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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 27 8:15 a.m.
(Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 †Carlos Winters
 11:00 a.m.
 Madison Diocesan Council
 of Catholic Women

Wednesday, June 28 8:15 a.m.
(Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr)
 †Jeannie Phalen

Thursday, June 29 8:15 a.m.
(Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles)
 †Francis & Catherine Richgels

Friday, June 30 8:15 a.m.
(The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)
 Madeline Benson

Saturday, July 1 5:00 p.m.
 Busch Family

Sunday, June 25 9:00 a.m.
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**
 †Joyce Mahr

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. through June 28**
 Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 17 & 18

Church Support Envelopes	\$2,724.00
Offertory Cash	\$740.00
Children's Collection	\$53.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$1,205.00
Mid-Month Electronic Giving	\$3,520.00
Total	\$8,242.00
June Budgeted Offertory	\$39,500.00
June Offertory Received	\$21,796.00
Monthly Offertory Comparison	
May 2023 (4 weekends)	\$28,969.00
May 2022 (5 weekends)	\$38,742.00

NOTES & REMINDERS

We will no longer be having a First Friday Exposition and Adoration. Adoration & Confession will be Saturdays 8-9 a.m. and Confessions at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Reminder: Starting July 1, Mass will be at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday at 9 a.m.

From Our Pastor:

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 10:26-33), Jesus Christ tells the Twelve Apostles to "fear no one." He instructs them to "speak in the light" and to acknowledge Him as the Only Savior of the world and proclaim Him from the housetops! To do so, we cannot be afraid to open our life completely in word and deed to Jesus Christ, to be instruments of His love and mercy. Thus, when Pope Saint John Paul II began his ministry in Saint Peter's Square in October 1978, his main words were "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!" Today, as much as ever, the world needs our witness to this life-affirming, peaceful message of the Gospel.

Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint John Paul II was also addressing the mighty, the powerful of this world, who feared that Christ might take away something of their power if they were to let Him in, if they were to allow the faith to be free. And Jesus would, Pope Benedict said (April 24, 2005), for He would certainly take away their corruption, their attempts to control people's lives, their dictatorship of relativism, but Jesus "would not have taken away anything that pertains to human freedom or dignity, or to the building of a just society."

"The Pope was also speaking to everyone, especially the young," Pope Benedict said. "Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way?" he asked. "If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to Him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? And once again the Pope said: No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! *Only in this friendship* are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and He gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find True Life. Amen."

As Bishop Donald J. Hying sends me on July 1st to be a parochial vicar at four Catholic churches and two Catholic schools in Sun Prairie, Marshall and Waterloo, please know that I thank God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the privilege to serve you, the parish family of Saint Clement, our church and school, these past nearly six years (to sanctify, teach, govern), and that I pray for you all every day, especially at Mass, that God gives you, us and all our families His saving grace, peace and strength, and an increase in His virtues of faith, hope and love, in our journey to our purpose in life, Heaven. I thank God for the privilege to have served God and His Church with a faithful, dedicated and wonderful staff and faculty, and Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, and various groups and volunteers here at Saint Clement. Thanks be to God for our life, for faith, hope, love, families and friends, for His Church, Word, Sacraments, His gift of prayer, Communion of Saints and all His teachings. Let us keep praying for one another. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother, and Saint Joseph, Saint Clement and all the saints and angels keep us close to Jesus Christ and always intercede for us. And may God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always. Amen.

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

WELCOME TO ST. CLEMENT PARISH!

We wish a warm welcome to Fr. Steve Brunner, Fr. Mark Miller and Fr. Sudhakar Devarapu as they begin their ministry in our church this week, beginning on Thursday, June 29. We look forward to their presence among us and the other churches that make up Pastorate 1. May the Holy Spirit guide them, and guide us, in this time of transition, restructuring and change.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
JULY 1 & 2**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Manthe
5:00 p.m. Servers: Josh Stowe, Lucas Harding, Thairn Kramer
9:00 a.m. Lector: Josh Jensen
9:00 a.m. Servers: Emma, Greta & Isaac Jensen

THANK YOU AND GOD BE WITH YOU, FR. WILLIAM!

Fr. William, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank God for your six years of priestly ministry and service to us, the people of St. Clement Parish. Six years have gone by so quickly! Yet, in that time you touched the lives and hearts of a countless number of people in our parish and in the community of Lancaster. You navigated the church and the school through one of the worst times the world has seen – the pandemic. Few know of the many people you saw at the hospital or nursing home during the lockdown, bringing them the sacraments of the Church. Prior, during and after that time, you have left us with many memories, words of wisdom and images. You quickly became an internet sensation by hitting that full-court basketball shot after our Fall Festival. For years, you were “Fr. Holy Card” as you shared with us (and everyone who came to the door), your vast array and collection of “holy reminders.” In the coming years, they will be holy reminders of your time with us; and we will give thanks. We will carry with us kids running up and stumbling into the sanctuary to drop money in the basket, and you fist-pumping each of them. We will remember your reverence on First Fridays and First Saturdays with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When we hear the accents of others we will think of you, hearing your impersonations of Irish brogue, Southern drawl or those of New Yorkers. None of us will forget your cooking! Or the immense look of shock and surprise on your face when you realized that your dear mom Shirley from N. Carolina and your sister Suzanne were in the front pew at your 25th Anniversary of Ordination Mass a year ago. We will hold dear “one moment at a time” and “Jesus, I trust in You.” These words are something that both we, and you, Father William, will need to remind ourselves often. Kids and all of us will remember the importance of J-O-Y and having each in the right order. May you carry Christ’s joy in your heart, and continue to share His joy with others. As you were so fond of saying, we now say to you, “May Almighty God bless you, Fr. William, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” Thank you, and may God be with you today, on this your birthday, and always.

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

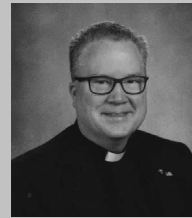
This year the Grant County Council of Catholic Women is hosting the conference at St. Clement on Tuesday, June 27. I would like to extend a personal invitation to all women of our parish to attend this conference along with women from around the diocese. Our keynote speaker is Msgr. James Bartylla who will focus on the Eucharist. You can pick up reservation forms and see the agenda at a table in the back of church. A wonderful day of faith and fellowship has been planned. You won’t have this opportunity again, right at home, for several years. Thank you.
-Jan Block, President of St. Clement Council of Catholic Women
**Please contact Kathy Loy at 608-822-6412 if you would still like to register or have questions.*

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you were not able to have your photo taken during our parish directory photography dates, we are now accepting submitted photos. The preference of the directory company is to have these submitted digitally. This means that you will need to email us the photo you want to have included in the directory. If possible, it should be a vertical photo rather than a wide-shot horizontal picture. A few things to keep in mind:

- If the photo was professionally taken (except by a church directory company), you will need to get a copyright release.
- If you are taking a photo of a photo, set the camera resolution to the highest setting. Scanning the photo at high resolution works even better.
- Send the photo as an attachment via email to the parish address: *st_clement@tds.net*.
- In the email, be sure to tell us the names of everyone in the photo, children oldest to youngest.
- The photo should be in either .pdf or .jpg form.
- The cost for photo submission is \$15.00. This is what the parish has to pay the company for submitted photos. You will receive a directory by doing so.
- If you do not have email, stop at the office, and we can scan the photo for you.
- Please submit your photo to the parish office by July 31!

If you have any questions, contact Bill Manthe at the parish office.



**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 for all your good work Father William and may
God bless you with your new position in Pastorate 25!*


ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT ST. CLEMENT!

Our adult faith formation has resumed! 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. There are two opportunities to take part: after the 8:15 AM Mass on Tuesdays (except for July 4) and at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning June 28. Sessions will last about one hour and will be held in the parish office meeting room. For more information contact Bill Manthe.



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