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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, July 11 8:15 a.m.
(St. Benedict, Abbot)
†Karen Maple

Wednesday, July 12 8:15 a.m.
Members of the Baus Family

Thursday, July 13 8:15 a.m.
(St. Henry)
†Ambrose Timmerman

Friday, July 14 8:15 a.m.
(St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin)
†James D. Giesen

Saturday, July 15 5:00 p.m.
(St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
†Jim Bryan

Sunday, July 16 9:00 a.m.
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
†Karl & Caroline Kuenster
and Karolyn Huinker

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 8–9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

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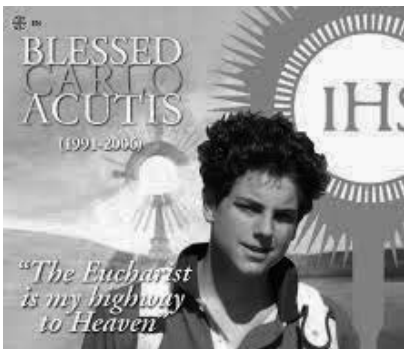
July 1 & 2

Church Support Envelopes \$4556.00
Offertory Cash \$732.72
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,205.00
Total \$5,288.72

July Budgeted Offertory \$39,500.00
July Offertory Received \$5,288.72

Monthly Offertory Comparison

June 2023 (4 weekends) \$29,653.00
June 2022 (4 weekends) \$29,703.00



Prayer of St. Benedict



*Gracious and Holy Father
Give us wisdom to perceive you
Intelligence to understand you
Diligence to see you
Patience to wait for you
Eyes to behold you
A heart to meditate on you
And a life to proclaim you
Through the power of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord
Amen*

On July 11, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia (480-547), the sixth-century abbot who gave Christian monasticism its lasting foundation in Western Europe. For his historic role as the “Father of Western Monasticism,” St. Benedict was declared a co-patron of Europe (along with Saints Cyril and Methodius). St. Benedict wrote the first “Rule”, which gave order and direction to how men (and soon after women) would live together in religious community. “Ora et Labora” (Prayer and Work) is one of the foundations of Benedictine life, as is hospitality. It was his “Rule” that later religious orders adapted and patterned into their communities. If one visits the Trappist monastery of New Melleray Abbey outside of Dubuque, one gets a sense of what Benedictine life is like.

In early June I was on retreat at St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center west of Wausau. It is an old Capuchin formation house that is now used for retreats, community meetings, days of prayer and the like. It’s a very simple, beautiful place, with ample trails to walk in the woods behind the center. On my first day there, as I was in the chapel praying, the words of this weekend’s Gospel came to me. Normally, a spiritual director would assign me scripture to pray with. In my case, God did so that first evening of my arrival. “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” These words kept returning to me throughout the three and a half days that I was there. I needed to have God speak to me with these words, as I came to St. Anthony’s thirsting to be refueled and renewed by Him.

Often we can think that we have “to do” something for God. Maybe it’s pray more, serve more, be here and there more. We can wrap ourselves up with hectic activity, all good in and of themselves. Yet, we need to be centered in Jesus, otherwise we wear ourselves out. This is what Jesus was wanting of me on this retreat. In a not so subtle way, God was telling me that I could leave the “doing” up to Him. What He wanted from me was to let go of my need to do and find rest and renewal in His grace, mercy and love.

How about you? How do you “come to Jesus” and find rest in Him? For me on this retreat, it was in the chapel, praying before the crucifix and the Blessed Sacrament, as well as walking along the trails, being renewed by His creation. What burdens, worries and concerns does Jesus want you to lay down before Him, that He might take them into His Sacred Heart? Go to Jesus, and let Him give you rest.

Christ's peace and love,
Bill

*“Under the sun, we end up getting a tan. Under the Eucharistic gaze of Jesus, we become Holy!” ~ Blessed Carlo Acutis
Patron of the National Eucharistic Revival*



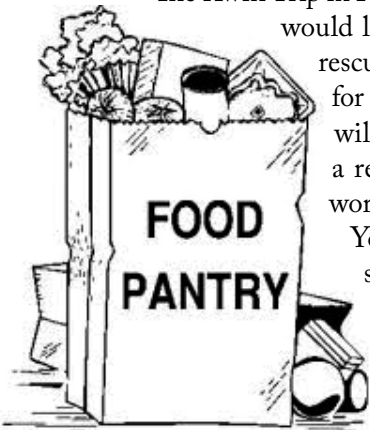
**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
JULY 15 & 16**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Rick Benson
5:00 p.m. Servers: Eliza Haas, Josh Stowe
9:00 a.m. Lector: Bill Manthe
9:00 a.m. Servers: Michael & Katie Murphy, Alan Pagenkopf

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

**A NOTE FROM LINDA BENDORF,
LAC FOOD PANTRY MANAGER**



The Kwik Trip in Platteville across from Wal-Mart would like us to start picking up their rescue food every Friday. I'm looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to pick this food up – maybe a retired person or someone who works in Platteville.

You would stop at the store and say you're from the food pantry in Lancaster and they will get you the food. You will then take it to the LAC pantry, weigh it, record the weight on a sheet, and put items away in

the freezer or cooler. I have tubs that can be used and a blanket to help keep items frozen. Most of the food will be frozen.

We also need a volunteer or two to pick up from Dollar General in Lancaster on Thursday's after 1 p.m., and Kwik Trip in Lancaster on Thursday.

A volunteer is also needed to pick up food from the Kwik Trip in Belmont. They have been discarding food because there was no pantry that would come to pick up their items. We hope a generous person (or two) can do this, so that food does not go to waste.

If you are a snowbird, or can only help out every other week with any of the above, this would help greatly. Please let me know if you have questions, 608-988-6216.

The rescue food we have been receiving from the various stores really helps a lot to keep our freezers full. We currently have volunteers that pick up from Wal-Mart, Aldi's, and the other Kwik Trips in Platteville and Lancaster and Dollar General. Adding these other stores will help greatly in assisting those who are needy.

Thank you so much to those who are already helping with the pantry. I could not keep everything running smoothly without all your help. ~Linda Bendorf

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Our host week concluded on Sunday morning, June 25. Thank you to everyone who donated your time and/or prepared meals for the two families that we served. Our next host week will be the week of August 6-12, a week sooner than normal due to scheduling conflicts of the other host churches. Again, thank you so much for your help in supporting families with children and youth experiencing homelessness!



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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
AT ST. CLEMENT!**

With the start of the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival, we are 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 and 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. Sessions will last about one hour and will be held in the parish office meeting room. For more information contact Bill Manthe.

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.

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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