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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, December 12 8:15 AM
(Our Lady of Guadalupe)
†Elmer Fenzau

Wednesday, December 13. 8:15 AM
(St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr)
†Leo Abing

Thursday, December 14 8:15 AM
(St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church)
†Elizabeth Duff

Friday, December 15. 8:15 AM
†Doris McLimans

Saturday, December 16 5:00 PM
†Dan Leibold

Sunday, December 17 9:00 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
†Braeden Bausch

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8 AM – 3 PM
Tuesday – Friday: 9 AM – 3 PM

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

December 2 & 3

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$7,524.00
Offertory Cash. \$647.25
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,200.00
1st of Month Electronic Giving. . \$1,930.00
Total \$11,301.25

Dec. Budgeted Offertory \$35,335.00
Dec. Offertory Received. . . . \$11,301.25

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF INTO THE DEEP?

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

Thank you to all of our pastoral council members who have met with me in the month of November. We have determined which members would like to participate in the Transition Team in order to make the Into the Deep Initiative more successful. They are:

- Gary Mumm (St. Mary)
- Cindy Morgan (St. John)
- Cliff Tennyson (St. Charles)
- Shirley Straka (Ss. Andrew and Thomas)
- Jeff Vorwald (Ss. Andrew and Thomas)
- Bill Manthe (St. Clement)
- Carol Bass (St. Clement)
- Ed Breuer (St. Mary Help of Christians)

We will be meeting this month to start the discussion of the naming of our new pastorate. I look forward to letting you know when that is and further details as they come about.

May God bless you,
Fr. Steve

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR

Hello St. Clement Families,

As Christmas approaches, we are checking to see if there is interest in a youth choir for Christmas Eve. We are asking 4th - 8th grade students to join us for 3 rehearsals, (we would like you to make at least 2 of these):

- Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5:45 - 6:45 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:00 - 10:45 AM
- Wednesday, Dec. 20, 5:45 - 6:45 PM

We plan to have these students sing at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass, there will also be prelude music on Christmas Eve starting at 3:15. Please respond by Tuesday, Dec. 12, either by email: dplmurph@chorus.net or by calling or texting 608-778-0709. Please respond either way (yes or no ...or with questions).

If there is enough interest, we will move forward with the rehearsals. If not, we will move forward with a different plan. Our goal is to prepare a prelude song or two and have the kids sing as Communion is being distributed.

We look forward to making a joyful sound for Christmas.

Sincerely,
David Murphy and Patricia Leh Murphy

TEC RETREAT

TEC Retreat 191 is coming to St. Jerome in Columbus, WI from Thursday, Dec. 28 at noon to Saturday, Dec. 30 at 3:30. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a 'shout out' to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help out. Fr. Grant Thies will be the Spiritual Director. Steve Davies, the lay Director, can be reached at 608-220-2088 or at davies@saintchristopherparish.com

For registration and more information see www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC, contact Marie Lins at the OEC at 608-821-3135, or call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543



BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION

Please remember the retired priests of our Diocese of Madison by making a gift to the "Bless Our Priests" Collection, which is used to directly support all retired priests' welfare, including the cost of healthcare, long-term care and other medical needs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this month. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
DECEMBER 16 & 17**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Manthe

5:00 p.m. Servers: Kyla & Kaci Klaas, Eliza Haas

9:00 a.m. Lector: Linda Ihm

9:00 a.m. Servers: Emma, Greta & Isaac Jensen

"JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" IS COMING SOON!

All Parishioners of PASTORATE 1! We are offering the National Eucharistic Revival's 7-Session "Jesus and the Eucharist" study beginning in January. Our world is hurting, families are hurting, our hearts, too, may be broken. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength, Jesus Christ, who saved us through His passion, death and resurrection. Jesus Christ invites us to be healed and return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, where He gives Himself to us. Please join us for this study at S.S. ANDREW-THOMAS SCHOOL starting at 6:30 PM on the following dates: Monday, January 8 & 22; Monday, February 5 & 19; and Monday, March 4, 18 & 25.

Please email Kathy Bartels at samman@chorus.net or call 608 778-0855 to join the study group or if you have any questions.

REMINDERS & THANK YOU!

A reminder that **THE GIVING TREE GIFTS are due today!** Thank you to all who donated gifts and items!

A reminder that there is an extra time for the **Sacrament of Confession and Adoration** this week on Tuesday from 7-8 PM.

Thank you to Bill & Judy Seyer and everyone who organized "The Dinner & A Movie" last Sunday. And thank you to everyone who attended. We had over 100 people from different churches in our pastorate participate in one or both events. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to doing this again. Thank you, too, to Amy Dreckman from the Grantland Theatre for their support!

Thank you to everyone who helped out during our **Family Promise Host Week**. This program could not be done without you!

CHRISTMAS PASTORATE MASS TIMES*

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM St. Mary in Bloomington
 4:00 PM St. Charles in Cassville
 4:00 PM St. Clement in Lancaster**
 8:00 PM St. Andrew in Tennyson
 8:00 PM St. Mary in Glen Haven
Christmas: 9:00 AM St. John in Patch Grove
 9:00 AM St. Thomas in Potosi
 9:00 AM St. Clement in Lancaster



*There will be an additional Eucharistic Adoration & Confession in Lancaster on Tuesday, December 12, from 7-8 PM, but there will not be Adoration & Confession Saturday morning in Lancaster or Bloomington on Dec. 23rd.

** There will be prelude music on Christmas Eve starting at 3:15.

FAITH BASED MOVIES IN THEATRES

-Journey to Bethlehem (Lancaster) -The Shift (Platteville)

BRINGING FAITH INTO YOUR HOME!

Soon, the Christmas trees will be going up in church. Many of you already have your Christmas tree up in your home. Use this opportunity to praise God and create memories with your children. After you have your tree set up (or if you already do so) gather around your tree and consider reading this weekend's 1st reading from Isaiah (or simply recite the Lord's prayer) and then in a spirit of Advent quiet, pray this prayer of blessing.

A CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

Lord, our God, maker of all creation, we praise you for the gift of this tree. It stands in the midst of winter's cold – green, lush and vibrant. Now we have brought this tree into our home, where it brings beauty, aroma, and the remembrance of times past, and the promise of the celebration of our Savior's birth that is to come.



May your blessing, O Lord, be upon all who gather around this tree today, and all who will keep the Christmas festival by its light. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of the true and eternal Light, Jesus Christ, who by the tree of the Cross, has brought us redemption and the promise of eternal Life. You are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

DECEMBER PASTORATE WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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



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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES" continues this week as we prepare for, and celebrate, the birth of our Savior. There are two opportunities to take part. The first is at 9 AM on Tuesday mornings, and the other is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Bill Manthe. This week's session will focus on "The Visitation." All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Happy "New" Church Year! As we begin the Advent Season, we offer you an opportunity to remember your deceased loved ones through Christmas memorial donations. The money we collect will go toward decorating our church during Advent and throughout the Christmas Season. Please put your donation in an envelope marked with your name and name(s) of those you wish to remember, and drop the envelope in the offertory basket, the wooden podium by the parish office entrance or at the Parish Office. All checks should be payable to St. Clement Parish and turned in by **December 18 (Monday)**. The memorial listing will be published in the December 24 Bulletin. Thank you!

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