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Mass Schedule

	<u>St. Clement</u>	<u>St. Luke</u>	<u>St. James</u>
Saturday Vigil	4:00 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	
Sunday	8:30 A.M.	9:00 & 11:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Weekday	8:15 A.M. Thurs.	8:15 A.M. Mon., Tues., Wed.	8:15 A.M. Fri.

Staff

Fr. Kevin P. Elbert, Pastor
Deacon Danny Bryan
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Mrs. Colleen Houk, PSR Director
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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

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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).

Phone Directory

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December 17 Third Sunday in Advent 2023

John was sent from God to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

John 1: 6-8



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas falls on a Monday this year. That means that the weekend prior to the 4th Sunday of Advent, the Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses do not satisfy the Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. This means we need to attend Mass twice that weekend into Monday. Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent are at 4 pm on Saturday, December 23rd, and at 8:30 am Sunday morning December 24th. The Masses for Christmas eve and Christmas day are 4 pm Sunday evening December 24th, and Monday morning December 25th at 8:30 am.

Sisters of St. Joseph Prayer Line:

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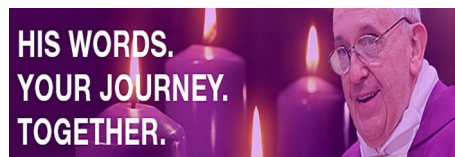
Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25; Lk 1: 5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1: 26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2: 8-14; Lk 1: 39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1: 24-28; Lk 1: 46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24; Lk 1: 57-66
Sunday:	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38

Light is the central image of today's Gospel. John proclaims the coming of the Messiah as the light who will shatter the darkness that envelopes our world, the light that illuminates our lives with compassion and justice. The light John proclaims continues to shine within us - and the light that radiates in our lives of service and integrity "testifies" to the light of Christ in our midst. May we leave our own self-centered world to travel humbly in the world of those in need and, through patience, understanding and generosity, to make the compassion and peace of God a reality in their lives.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Continuing in this beautiful season of Advent, we notice an increase of excitement in the air. As we wait and watch in preparation for the great celebrations soon to come, let us not lose sight of the personal conversion that can take place in one's life when we focus our excitement on living out the mysteries that we look to encounter. Through converting our hearts to these mysteries, we will be imbued with God's excitement for us.



"Prayer is what keeps the lamp of the heart lit. This is especially true when we feel that our enthusiasm has cooled down. Prayer relights it, because it brings us back to God, to the center of things. Prayer reawakens the soul from sleep and focuses it on what matters, on the purpose of existence. Even during our busiest days, we must not neglect prayer. The prayer of the heart can be helpful for us, repeating often brief invocations. For example, during Advent we could make a habit of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Only these words, but repeating them - "Come, Lord Jesus". This time of preparation leading to Christmas is beautiful, we think of the Nativity scene and Christmas, so let us say from the heart - "Come, Lord Jesus".

Pope Francis

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Tuesday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Wednesday, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Mass at St. Luke

Thursday, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius

8:15 AM Tim Speer (St. C)

Friday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM † Josephine Legault (St. J)

Saturday, December 23 - Saint John of Kanty

4:00 PM † John Pollock (St. C)

4:30 PM Mass at St. Luke

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM † Barbara McMillan (St. C)

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

10:30 AM † Kathleen Fallon English (St. J)

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke

4:00 PM † Barbara Taylor (St. C)

6:00 PM Mass at St. Luke

8:00 PM † Frances Kemmett (St. J)

10:00 PM Mass at St. Luke



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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.

The Rosary

A powerful prayer to increase faith, hope and charity. Please join us as we pray the Rosary in the church Thursdays at 7:45 am before the 8:15 am Mass.



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