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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 19 8:15 AM
 †Leonard & Marcella Mulrooney

Wednesday, December 20. 8:15 AM
 †Dick Schaefer

Thursday, December 21 8:15 AM
(St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church)
 †Gert & Ray Schaefer

Friday, December 22. 8:15 AM
 †Jackie Raffaella

Saturday, December 23 5:00 PM
 †Harold & Marie Stelpflug

Sunday, December 24 9:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Family of Clarence & Clara Fuerstenberg

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*

*There will not be Adoration & Confession Saturday morning on Dec. 23rd.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 9 & 10

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$4,356.00
 Offertory Cash. \$824.62
 Weekly Electronic Giving. . . . \$1,200.00
Total \$6,380.62

Dec. Budgeted Offertory. . . . \$35,335.00
 Dec. Offertory Received \$17,681.87

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

The St. Clement youth choir for Christmas Eve will meet:

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

These students will sing at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass, there will also be prelude music on Christmas Eve starting at 3:15 and the kids will sing as Communion is being distributed.

“We look forward to making a joyful sound for Christmas.”

-David Murphy and Patricia Leh Murphy

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

SCRIP WARS

The SCRIP WAR competition will continue through January 1st. 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!

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 23 & 24



5:00 p.m. Lector: Connie Reinsbach

5:00 p.m. Servers: Will & Abel Kratochvill

9:00 a.m. Lector: Bill Manthe

9:00 a.m. Servers: Trinity, Vanessa & Selina Ihm

LECTORS & SERVERS: We need volunteers for the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM, and the Christmas Day Mass at 9 AM. Call Bill to volunteer at 723-4990.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

“THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES” continues this week as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Join us at 9 AM on Tuesday morning or on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. This week’s session will focus on “The Birth of Jesus.” All are welcome!

“JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST” IS COMING SOON!

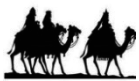
All Parishioners of PASTORATE 1! We are offering the National Eucharistic Revival’s 7-Session “Jesus and the Eucharist” study beginning in January. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, where He gives Himself to us. Join us for this study at Ss. 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. Email Kathy Bartels at samman@chorus.net or call 608 778-0855 to join the study group or if you have any questions.

WELCOMING JESUS!

“It is with this expectation filled with affection that we also want to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus: at Christmas, which we will celebrate in a few weeks; at the end of time, when He will return in glory; every day, as He comes to meet us in the Eucharist, in His Word, in our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.” ~Pope Francis

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 prelude music on Christmas Eve starting at 3:15.



THE HOME IS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH!

Bring our faith into your home by praying this Christmas Manger blessing with your children and grandchildren. Consider reading the birth story of Jesus, Luke 2:1-7 (or simply recite the Lord’s Prayer). Then in a spirit of Advent quiet and joy, pray this prayer of blessing.

A CHRISTMAS MANGER BLESSING

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives, He brings joy and peace, justice, love and mercy.

Lord God, as the celebration of Christmas draws near, bless our family, and bless all who look upon this manger and those gazing with love and gratitude upon the Christ-child: lowly creatures and shepherds, magi and angels, along with Joseph and Mary to adore your Son, the Word made flesh. May it remind us of the humble and joyous birth of Jesus, and fill our hearts with love for Him and for one another, He who is Emmanuel, God-with-us, and Savior of all, who lives and reigns 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)



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

As the birth of our Savior draws near, 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!

IMPORTANT YEAR-END DONATION REMINDER

We are thankful and grateful for your generous donations this year!

Please have your monetary donations you would like posted to your 2023 tax statement postmarked by December 31st. All donations received after December 31st will be posted to your 2024 tax statement. Thank you for your generous support of our St. Clement Parish.

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