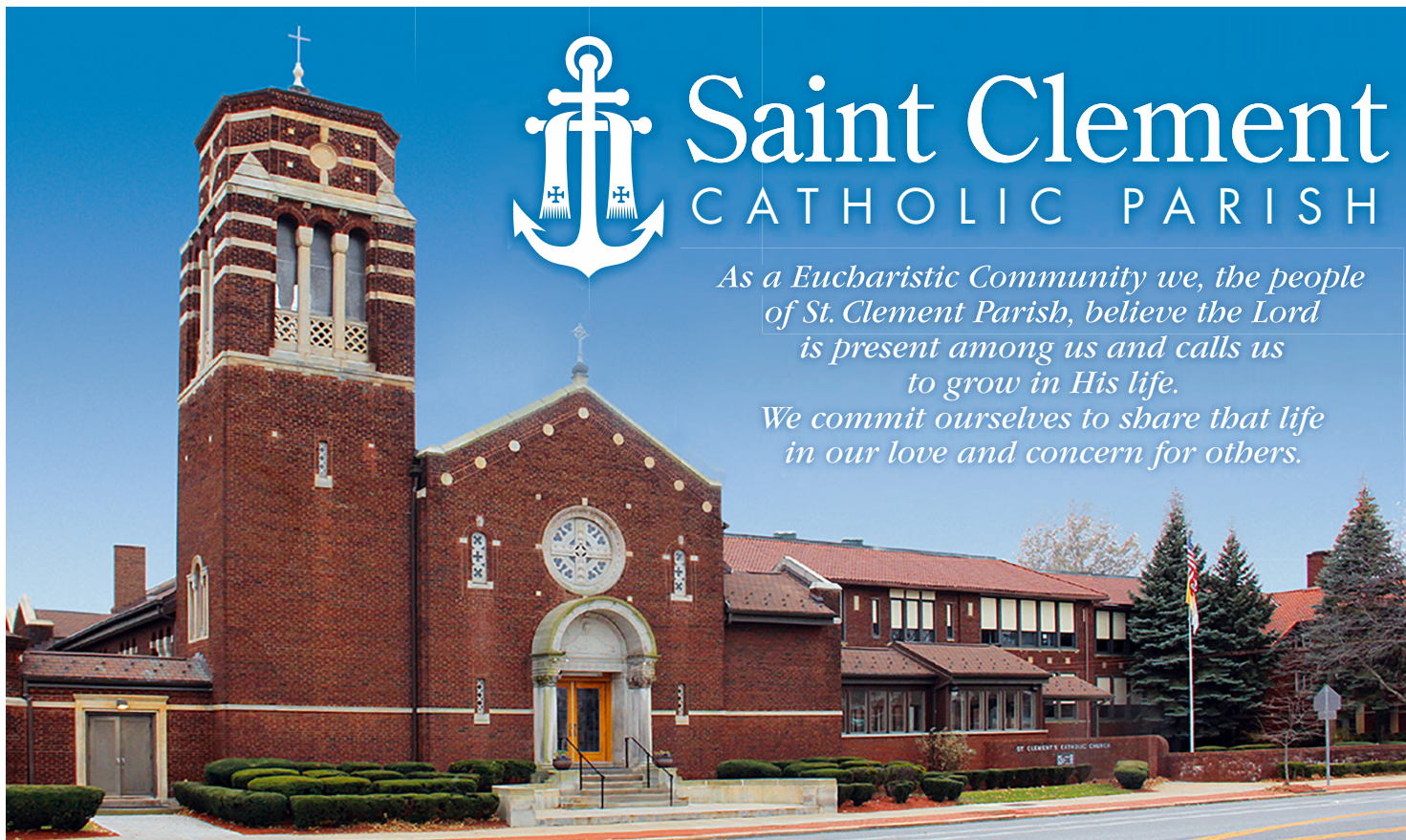




# Saint Clement

## 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. John Chlebo, Administrator  
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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  
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### 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).

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

*The parables of the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed and the yeast.*

Matthew 13: 24-43

Faith is the ability to see the potential in the smallest of things and the courage and perseverance to unlock that potential. Humanity's dream of peace, community and justice will be realized, first, in the everyday acts of such goodness of each one of us. Such is "mustard seed" faith: that, from the smallest and humblest acts of justice, kindness and compassion, the Kingdom of God will take root.

Christ calls us in today's Gospel to become "yeast" in the lives of others, giving life when all seems dead, bringing healing and joy to those from whom we are estranged and separated, restoring hope when overwhelmed by despair and sorrow. Like yeast that transforms flour and water into bread, may the bread of the Eucharist we receive at this table make us Eucharist for one another, transforming our lives and those we love in the compassion, forgiveness and peace of Christ, the bread of life.



*When we hear Jesus' parable of the wheat and weeds, we immediately think of good people (the wheat) and bad people (the weeds) coexisting in an imperfect world until the coming of God's Kingdom. But every one of us possesses within ourselves something of both the "good" wheat and the "evil" weed. We all possess the ability to do compassionate and good things out of love - but, at the same time, there exists within us an impulse to selfishness and fear that controls our actions and thought processes. We can respond to any situation by taking the moral and ethical high ground - but we can usually find some justification for acting out our own wants and needs or devise some rationalization for taking a less demanding and more profitable approach. Discipleship recognizes that this struggle exists within each one of us and embraces the hope that, in seeking to imitate Christ's spirit of loving servanthood, we may be "wheat" for a world that is often choking in "weeds."*

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

216-252-0548

## **Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday:	Ex 14: 5-18; Mt 12: 38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Mt 13: 1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13: 10-17
Friday:	Ex 20: 1-17; Mt 13: 18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24: 3-8; Jn 11: 19-27
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 13: 44-52

## **Keep the Faith . . .**

"After suffering comes the Lord, comes joy, and after the darkness comes the sun."

~Pope Francis



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

Tuesday, July 25 - Saint James

5:15 PM † Patricia Hesland

Thursday, July 27 - Weekday

5:15 PM † Larry Hayton

Saturday, July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

4:00 PM † Betty Schalk

Sunday, July 30 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Sheila Anderson

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

Monday, July 24 - Saint Sharbel Makhlof

8:15 AM † James Edwin Fink

Wednesday, July 26 - Saints Joachim & Anne

8:15 AM

Friday, July 28 - Weekday

8:15 AM

Sunday, July 30 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM † Therese Hummer

### **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.

### **Birthright Thanks You**



Birthright thanks all who joined in donating \$391.24 to assist pregnant mothers in need of help.

If you have not yet returned your baby bottles, feel free to do so. They use the bottles for other parishes and need donations all year long.

### **Finance Corner:**

#### **Collection for July 16th :**

Weekly Collection - \$ 1,906.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 200.00

Children's Collection - \$ 303.00

Crosier Missionary Collection - \$ 1,492.00

#### **Online Giving:**

Monthly - \$ 235.00 — Weekly - \$ 1,003.00

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).

### **Museum of Divine Statues**

The Museum of Divine Statues is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm, and on Saturdays from 12 noon until 4 pm. Admission is \$12. Come see the beautiful collection of ecclesiastical statues and other Catholic artifacts. If you are interested in a tour or a group event of 30 or more, admission is \$16 per person, please call 216-712-7094. The Museum is located at 12905 Madison Avenue, in Lakewood.



### **The Rosary**

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



### **Going on Vacation ??**

Please use Online Giving to catch up on your offertory. Go to the Saint Clement website and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support during the summer months helps sustain our parish. Thank you!



We all know that moms (and grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and sisters) are special....very special! When you come to The FEST on **Sunday, August 6th**, you can have an amazing day of faith, family and fun all for FREE and have the chance to get special giveaways from our friends at Marc's. The Marc's Moms Station will be filled with some wonderful opportunities and blessings for all women who join us on FEST day. To register to win great gift baskets from Marc's, go to: [www.theFEST.us/moms](http://www.theFEST.us/moms).

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