LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Clement · St. James · St. Luke

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Contact Information

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St. Clement Church

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St. James Church

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*The Lakewood Parishes now have a consolidated office at St. Luke Parish. Any business related items should be directed to the central office at St. Luke Church.

Parish Devotions

Adoration

Second Tuesday from 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Luke Daily at St. Clement Parish (Call office for info)

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

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

Readings and Intentions for the Week of August 31, 2025

Monday, September 8:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Crystal Rerko 🕂

Tuesday, September 9: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Intentions of Emily Rerko

Wednesday, September 10: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Intentions of Don Rerko

Thursday, September 11: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Clement: Andrew and Anna Kall +

Friday, September 12: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James: Paul Westmeyer +

Saturday, September 13: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Warren Speer +

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke:

Living and Deceased of the Jacobs & Dimaura Families

Sunday, September 14:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: The Brocklehurst Family

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke: For the People

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James:

Friends and Family of the Simms Family, Living and Deceased

Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: Victoria Catalano +

Catholic Bishops Write Letter of Solidarity to Ohio Residents Displaced from their Home Countries

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Catholic Bishops of Ohio have issued a letter expressing solidarity with and offering prayers for those displaced from their home countries who reside in Ohio, particularly those under Temporary Protected Status or on humanitarian parole.

Addressed directly to those who have sought refuge in Ohio, the letter reads, "It

pains us to hear that our brothers and sisters, even those with lawful immigration status, live in fear of going to work, worshiping at the local parish, or participating in community events....We regret that our nation's immigration system has failed to offer predictability and stability to those living as law-abiding residents and supporting themselves and their families."

The bishops also recognize the value these individuals and families bring to Ohio communities, noting, "Your work strengthens society, and your prayers and service build up the body of Christ. We thank you for your contributions to our parishes and the common good of Ohio through your faith, work ethic, and cultural enrichment of our communities."

Quoting Pope Leo XIV, the bishops share, "'God has looked upon us with compassion; he wanted to walk our same path and come down among us. In Jesus, the Good Samaritan, he came to heal our wounds and to pour out upon us the balm of his love and mercy.' We pray that the same compassion that moved the heart of the Father and now moves us may also motivate policymakers to recognize your circumstances and contributions to society and establish reasonable pathways for you and your loved ones to fully integrate as Ohioans."

The letter concludes with a message of support, "Please know of our spiritual closeness to you and your pastors as they accompany you in navigating uncertainty. May our parishes continue to be a refuge from your sorrows, where the faithful welcome you in your time of need." Read the full letter, available in English, Haitian Creole, Spanish, and French, and find a new document on Catholic Teaching on Immigration at ohiocathconf.org/immigration.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Kevin Elbert

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Cameron Popik Parish Deacon: Deacon Tom Bizon

Priest in Residence:

Fr. Peter Paul Ibeagha

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

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Upcoming Events and News

PSR and Sacramental Prep registrations are now open. Please see the last page of this bulletin on how to register.





2025 Grand Raffle Exclusive Luxury Vacation One week stay at

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The drawing will take place on Sept. 19th at 9pm during the Embrace Gala.

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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)—formerly known as RCIA—is for adults who are considering becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a Catholic seeking full communion with the Church, we invite you to come and explore the faith in a welcoming and supportive environment. Sessions will begin soon with the Lakewood Catholic Parishes. For more information or to express interest, please contact: Max Hall at 216-521-0184 or mhall@stlukelakewood.org



Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses, sponsored by the Lakewood Knights of Columbus. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.



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LIGHT FOR LOVE

On the fourth Wednesday of the month (August 27 & September 24), from 7-8p, the doors of St. James will be wide open. Parishioners, visitors, and passerby will be invited into the church to light a candle for someone they love, and to set it before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come experience beauty, peace, and prayer in the midst of the radiant, candlelit church.

We invite anyone from any parish to multiply their love as a volunteer. Volunteers are needed as Inviters (on the street, inviting people in); Greeters (at the door, welcoming and answering questions), and Intercessors (praying in the church for the event and those invited in).

Encounter God's love firsthand and share it with others. St. James (17514 Detroit Ave. Lakewood). RSVP to attend or volunteer at stjameslakewood.com/lightforlove.

Questions? Contact Lina Simms at linadorasimms@gmail.com or 216.650.8262.



Sip & Socialize during Happy Hour - 9/18!

Sip & Socialize at a Happy Hour under the twinkly lights of the St. James Courtyard. Complimentary refreshments for adults & kids. Open to everyone, with a special invitation to newer members of the parish or anyone desiring a deeper sense of community and connection! This is a chance to meet and officially welcome our new priest, Fr. Cameron Popik, while enjoying a glass of wine & light snacks and creating a more tight-knit community. Families with children are welcome! Thursday September 18 from 6 until 7:30pm. Rain location: Andrews Hall (Church Basement)



Rosary

Rosary is every Thursday at 7pm in the St. James Courtyard. If weather is inclement then the rosary will take place in the church.



Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after Mass. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.

Designed for Life

Fertility Awareness Discovery Fair

Veranova Health invites you to a special Fertility Awareness Discovery Fair on September 13th featuring local instructors of four different methods of fertility awareness. Learn the science behind all of them as well as why women and couples choose to chart in the first place. Includes a 40-minute panel and 30-minute Q&A. \$10 fee. Reserve your seat and bring your questions!

For more information or to register: education@veranovahealth.org veranovahealth.org



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Congrats!



You are cordially invited to a birthday celebration in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus!

Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7PM

The Rosary will be offered up for the cause of life.

The birthday party will take place with an actual birthday cake and the singing of Happy Birthday to Our Lady.

There will be punch, coffee and a wide variety of party foods.

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This years celebration will include a video from the "G.K. Chesterton: The Apostle of Common Sense" series tilled: Chesterton and the Mother of God. Gilbert Keith Chesterton was born an agnostic in 1874 and finally received into the

Catholic Church in 1922 at the age of 48. Throughout his spiritual journey the Blessed Virgin Mary was always before his eyes. Chesterton certainly agreed with the maxim: "of Mary one can never say enough." He wrote reams of poetry about her from his youth to his dying day. He was Marian even before he was Christian. It would perhaps be true to say that his love for Our Lady led Chesterton to Christian faith.

All are welcome to attend this free event!

St. Clement Catholic Church, 14505 Madison Avenue in Lakewood

Sponsored by the St. Clement Respect Life Committee. For additional information, please call (216) 312-2511

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed!

West Shore Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals to housebound members of our community. 11:30am - 1pm on various weekdays as fits your schedule. Our mission cannot continue without volunteers! Please email rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.com for opportunities to serve in the Rocky River-Lakewood area. "When I was hungry, you fed me" - Matthew 25:35-37

Get Your Tickets - Pot of Gold

The Pot of Gold Raffle is a great way to support St. Clement parish and the chances of winning are daily. We will be selling tickets before and after weekend masses until the end of September. The Pot of Gold Raffle has been a staple fundraiser for St. Clement for over 20 years and has funded many special projects. Each ticket purchased for \$10 will give you 313 chances to win! Every day (except Sundays) from October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026, a winning ticket will be drawn for \$25. Come join in the fun and remember.... Pot of Gold tickets make great gifts!



Please join us for coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass, and again on Sunday, September 21st. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, Sept 13, 7pm at St Clement for a FREE night at the movies. We will be showing "Apollo 13", the true story of the 3rd mission intended to land on the moon that turned into a fight for survival after an oxygen tank exploded. The commander of the mission, Jim Lovell, just passed away on Aug 7. We'll provide popcorn and pop...just come and enjoy! Hope to see you there!!

The Holy Land Shepherds Visiting the Lakewood Parishes

For centuries, Christian families in Bethlehem have supported themselves through olive wood carving, a tradition passed down since the time of Christ. Today, with tourism in sharp decline, many face hardship and displacement. To support their livelihood and strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land, The Holy Land Shepherds will bring these handcrafted olive wood items to the Lakewood Parishes on the weekend of September 20–21, 2025. Please take time to view their beautiful carvings. Purchases can be made by cash, credit card, or check. Learn more:

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THINGS FIROUND TOWN

September 10 • Community Meal at St. James

September 12 • An Evening of Healing: Infertility, Pregnancy Loss and

Child Loss • 7pm at Center for Pastoral Leadership

September 14 • New Parent Baptism Class at St. Luke • 12:15pm

September 15 • Memorial Mass for those Lost to Suicide • Our Lady of Angels Parish • 6pm.

September 20 • Holy Cross Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar • 1pm

September 20-21 • Holy Land Shepherds (Olive Wood Carvings) will be at the Lakewood Parishes during the weekend Masses.

September 24 • Light for Love at St. James Parish • 7pm

October 3 • Ohio March for Life at State Capitol (See MarchforLife.org)

October 3-5 • St. Stanislaus Polish Festival

October 4 • Pet Blessing at St. James Parish • 6pm.

October 11-12 • Papusa Sunday by the El Salvador Ministry at St. Luke

Church (After weekend Masses)

Registration Information for PSR & Sacramental Preparation is Open

With the school year just around the corner, we are excited to open our registrations for sacramental preparation and PSR for the upcoming year. Below you will find information on how to register for each of our programs for the upcoming year.

Family PSR - To ensure we have materials for your family, please contact Colleen asap for more information or to register your family. New and returning families, please plan on joining us for a Family PSR information meeting on Sunday, September 14, 6:30 pm- 7:15 pm, Saint Clement Church Hall. Looking forward to a great year of Family PSR!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House

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Please call Colleen today to learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or to reserve a place for your child. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is nearing capacity. Please join us at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House on Sunday, September 14, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Saint James Parish Center. Please enter the Northwood Avenue Door. Drop in and learn more about this beautiful method of faith formation!

All are welcome! Please enjoy this short video about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd by following the

Traditional Model PSR: For those families interested in our traditional classroom PSR model, you can register online by visiting the St. Luke Parish Website.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion There will be a Parent Meeting for children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 pm, Saint James Church Hall. Please enter the courtyard door located between the church and the school. For more information, please contact Colleen Houk.

Confirmation Preparation: Families whose children are preparing for Confirmation (traditionally students in the 7th and 8th grade, you can register and find additional information by visiting the St. Luke parish website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Catechetical team at the parish office.

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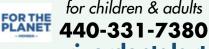
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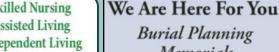
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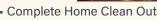


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