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(1 Corinthians 13:8)



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For Parish Membership, Baptisms, Weddings, Communion Calls, Sacramental Emergencies, or any other pastoral need, call (608) 723-4990.

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



Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, September 19 8:15 AM
(Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr)
 †Jiggs & Shirley Winkler

Wednesday, September 20 8:15 AM
(Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs)
 Layne McLimans

Thursday, September 21 8:15 AM
(Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)
 †Richard & Mary Anne Hoffman

Friday, September 22 8:15 AM
 †Donald Bahl

Saturday, September 23 5:00 PM
 For Cancer Patients

Sunday, September 24 9:00 AM
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 †Fr. Paul Mankowski

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 have now all been picked up or mailed out** and 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.



EUCHARTISTIC REVIVAL

We've been posting much about the Eucharistic Revival over these past months, and will continue to do so. So, what is the National Eucharistic Revival? It is a movement inviting us to rediscover Jesus' desire to give us His flesh for the life of the world. It is sweet in its simplicity, intentional in its integrity, and heartfelt in its humility. The world needs Jesus, and Jesus has entrusted Himself to the Catholic Church—in a way unlike any other—in the Holy Eucharist. Let's allow His Real Presence to draw us into this movement, His movement, our movement, so that we, with Christ, can offer our own flesh in loving service and passionate self-sacrifice for the life of the world.

Consider attending the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress next week at St. John the Baptist Church in Waunakee. Information is on the bulletin board, or go to: blessedbrokenandgiven.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for K-9th grades begins on Wednesday, September 20. K-6th starts at 6:00 PM and 7-9th starts at 7:00 PM. Registration forms for K-6th are available at the church entrances as well as being emailed to last year's Rel. Ed. Families, for more information, please contact Rebecca Dean, rebeccadean@saintclementschooll.com.



Registration forms for 7th-9th grade will be emailed out soon to the families from last year (Grades 6-8) and should be returned to the parish office ASAP.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Have you ever wondered about your life? Why you are here, and where are you going? 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 Tuesday mornings after the 8:15 AM Mass beginning October 3, and the second will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM starting a day earlier on October 2. Both gatherings will held in the parish office meeting room. For more information, or if you have questions, contact Bill Manthe.



WHERE OUR PRIESTS ARE IN THE PASTORATE SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

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



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 9 & 10

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| Church Support Envelopes | \$4,141.00 |
| Offertory Cash. | \$803.10 |
| Weekly Electronic Giving | \$1,210.00 |
| Total | \$6,154.10 |
| Sept. Budgeted Offertory | \$35,335.00 |
| Sept. Offertory Received | \$14,797.10 |
| Monthly Offertory Comparison | |
| August 2023 (4 weekends) | \$30,890.49 |
| August 2022 (4 weekends) | \$27,701.00 |

NOTES & REMINDERS

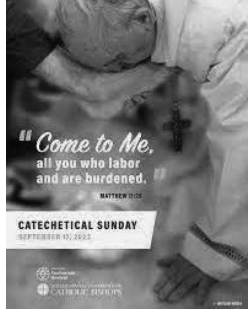
- St. Charles' Fall Festival is today, Sept. 17.
- St. Mary's Fall Festival in Platteville is Sept. 24



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Manthe
5:00 p.m. Servers: Kyla & Kaci Klaas
9:00 a.m. Lector: Brad Sturmer
9:00 a.m. Servers: Emma, Greta and Isaac Jensen



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2023

Each year on the third Sunday of September, the Church in the United States observes Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year is, "Come to Me, all you who are burdened." Jesus invites all of us, young people and adults alike, to come to Him to find rest from our cares. We are to learn from Him, for He is meek and humble

of heart. Jesus Himself is the Good News that we proclaim. He is the Master Catechist, as He shows us in word and deed the Kingdom of God.

Catechesis is more than sharing information about God and our Catholic faith. It necessarily includes knowing personally our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Thus, evangelization is the Church's deepest identity. Catechesis nourishes, forms and deepens the faith one receives through the ministry of the Church. The Church is missionary by her very nature. For teachers, catechists and clergy, their missionary territory are the classrooms, churches and communities in which they serve.

As we commission our teachers and catechists from our school and religious education programs this weekend, we must be mindful of our own mission. Each one of us by virtue of our baptism is called to live our faith and to bear witness to the Gospel in our families, friends, parish communities and society. To share in the Church's mission of evangelization and catechesis is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ by coming to Him to be nourished in Word and Sacrament, in prayer and worship. All of us, ordained and laity, are commissioned to "Go Make Disciples."

**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



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.

FAMILY PROMISE: OUR HOST WEEK IS COMING UP SOON!



Our week to host families experiencing homelessness is coming up the week of October 1, so we need to get ready to offer them our care and hospitality. The Volunteer Sign-Up Forms are on a table in the back of church. You can volunteer for more than one area, or more than once. Families often like to see familiar faces throughout the week! Please sign up early in order for us to be ready on the 1st.

As of this writing, there are no families in the program, but that can change very quickly. Note: the mom with the two children were finally able to move into affordable and sustainable housing, and were so, so happy to do so. This would not have been possible without the care and support of many volunteers from our parish and other churches in the previous months. We are making a difference, especially in the lives of the children in the program. Thank you to all our volunteers!

If you have any questions, or are interested in helping out but have not done so in the past, please give me a call at 723-4990. ~ Bill



CCW NEWS

On August 4, Maureen Pickel and Kathy Loy, on behalf of the MDCCW and Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women, presented Clarity Clinic with a check and a baby quilt that was donated by Coreen

Marklein, current secretary of the MDCCW

Clarity Clinic is a non-profit, educational organization. They offer their educational services to public and private schools, as well as groups. The content is age appropriate to the group they are speaking to.

Their team of educators, nurses, and advocates are dedicated to serving both men and women through education related to pregnancy and reproductive wellness. Their goal is to offer unbiased factual information to help people make an informed choice. All of their services are free for everyone. They also assist with clothing, diapers, and other needs to help new parents.

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