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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, November 28 8:15 AM
†Joyce Klaas

Wednesday, November 29 8:15 AM
Godchildren of Josh & Jennifer Bailie

Thursday, November 30
(*St. Andrew, Apostle*)
†Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 1
Eric Busch

Saturday, December 2 5:00 PM
†Jim Bryhan

Sunday, December 3 9:00 AM
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
†Members of the Baus Family

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

November 18 & 19

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$3,620.00
 Offertory Cash \$689.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,200.00
 Mid-Month Electronic Giving . \$3,095.00
Total \$8,604.00

Nov. Budgeted Offertory \$35,335.00
 Nov. Offertory Received \$22,700.61

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DECEMBER 1 & 2

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!

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF INTO THE DEEP?

In the month of November, Fr. Steve will be meeting with the pastoral councils from the various churches to elect members for the Transition Team. The Transition Team is an advisory council representing individual parishes in implementing the Into the Deep Initiative and the merging of the pastorate. The Transition Team consists of one member of each parish according to the number of weekend masses. The Transition Team will meet monthly and ad-hoc according to need. These are the requirements for the Transition Team:

1. The Transition Team member is a confirmed, practicing Catholic who is fully participating in the sacramental life of the church.
2. As a public representative of the parish, the Transition Team member must be willing to hear concerns from parishioners regarding the implementation of Into the Deep and to bring them forward to the Transition Team so that the Initiative can be more successful.
3. As a public representative of the parish, the Transition Team member will have their picture posted in the bulletin and on our website.

The Transition Team will serve until the canonical merging of the parishes in July 2024. By accepting this position, the Transition Team member is agreeing to collaborate to implement the goals of Into the Deep. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, 11/14/23 Pastoral Council at Bloomington at 7 pm
- Thursday, 11/16/23 Pastoral Council at Patch Grove at 7 pm
- Tuesday, 11/21/23 Pastoral Council at St. Charles at 7 pm
- Tuesday, 11/28/23 Pastoral Council at Tennyson at 7 pm
- Wednesday, 11/29/23 Pastoral Council at St. Clement at 7 pm
- Thursday, 11/30/23 Pastoral Council at Glen Haven at 7 pm

ST. MARY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Everyone is invited to attend St. Mary's Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, November 26 from 8:30-11:30 AM at St. Mary School in Bloomington. The breakfast will feature French toast, scrambled eggs, whole hog sausage, cinnamon roll, and beverage. Carry-outs will also be available. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 8 years old and younger. There will also be a cookie and candy sale, crafters, children's raffle and Adopt-a-Family.

GET READY FOR THE NEW YEAR...

...The new Church Year that is which begins next Sunday with the 1st Sunday of Advent. Take a few moments to get out (or buy) your Advent wreath and candles, and an Advent calendar if you have one, so that next Sunday doesn't catch you by surprise. These are excellent activities for children! As we proclaim Christ the King today, may we prepare for His coming again in glory by keeping Advent well.

Below are some helps for our Advent journey:

- dynamiccatholic.com/advent
- ewtn.com/advent
- From FORMED: daily.formed.org/advent
- Check out Flocknote's offerings in this Sunday's Anchor News
- From Catholic Financial Life: cfl.org/advent

There are many more online helps. Keep things simple. Recommit to the Four Holy Habits of Sunday worship, daily prayer, self-denial and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition, make Eucharistic Adoration a priority. It is offered every First Friday, as well as every Saturday morning from 8-9 AM. Do these, and you will have prepared well! As we sing, "Let every heart prepare Him room."



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
DECEMBER 2 & 3**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Kitty Mumm

5:00 p.m. Servers: Gavin Vesperman & Ben Cummins

9:00 a.m. Lector: Rita Schmitz

9:00 a.m. Servers: Ava, Addie & Aubrie Stader

GIVING TREES

Our parish is once again taking part in the Grant County Holiday Project to assist families in need have a better Christmas. The "Giving Trees" are up and ready for you to grab a leaf (tag). Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 10, by bringing them to the church. Gift cards or cash should be placed in the wooden podium outside the parish office. **Be sure to attach the tag to the gift!** We have adopted 7 families who will be grateful for our care and compassion this Christmas. Thank you to Lynn Crooks, Ashleigh Hampton, Cheryl Raisbeck, and Emily and Sue Schildgen for organizing this work of mercy and love.

A DINNER & A MOVIE!

Our parish, with the generous support of the KC's, will be hosting A Dinner & A Movie on Sunday, December 3. The evening will begin at 6 PM in the parish dining hall with a simple meal of hot roast beef, buns, chips, dessert and beverages. At 7 PM, we will go to the Grantland Theatre to watch the movie, "It's A Wonderful Life." You can come to one or both events. There is NO COST to attend, (but bring money for theatre concessions)! This is open to all people in our pastorate, so we hope to see many of you on December 3 as we begin to get to know one another.

ADVENT GATHERING WITH BISHOP HYING!

Bishop Donald Hying will be coming to our pastorate for an Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection. As a pastorate event, he will be at St. Mary's Church in Bloomington on Sunday, December 10. The evening will begin with Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament from 6-7 PM. Bishop Hying's presentation will follow from 7-8 PM, with a social ending the evening. Amid the busyness of the season, we hope that many of you will make the short trip to hear Bishop Hying's words of wisdom. **BE SURE TO INVITE OTHERS!** Contact Bill Manthe at the parish office about carpooling.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)
ADVENT COFFEE**

The St. Clement CCW will have a decorated tree in the Festival of Trees at the Congregational Church on Dec. 1st & 2nd. If you attend the event we hope you will find our tree and give it your vote.

All women of the parish are invited to attend an Advent Coffee sponsored by the CCW on Sat., Dec. 9th at 9:30 AM in the church dining hall. A variety of sweet breads and fruit will be served along with coffee and tea. An advent reflection will be given by Fr. Steve. Please contact Jan Block by Dec. 5th if you would like to attend (608-723-7978, 608-778-3952, or jan2block@gmail.com).

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

For those who are grieving the death of a loved one, the holidays can be anything but happy. The previous cheer of holiday preparation often gives way to sadness, heartache and apathy when death has occurred. Handling the Holidays will be held in the parish office meeting room on Thursday, November 30, at 6 PM. Call Bill Manthe at 723-4990 or Marcia Hampton at 732-8849 for more information. All are welcome.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our next adult faith formation will be starting this week. We will be using a beautiful reflective video series titled, "THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES" as we prepare for, and celebrate, the birth of our Savior. This is a 7-session series. There are two opportunities to take part. The first is at 9 AM on Tuesday mornings following the 8:15 AM Mass. The other is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Bill Manthe.

DECEMBER PASTORATE WEEKEND MASS TIMES

- Saturdays:** 4:30 PM St. Charles in Cassville (Fr.SD)
5:00 PM St. Clement in Lancaster (Fr.SB)
8:00 PM St. Mary in Glen Haven (Fr.MM)
- Sundays:** 8:00 AM St. John in Patch Grove (Fr.MM)
8:00 AM St. Thomas in Potosi (Fr.SD)*
9:00 AM St. Clement in Lancaster (Fr.SB)**
10:00 AM St. Mary in Bloomington (Fr.MM)
10:00 AM St. Andrew in Tennyson (Fr.SD)*

*Dcn. Roger preaching in Potosi and Tennyson on December 17th.

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Baxter in Lancaster on December 3rd.



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

SCRIP WARS

The students of Saint Clement School are participating in a SCRIP WAR competition and would love your help! This contest began on Monday, November 13th and will continue through Monday, January 1st, so be sure to use SCRIP for your Black Friday and Christmas shopping needs! The class that has the most SCRIP sold will earn the opportunity to donate \$100 to the charity of their choice. And, if we reach our goal of \$130,000 in SCRIP sold during the contest, the students will earn an All-School Movie and Pajama Day! Please encourage all your family and friends to use SCRIP for their gift giving and everyday shopping needs, and don't forget to write down the school family name that you would like to give your credit to. Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful Catholic school and our amazing students!

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