

LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC PARISHES

St. Clement • St. James • St. Luke

JANUARY 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Parish Contact Information

St. Luke Church

1212 Burts Rd, Lakewood, Ohio 44107
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St. Clement Church

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St. James Church

17400 Northwood Ave, Lakewood, Ohio 44107
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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)

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 January 4, 2026

Monday, January 5: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: **Intentions of Virginia Ostrowski**

Tuesday, January 6: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: **Robert J. Popovic** †

Wednesday, January 7: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: **Special Intention of Christine Stenzel**

Thursday, January 8: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Mass Intention 8:15 St. Clement:

Deceased Members of the Stremlow Family

Friday, January 9: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James:

Living and Deceased of the Bizzack Family

Saturday, January 10: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: **Anne White Johnston** †

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: **Willard and Mae Menini** †

Sunday, January 11: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: **Souls in Purgatory**

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

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James:

Intentions of Jean Burton and John Yarborough, On the Occasion of their 50th Wedding anniversary

Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: **Mary Pavel** †

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Kevin Elbert

Administrator: 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:

Colleen Houk, *Faith Formation*

Frank Stasko, *Maintenance*

St. James Parish Staff:

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January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

Mass for the gift of HUMAN LIFE

January 23, 2026
with Bishop Malesic, Celebrant

OPEN TO ALL

Students (including college students) and parish or independent pro-life/social concerns ministries are especially encouraged to attend.



Groups: Please register using the link for reserved seating.
Individuals/Families: No registration needed.



To assist at Mass (concelebrants, altar servers, lectors, EMHCs), please contact Tony Dipre, Office for Human Life.

10:00AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist



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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

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Most needed food items for the St Colman and Little Blue Pantry food bins at this time:

Pasta sauce : all sizes
Fruit juices: all sizes
Mixed vegetables
Canned fruit
Individually wrapped snacks

Non-perishable food only: pop-tops preferred.

Please leave donations in the designated food bins at your church or at the St Luke rectory. Thank you for caring for those in need!"

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.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Jan. 12

7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



Who is C.S. Lewis? Why, as Catholics do we care?

Dr. Matt Carey Jordan, VP of Academic Affairs at Borromeo &

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.**

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1. Go to <https://formed.org/signup> or scan this QR code for our website signup screen:
2. At the Create a New Account screen, enter St Clement. Enter your name and email address.
3. Check your email for a link to begin using Formed.



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.



Donuts and Coffee

Donuts and Coffee is back. A special invitation to new parishioners and visitors to come downstairs after Mass on all other Sundays for good conversation and fellowship.

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.



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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.

Prayer Ministry



Website



Adoration Chapel



Thanks Father Kevin

St. Clement Parish would like to send our well wishes to Fr. Kevin. We will miss his one-on-one kindness such as:

- Fr. Kevin found time to come to most of our Donut Sundays after mass, even if another priest presided at the Mass. He would go to each table, sit down and have small talk with each person.
- If Fr. Kevin heard during Donut Sunday, that it was your birthday, he would come over and sing happy birthday with his special ending "May the dear Lord bless you in all that you do. May Mary and Joseph smile down upon you."



Catholic Renewal Ministries Traveling Healing Mass

January 16th 2026

St. Julie Billiart Parish

Fr. Bob Franco, Celebrant

Praise & worship begins at 7:00
Liturgy begins at 7:30 p.m.



Healing Prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer.

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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 grateful 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!!

Giving Tuesday

A special thank you to all who gave to St. Clement for We Give Tuesday! Your generosity amazes us every year!

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>

Our Lakewood Community

Mass Intention Books Now Open

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.

THINGS AROUND 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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP
STRIVING FOR DISCIPLESHIP: TIPS FOR PRACTICAL CATHOLIC LIVING

To live as Catholics is not to chase perfection, but to cultivate a heart that continually strives for discipleship.

with Christy Cabaniss
Christy Cabaniss is the Director of Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese of Cleveland. She holds a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hill University and a master's from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Christy is married and the mother of two young adults and a new son-in-law. She recently began doctoral studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Registration will be available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totle.
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Understanding Ourselves

The Spectrum of Mental Health

Thursday, January 8



God in Our Suffering

Listening & Relating Differently

Thursday, January 22



JAN 8TH-29TH, 2026 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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Why We Get Stuck (and How Christ Sets Us Free)

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Thursday, January 29

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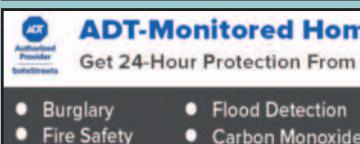
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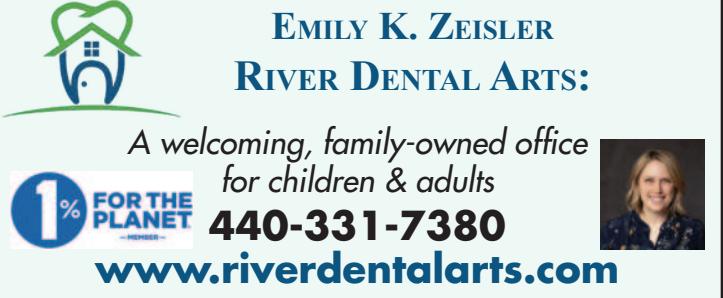


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