# LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Clement • St. James • St. Luke December 7, 2025



# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CC

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# Parish Contact Information

# St. Luke Church

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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 December 7, 2025

Monday, December 8: (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke:

Living and Deceased of the Armbruster Family

Mass Intention 5:30pm St. Clement: Susan Nilsen + Mass Intention 7:00pm St. James: Souls in Purgatory

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 9</u>: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14 Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: <u>Living and Deceased of the Salcedo Family</u>

Wednesday, December 10: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Leonard and Kathleen Haas 🕂

Thursday, December 11: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9-13/Mt 11:11-15

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Clement: Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James: Frances Kemmett +

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16,18-19/Mt 17:9-13

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Richard Wendell  $\uparrow$  Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: Gus and Mary Boland  $\uparrow$ 

Sunday, December 14:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Fr. Patrick Hyland

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke:

Living and Deceased of the Dumycz and Jablonski Families

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James:

Friends and Family of the Simms Family, Living and Deceased

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



# Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4pm at St. Luke
4pm at St. James
6pm at St. Luke
8pm at St. Clement

Christmas Day 8:30am at St. Clement
10am at St. Luke
10:30am at St. James

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve 4pm at St. Clement

New Year's Day ----- 10am at St. Luke

# Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Kevin Elbert

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Cameron Popik 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 Annemarie Hutchinson, Secretary

### St. Clement Parish Staff:

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# St. James Parish Staff:

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# Diocese of Cleveland Parishioner Survey

The Clergy Personnel Board assists the Bishop of Cleveland by making recommendations to the Bishop for clergy assignments. The Board is interested in feedback from the parishioners of St. Clement Parish, St. James Parish, and St. Luke Parish and invites you to participate by responding to the survey link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lakewo od2025

You can also visit the St. Luke Parish website and click on the link to access the survey

Please be assured that you remain in our prayers during this time of transition. This survey will be open until Sunday, December 7, 2025.

# Holy Day of Obligation

December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in Lakewood will be:

8:15am at St. Luke Church 5:30pm at St. Clement Church 7pm at St. James Church



# Call for Volunteers: Sandwich Ministry

Our Sandwich Ministry continues to be one of the most direct, hands-on ways we support our neighbors in need. Each week, parishioners from our parish make 100 sandwiches that are delivered to the homeless served by St. Herman House in Cleveland. This ministry is simple, practical, and deeply impactful—offering nourishment, dignity, and a tangible reminder that these individuals are not forgotten. We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help prepare sandwiches. If you feel called to serve in this quiet but meaningful outreach, your help would make a real difference. To sign up or learn more, please contact Barb Price at the parish office at 216-521-0184. Thank you for considering this small act of mercy that carries such significant grace.

# NIGHT OF HOPE

Join us Thurs, December 11, 7-9:30pm in the St Luke church for the Night of Hope simulcast, an evening of Eucharistic adoration, worship, and reflection designed to help you encounter the quiet, steady hope that Christ offers in Advent. This evening, provided by Franciscan University, will include an uplifting talk by Sr. Therese Agnes, as well as powerful worship and prayer led by Father Dave Pivonka. This is a great opportunity to get a taste of Franciscan University without leaving Lakewood!! Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. Hope to see you there...

# St. Luke Giving Tree

As we enter the Advent season, keep in mind our annual St. Luke Giving Tree, which is located in the church. Each year, this beloved tradition spreads the joy of Christmas to those in need throughout our community. Through your generosity, we support local organizations including St. Augustine Health Center, Zelie's Home (for moms in need), The Centers, O'Neill Nursing and Assisted Living Residents, Community Meal, and many others. Please return wrapped gifts, with the tag attached, to St. Luke by December 14. Gifts can be dropped off in McBride Hall, at the stage, before/after the weekend Masses up till the due date. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to help those in our community.

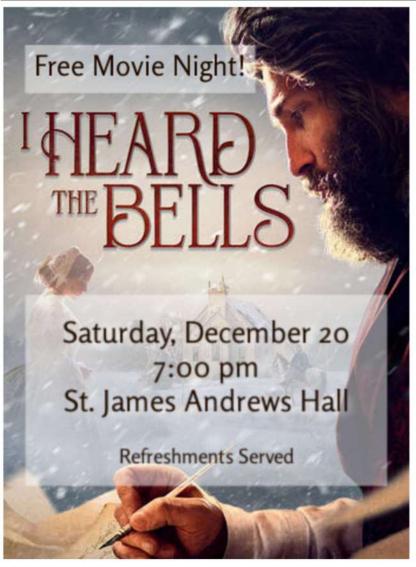
# Request for Bakery Donations

As we prepare to celebrate Fr. Kevin's farewell reception on Sunday, December 28, we're hoping to offer a warm, welcoming table for our Lakewood Catholic Community. To help make the gathering festive, we are asking for donations of bakery—homemade or store-bought—cookies, pastries, bars, or any simple treats that can be shared. If you are able to contribute, please contact Barb Price at the parish office: 216-521-0184. Your generosity will help us create a gracious send-off for Fr. Kevin and reflect the hospitality that defines the Lakewood Catholic Parishes. Thank you for considering this small but meaningful way to support the celebration.

# Pancake Breakfast at St. Luke Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Join us on Sunday, December 14, for a festive Pancake Breakfast in McBride Hall following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses at St. Luke. In the spirit of Advent come gather as a Catholic community for good food, warm conversation, and the kind of fellowship that strengthens the heart of parish life. The Knights of Columbus will be serving up a hearty breakfast with their trademark hospitality.

All are welcome. Come share the season.



# MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, December 20, 7pm in Andrews Hall (St James lower level) for a FREE night at the movies. We will be showing "I Heard the Bells", the true story of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, whose world is shaken by personal tragedy and national turmoil. Silenced by grief, Longfellow rediscovers his voice through the healing power of Christmas. We'll provide popcorn and pop...just come and enjoy! Hope to see you there!!

# ST. JAMES GIVING TREE

As we enter this season of hope and generosity, our parish once again invites you to participate in our annual Holiday Giving Tree. This year, we are again honored to support Catholic Charities and the Division of Migration and Refugee Services, both of provide essential care, dignity, compassion to families in great need. Beginning November 30, you will find baskets filled with gift tags at the church entrances. Each tag lists a specific item that will help brighten Christmas for someone facing hardship. We encourage parishioners to take a tag, shop for the requested item, and return your gift unwrapped by December 14. Your kindness makes a real and immediate difference. For any questions, please contact Tina at tinaruts1@gmail.com

# FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRAISE & WORSHIP

Join us Sat, December 13, 10am at St James for Christmas Praise & Worship. It's a one-hour prayer service with Adoration, Benediction, Scripture, Worship songs, and prayer. The songs will be more "reflective" in nature, rather than "talking to Jesus"...and we plan to have activity sheets to keep the kiddos engaged. Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. Hope to see you there...

# Intentions of the Holy Father For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

# Knights of Columbus – Lakewood Council 2643 Seeking Catholic Men of Action

The Knights of Columbus of Lakewood Council 2643 invite Catholic men to step forward in service, leadership, and fraternity. Our council is blessed to serve the four parishes of our Lakewood Catholic community—St. Luke, St. Clement, Transfiguration, and St. James—by offering our time, skills, and commitment wherever they are needed. We are Catholic men who strive to lead, serve, protect, and defend. We seek to become better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models by putting charity and community first. Founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, now a candidate for sainthood, the Knights were established on the enduring principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Their purpose was simple and profound: to provide assistance to the sick, the disabled, and families in need. Today, we continue that mission with the same conviction and hope. If you feel called to join a brotherhood rooted in faith and committed to action, we welcome you.

Contact: lakewoodoh.knightsofcolumbus@gmail.com / Facebook: facebook.com/Lakewoodoh.KOC2643

# St. Clement Giving Tree - The tradition continues Prayer Ministry

For many years the St. Clement faith community has supported the good work of the West Side Catholic Center. Each year WSCC serves 800 of their most frequent visitors through the Spirit of Christmas program. Spirit of Christmas recipients receive a bag with a variety of essential items, such as toiletries, sweatshirts, socks and underwear. Some area parishes collect toiletries; other parishes collect socks. This year the coordinator of the program has requested that the St. Clement faith community contribute by collecting underwear, scarves and medium weight gloves for men, women and children.

In addition to Spirit of Christmas gift tags, you will see tags for Giant Eagle gift cards on the Giving Tree. The gift cards are to support the mission of our own St. Vincent de Paul Society, located here at St. Clement parish. A small group of dedicated volunteers faithfully serve our neighbors here in Lakewood. The Giant Eagle gift cards can be used for fresh food, pharmacy needs, and bus passes.

Please choose a tag from the tree, purchase the item, and return the unwrapped item to church by December 7.

Thank you for supporting the St. Clement Giving Tree and for continuing our longtime tradition of serving others!



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# **Adoration Chapel**





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# CHRISTMAS PRAISE & WORSHIP

Join us Mon, Dec 15, 7pm at St Clement for Christmas Praise & Worship. It's a one-hour prayer service with Adoration, Benediction, Scripture, Worship songs, and prayer. The songs will be more "reflective" in nature, rather than "talking to Jesus". For those that would like to join, we'll head to a nearby restaurant for dinner and drinks afterward. Hope to see you there...





# THINGS FIROUND TOWN

December 7 • Advent Concert and Reception at St. Luke Church

December 7 • Pancake Breakfast at St. Clement

**December 8 •** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation

December 11 • Night of Hope at St. Luke at 7pm

December 13 • Family Friendly Praise and Worship at St. James at 10am

December 14 • Breakfast with Santa at St. Luke Church, after Masses

December 15 • Praise and Worship at St. Clement at 7pm.

**December 16 •** Theology on Tap, for Young Adults, at Forest City Brewing at 7pm

December 17 • Community Meal at St. Luke at 5:30pm

January 11 • Baptism Class for new parents at St. Luke at 12:15pm.

January 23 • Mass for Life at the Cathedral at 10am



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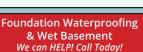
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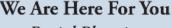


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