

### **Mass Schedule**

St. Clement

Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. Sunday 8:30 A.M.

Weekday 8:15 A.M. Thurs.

<u>St. Luke</u> 4:30 P.M.

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

8:15 A.M. Mon., Tues., Wed.

St. James

10:30 A.M. 8:15 A.M. *Fri.* 

#### Staff

Fr. Kevin P. Elbert, Pastor Deacon Danny Bryan Mrs. Janet Guetle, Organist 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.

#### **Parish School**

Lakewood Catholic Academy 14808 Lake Avenue 216-521-0559 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).

### **Phone Directory**

Rectory 216.226.5116
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# December 3 First Sunday in Advent 2023

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13: 33-37



This coming Friday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will celebrate a Vigil Mass on Thursday at St. Luke at 5:30 pm. We will celebrate Mass at 8:15 am at St. James on Friday morning. Mass on Friday evening will be at 5:30 pm at St. Clement.

The weekly Mass schedule changes this week. We will celebrate Mass Monday through Friday at 8:15 am. Mass will be at St. Luke on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. At St. Clement on Thursdays, and at St. James on Fridays.

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2: 1-5; Mt 8: 5-11

Tuesday: Is 11: 1-10; Lk 10: 21-24 Wednesday: Is 25: 6-10; Mt 15: 29-37

Thursday: Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12

Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26

Mt 9: 35 - 10: 1, 5, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3: 8-14

Mk 1:1-8

On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus calls us to pay attention, to wake up and realize the many "signs" of God's love in our lives, to love life expectantly not as a "race" but as a journey - however "inefficient" - to the joy of God. This lifetime of ours, which we so often take for granted, is precious and limited. It is a gift that God gives us in order that we might discover goodness of this world in anticipation of the next. We live our lives in a constant state of Advent, struggling to "stay awake" and not miss the opportunities life gives us to behold God in our midst. May we welcome the Messiah this Advent with the resolution to make straight a highway for His coming into our lives and the joy of hopeful anticipation of what is possible because of His dwelling in our midst.



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### Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Tuesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Wednesday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Thursday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose

8:15 AM † William & Gayle Craighead (St. C)

5:30 PM Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception St. Luke

Friday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM † Sharon McInerney - (St. J)

5:30 PM Holy Day Mass - St. Clement

† Patricia Hesland

Saturday, December 9 - Saint Juan Diego

4:00 PM Warren George - Living (St. C)

4:30 PM Mass at St. Luke

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM † Lottie Miller (St. C)

9:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

10:30 AM † Hubert Forrey (St. J)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

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

216-252-0548

### The Saint Clement Parish Giving Tree

This year we continue to support the good work of the West Side Catholic Center with our Parish Giving Tree. The WSCC serves hundreds of people through the *Spirit of Christmas* program. The tree is located in the front of church. You are invited to choose a tag, purchase an item and return the unwrapped item by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of the Saint Clement Giving Tree and the West Side Catholic Center.

#### Finance Corner:

#### **Collection for November 26th:**

Weekly Collection - \$ 3,425.00 Monthly Collection - \$ 146.00 All Saints Collection - \$ 20.00 All Souls Collection - \$ 25.00 Thanksgiving Collection - \$ 160.00

#### **Online Giving:**

Monthly - \$ 40.00 — Weekly - \$ 810.00

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

#### **Pot-of-Gold Winners**

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Congratulations!

#### **Breakfast with Santa**



The Lakewood Knights of Columbus Council 2643 is hosting Breakfast with Santa at St. Luke's McBride Hall on Sunday, December 10th after the 9 am and

December 10th, after the 9 am and

11 am Masses. Please join us for a delicious breakfast, socialization, photos and a visit with Santa. Goodwill offerings accepted.

#### **Lessons & Carols with Benediction**

Please join us on **Sunday, December 10th**, at **4 pm** for a *Lessons & Carols* service at St. James. It will include scripture readings and music from the combined choirs of St. Clement and St. James parishes. Traditional Christmas carols will also be sung by the congregation. The service will be approximately one hour with a lovely Christmas reception afterwards.

#### 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.



All are welcome to join us on **Saturday**, **December 16th**, **after the 4 pm Mass** to thank Fr. Workman for his many years of dedicated service to our parish, and wish him farewell. Italian Creations will be serving their best celebratory fare. If you are unable to join us on Saturday, we will also be saying farewell to him on Sunday, December 17th, after Mass at coffee and donuts. There will be a receiving box in the gathering area to drop off cards for Fr. Workman before and after all weekend Masses. Please join us to express our gratitude to Fr. Workman for serving our parish and wish him well on his new assignment.



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