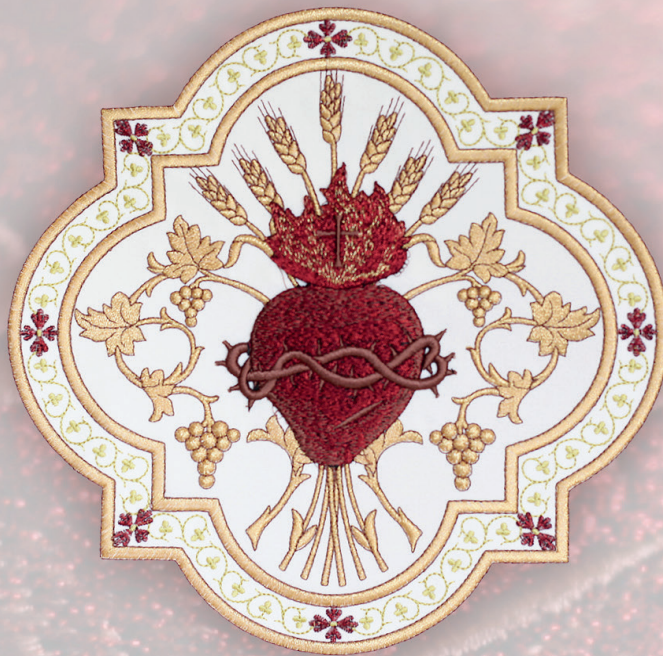


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(1 Corinthians 13:8)



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Bulletin Announcements: Deadline is Monday at Noon to the St. Clement Parish Office or to st_clement@tds.net

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF INTO THE DEEP?

Saturday & Sunday, September 30 & October 1, 2023

Dear Parishioners:

In the past month of September, Fr. Mark, Fr. Sudhakar, and I have spent a significant amount of time preparing for the new year in Religious Education. Fr. Mark has been coordinating Family Faith formation for Bloomington, Patch Grove, Glen Haven, and Cassville. Fr. Sudhakar has been helping to organize Religious Ed in Potosi/Tennyson. I've been speaking with Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Wiest at St. Clement, as well as Nick and Katie Crosby, for Religious Ed in Lancaster. We are so grateful for all of the catechists who have stepped up to teach the children of our pastorate! We also held our 1st joint Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, September 24 for our Confirmation students from Potosi, Tennyson, Cassville, Bloomington, Patch Grove, and Glen Haven, as Confirmation will be quickly approaching in October for them.

In addition, I have started to review the Financial Reports from Fiscal Year 2022-2023. I am currently speaking with the church finance councils to better understand how we are using our financial resources. I met with the St. Clement Finance Council recently and am planning to meet with the remaining councils of our pastorate. For St. Clement, this is an important time as the renovation of the boiler system for the whole St. Clement complex is coming to completion. This project has been a capital project and has been estimated to cost \$800,000. These discussions about our financial resources will put us in a good position to see how the merging of our churches will affect us financially. I look forward to communicating these reports with you as I am able to.

Thank you, and may God bless you!

Fr. Steve Brunner
Parochial Administrator



**Weekly Mass
Schedule**

Tuesday, October 3 8:15 AM
†Jiggs & Shirley Winkler

Wednesday, October 4 8:15 AM
(St. Francis of Assisi)
†Ambrose Timmerman

Thursday, October 5 8:15 AM
*(Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest)*
†Leonard & Marcella Mulrooney

Friday, October 6 8:15 AM
(Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin)
Gabrielle Benson

Saturday, October 7 5:00 PM
†Grover Weber Family

Sunday, October 8 9:00 AM
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
†Braeden Bausch

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.

1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

Fri. 9 AM – Sat. 9 AM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 23 & 24

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$4,944.00
Offertory Cash \$922.60
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,210.00
Total \$7,076.60

Sept. Budgeted Offertory \$35,335.00
Sept. Offertory Received \$29,375.80

Monthly Offertory Comparison

August 2023 (4 weekends) \$30,890.49
August 2022 (4 weekends) \$27,701.00

**PASTORATE MASS TIMES
OCTOBER 7 & 8**

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

OUR PARISH FALL FESTIVAL IS JUST 1 WEEK AWAY!

Sunday, October 8 is our St. Clement Chicken Barbecue Carryout Dinner from 10 AM – 2 PM with the raffle at 2 PM. The St. Clement Fall Festival Committee is looking for your help with this year's drive-thru event.



Help is still needed for Set-Up, Kitchen Crew, Carry-Out Line, Ticket Takers, Pull Tabs selling and payout, Drive-Up Runners, Clean Up, and Chicken Pit Tear Down. To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yhfwps7u> or call Katherine in the Parish Office. This is St. Clement Parish's only fundraiser of the year. You can still purchase raffle and dinner tickets in the parish office from 9 AM - 3 PM.

VERY IMPORTANT FOOD PANTRY NEWS

In January 2022, 55 families were served by the Lancaster Association of Churches (LAC) Food Pantry. In January of this year, 80 families were served. In June of 2022, the pantry served 91 families. This past June, that number increased to 125 families. There are many people struggling to make ends meet, and the LAC Food Pantry strives to lighten the food insecurity that many are experiencing. However, this increase has caused the Food Pantry to purchase more of its food items, resulting in their checkbook balance decreasing each month.

This is where YOU can help! Please consider a one-time or an on-going donation to the LAC Food Pantry. Every dollar will make a difference; no gift is too large or too small. Your donation will help the pantry keep normal food items stocked on their shelves, and more importantly, feed the hungry as Jesus commanded. Checks should be made out to: The LAC Food Pantry, and placed in an envelope marked "Food Pantry." These can be dropped into the collection or at the parish office. We will deliver these to Linda Bendorf, the LAC Food Pantry manager. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
OCTOBER 7 & 8**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Rick Benson

5:00 p.m. Servers: Josh Stowe & Thairn Kramer

9:00 a.m. Lector: Josh Jensen

9:00 a.m. Servers: Michael & Katie Murphy, Alan Pagenkopf

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Have you ever wondered about your life, why you are here and what is your purpose? Have you had questions about Jesus, and why the need for a Church? Our next Adult Faith Formation series, **“THE SEARCH: The Search for the Meaning of Life,”** will address these questions and more. Chris Stefanik will be our guide in this 7-week reflective study. There will be two opportunities to take part. The first will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning this Monday, October 2. The second will be on Tuesday mornings following the 8:15 AM Mass, beginning this Tuesday, October 3. Both gatherings will be held in the parish office meeting room. For more information, contact Bill Manthe.



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CCW FALL VICARIATE MEETING

The Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend their Fall Vicariate meeting on Thursday, October 12 at Immaculate Conception Church in Kieler.

The Theme for the meeting will be “Seek and you will find..... Will you open the door???” Registration begins at 3:30 pm in the Church, short meeting at 4:00 pm and Mass at 5:00 pm. Mass will be followed by dinner, the speakers and a silent auction.

Our guest speaker will be two Dominican Sisters from the Sinsinawa Mound to inform us of how they are transitioning the property as some of the buildings have been sold.

We will hear about the renovations that are to take place. The Dominican sisters will continue to be involved with the cause for Sainthood for the Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli.

Send your registration count and fee to Judy Droessler at 4026 Braelan Lane, Hazel Green, WI, 53811 by October 9, 2023. Judy’s phone number is 563-590-4996. The registration fee is \$15.00. An Offertory collection will be taken for the Southwest Food Pantry located in Hazel Green. The Church and gathering space in Kieler are handicap accessible. Kathy Loy – Grant Vicariate CCW President – 608-822-6412

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
OCTOBER 6 & 7**

We will have First Friday Adoration in the main body of the church at Saint Clement, beginning after the 8:15 AM daily Mass on Friday through Saturday, 9:00 AM, with Solemn Benediction. Please sign up on the schedule near the Fatima Chapel. You may come at any time during the 24-hour adoration, however signing up for just one hour will assure at least one person is in the church at all times keeping vigil with the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for the donation of your time!

**TEC: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
TEENS AND ADULTS TO GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS**



TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a wonderful opportunity for teens 15 and older and adults to grow in their relationship to Jesus Christ and to His Body, the Church. I (Bill Manthe) can attest to the difference it made in my life. It’s a very powerful experience. You will not leave TEC without the Holy Spirit touching your heart and soul. And you’ll meet and make new friends. The next TEC is being offered at Immaculate Conception Church in Kieler, starting on the afternoon of October 27 and ending on October 29. To register and to get more information, go to: madisondiocese.org/TEC. You can also call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543. Register soon! Experience Christ anew by taking part in TEC.

**FAMILY PROMISE:
OUR HOST WEEK BEGINS!**



Our week to host families experiencing homelessness begins this Sunday evening. However, as of this writing, there are presently no families in the program. But this could change at any time during the week. I will be calling all volunteers two days prior to let them know whether or not we will be needing their help. Either way, know how grateful Peg and I are of your generous response of time and talent. It’s great to have a pool of volunteers that we can call upon to help with this important and needed program.

**ST. CLEMENT QUILTERS NEED
YOUR HELP!**



The St. Clement Quilters have done so much good in our community. Now they need your help. They need to find a new location to quilt by early December. If your business or home has a large empty room where they can put up their quilt frame and work, they would welcome your kindness. Contact the parish office if you may be able to help them, or a lead on a possible location.

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

This weekend, Sep. 30 and Oct. 1, the Respect Life Collection will be conducted in our parish. The collection is a means by which the People of God in the Diocese of Madison seek to build a culture of life and extend the love of Jesus Christ. Your prayerful and financial help in supporting this collection is critical. Respect Life Collection brochures can be found on the tables in the entrances of church. Please consider how you can make a difference!

PUMPKIN PAINTING SOCIAL

Come to the Dining Hall after the 9 AM Mass, October 22, and share in donuts, cider, and camaraderie with your fellow St. Clement School AND Parish Families. Pumpkin Painting Activity available for children of all ages. Fill out the orange RSVP form located at the church entrances and return to the school by October 13th or email jaynewbster@saintclementschoo.com.


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