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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, February 13 8:15 AM
Shea Benson

Wednesday, February 14 8:15 AM
ASH WEDNESDAY
†Lawrence Bernhardt
6:00 PM
†Doris McLimans

Thursday, February 15 8:15 AM
†George & Mary Burke

Friday, February 16 8:15 AM
†Leo Abing

Saturday, February 17 5:00 PM
†Don & Ruth Bahl

Sunday, February 18 9:00 AM
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
†Leonard & Marcella Mulrooney

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF INTO THE DEEP?

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

The results are in! The results of the voting process are:

1. All Saints Parish
2. Christ the King Parish
3. St. Joseph the Worker Parish

If things go as planned, we will become All Saints Parish consisting of St. Clement, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Charles, St. Mary Help of Christians, St. John, and St. Mary churches. These 3 names listed above will be submitted to Bishop Hying by February 14, and he will look at all of the names for the pastorates to ensure that none are duplicated. We will await the final decision from him.

Thank you to all of the parishioners who voted and thank you to the transition team members who counted the ballots. Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 at noon at St. Clement, and we will continue to discuss how we can make the Into the Deep Initiative a more successful initiative for our parish!

May all of us become saints,
Fr. Steve

* Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, February 18.

CONFESSION

Saturday 8 – 9 AM and 4 – 4:45 PM
Face-to-face reconciliation by appointment only.

ADORATION

Saturday 8 – 9 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM

*Happy Birthday to Fr. Mark
on Feb. 12!*

ST. CLEMENT MEN'S GROUP 'TRUE REFORMERS'

Join us to watch the *True Reformers* series and get to know six inspiring and relatable saints. Doors open at 7 PM with drinks and snacks provided. Men of all ages are encouraged to attend. No need to register or RSVP! To find *True Reformers* and more great media, set up a free FORMED account at signup.formed.org



Time: Sunday Night's Presentation Starts at 7:15 PM

Place: St. Clement Dining Hall

Dates: February 11, 25, and March 3, 10, 17, 24.

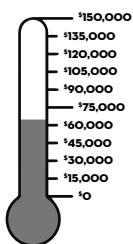
Contact: Mike Tennesen 563-599-5381 call or text or email tenny3044@gmail.com

Feb. 11 - Session 1 - Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 3 & 4

Church Support Envelopes	\$8,732.00
Offertory Cash	\$2,789.93
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$1,230.00
1st of Month Electronic Giving	\$1,920.00
Total	\$14,671.93
Feb. Budgeted Offertory	\$35,335.00
Feb. Offertory Received	\$14,671.93



BOILER FUND

Goal
\$150,000.00

Total Received
\$62,075.00

Still Needed
\$87,925.00

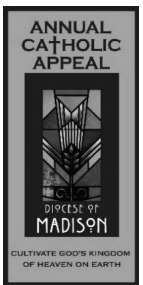
2024 DIOCESE OF MADISON ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The theme for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison is **"We are One Body in Christ."** Taken from Paul's letter to the Romans 12:5, this simple phrase expresses our solidarity with Our Lord and with one another, united in both faith and mission.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports the many programs, resources and services that the Diocese sponsors, offering hope, help and healing in countless ways. The Lord wants us to know the Eucharist as the source and summit of our unity in Him and as the flowing source of the graces we need to embrace the challenges we face.

This year we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge, payable over six months. Your gift will help enable our parish and the diocese to reach its goal and provide to the ministries supported by the appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Finance Council meeting will be February 21st. The members include Amy Belscamper, Tim Adams, Chris Hoerth, Josh Jensen, Ivars Kalnins, Mark Schwab, Kevin Raisbeck, and Samantha Klein.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY 17 & 18



5:00 p.m. Lector: Rick Benson

5:00 p.m. Servers: Josh Stowe & Thairn Kramer


9:00 a.m. Lector: Linda Ihm

9:00 a.m. Servers: Brody, Brooklyn & Braelyn Crubel

LECTORS AND SERVERS:

We need volunteers for the Ash Wednesday Mass at 6 PM.

FEBRUARY WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

**Dcn. Roger will be preaching in Lancaster Feb. 17 & 18.*

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE WEEKEND 2024

The Southwest Wisconsin CEW will be held at Immaculate Conception School in Kieler, WI. The women's weekend will be Feb. 16-18 and the men's will be Feb. 23-25. Application forms are available in the church entrance or on the website <http://swwicew.org/>. For more information call Gail Steiner at 608-330-0654 or Steve Malone at 608-732-3606.

A DINNER & A MOVIE!

A Dinner & A Movie is next Sunday, February 18. We 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, *"A Man For All Seasons."* You can come to one or both events. Free-will donations are welcome. Join us February 18 as we begin the Lenten season with the extraordinary true story of St. Thomas More.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Your 2023 Contribution Statement is available in the parish office for pick-up 9 AM - 3 PM, Mon-Fri. You may also contact Katherine at 608-723-4990 or katherine@saintclementparish.com to have it emailed, make other pick-up arrangements, or to mail it out if necessary.

ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT IS HERE!

Our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, February 14. All over the world, men, women and children will partake in our 40 day observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we keep our Lenten observance, we must remember that we do not do so alone. We are part of the Body of Christ who share a common resolution to allow the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and minds so that we may be more conformed to Jesus Christ, and prepared for the celebration of the Easter.

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and older. The obligation to fast ends at age 60. On our days of fasting, only one full meal should be taken. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain health according to one's circumstances, and taken together, should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these minimally prescribed penitential practices.

How else might I fast? What will I give up depending upon my circumstances in life? Will I limit TV, computer games or surfing the net to enable me to use that time for prayer and charity? Will I make an effort to fast from gossip, rash judgments, unhealthy habits and other patterns of sin and self-centeredness? Besides Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, will I fast from food on other days?

Prayer and Almsgiving

How will my prayer be different this Lent? Will I come to daily Mass when I can? Will I make time for daily prayer, such as the rosary, reading sacred scripture and/or other spiritual material? Honestly examining my life, will I make celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation a priority?

How will I give alms and reach out in charity to others- donate to Operation Rice Bowl or another organization that assists the needy? Will I volunteer at an outreach program such as Family Promise and/or the LAC Food Pantry, or assist at one of the nursing homes or thrift shops? Can I take part in a fundraiser to help the less fortunate or the sick? How will I show mercy and kindness to others?

Going Beyond the Minimum: Being Conformed to Christ

It's tempting to think in Lent (and in life), "what's the least I have to do?" To grow in life, especially in our spiritual life, we need to get beyond this mindset. Think of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount where He says, "You have heard it said...but I say to you..." Jesus calls for a conversion of heart, mind and soul, of thinking and acting. True conversion doesn't come with doing what's least expected. It takes commitment and openness to God's desire to work in us. Just as Jesus disciplined Himself through prayer, fasting and good works, we must do the same. These are just a few questions for thought before Lent begins. Consider, decide and then act on your decision on keeping Lent this year so that come Easter, you will be conformed more closely to Jesus.

Helps for the Journey

The Lenten edition of *The Word Among Us* is in the back of church. **True Reformers** is being offered by the Men's Group on Sunday eve. EWTN's spring programming schedule is available. The **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday at 5:30 PM; and **Reconciliation and Adoration** is offered each Saturday from 8-9 AM. Use the **Rice Bowls** to help the poor. *Jesus and the Eucharist* is being held at SS Andrew & Thomas. A **PARISH MISSION** will be taking place in our pastorate on February 25 at 6 PM in Tennyson. Online offerings include: daily.formed.org/lent (from FORMED) and dynamiccatholic.com/lent (from Dynamic Catholic). See the bulletin weekly for opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment.

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