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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, January 9NO MASS
 Wednesday January 10 8:15 AM
 †Leander & Bessie Schaefer
 Thursday, January 11.NO MASS
 Friday, January 12. 8:15 AM
 †Dick Schaefer
 Saturday January 13. 5:00 PM
 †Raymond & Catherine Kane
 Sunday, January 14. 9:00 AM
**SECOND SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**
 †David J. 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 30-31

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$7,404.00
 Offertory Cash. \$776.77
 Weekly Electronic Giving. . . . \$1,200.00
 Christmas Giving \$315.00
Total \$9,695.77
 Dec. Budgeted Offertory. . . . \$35,335.00
 Dec. Offertory Received \$52,439.35

BOILER FUND Total Received
\$39,090.00

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

PASTORATE 1 MEN’S LENTEN RETREAT

Knights of Columbus Council 2820 is sponsoring a retreat for all men in Pastorate 1 February 9-11th at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA. The retreat begins 7 PM Friday and ends Sunday morning after the 10 AM Mass. You can attend any day or the entire retreat. For questions and to RSVP by February 1st, call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

“THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES” resumes this week on January 9 at 9 AM. **Please Note: The evening session on January 9 will be held at 5:30!** All other evenings will be at 6:30 PM. **People of Pastorate 1** – You are invited to join us for our evening sessions that are held in the St. Clement parish office basement meeting room. The session on January 9 will reflect upon The Joyful Mystery of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. **Please Note: In the event that school is cancelled or dismissed early, we will NOT meet!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All are welcome on **Sunday, January 21**, come enjoy a delicious pancake, sausage and egg breakfast served by our Knights of Columbus members from 8:00 AM until noon. Cost is \$10 (ages 6 & under are free).



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.





**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
JANUARY 13 & 14**



5:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Seiler

5:00 p.m. Servers: Eliza Haas & Adeline Helmke

9:00 a.m. Lector: Ivars Kalnins

9:00 a.m. Servers: Vivian & Eleanor Bernhardt

**"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 this Monday, January 8. Join us for this study at Sts. Andrew-Thomas School starting at 6:30 PM. This would be an excellent study for Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the mysteries of our salvation. Email Kathy Bartels at samman@chorus.net or call 608-778-0855 to join the study group or if you have any questions.

EPIPHANY AND BLESSING OF HOMES

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Traditionally this occurs on January 6, but its observance has been moved to Sunday because of its importance. The word "epiphany" means to show or to manifest. Throughout Jesus' life there are many manifestations that He is the Son of God. Today we have the first of His epiphanies, that of the coming of the magi. Israel had long awaited the Messiah, but with the coming of the magi, who were Gentiles, God shows forth that Jesus has come to be redeemer of the whole world. The three gifts the magi bring represent who Jesus is. Gold – that He is the King of kings. Frankincense – that He is the Great High Priest who offers sacrifice and intercedes for us. Myrrh – that like many of the prophets, He will suffer and die, and will offer Himself as the eternal sacrifice to the Father out of love.

A custom on the feast of Epiphany is the blessing of homes. This custom goes back many centuries and many people continue it today. It's very easy and all that is needed is a piece of chalk. The blessing of homes involves marking the upper door frame of the house with the date of the year and the names of the three magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. Taking chalk, mark the door frame like this: 20+C+M+B+24. The + signs are not addition symbols, but crosses. When blessing the home, a prayer of blessing may be added. Use one you know, make one up appropriate to your household, or use the following.

On this day, dear Savior,

Your light shines brightly in our midst.

*You are the light of the world, the light in our darkness,
ever with us, showing us the way.*

*On this great feast of Light, when the Magi came guided by a star,
like them, may we offer You gifts that symbolize our love for You.*

*May we offer You the gold of our faith, the myrrh of our repentance
and the frankincense of our devotion.*

*We bow before You, Holy Savior, as did the magi,
with great and abiding joy.*

*On this day, may we too stand in Your light and give glory to God
for the gift He gives us in you, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



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**THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:
THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Normally the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on a Sunday, but this year we observe it on Monday, January 8. Just a few short weeks ago we were celebrating the birth of Jesus, and now we come to the feast of His baptism, which begins His public ministry. How quickly kids grow up! This feast also ends the Christmas season. Next week when you come to church the manger, trees and lights will be gone and the sanctuary will look very bare. But as this feast reminds us, the important work still lies ahead. It did for Jesus as He goes forth from the waters and proclaims in word and deed the Kingdom of God, forms His disciples, and undergoes His passion, death and resurrection. And it is true for us as well as we live out our baptism each and every day. Being a Christian is not a one hour, once a week obligation, but a 24/7, 365 days a year vocation to holiness up until the day the Lord calls us from this life. Being baptized demands that we continually "grow up" and become the sons and daughters God desires us to be. On the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, consider your own baptism, and the ways you can live more fully the new life given to you by God in the waters of baptism.

NOTES & REMINDERS

Father Sudhakar will be out of the country, visiting family until February. There will not be Mass on Tuesdays or Thursdays in Lancaster January 2 – February 1. There will be 8:15 AM Mass in Tennyson and Cassville on Tuesdays, and Tennyson and Bloomington on Thursdays.

Save the date! Dinner and a Movie February 18th.

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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