FAREWELL GATHERING

In gratitude for Father William's 6 years of service as the 21st Pastor to Saint Clement Parish from July 15th, 2017, to June 30th, 2023, we extend an invitation to the members of Saint Clement to a farewell (and 62nd birthday) reception for him after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, June 25, in the dining hall, hosted by our parish Knights of Columbus. This is a great opportunity to personally give your farewell to Father. His last Mass, as pastor of Saint Clement will be Wednesday, June 28th at 8:15 a.m.

Thank you and may God bless you with your new position in Pastorate 25 Father William!

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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