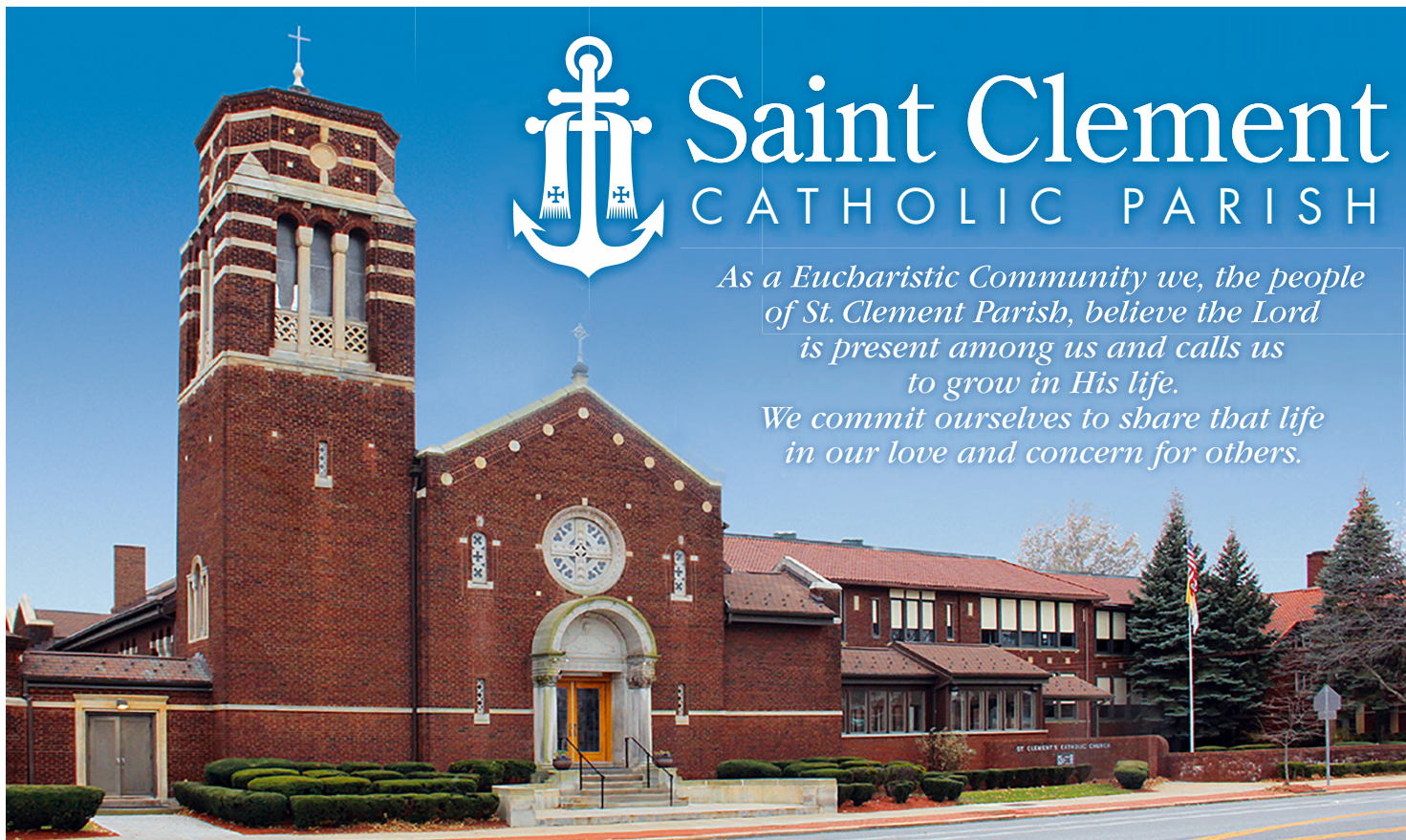




# Saint Clement

## CATHOLIC PARISH

*As a Eucharistic Community we, the people of St. Clement Parish, believe the Lord is present among us and calls us to grow in His life. We commit ourselves to share that life in our love and concern for others.*



### Mass Schedule

	<u>St. Clement</u>	<u>St. James</u>
Saturday Vigil	4:00 P.M.	
Sunday	8:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Weekday	5:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs.,	8:15 A.M. Mon., Wed., Fri.
Holy Days	Consult Bulletin	TBA

### Phone Directory

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### Staff

Fr. Joseph G. Workman, Pastor  
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Deacon Danny Bryan  
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Mrs. Colleen Houk, PSR Director  
Ms. Susan Simmons, Parish Secretary  
Mr. Frank Stasko, Maintenance

### Sacrament of Baptism

*Please call the Rectory to register for Baptismal Class.*

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

*Please call the Rectory.*

### Sacrament of Marriage

Diocesan Marriage policy requires that couples contact the priest at least six months prior to setting a date for marriage. Time is necessary for instructions and sacramental preparation. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment.

### New Parishioners

We welcome you to our community.  
Please call for an appointment to register.  
Anyone over 18 years of age, still living at home, should register as a single adult member of our community.

### Parish School of Religion

Required for all children attending public school grades 1-8.  
For information, call PSR Director Colleen Houk at 216.226.5116 or email: [pcl.stclementlakewood@gmail.com](mailto:pcl.stclementlakewood@gmail.com).

### Parish School

Lakewood Catholic Academy  
14808 Lake Avenue  
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[www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com)

### Faith Journey

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
A process for those interested in the faith.  
For information, call Deacon Danny Bryan at 216.375.9340.

### Adoration Chapel

Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (only).

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 16, 2023

*The parable of the sower.*

Matthew 13: 1-23

*In the first part of Jesus' parable of the sower, the seed sown is the Word of God - but in the second part of the image, the seed is the individual in whom the Word of God takes root. We become the Word that was planted within our hearts; we are the harvest of God's justice and compassion. It is a struggle, to be sure - but allowing ourselves to be "planted," to be broken, to grow, is to become the Word that God has planted within us. Jesus challenges us to be both sower and seed - to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the "ground" on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.*

### **Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:**

216-252-0548

### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday:	Ex 1: 8-14, 22; Mt 10: 34 – 11: 1
Tuesday:	Ex 2: 1-15; Mt 11: 20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12; Mt 11: 25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3: 13-20; Mt 11: 28-30
Friday:	Ex 11: 10 – 12: 14; Mt 12: 1-8
Saturday:	Sg 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
Sunday:	Wis 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27; Mt 13: 24-43

### **Holy Cross Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1 hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 1 pm**. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Holy Cross Cemetery - 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, at **216-641-7575, ext. 3**, or email Bob DeJohn at [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

### **The Upcoming Elections**

In June, all the priests of our Diocese met regarding the upcoming August and November elections, among other issues. Of course, we cannot tell you how to vote. However, we encourage you to be informed on issues as they arise.

A special election will take place in Ohio on August 8, 2023, to vote on Issue 1, which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters on the proposed amendment." In this August election, there are many strongly encouraging a yes vote, while others are strongly encouraging a no vote. That seems to invite some careful study of why these two sides are so strongly committed to their point of view. ***The Bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 as it does not have moral content.*** As our Bishops remind us, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation," (*Faithful Citizenship*, No. 13) and so we urge you to register and vote in the special election.

As we look ahead to the November 7 election, there is an effort to amend the State constitution to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for both women and unborn children. This would seem to be a clearer decision for us as far as Catholic teaching is concerned. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us that "Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 101).

I would like to recommend two websites for your consideration as you make an informed election decision: [www.ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio) and [protectwomenohio.com](http://protectwomenohio.com). Thank you for your prayerful discernment as you consider these issues. Please remember to vote! (Fr. John Chlebo)



### **Mass Intentions for the Week - St. Clement**

Tuesday, July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis

5:15 PM † Betty McMaster

Thursday, July 20 - Saint Apollinaris

5:15 PM † Catherine Butsch

Saturday, July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

4:00 PM Barbara & Ralph Meleo (Living)

Sunday, July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM The Donahoe Family  
Living & Deceased

### **Mass Intentions for the Week - St. James**

Monday, July 17 - Weekday

8:15 AM

Wednesday, July 19 - Weekday

8:15 AM

Friday, July 21 - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

8:15 AM

Sunday, July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM † Patrick J. McGinty

#### **POOR CLARES' PRAYER LINE**

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, coworkers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

#### **Finance Corner:**

##### **Collection for July 2nd :**

Weekly Collection - \$ 4,033.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 345.00

Easter \$ 20.00

Peter's Pence Collection - \$ 10.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection - \$ 55.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection - \$ 931.00

##### **Online Giving:**

Monthly - \$ 438.00 — Weekly - \$ 1,103.00

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##### **Collection for July 9th :**

Weekly Collection - \$ 3,867.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 645.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection - \$ 160.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center - \$ 75.00

##### **Online Giving:**

Monthly - \$ 940.00 — Weekly - \$ 978.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center - \$40.00

St. Vincent de Paul - \$ 10.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the parish.

### **Pilgrimage to Greece**

Father Rod Kreidler is planning our next pilgrimage to Greece that includes Turkey (Ephesus) and a Mediterranean cruise. Greece will be a new adventure for us, and Father Kreidler is looking forward to it. Brochures with all the information on the pilgrimage are in the church and also available in the rectory office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Father Kreidler at Saint Edward Parish at 419-289-7224, or email him at: [church@stedwardashland.org](mailto:church@stedwardashland.org).



### **Encounter Mary, Joseph and the Rosary Fatima Series**

Join us **Friday, July 21** at St. Raphael Parish at **7 pm**, as we welcome guest speaker **Terri Yohman**, Director of Marriage and Family Ministry for the Cleveland Diocese. Terri's talk, *"Three R's - Relationships, Rituals and Reaching Out" - Building Solid Households of Faith* will be sure to delight couples and families of all ages and those planning for marriage. Her interactive talk is in-person in the Community Room, or via the event Zoom link found on the Parish website at [saintraphaelparish.com](http://saintraphaelparish.com).

### **The Rosary**

A powerful prayer to increase faith, hope and charity. Please join us as we pray the Rosary in the church Tuesday and Thursday at 4:45 pm before the 5:15 pm Mass.



Join us for the perfect family day on Sunday, August 6 for The FEST at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe from 12 noon until 10 pm. It's an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE. You can hear the best national Christian artists – Chris Tomlin, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave, and Katy Nichole. There are amazing activities, inflatables, BMX show, petting zoo, water tag and lots of fun for the kids and grandkids. You'll be able to visit the Marc's Moms' Station and the Man Cave. Great festival food, convenient parking and more! Join us Sunday, August 6. The FEST day comes to a close with a beautiful outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8 pm. American Fireworks will cap off this GREAT family day. Check out all the details and a complete schedule by going to [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).

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