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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

Monday, January 1 9:00 AM
(THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)
 Emmersyn McLimans

Tuesday, January 2 NO MASS

Wednesday January 3 8:15 AM
(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)
 †Helen Benson

Thursday, January 4. NO MASS

Friday, January 5 8:15 AM
(Saint John Neumann, Bishop)
 †Leonard & Marcella Mulrooney

Saturday January 6 5:00 PM
 †James D. Giesen

Sunday, January 7 9:00 AM
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 †Members of the Baus Family

**THE PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICES
 WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1 & 2.**

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 23-25

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$5,752.00
 Offertory Cash \$2,464.70
 Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,200.00
 Christmas Giving \$5,037.00
Total \$14,453.70

Dec. Budgeted Offertory . . . \$35,335.00
 Dec. Offertory Received . . . \$42,743.58
BOILERFUND Total Received: \$28,870.00

SS ANDREW THOMAS SCHOOL NEWS

SS Andrew-Thomas School is in need of a long term (6 weeks) **substitute teacher** for one of the teachers who will be having a baby in February. Please call Beth Flesch at 608-763-2120. They are also looking for someone to cut the grass at the school for the summer season, please contact Ruth at 608-763-2120.

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF INTO THE DEEP?

December 19, 2023

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

I am pleased to inform you that we had our first transition team meeting on Sunday, December 17. After our discussion, the transition team and I are proposing to you 6 saints/name options for the naming of our new parish. They are:

- Queen of the Apostles Parish
- Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish
- All Saints Parish
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish
- Christ the King Parish
- St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Remember, your church will retain its name, but the parish entity will have a new name. For example, you might say, I go to St. John's in Patch Grove, but I'm a member of Saint XYZ Parish. More information for these saints can be found on the tables inside the church entrances. As we move forward, the transition team and I have finalized the details on the process of voting. Some details include:

- Parishioners can submit a suggested saint name if they feel so moved. If multiple parishioners have similar suggestions we will add the name to the list.
- All members of the parish can vote, assuming they have reached the age of reason (i.e. generally 7-8 years old, i.e. those who have just received first reconciliation).
- The plan is to vote for 3 saints/names at the Saturday and Sunday masses on January 6 and 7 during mass. The ballots will be counted on Monday, January 8. The final 3 names will be announced at the weekend masses of January 13 and 14.
- These 3 names will be submitted to Bishop Hying by February 14, 2024. Bishop Hying will analyze the names for all of the pastorates and make the final decision so that no names are duplicated.

Our next Transition Team meeting will be Sunday, January 21, 2024 at noon. Thank you for your attention, and may God bless you,
 Fr. Steve

NOTES & REMINDERS

Father Sudhakar will be traveling home to India. There will not be Mass on Tuesdays or Thursdays in Lancaster January 2 – February 1. There will be Mass in Tennyson and Cassville on Tuesdays, and Tennyson and Bloomington on Thursdays.

Have a blessed New Year! New Year's Day is the World Day of Prayer for Peace and there will be Mass.

Additional Christmas Memorials

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| † Terry Leeser | † Deceased Members of the
Kilcoyne & Kiefer Families | † Bernard & Joan Fiedler |
| † Carl C. Schmidt | † Joan Sheehan | † Stanley & Dorothy Macke |
| † Karl H. Schmidt | † Deceased Members of the
Bennett & Stadelman Families | † Kelly Johansen |
| † Larry Muldoon | † Deceased Members of the
Wegmann & Scott Families | † Shawn Fiedler |
| † Rick Muldoon | † Gerald Shea | † John Schurman |
| † Sheila Stelpflug | † Robert Boughton | † LaVern & Norma Meier |
| † Bill Chapman | † Cletus & Eileen Stelpflug | † David Meier |
| † Mike Chapman | † Albert & Mildred Ertz | † Gus & Mary Breuer |
| † Jeff Glass | † Eric Miles | † Mr. & Mrs. Ed Doerring &
Family |
| † Leonard & Lila Kirschbaum | † Mike Miles | † Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Bierman &
Family |
| † Walter & Carol Behncke | † Marie Miles | † Victor & Katherine Everix |
| † Adam, Robert, & Lorraine
Knapp | | † Ted & Stephanie Warczak |



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
JANUARY 6 & 7**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Tom Schaefer

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

9:00 a.m. Lector: Josh Jensen

9:00 a.m. Servers: Franklin & Charlie Ihm, Cooper Graney

SERVERS: We need volunteers for the New Year's Day Mass at 9 AM. Call Bill to volunteer at 723-4990.

**"JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST":
AN EXCELLENT STUDY FOR LENT!**

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 be healed today and 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. This would be an excellent study for Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. January 8th is just days away – sign up today! Email Kathy Bartels at samman@chorus.net or call 608 778-0855 to join the study group or if you have any questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES" will resume on January 9. People of Pastorate 1 – You are invited to join us for our evening session that begins at 6:30 PM in the parish office basement meeting room. The session on January 9 will reflect upon The Joyful Mystery of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

GLORY TO THE NEW-BORN KING!

"Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we may no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!" ~from "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" by Charles Wesley

PARISH NAME SUGGESTIONS

If you would like to suggest a name for the pastorate other than those submitted by the Transition Team, remember that **it must be turned into the church office no later than noon this Tuesday, January 2.** If enough people suggest the same name, this will be added to the voting ballot of January 6 & 7. Suggest a name by writing it on the form found in the back of church or on any slip of paper. These can be dropped into the collection box outside the parish office. If two people are suggesting the name, such as a husband and wife, please indicate that on the slip.



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May the love of the Holy Family of Nazareth bless the Families of St. Clement Parish and lead us all to deeper love, devotion and faithfulness today and throughout the New Year.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Our monthly First Friday Exposition and Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament will be this Friday, January 5, ending with Benediction on Saturday, January 6 at 9 AM.

One of the most beloved hymns at Christmas is "O, Come All Ye Faithful." In the first stanza we sing, "Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels. O Come Let Us Adore Him...Christ the Lord." On Christmas Eve, it was so wonderful to hear the choir and congregation loudly and beautifully singing this song. The shepherds and magi gazed upon and adored the face of the infant Christ-child. They were changed by doing so. They did not fully understand the mystery that would unfold during His life, but yet they believed.

We too have the opportunity to gaze upon our Lord Jesus Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. Unlike the first visitors to the stable, we do know what unfolded in Jesus' life. The Savior that was proclaimed by the angels, in love offered Himself on the Cross for our salvation. In power He rose victorious that we might enjoy life eternal with Him. In love, He left us an everlasting covenant of His Real Presence with us– the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

In the quiet and beauty of the church adorned in Christmas trees, stable and lights, we invite you to "Come and Adore Him" in Eucharistic Adoration this First Friday. The sign-up sheet is by the Fatima Chapel. Let His Presence change you!

PASTORATE WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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



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