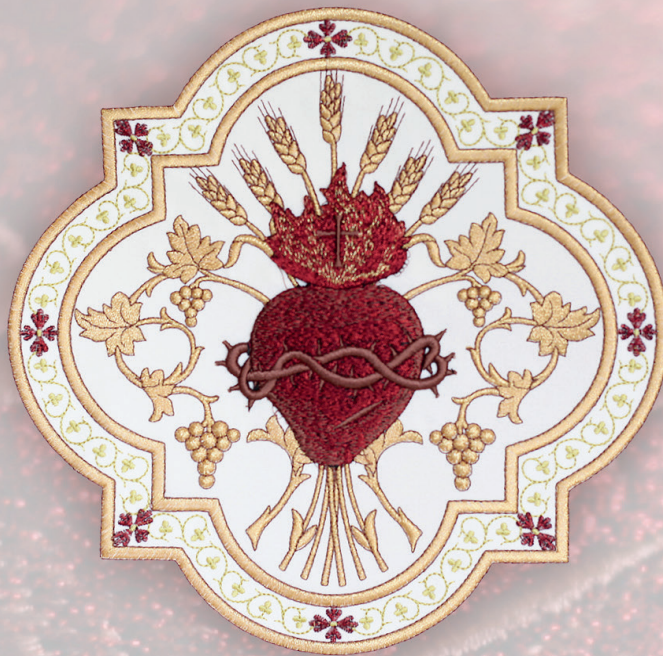


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(1 Corinthians 13:8)



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**Weekly Mass
Schedule**

Tuesday, February 27 8:15 AM
(St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church)
†Doris McLimans

Wednesday, February 28 8:15 AM
†William R. Vernon

Thursday, February 29 8:15 AM
†Marcella Mulrooney

Friday, March 1 8:15 AM
(World Day of Prayer)
†Ken Chilson

Saturday, March 2 5:00 PM
†Don & Ruth Bahl

Sunday, March 3 9:00 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
†Joyce Klaas

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

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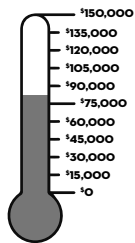
Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 17 & 18

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$3,655.00
Offertory Cash \$654.00
Weekly Electronic Giving \$1,230.00
Ash Wednesday \$1,171.56
Mid-Month Electronic Giving . \$2,995.00
Total \$9,705.56

Feb. Budgeted Offertory . . . \$35,335.00
Feb. Offertory Received . . . \$30,029.51



BOILER FUND
Goal
\$150,000.00

Total Received
\$81,250.00

Still Needed
\$68,750.00

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF INTO THE DEEP?

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

Last Sunday, February 18 marked our 3rd meeting with the transition team. I want to thank our transition team for participating in this committee as it helps us to implement the Into the Deep Initiative in a more successful manner for our pastorate. Last Sunday, the team turned in a brief history of each of their respective churches so that we can put them on a new pastorate website, which is under construction. Remember, at this time, no financial merging has occurred yet. Our 6 parishes continue to exist as 6 parishes, and we have not become 1 parish canonically or legally yet. Remember, I will communicate to the pastorate whenever something significant occurs, especially from a financial perspective. The purpose of our transition team meetings are to discuss things they may be happening in the future to our pastorate and to think through how we want to handle them as a parish family.

In our meeting, we discussed more deeply the financial dynamics of our current set-up of 6 distinct parishes that have 4 schools and how it will change when we become 1 parish with our 4 schools. In our current set-up as 6 distinct parishes, each parish with a school makes up for whatever the school cannot raise in income. For example, through tuition and endowment, St. Clement School covers 62% of its expenses, St. Charles School covers 86% of its expenses, St. Andrew-Thomas School covers 69% of its expenses, and St. Mary's School covers 58% of its expenses. The remaining money is supplied by St. Clement Church, St. Charles Church, St. Andrew-Thomas Church, and St. Mary's Church respectively. The issue becomes more concerning if one or more schools are unable to continue to support themselves due to the cost of teachers/staff or the lack of teachers/staff, declining enrollment, or lack of financial resources. If this occurs, it means that the surrounding communities will have to carry more of the financial weight to keep the school operational. Again: the principle has always been that whatever a school cannot raise for itself will be subsidized by the parish, and in the new structure, we will be 1 parish with 4 schools. As a consequence of this, we discussed various scenarios that could arise in the future, and every representative was able to express his/her own opinions about how the parish as a whole should respond if school income were to drop substantially for a particular school. We all affirmed that we want to have channels by which we can support our local Catholic schools, and yet, we agreed that we don't want our local Catholic schools to become a financial burden on the parish as a whole.

Ultimately, we agreed that the criteria would have to be established and thought through by the parish finance council, i.e. the "All Saints Finance Council" or the "Christ the King Finance Council" or the "St. Joseph the Worker Finance Council," in order to promote fairness amongst our Catholic Schools. Therefore, in the next month, I will be working with the 6 finance councils and choosing 1 representative per parish according to the number of masses (just like the transition team).

I look forward to sharing with you those representatives who will help to guide me so that we are being fair, responsible, and generous with each other, respecting each other, and cooperating with each other as a new family of Catholic faith called to make disciples of all nations.

I look forward to communicating more about this in the future. Thanks and may God bless Pastorate #1, Fr. Steve

NOTES & REMINDERS

- *No priest will ever text or email you for money in any form, this is a SCAM.
- *TEC Retreat 192 is coming to St. Mary in Bloomington, March 22-24, 2024. See www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC, contact Marie Lins at the OEC at 608-821-3135, or call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543 for details.
- * Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, March 17.





LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

MARCH 2 & 3



5:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Seiler

5:00 p.m. Servers: Kyla & Kaci Klaas

9:00 a.m. Lector: Josh Jensen

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

LENTEN MISSION

Bishop Hying is offering a Lenten Mission for our pastorate this weekend, Sunday, February 25. The mission will be held at St. Andrew Church in Tennyson. The evening begins at 6 PM with Adoration of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Following Benediction at 7 PM, Bishop Hying will give his Lenten presentation. The evening will conclude at SS Andrew-Thomas School at 8 PM with a simple social. Please join us for this Lenten evening with our Bishop!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

With the start of the season of Lent, we walk with Jesus, remaining close to Him as He makes His journey to Jerusalem, to the cross and the empty tomb of Easter. Our Lenten Adult Faith Formation is the seven-session series, "THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: The Sorrowful Mysteries." Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, we will learn from our Blessed Mother how to respond in faith and love to Jesus' passion out of love for us. We meet on Tuesdays, with our morning session at 9 AM, and our evening session at 6:30 PM. Last week was the introductory session. This week we will reflect on the first sorrowful mystery- "The Agony in the Garden." For more information, contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990. This is open to all in our pastorate!


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Lancaster Council #2820 are holding a "40 Cans for Lent" food drive. The goal is for each parishioner/family to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. The "40 cans" can be boxes, jars, or other packaging, just not homemade goods. Please consider donating one can of food a day (or what you are able) as part of giving alms during your Lenten journey (Matthew 6:1-4). Please check the expiration dates as we cannot use expired items. There is a donation box by the Holy Water tank in church. Monetary donations labeled "40 Cans For Lent" can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. At the end of Lent, the Knights of Columbus will deliver all donations to the LAC Food Pantry.

GRIEFSHARE

Our GriefShare group is meeting on Thursdays from 1-3 PM in the St. Clement Parish meeting room. Enter via the parish office door by the bell tower on Washington St. It has been said that, "Grief shared is grief diminished." Using video, discussion and a daily journal, GriefShare is a 13-week time to reflect upon the various aspects of grief, and gain insight and support from one another. For more information, call Bill Manthe at 723-4990 or Marcia Hampton at 732-8849.

MARCH 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)*

*Dcn. Roger will be preaching March 16 & 17.

ST. MARY'S FISH FRY

St. Mary's Parish in Bloomington will be holding their annual Cod Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, 2024 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall and drive-thru carry-outs in front of the School. Both baked and fried cod will be served along with baked potatoes, coleslaw, roll and homemade bars. The cost for the meal is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 5-8, and kids four years old and younger eat for free. Carry-outs are \$15.00. There will also be an all CASH raffle held in conjunction with the Catholic Financial Life Branch #34. The grand prize is \$1,000 plus a \$750.00, \$500.00, \$250.00 and (5) \$100.00 prizes. We hope you will join us for a great evening of food and fun!

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, come to one or come to all! 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 or tenny3044@gmail.com

Feb. 25 - Session 2. Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Saint for Christ

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND ADORATION MARCH 1-2

This Friday we have the opportunity to spend time with our Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Sign up for an hour on the form by the Fatima Chapel, or come when you can. Silent prayer with Jesus is never wasted time, but precious, grace-filled time with The One who loves you, died for you, saved you.

YEAR OF PRAYER

Pope Francis asked that 2024 be dedicated as a Year of Prayer for Catholics worldwide. Bishop Hying has identified prayer as one of our Holy Habits, and is foundational to Lent and the spiritual life. Each week we hope to highlight a prayer that you may know, and at times, a new prayer that you may want to become familiar with.

Traditional Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

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