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*Bulletin Announcements: Deadline is Monday at Noon to the St. Clement Parish Office or to [st\\_clement@tds.net](mailto:st_clement@tds.net)*



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 5 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
Josh McLimans

Wednesday, December 6. . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(St. Nicholas, Bishop)*  
†Florence Schildgen

Thursday, December 7 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
*(St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*  
†Doris McLimans

Friday, December 8 . . . . . 8:15 AM  
**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*  
†John Schurman  
6:00 PM  
†Doug Crosby

Saturday, December 9 . . . . . 5:00 PM  
†Ken Klaas

Sunday, December 10 . . . . . 9:00 AM  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
†Mike Miles

### 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

*November 25 & 26*

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$3,583.00  
Offertory Cash. . . . . \$610.22  
Weekly Electronic Giving . . . . \$1,200.00  
**Total . . . . . \$5,393.22**

Nov. Budgeted Offertory . . . . \$35,335.00  
Nov. Offertory Received. . . . \$28,093.83

### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

**ASHER AND LEVI COX**  
Sons of Elias Cox & Taylor Duncan

**FRITZ, ADALEE, AND AVETT**  
Children of Mitchell & Brandi Dreher

**ELEANOR MARY**  
Daughter of Westley & Katie Banfield

**NOLAN JAY**  
Son of Tyler & Rachel Landon

**CARTER JAMES**  
Son of Keith & Stephanie Schaefer

### 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

### ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

As we blessed the Advent wreath and candles in church this weekend, you can also bless your home Advent wreath. With kids, keep it simple by praying the Lord's Prayer, reading Sunday's Gospel, and then praying this simple Advent wreath blessing. Or you can simply gather as a family, pray the prayer of blessing, and light one of the candles. Whatever you do, do so in a spirit of Advent joy!

O Lord our God, Creator of all things,

You promised your people a Savior who would bring peace on earth and be a light to the nations. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to be our redeemer, the true light that enlightens the world.

Father, bless this wreath, its candles, and bless us this Advent that our home may be a place of peace, and our lives reflect the light and love of Jesus in all that we do. Make us ready to welcome your Son, the light that never ends, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### NOTES

- **Please be alert!** Scammers are using Fr. Steve's name, texting in an attempt to scam people out of money. Please know that none of our priests will ask for monetary assistance by text or email.
- We will have additional **Eucharistic Adoration & Confession**, Tuesday, December 5 & 12, from 7-8 PM.
- **2024 calendars** provided by Greg & Rita Schmitz from Homeward Bound as well as **Christmas magnets and signs** provided by the Knights of Columbus can be found on the tables at the church entrances. Thank you!!
- **Scrip** gift cards are available to purchase after each Mass and at the school during the week.



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 9 & 10



**5:00 p.m. Lector:** Tom Schaefer

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

**9:00 a.m. Lector:** Josy Hoerth

**9:00 a.m. Servers:** Elliott Webster, Alan Pagenkopf,  
Cooper Graney

**Lectors & Servers: We need volunteers for the Holy Day  
Mass on Dec. 8 at 6 PM. Call Bill if you can help.**

### FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

Our Family Promise Host Week begins this Sunday, December 3. Presently there is one family in the program. We still have some needs to be filled, especially in the areas of Fellowship, dinner serving and also meal prep. As we heard in last Sunday's Gospel, when we serve the needy, Jesus tells us that "you did it to me." If you can assist us, or want to learn, please contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990 or Peg Jonas at 723-2051.

### GIVING TREES

The "Giving Trees" gifts are due by next Sunday, December 10. Just bring them to the church and leave them under the trees. 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 love, generosity and compassion this Christmas. Thank you for making their Christmas a bit brighter!

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our adult faith formation continues this week. We are using a beautiful reflective video series from Paradisus Dei titled, "THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES" 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 following the 8:15 AM Mass. The other is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Bill Manthe. Last week was our introductory session, with this week's session focusing on "The Annunciation." All are welcome!

### WATCH!

On this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Jesus uses the word "watch" four times in the Gospel reading. Ask God to show you what you personally are to "watch" for this Advent. How can you stay spiritually "alert" (another word Jesus uses today) amid the busyness of the season? What is Jesus inviting you to look for? Certainly a new I-phone or the next great shopping deal. Are you watching for the Lord to break in to your daily activities?

### CHRISTMAS PASTORATE MASS TIMES

<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	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
<b>Christmas:</b>	9:00 AM	St. John in Patch Grove
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas in Potosi
	9:00 AM	St. Clement in Lancaster

### A DINNER & A MOVIE!

Our parish, with the generous support of the KC's, will be hosting **A Dinner & A Movie** this Sunday, December 3. The evening will begin at 6 PM in the parish dining hall with a simple meal. 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! This is open to all people in our pastorate, so we hope many of you can join us as we begin to get to know one another. NOTE: Bring \$ for any concession items at the theatre.

### 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. 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.

### DECEMBER PASTORATE WEEKEND MASS TIMES

<b>Saturdays:</b>	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)
<b>Sundays:</b>	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.*

### 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!

### 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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