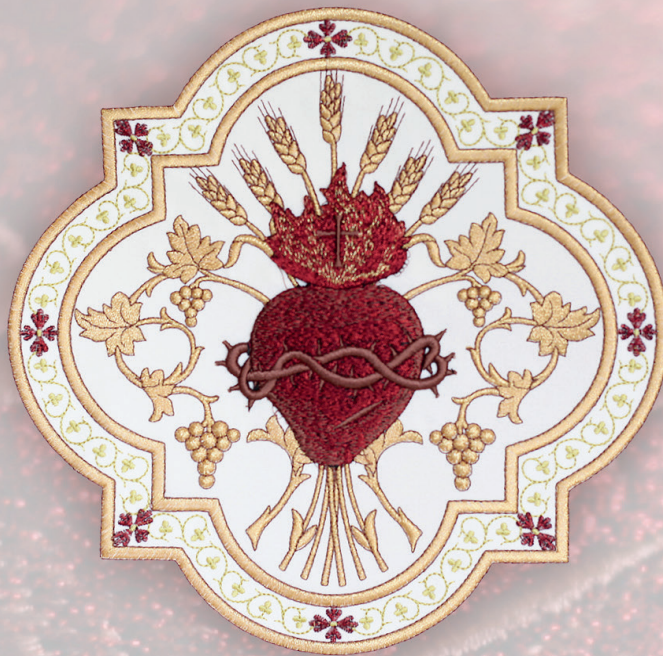


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(1 Corinthians 13:8)



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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, August 22 8:15 AM
(The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
†Gerald Schildgen

Wednesday, August 23 8:15 AM
(St. Rose of Lima, Virgin)
†Doris McLimans

Thursday, August 24 8:15 AM
(St. Bartholomew, Apostle)
†Braeden Bausch

Friday, August 25 8:15 AM
(St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest)
†William R. Vernon

Saturday, August 26 5:00 PM
†Vince & Germaine Mumm

Sunday, August 27 9:00 AM
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
Law Enforcement, EMS, Firefighters,
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ORDINARY TIME ISN'T ORDINARY AT ALL

As you know, each liturgical season has its own color- Advent and Lent being violet, white during Christmas and Easter, and red on Passion Sunday, Good Friday and Pentecost Sunday. Outside of these seasons, we have what is known as Ordinary Time, the longest season of our Church year. Its liturgical color is green. The priest's vestments, the chalice veil and the banners are signals to us that we are in Ordinary Time. But Ordinary Time does not mean that this season is ho-hum, or that it is not extraordinary. Rather, Ordinary Time comes from the word "ordinal" which means "counted" time. You'll notice in the bulletin, on the parish calendars, and in the hymnal section for the readings which Sunday it is in Ordinary Time. August 20 is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 3 is the Twenty-first Sunday and so on until November when we reach the last Sunday of the Church Year, the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is the Solemnity of Christ the King.



Ordinary Time is far from ordinary. In fact I would say that it is very extraordinary. Everything, including time, is graced by God and is pure gift. The very fact that we exist is a gift from God. The reality that God loves us so much that He is present to us at each moment, and that He comes to us in Word, Sacrament and in the events of daily life is, I believe, quite extraordinary! Unlike some religions that believe God is distant and unconcerned about human affairs, Catholic belief is just the opposite. God is everywhere present and always mindful of us and our needs. Each and every Sunday we gather as one to praise God for all that He has done, is doing and will do for us individually and for the life of the world through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Our worship during Ordinary time is meant to change us more into the people God created us to be. This saying is a good reminder, "Today is a gift, that is why it is called the present." Enjoy the gift of Ordinary Time – unwrap and treasure God's most precious gift to us – Jesus, and share the gifts the Lord has given you.

OUR ST. CLEMENT PARISH FALL FESTIVAL NEWS



Our St. Clement Fall Festival is **Sunday, October 8** and it's our only fund-raising activity for our entire parish. Fall Festival raffle & dinner tickets packets are on the tables in the church entrances. According to state law, we are *not allowed* to send raffle tickets through the USPS, so we are asking for your help in picking up packets belonging to your neighbors, friends and other family members, which is GREATLY appreciated!

IT'S GOOD TO GET AWAY

In these final days before school begins, be sure to remember the importance of thanking the Creator for the creation and recreation you'll be enjoying. Remember to make Sunday worship part of your vacation, as it too is a way that we "get away" from our daily routine to hear the Word of God and to be nourished with our Lord in the Eucharist. If you don't know where to find a local Catholic church, go to the website www.masstimes.org to find nearby parishes and their worship times. Be sure to call ahead to confirm that the times are current and updated.

OFFICE HOURS:

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

CONFESSION

Saturday 8–9 AM and 4–4:45 PM
Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

ADORATION

Saturday 8–9 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 12 & 13

Church Support Envelopes	\$6,546.00
Offertory Cash.	\$550.14
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$1,210.00
Total	\$7,096.14
August Budgeted Offertory	\$35,335.00
August Offertory Received	\$16,064.14
Monthly Offertory Comparison	
July 2023 (5 weekends)	\$34,645.53
July 2022 (5 weekends)	\$39,367.00



RECENTLY BAPTIZED
CALLUM JOHN
Son of Alex & Kelsy Benson

ANNUAL CATHOLIC HERALD SUBSCRIPTION DUE

If you already submitted a payment for the official Diocese of Madison newspaper *Catholic Herald*, **thank you!** If you receive the newspaper and have not paid yet, please submit the annual due in the amount of **\$23.04**, by August 21, payable to 'St. Clement Parish'. Envelope-holders will find an envelope in their packet or you may put your payment in a plain envelope marked "Catholic Herald" with your name for proper credit. Our parish has to absorb the cost of all subscriptions that are not paid. If you no longer wish to receive or would like to begin receiving the newspaper, please contact the parish office at 723-4990. Thank you.





**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
AUGUST 26 & 27**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Rick Benson
5:00 p.m. Servers: Adeline Helmke & Eliza Haas
9:00 a.m. Lector: Linda Ihm
9:00 a.m. Servers: Brody, Brooklyn & Braelyn Crubel

**PARISH YEAR OF
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!**

The Archdiocese of Detroit is asking parishioners throughout their diocese to offer short reflections on how they have been transformed by the Eucharist. Below is a portion of a priest's reflection on how God slowly changed his heart.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
2022-2024

Personal witness is powerful. We invite you to send us a personal Eucharistic experience that you have had that can be shared in the bulletin. We will keep your name anonymous at your request. Let's be inspired and build each other up in faith during this year of revival and renewal! Your reflections can be mailed to the parish office, or emailed to Bill Manthe at bill@saintclementparish.com.

"He (Jesus) revealed that He desired a deeper relationship with me and that He wanted me to know Him better. Even after that experience of Jesus in the field house (during Adoration at a Steubenville Youth Conference years earlier), I was still living at a distance from Him, and He was now asking for more. I don't remember the rest of the many hours I prayed that summer, but I will always remember that one. When I'm tempted to go back to my old way of living—thinking of Jesus as someone who loves me but is far away—I take myself back to the grace experienced that day and remind myself that His very presence is just a few steps away.

It was in front of the Blessed Sacrament where a lot of debating, deal-making, and experiences of love (and frustration) with Jesus took place. It was my time in front of the Blessed Sacrament that kept me moving forward in the seminary and it is my time in front of the Blessed Sacrament that sustains me today as a priest.

The little boy who wanted to stay as far away from Church as possible is now the man who can't imagine his life without it or the Eucharist. It's all God's work—it's all grace."

~Fr. Mario Amore, St. Aloysius Parish, Detroit

**WHERE OUR PRIESTS ARE IN THE PASTORATE
AUGUST 26 & 27**

Father Steve will be in Cassville, Saturday at 4:30PM; Potosi, Sunday at 8:00AM; and Tennyson 10AM. Father Sudhakar will be in Glen Haven at 8PM; Patch Grove, Sunday 8AM, and Bloomington at 10AM. Father Mark will be in Lancaster Saturday at 5PM and Sunday at 9AM.



HAPPY FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW!

Did you know that we have, in a sense, a secondary patron saint of our parish? This would be Saint Bartholomew, one of the twelve Apostles, whose feast day is on August 24. In fact, St. Bartholomew was the original patron saint of the parish! When the first Catholic church was built in Lancaster in 1859, one block east from our present church near what is now the Twin Dragon restaurant, it had a stone over the entrance of the church that read, "ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US." (This stone can still be seen in the hallway directly outside of the parish office door). When Bishop John Henni of Milwaukee (we were part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee which encompassed most of Wisconsin) came to Lancaster in 1860 to consecrate the new church, he remarked that there were already a number of churches in the diocese under the patronage of St. Bartholomew. Because of this, he made the decision that the patron (and name) of the parish should be changed to St. Clement. May we not forget our roots, our heritage, and our first patron saint. **SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US!**



GRIEF SHARE

A Support Group For The Bereaved



The next GriefShare Group begins soon! GriefShare is a faith-based support group that assists the bereaved through their grief, offering guidance, hope and healing. In GriefShare, you will learn valuable information for living now and renewing your hope for the future. GriefShare will be held on Thursday evenings beginning August 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the St. Clement Parish Office meeting room. The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the workbook; scholarships are available. Register online at: www.griefshare.org. Then type our zip code, **53813**, under "Find A Group" and proceed registering for our group at St. Clement. You can also register, or if you have questions, by calling Bill Manthe at 723-4990.

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL


BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

As we prepare for the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, we encourage everyone to mark the following dates in their calendars as soon as possible:


- **Monday, August 21st:**
Registration & Picture Day from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 21st:**
Open House from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 28th:**
First Day of School at Saint Clement
- **Friday, September 1st:**
First Day of Public School and Busing Begins
- **Monday, September 4th:**
No School - Labor Day

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