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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, March 12 8:15 AM
Kelsy Benson

Wednesday, March 13 8:15 AM
†Edgar Bornhauser

Thursday, March 14 8:15 AM
†Carol Boettcher

Friday, March 15. 8:15 AM
†Doris McLimans

Saturday, March 16 5:00 PM
John Giesen

Sunday, March 17. 9:00 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
People of Our Pastorate

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

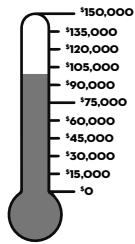
Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 2 & 3

Church Support Envelopes . . . \$10,790.27
 Offertory Cash. \$875.00
 Weekly Electronic Giving. . . . \$1,230.00
 1st of Month Electronic Giving. . \$1,395.00
Total \$14,290.27

March Budgeted Offertory . . \$35,335.00
 March Offertory Received . . \$14,290.27



BOILER FUND

Goal
\$150,000.00

Total Received
\$97,400.00

Still Needed
\$52,600.00

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

EASTER MEMORIALS

As we journey through Lent, it's that time of year again where we anticipate the opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones through Easter memorial donations. The money collected will go toward decorating the church for the Easter Season. Please put your donation in an envelope marked with your name and the name(s) of those you wish to remember, and drop the envelope in the offertory basket or at the parish office. All checks should be payable to St. Clement Parish and turned in by noon on Monday, March 25. Thank you!





LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

MARCH 16 & 17



5:00 p.m. Lector: Lenny Bass

5:00 p.m. Servers: Gavin Vesperman, Ben Cummins

9:00 a.m. Lector: Shayne LaBudda

9:00 a.m. Servers: Michael & Katie Murphy, Seth Mendis

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Schedule Change This Week!

This week "THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY: The Sorrowful Mysteries" **evening session on Tuesday, March 12, will meet at 5:30 PM**, not at 6:30 PM. The 9 AM session will remain the same. We will resume our normal schedule of 9 AM and 6:30 PM next week, Tuesday, March 19. For more information, contact Bill Manthe at 723-4990.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK IS COMING UP!

Our next week to host families experiencing homelessness is the week of March 24, Holy Week. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. While this is a busy week for many, myself included, it's also a fitting week to serve. As Jesus will tell His apostles, after washing their feet at the Last Supper, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (Jn 13:15). Jesus calls us to serve Him in our service to one another. Please give a couple hours of your time assisting those who long for a place to call home. Contact Bill Manthe (723-4990) or Peg Jonas (723-2051) for more info.

NOTES & REMINDERS

- The first Eucharistic Congress to be held in 83 years is happening this summer from July 17-21, in Indianapolis, IN. There is still time to register at: eucharisticcongress.org. There you will find all the information you need to attend all or part of the Congress.
- Kairos TEC Retreat 192 is coming to St. Mary in Bloomington March 22-24, 2024. For more information and registration see www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC, contact Marie Lins at 608-821-3135, or call Bill Seyer at 608-988-6543.
- St. Clement Men's Group 'True Reformers' continues March 10th at 7:15 in the dining hall with *St. Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd* and on March 17 with *St. Teresa of Avila: A study in Perseverance*. Contact Mike Tennesen at tenny3044@gmail.com or 563-599-5381 with any questions.
- Our next transition team meeting will be on Sunday, March 17.
- Love Begins Here comes to St. Clement July 8-11, 2024. More details to come and basic mission trip details can be found here: <https://madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere>
- The Prayer Service for an End to Abortion is held every Wednesday at 6 PM in church.
- The Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for Lent" food drive goes through Lent.
- The movie 'Cabrini' opened March 8th (International Women's Day) at the Millennium in Platteville and tells the inspiring true story of **Saint Frances Cabrini**, (1st U.S. Citizen to be canonized) who showed what faithful trust can accomplish.



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.

PASTORATE EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Saturday:	8:00 PM	St. Andrew in Tennyson (SB)
	8:00 PM	St. Clement in Lancaster (MM)
	8:00 PM	St. Mary in Glen Haven (SD)
Easter Sunday:	8:00 AM	St. John in Patch Grove (SB)
	8:00 AM	St. Thomas in Potosi (SD)
	9:00 AM	St. Clement in Lancaster (MM)
	10:00 AM	St. Mary in Bloomington (SB)
	10:00 AM	St. Charles in Cassville (SD)



YEAR OF PRAYER

With the release this week of the movie, *CABRINI*, it seemed fitting to share a prayer of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, (+1917).

Prayer of Discernment

My Jesus, I have not always recognized your loving plans for me. Every day, with the help of your light I learn more of your loving care. Continue to increase my awareness of the gentleness of your loving plans. I want to follow the purpose for which I was created. See, I am in your hands. Help me to choose the best way to serve you. Walk with me, Jesus. Stay by my side and guide me! Amen.



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DINNER AUCTION!!!

Saint Clement School's Annual "Celebration of Giving Dinner Auction" will be on Saturday, April 6th and we would love to have all of you join us for this fun-filled evening. Simply stop by the school or call 608-723-7474 to get your dinner tickets today. We also have raffle tickets available at the school, parish office, and at the scrip table after weekend Mass, for a chance to win a grand prize of \$5,000 cash! And, we have some awesome auction items available already, but we are still looking for a few more. Examples of previous donation items include, but are not limited to: vacation rentals, concert tickets, sporting events, woodworking and other craft projects, and themed gift baskets (coffee basket, rainy day basket, lottery card basket, etc.). We truly hope that you can join us for the dinner auction and thank you for your continued support of our wonderful Catholic school!!!

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