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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, September 12 8:15 AM
(The Most Holy Name of Mary)
 †Harold & Marie Stelpflug

Wednesday, September 13 8:15 AM
(Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
 †Clara Furstenberg

Thursday, September 14 8:15 AM
(The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
 †Benjamin Benson

Friday, September 15 8:15 AM
(Our Lady of Sorrows)
 †Doris McLimans

Saturday, September 16 5:00 PM
 †Bishop Robert Morlino

Sunday, September 17 9:00 AM
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**
 †Ambrose Timmerman

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

September 2 & 3

Church Support Envelopes \$4,813.00
 Offertory Cash \$690.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,210.00
 1st of Month Electronic Giving . . \$1,930.00
Total \$8,643.00

Sept. Budgeted Offertory \$35,335.00
 Sept. Offertory Received \$8,643.00

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

NOTES & REMINDERS

- St. Mary’s Fall Festival in Bloomington is Sept. 9 & 10.
- St. Charles’ Fall Festival is Sept. 17.
- St. Mary’s Fall Festival in Platteville is Sept. 24

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!



Also, the St. Clement Fall Festival Committee is **looking for your help** with this year’s drive-thru event.

Some ways you can help are Set-Up, Kitchen Crew, Cole Slaw, Bars, Carry-Out Line, Ticket Takers, Drive-Up Runners, Clean Up, and Chicken Pit Clean Up. To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yhfwps7u> or call the Parish Office.

GRANT CO. RIGHT TO LIFE TALK



Have you ever avoided difficult pro-life topics for fear of saying the wrong thing or appearing to lack empathy? If so, come join Grant County’s chapter of WI Right to Life at this talk on Monday, September 11, 6-7:30 PM at Mound City Bank Motor Meeting Room, 90 S. 2nd St. in Platteville. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Platteville Food Pantry. For more information contact Marge Karsten at 608-732-0850.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Last Friday, September 8, was the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We know from Tradition that her parents were Joachim and Anne, who were both elderly when she was conceived. By God’s special grace, Mary was conceived in her mother’s womb without Original Sin that she might be pure and free from sin in order to be the Mother of our Savior. We celebrate this on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. When the archangel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, he addresses her not by her name, but what/who she is: “Full of grace.” The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first person since Adam and Eve to be filled with the fullness and immensity of God’s grace flowing through her. Our first parents lost this through their choice to sin. Mary, though, throughout her life, remained sinless with the help of God. She had free-will, as we do, but she always chose to do God’s will, even in those times when she did not understand. It was then that she trusted in God. Mary, at the end of her life, was Assumed into Heaven, a feast we just celebrated on August 15. As Jesus honored His Mother, we also honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

RELIC OF ST. JUDE!



A relic of St. Jude Thaddeus, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, is coming to the Diocese of Madison this week on Thursday, September 14. The relic will be at St. Maria Goretti Church in Madison. Veneration and viewing of St. Jude’s relic will begin at 1 PM and conclude at 10 PM. Mass will be held at 7 PM. See our Facebook page for a video from Bishop Hying about this opportunity and for more information about St. Jude.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for K-6th grades begins on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 PM. Registration forms are available at the church entrances and should be returned to the parish office by Friday, September 15th. A registration form was sent via email to families who were registered last year. For more information, please contact Rebecca Dean, rebeccadean@saintclementschoo.com.

Information for Religious Education 7-9th grades coming soon.





**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Tom Schaefer

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

9:00 a.m. Lector: Ivars Kalnins

9:00 a.m. Servers: Elliott Webster, Michael & Katie Murphy

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers two of our dear parishioners who died recently. Bob Irish died on Sunday, August 27, and his Funeral Mass is being offered this Monday, September 11. Bob was 91 at the time of his passing from this life to life eternal with the Lord. Bob enjoyed his vocation as a farmer, along with his wife Catherine. They were high school sweethearts, and their love and hearts were united in marriage for 70 years. Bob and Catherine were blessed with five children: David (Judy), Marcia, Nancy (Tim), Jane (Tim), and their son Dan who preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his grandson Kyle. May they be united in Heaven's glory by the grace of God. Bob certainly shared in the sufferings of Jesus, but his faith in God remained strong right up until the time of his passing.

Please also pray for Joe Langreck who died on Sunday, September 3, at the age of 83, and whose funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, September 9. As was stated in his obituary, "Joe's journey was characterized by resilience, determination and an unwavering dedication to his family." Joe served our country in the US Army. Soon after his discharge, he was united in love and marriage to his beloved wife, Mary, a union that lasted 62 years. Together they raised and molded a family of five children: Mark (Kathy), Diana, Mitch (Peggy), Matt (Molly), and Darla (Tim). Joe worked at Skyline for 30 years, touching the lives of many. He, like Bob, shared also in the sufferings of Jesus as he dealt with illness in recent years. Joe was a joyful, faithful man of God throughout his life.

May Bob and Joe now rest in the peace and joys of Heaven. And may the Lord pour out His consolation and comfort upon Catherine, Mary and their families in this time of sorrow.

"Eternal rest grant unto Bob & Joe, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

**WHERE OUR PRIESTS ARE IN THE PASTORATE
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**

Father Sudhakar will be in Cassville, Saturday at 4:30 PM; also he'll be in Potosi, Sunday at 8:00 AM; and Tennyson 10 AM with Deacon Roger preaching. Father Mark will be in Glen Haven at 8 PM; Patch Grove, Sunday 8 AM, and Bloomington at 10 AM. Father Steve will be in Lancaster Saturday at 5 PM and in Cassville for a special 10 AM Mass; and Father Mick Moon will be in Lancaster, Sunday at 9 AM.



GRIEF SHARE

A Support Group For The Bereaved



Our pastorate is offering a bereavement support group called **GriefShare**. Using video presentations, discussion and personal reflection, participants learn valuable insights into their grief journey and find renewed hope. It is said that "grief shared is grief diminished." *GriefShare* meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the St. Clement Parish Office meeting room. If you have any questions or to register, call Bill Manthe at 723-4990 or Marcia Hampton at 732-8849.

SOMEONE TO CELEBRATE!



Happy Birthday to Fr. Steve who celebrates his birthday this Sunday, September 10! May the Lord richly bless you, Fr. Steve, with His love, joy and abundant graces today and always! May the force and grace of the Holy Spirit be with you!

**ST. CLEMENT CHOIR
IS IN SEARCH OF NEW MEMBERS**



St. Clement Congregation:

You are needed. The St. Clement Choir will begin rehearsing for the "new season." If you like to sing, we have a place in the loft for you. We will teach you what you need to know. Prior knowledge/experience is not required. Our group is welcoming and supportive. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 beginning on September 20. We need singers. This is a way to participate in the Mass in a special way and help our congregation by sharing your talents.

For more information or to let us know you are interested, contact David Murphy at dplmurph@chorus.net or call (608) 723-7385.

Blessings,
Dave Murphy



GRANT COUNTY CANCER COALITION


Help support people in our community and county who are dealing with cancer by supporting the Grant County Cancer Coalition. Their dinner and benefit auction is being held on Saturday, September 16, at the Grant County Youth and AG Building. The event begins at 4 PM, with the reflecting ceremony starting at 6 PM. There's a silent auction (4-7 PM) and a live auction at 7 PM. All proceeds from the event stays in Grant County to assist cancer patients. For more information, go to: www.grantcountycancerco.org. You can also support the event by your donation of a pie or two. Pies can be dropped off on Saturday at the Youth and Ag building after 1 PM.

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