LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Clement • St. James • St. Luke December 28, 2025



Parish Contact Information

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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 28, 2025

Monday, December 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Mary Pavel 🕂

Tuesday, December 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Barb Murphy 🕂

Wednesday, December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Special Intention Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Luke: Eric Townsend †

Thursday, January 1: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Mass Intention 10:00am St. Clement: Intentions of Susan Simmons

<u>Friday, January 2:</u> 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

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

Saturday, January 3: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Mike McConchie +

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Mark M. Twohig, III \dotplus

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: For the People

Sunday, January 4:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13/Eph 3:2-3,5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: **Souls in Purgatory**

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke:

Special Intention of Kelsey Rerko and Family

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: **Dominik Webb** † Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: **Katy Brent** †

December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and

flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

- Father John Muir

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Holiday Office Closures

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st for the New Year.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses (New Year's)

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation will be the following:

Dec. 31st - at 4pm at St. Luke

Jan. 1st - at 10am at St. Clement



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.

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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.

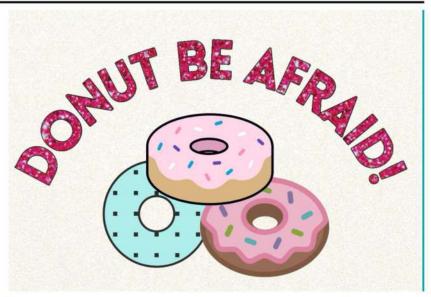
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NEW AT ST. JAMES? WELCOME!

We're glad you're joining our parish family! If you haven't registered yet, please scan this QR code to obtain a registration form. We're looking forward to meeting you--please let us know how we can help.





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.

On the Roof

Despite some really nasty weather progress continues on the roof. It's great to see that shiny copper flashing and new tiles filling in the spaces where old materials had been removed; quite an accomplishment. The first of many we hope! Merry Christmas and many Blessings to All in the New Year!



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.

St. Clement Happenings



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.

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus

who gave of their time and talents to make our Annual Pancake Breakfast a huge success! We are so very gratefull to you all Thank you Santa for being our Guest of Honor! Also, thanks to the Knights of Columbus for giving of their time, in this cold spell, and setting up our Outdoor Nativity Set up on The corner of Lincoln and Madison avenues. We appreciate you!!

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Sunday, January 11 1:30 - 3:00 pm Rabbi Enid Lader

The Path of Humanity

Martin Buber, Jewish philosopher, presented a series of talks to a Protestant workman's group in the Netherlands in 1946, in which he shared six Chasidic stories that mapped out how we can be our best in the world. We'll read three of those stories with Buber's interpretations and discuss amongst ourselves how these ideas resonate in our lives.

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Please register in advance.

Rabbi Enid began her position as the rabbi at Beth Israel - The West Temple in August of 2012 after serving as the congregation's Education Director for over twenty years. She retired in 2023 as the Rabbi Emerita and is now the Visiting Rabbi for the Jewish community at Kendal at Oberlin, and continues to be very active in interfaith outreach to the west side communities and makes her way to the east side as well.







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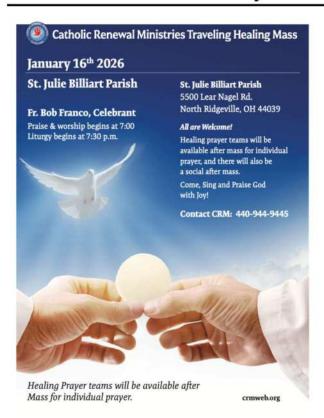
The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be Sunday January 18th. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit: www.clecem.org/Events

In-Person Locations in our area:

- · Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brookpark Road
- · St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

Virtual – Please register at

https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx



THINGS #ROUND 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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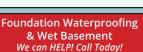
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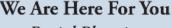


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