LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Clement • St. James • St. Luke December 21, 2025



Parish Contact Information

St. Luke 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 21, 2025

Monday, December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

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

Tuesday, December 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Intentions of Fr. Peter Paul Ibeagha

Wednesday, December 24:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Luke: Kay and Jim McGorray \dotplus

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. James:

The Muscatello Family, Living and Deceased

Mass Intention 6:00pm St. Luke: Vivian Fox +

Mass Intention 8:00pm St. Clement: Beverly Kelly †

Thursday, December 25: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Intentions of Fr. Joseph Workman

Mass Intention 10:00am St. Luke: Barb Murphy † Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: For the People

Friday, December 26:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17/Mt 10:17-22

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James:

Friends and Family of the Simms Family, Living and Deceased

<u>Saturday, December 27:</u> 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Michael Barry 🕂

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: Joseph and Charlotte Bija 🕂

Sunday, December 28:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Richard McMaster +

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

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: Mark M. Twohig, III +

Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: Liam J. Birt 🕂

December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent Matthew 1:18-24

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through

those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

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:

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Holiday Office Closures

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on December $24^{\rm th}$ and $25^{\rm th}$ in observance of Christmas, and December $31^{\rm st}$ and January $1^{\rm st}$ for the New Year.



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

4pm at St. Luke

New Year's Day 10am at St. Clement

New Year's Eve ----

*Please note there was a misprint last week and this is the correct schedule.



Women's Retreat: Joy on Life's Journey at the Jesuit Retreat House

Women are invited to step away from the pace of daily life and enter a time of prayer, renewal, and rest at the Jesuit Retreat House for a Women's Retreat titled Joy on Life's Journey, taking place Monday, January 12 at 2:00 PM through Wednesday, January 14 at 11:30 AM. This retreat includes two full days, with an optional third day, and features speakers Bob Kloos; Sister Jean Marian (Cookie) Crowley, SC; Annamarie Kachurek; the Chavez Brothers; and Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ. Through prayer, meditation, Mass, discussion, and quiet reflection, participants will explore how to cultivate and live the virtue of joy amid personal, domestic, and global challenges. The retreat cost ranges from \$325–\$475. The Jesuit Retreat Center is located at 5629 State Road, Parma, OH 44134. To learn more or to register, visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.

2026 March for Life in Washington DC with St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Join the 2026 March for Life in Washington, D.C. Members of the St. Anthony of Padua Pro-Life Ministry invite you to join their annual bus pilgrimage to the March for Life on January 22-23, 2026. The bus will depart from the St. Anthony parking lot, 6750 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134, at 7:00 AM on January 22. Pilgrims will travel to Maryland for an overnight stay at the Cambria Hotel in Rockville. That evening, the group will attend the Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. On January 23, the group will take the Metro to visit the St. John Paul II Shrine and Museum before heading to the March for Life Rally and March. The bus will depart for home after the march, returning at approximately 11:30 PM. The bus fare is \$50 per person. The hotel rate is \$130 per room, based on double occupancy (\$65 per person). To register and reserve your seat, please contact Mike at 216-403-2489 or email staofpbus@icloud.com. All are welcome to witness to the dignity of human life.

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St. Mary Seminary, has led several Lewis-themed pilgrimages to England and taken people behind the scenes to walk in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis. Join us for an enlightening discussion of the man behind The Chronicles of Narnia and The Screwtape Letters.

Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.



Great Christmas gift!



Historic St. James The Art & Architecture of a Landmark Church

The Church of St. James is one of the most exotic sacred art structures in northeast Ohio, both inside and out. "Historic St. James, The Art and Architecture of a Landmark Church" by the late Tim Barrett and Lad Trepal is an acclaimed full color book published by The Friends of St. James, Inc.

Text from distinguished architectural historian, the late Tim Barrett, whose over 45 years of the study of the art and architecture of Greater Cleveland's diverse houses of worship, and exceptional high quality photographs by Lad Trepal, noted Cleveland commercial photographer and member of St. James, combine to celebrate the myriad architectural features and decorative arts of St. James.

This book would be a great gift for all who appreciate stunning church art and architecture or who have worshipped in this sacred space.

Price: \$25 + shipping if mailed. To purchase your copy contact Tom Hayden at: 216-798-5523 or tahayden42@livecom (leave message if not answered.) Please make checks payable to Friends of St. James, Inc.

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All proceeds benefit St. James Parish.



Donuts and Coffee

Donuts and Coffee are cancelled for Christmas Day and December 28. They will start up again on January 4. A special invitation to new parishioners and visitors to come downstairs after Mass on all other Sundays for good conversation and fellowship.

Catholic Men's Retreat

Catholic men are invited to deepen their faith and strengthen their spiritual lives at a Catholic Men's Retreat, taking place Friday, January 16 at 5:30 PM through Sunday, January 18 at 11:00 AM at the Jesuit Retreat Center. This retreat will be presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ; Tom Pussel; and Mike Ragon, and is designed for men seeking to grow in their personal relationship with God, engage in meaningful conversation, gain deeper insight into Christian manhood, and develop a practical, lived spirituality. The retreat includes prayer, reflection, communal worship, and time for rest and renewal. The cost ranges from \$325–\$475. Space is limited. To learn more and register, visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org.



GUIDED TOURS | LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH, AFTER 10:30 MASS

We are delighted to offer guided tours of the church after the 10:30 Mass on the last Sundays of the month. John Alfes will meet with interested parishioners and guests by the altar. Our church presents one of the finest examples of ecclesiastical art in the nation. From the moment you enter, you are immersed in a devotional atmosphere shaped by its architecture, spiritual symbolism, and

masterful craftsmanship. Learn and marvel at the rare Portasanta marble pillars, the portraits in stained glass, the biblical stories in murals, and more. Every detail speaks of faith, reverence, and divine majesty. At the heart of it all, Christ, enthroned above the main altar, invites us to worship. The goal is to enhance your worship and spiritual life at St. James.



Please join us for coffee and donuts on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 8:30am Mass. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.

Prayer Ministry



Website



Adoration Chapel



Thank you for supporting the St. Clement Giving Tree!



The gloves, scarves and underwear that you donated will be distributed to people served by the West Side Catholic Center Spirit of Christmas program.

The gift cards will support the good work of the St. Clement St Vincent de Paul Society.

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Rock Salt Distribution - From the City of Lakewood

With the winter weather making its first appearance over Thanksgiving weekend, the Public Works team is filling the salt bins that allow residents to pick up rock salt for keeping their sidewalks and driveways clear. The boxes are located at Kauffman, Madison, Cove, and Lakewood Park as well as the Lakewood Dog Park. Residents may take home up to 5 gallons of salt for personal use. Contractors and businesses are prohibited from using this salt, and the box locations are under video surveillance to prevent abuse. Interested residents must bring their own shovel (a metal gardening shovel is recommended) and bucket, and must load the salt themselves. Please remember to secure the cover after use to help prevent the salt from hardening due to rain/moisture!

THINGS HROUND TOWN

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

January 13 • First Communion Parent Meeting at St. James parish hall at 6:30pm.

January 19 • Parish Office will be closed in observance of MLK Jr. Day.

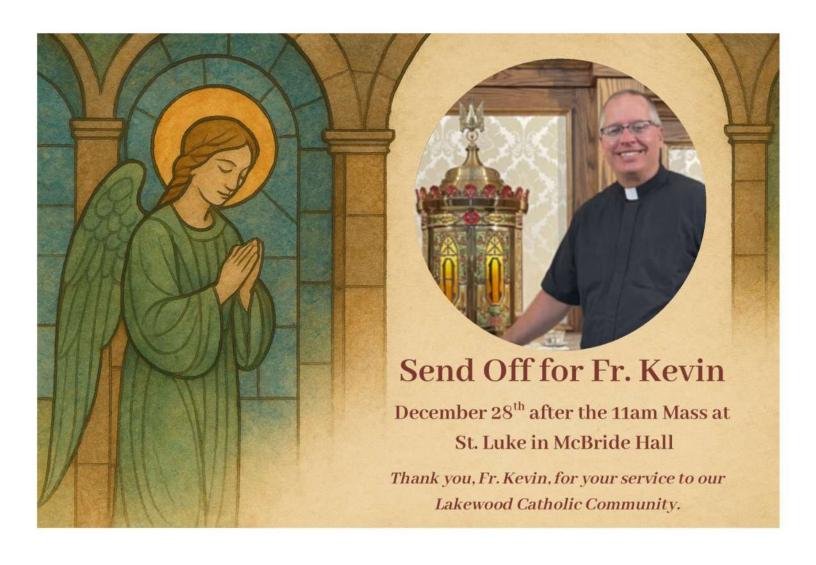
January 21 • 8th Grade Confirmation Life Night at St. Luke Church at 6:30pm.

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

January 31 • St. Clement Wine Tasting, more details to come.

Mass Intention Books Now Open for 2026

The Mass intention books for St. Clement, St. Luke, and St. James are now open for the 2026 calendar year. Parishioners are invited to schedule intentions for loved ones—whether for the repose of a soul, for the intentions of another, in thanksgiving, or for special needs. In keeping with Church norms, each Mass may have one intention, and intentions are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Parishioners may request multiple intentions throughout the year, though we ask for fairness and pastoral balance when scheduling weekend and holy day Masses. The stipend offering for each intention is \$10. To schedule a Mass, please contact the consolidated parish office of the Lakewood Catholic Parishes. Your prayerful participation is a profound gift to those you remember and to the life of our Church.



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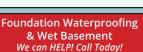
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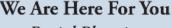


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