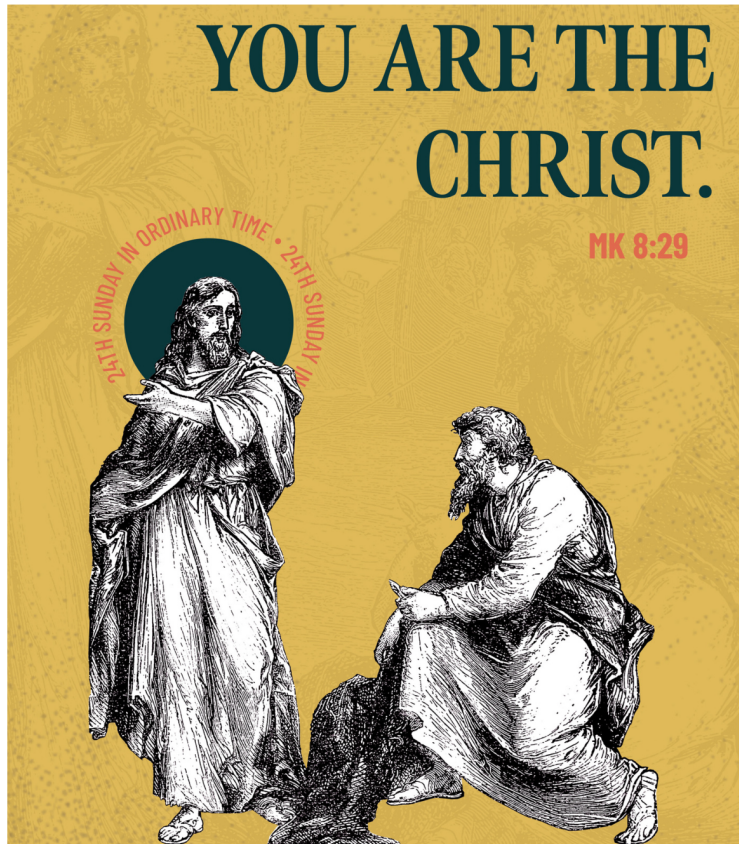


LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Clement • St. James • St. Luke

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 • TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Contact Information

St. Luke Church

1212 Bunts Rd, Lakewood, Ohio 44107
216-521-0184 • www.stlukelakewood.org

St. Clement Church

2022 Lincoln Ave, Lakewood, Ohio 44107
216-226-5116 • www.stclementlakewood.com

St. James Church

17400 Northwood Ave, Lakewood, Ohio 44107
216-712-6755 • www.stjameslakewood.com

Parish Devotions

Adoration:

First Fridays from 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Luke Parish

Daily at St. Clement Parish (Call office for info)

Rosary:

Thursdays at 7:45am at St. Clement Parish

Thursdays at 7:00pm at St. James Parish

Saturdays before 4:30pm Mass at St. Luke Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday • 8:15am at St. Luke
Thursday • 8:15am at St. Clement
Friday • 8:15am at St. James
First Saturday • 8:15am at St. Luke

Weekend Masses:

Saturday • 4:00pm at St. Clement
Saturday • 4:30pm at St. Luke
Sunday • 8:30am at St. Clement
Sunday • 9:00am at St. Luke
Sunday • 10:30am at St. James
Sunday • 11:00am at St. Luke

Confessions:

Saturday • 3:00-4:00pm at St. Luke
Saturday • 3:00-3:30pm at St. Clement

Readings and Intentions for the Week of September 15, 2024

Monday, September 16: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: **Maryanne Patton** †

Tuesday, September 17: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: **Special Intention**

Wednesday, September 18: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22/Lk 7:31-35

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: **Intentions of Roman Dumycz**

Thursday, Septemeber 19: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Clement: **Living and Deceased of the Trumpert Family**

Friday, September 20: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James: **Dan Berry Jr.** †

Saturday, September 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: **Fran Martau** †

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: **Special Intention**

Sunday, September 22: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-8/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: **David Bergstresser** †

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke: **Younglas Family**

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: **Patrick Elbert** †

Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: **For the People**

A Gospel Meditation

Practically speaking, how do we follow Jesus and save our souls? Is it enough to profess that we believe in Jesus? If we were to arrive at the conclusion that Jesus is God and the Savior of the World, would we then be saved? Certainly not. Even the demons believe this truth. Jesus is quite clear that salvation requires action on our part. We must deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him. Furthermore, the road to salvation requires that we lose ourselves for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. What exactly does this mean, practically speaking? To answer this question, let's first consider the way that many people live. We tend to desire that which is the easiest in life, the most enjoyable, the greatest, and the most consoling. We often seek out those things that make us feel good and the path of least resistance. For example, if you could choose to fast on bread and water or feast on the most delicious foods, which would you choose? If you could choose between a vacation in the most exotic and luxurious location or a week of very difficult work, which would you choose? If you could choose to drive a brand new, high-end car or a very old beater, which one would you prefer? Most people would quickly pick the nice food, luxurious vacation and fancy new car. In his spiritual classic, the Ascent to Mount Carmel, Saint John of the Cross outlines a very different path. He gives a series of spiritual maxims to use for prayer and meditation to help purify your soul of every unhealthy attachment so that you can become more fully attached to God and His holy will. St. John says, "Strive always to prefer, not that which is easiest, but that which is most difficult; Not that which is most attractive, but that which is most unpleasant; Not that which gives most pleasure, but rather that which gives least..." These spiritual maxims, when read in their entirety, challenge us to the core of our being. They quickly reveal to those who are honest that they often prefer the easiest, most pleasant and best that this world has to offer. But what is best for your eternal soul? Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, is the road map to saving your eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfillment that far surpasses anything this world or our flesh have to offer. But in order to understand this road map and then to follow it, we often need to make a "spiritual U-turn" so to speak. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love. If you were to carefully examine your thoughts throughout the day, you might find that you think about yourself a lot. "I like this, don't want to do that, am angry about this, and am trying to avoid that..." Very often, our thoughts begin with "I" and end with "me." Denying yourself, taking up your cross, and losing your life means that you no longer think about yourself. It means that the eyes of your soul have turned away from yourself and focus exclusively upon the will of God and the love of others. But this will never be possible until we are freed of the numerous selfish desires that often direct most of our actions day in and day out. Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? What are you drawn to the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Or do you spend most of your day thinking about yourself? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Or do they more often think about what you want in a selfish way? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish. Doing so will enable you to make a spiritual U-turn so that you can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

Fr. Kevin Elbert

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Patrick Schultz

Parish Deacon:

Deacon Tom Bizon

Priest in Residence:

Fr. Peter Paul Ibeagha

St. Luke Parish Staff:

Max Hall, *PCL/Pastoral Associate*
Lawrence Wallace, *Music Ministry*
Holly Nixon, *Office Manager*
Tim Conley, *Facilities Manager*
Barb Price, *Hospitality Coordinator*
Therese Bendahan, *Secretary*
Annemarie Hutchinson, *Secretary*

St. Clement Parish Staff:

Colleen Houk, *Faith Formation*
Janet Guetle, *Director of Music*
Susan Simmons, *Secretary*
Frank Stasko, *Maintenance*

St. James Parish Staff:

Colleen Houk, *Faith Formation*
Janet Guetle, *Director of Music*
Andrea Krueger, *Secretary*
Frank Stasko, *Maintenance*

St. Clement Happenings

St. James Happenings



Farewell and Gratitude to Janet Guetle!

With a mixture of gratitude and sadness, we announce that Janet Guetle, our beloved parish musician, will be leaving the parishes of St. James and St. Clement. Janet has faithfully served our community with her incredible musical talent, inspiring us in worship and lifting our hearts through her music. Her dedication to her ministry has been a true blessing to us all.

As we bid her farewell, we extend our deepest thanks for the countless ways she has enriched our liturgies and parish life. Janet's passion for music and her generous spirit will be greatly missed. While we are sad to see her go, we send her off with our prayers, best wishes, and the assurance that she will always have a home here.

May God continue to guide and bless Janet in her future endeavors.

Thank you, Janet, for sharing your gifts with us. You will remain in our hearts and prayers.



Pot of Gold Winners \$25 Winners

Billy Willmitch • Anthony Mazzella • Grace Rice
Patty McNelley • Rich Birsic • Elizabeth Lozar

Adoration Chapel News

Looking for a quiet place to talk with our Lord? The Adoration Chapel at St. Clement is the place for you. It is open to all seven days a week from 6am to 11pm. The Chapel is located in the back of the Rectory right off the parking lot. It has its own entrance with a keypad for security. Please call or visit the Rectory office for the entry code (216-226-5116). That quiet time for prayer will be the best part of your day. Leave the worldly distractions outside, our Lord is waiting to visit with you!

CLEGUARDIANS: Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field

Plan to join the Cleveland Guardians for Mass and a ballgame on Sunday, September 29th, for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field. A pre-game Catholic Mass will be at 1:00pm in the Family Deck with Fr. Bob Stec as the presider. The Cleveland Guardians will play the Houston Astros at 3:10pm. To order discounted tickets, go online to <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicFamDay24> and enter the special offer code: **Family**. Must purchase no later than 48 hours prior to the game. For questions or to purchase 8+ tickets contact the Cleveland Guardians at 216-420-4478.



*Join us for a communal rosary each Thursday at 7:45am
before the 8:15am Mass.*

Moving? Keep us in the loop!

Have you moved recently? Keep us in the loop by notifying the Rectory office of any change of address so that we can update our records. You can call 216-226-5116 or send an email to stclementlakewood@cox.net.

Monthly Contributions for July

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Weekly Contributors Total - \$7,741.51

Monthly Contributors Total - \$2,610.00

Monthly Visitor Envelopes - \$340.00

Online Weekly Contributors Total - \$2,972.00

Online Monthly Contributors Total - \$2,496.00

Total Contributions for the Month of July: \$16,159.51

Sounds of St. James Concerts Returns:

Save the Dates: Sunday, October 6th and November 24th when the Sounds of St. James Concert Series Returns! The heavens will surely smile upon us as beautiful music once again fills historic St James Church! More details to follow. Those interested in volunteering for the reception or as ushers should contact: Patti Cardone, patti.cardone@cox.net or Nora McNamara, norakathleenmc@yahoo.com

New Parish Email Address:

If you are in need of contacting the parish office please email: info@stjameslakewood.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word: CLOW will be starting up again at St. James in the fall, and we are in need of volunteers to serve as teachers and assistants in this important ministry. If you are interested in being on the CLOW team or just want more information, please call Toni at 216-650-8031.

***Don't forget to swing by after Mass for Coffee
and Donuts.***

St. Luke Happenings

Pray for Our Lakewood Priests and Seminarians in Formation



Fr. Kevin Elbert



Fr. Patrick Schultz



Fr. Peter Paul



Mr. Sean Homcy



Br. Kevin Cush



Mr. Andrew Bendahan

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

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The LCA Podcast

Introducing the Saints Speak Podcast by Lakewood Catholic Academy!

Tune in to *Saints Speak*, a podcast brought to you by Lakewood Catholic Academy, our parish school. The podcast is designed to inform, engage, and entertain with news, stories, and highlights from the LCA community. Subscribe on Apple or Spotify. New episodes of *Saints Speak* are released every other Tuesday at 2:00 PM. Stay connected with the latest updates and inspiring moments from our school!



Farewell to Sr. Joan Gallagher *We'll Miss You*

For many years, Sr. Joan Gallagher, CSA, has been a cornerstone of our Lakewood community. As Principal of former St. Augustine Academy, she guided the school with dedication. Her commitment extended far beyond education, as she championed affordable housing in Cleveland, contributed to the development of the Regina Health Center in Richfield, and helped open Joseph's Home for homeless men with medical needs. At St. Luke Parish, Sr. Joan has been a vital part of the Social Action Ministry and a shining example of faith. As she prepares to move to the motherhouse in Richfield, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and blessings for her unwavering service to our Catholic community.

Have you ever thought of being a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

Do you feel called to serve in a special way during Mass? Becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector is a beautiful opportunity to share your faith and gifts with our parish community. As a Lector, you have the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God, bringing Scripture to life for your fellow parishioners. As a Eucharistic Minister, you are entrusted with the sacred duty of distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful. The Diocese is offering training sessions for those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers. This is a wonderful chance to deepen your own faith while serving the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Max Hall at mhall@stlukelakewood.org. Your participation will enrich our worship and strengthen our community.



St. Monica Prayer Ministry
at St. Luke Parish

We'd like to pray with you and for you,
and your intentions.

To submit a prayer request:

- Visit the Parish Website
- Call the Parish Office
- Scan the QR Code

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER
REQUEST.



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PARISH OFFICE: 216-521-0184

Join the Avila's Vocation Prayer Group on the 1st Monday, after Mass, to pray for priests and seminarians in formation

Our Lakewood Community

Catechetical Sunday

September 15, 2024

Thank you to our faithful catechists who share the beauty of the faith with the people of Saint Clement, Saint James and Saint Luke parishes and Lakewood Catholic Academy. We are blessed to have a team of dedicated men and women who are committed to partnering with parents to hand on the faith and spread the Gospel message.

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.



Duc in Altum - Come and See Retreat

Are You Feeling Called to the Priesthood?

On November 9th, there will be a Come and See Retreat at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries! This is a unique opportunity for young men to explore the call to the priesthood by experiencing seminary life firsthand. Spend time in prayer, meet current seminarians, and gain a deeper understanding of God's plan for your life in an environment of faith and discernment. If you've ever felt the stirrings of a vocation or are simply curious, this retreat is the perfect chance to take the next step. To register or learn more, call 440.943.7631.

PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 8 - 18, 2025

VISITING: WATERFORD • KILLARNEY • CLIFFS OF MOHER
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FR. KEVIN P. ELBERT

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airline surcharges

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Fr. Kevin P. Elbert

Tel: (216) 521-0184

Email: frkevin@stlukelakewood.org

Don't forget to swing by after Mass for Coffee and Donuts.

THINGS AROUND TOWN

September 19 • Circle of Hope at Centering Space (Grief Program) Register Early at centeringspace.org

September 20 • Peter's Shadow Night of Healing Prayer at St. Joseph Church in Strongsville (6pm-9pm)

September 25 • "Know your rights!" Presented by the Cleveland Legal Aid Society at Cover Community Center (9:30am)

September 26 • Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study at St. James Parish (7:30pm-9:00pm)

October 2 • Active Aging Community Day at Lakewood Park (3:00pm-7:00pm)

October 3 • An Evening with Imaculee Ilibagiza on the 30th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide at St. Mary Church in Hudson (6:30pm-9:00pm)

October 4 • Ohio March For Life at Statehouse. For more information visit marchforlife.org/ohio

October 12 • Spooky Pooch Parade at Madison Park (12:30pm - 3:30pm)

October 18 - 20 • 40 Hours Devotion at St. Luke, more details in the coming weeks.

October 19 • Embracing Holy Intimacy - Marriage Enrichment Seminar at St. Raphael in Bay Village. Call the St. Raphael Parish Office to register (5:30pm-7:30pm)

October 22 • Fr. Mike Schmitz on Tour at the Akron Civic Center (Beginning at 7:00pm) Tickets are available at livenation.com

Lakewood Farmer's Market • Every Wednesday from September 4-October 23 (10:00am - 1:00pm) at Madison Park



A Men's Ministry of St. Luke, St. Clement, and St. James Parishes. Who are we? Under Christ the King's Universal Call to serve, we as men, pledge to unite and build up other men in the mold of leader, protector, and provider through education, formation, healing, and action. Come and Join us in Prayer and Brotherhood. Tuesday Nights at 7 pm at St. Luke Church in the Seton Room, Second Floor of the Old School Building.

Call the St. Luke Parish office for More info: 216-521-0184.

Our Lakewood Community

Will You Pray a Novena with Us?

A novena is a traditional Catholic form of prayer, typically consisting of nine consecutive days of prayer for a specific intention or grace. The word “novena” comes from the Latin word novem, meaning “nine.” Its origins trace back to the early Church, inspired by the nine days of prayer between the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary gathered in the Upper Room in prayer (Acts 1:14).

Over time, the practice of novenas evolved into a widespread devotional prayer, often invoking the intercession of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the saints. Novenas can be prayed individually or communally and are commonly associated with special feast days, periods of personal need, or times of spiritual preparation.


Invoking the intercession of St. Padre Pio, Let us pray:
(To be said each day from September 14 - September 23)

After making the Sign of the Cross pray:

Dear God, Thou hast generously blessed Thy servant, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, with the gifts of the Spirit. Thou hast marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Thy Son. Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio labored endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls. With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of Mass, he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, I confidently beseech Thee to grant me the grace of (mention your intentions here). Amen.

Pray the Glory Be three times.




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A live interview with young adult leaders in the Diocese.




Megan Kruze,
Catching Fire



Gabe Kessler,
Young Catholic Professionals



Emily Garvin,
ITE Project



Matthew Dolinar,
Young Vitus

Moderated by Question of Faith hosts, Father Damian Ference and Deacon Mike Hayes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
Forest City Brewery | 7pm

Registration will be available at
dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle.
Parking is available on the street or at St. Wendelin

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Ohio March for Life

Join St. Christopher Parish at the Ohio March for Life Friday, October 4, 2024 Ohio Statehouse. There will be a rally at 11am, followed by the March for life at noon. We march to defend our Catholic belief that life should be protected and respected absolutely from the moment of conception to the time of natural death. The \$40 fee covers your roundtrip travel on the charter bus and a box lunch to enjoy in the afternoon. The bus will leave St. Christopher Church parking lot at 8:30am, likely to return around 5:30pm. Invite your friends and join us as we march for the respect and dignity of all human life! Contact Sarah Rish to RSVP or for more information, sarah.rish@gmail.com or 216.513.7177. Students wishing to march must be accompanied by a parent. RSVP by September 20th.

Inviting All Women to Walking with Purpose

WWP is a Catholic women's Bible study that enables women to know Jesus Christ through personal study, small group discussions, & real-life application. Join our FREE KICK-OFF Sept. 26th at 7:30p (St. James – Lower Church – 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood). Come discover the “more” that has changed the lives of thousands of Catholic women! For more info, contact: WWPLakewood@gmail.com Thursdays | Sept. 26 – Apr. 3 | 7:30-9p | Registration & Info: StJamesLakewood.com/walking-with-purpose

Catholic Mom's Group

There for you, in the trenches of Catholic motherhood. Every mom needs her tribe. Join a fun & friendly group of Catholic women, supporting each other in the joys & challenges of motherhood. We offer a weekly playgroup, monthly Book Club, and social, spiritual, & service-oriented get togethers for moms, kids, & families. Our vision is to cultivate growth & community for Catholic Moms. Interested? Contact: Samatha Weisman at samgweisman@gmail.com



The Retrovaille program is designed to help Mary couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges – a unique program to strengthen and heal your marriage. Retrovaille, which means red discovery, is opened a couples of all faiths and a supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Retrovaille is presenting a weekend retreat from September 20 to the 22nd for a couples. For more information or to register, visit: www.helpourmarriage.org.