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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 • TWENTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



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Parish Devotions

Adoration:

First Fridays from 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Luke Parish

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 September 8, 2024

Monday, September 9: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Intentions of Marie Gallagher

Tuesday, September 10: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Special Intention

Wednesday, September 11: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

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

Thursday, Septemeber 12: 1Cor 8:1b-7,11-13/Ps139:1-3,13-14,23-24/Lk 6:27-38

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

Friday, September 13: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James: Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions

Saturday, 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 4:00pm St. Clement: Living and Deceased of the Donofrio

Family

Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: Viera More +

Sunday, September 15:

Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Mary Dorsey +

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke: Intentions of Maria Petty

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: James Edwin Eink +

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly.

Contact with Christ has this effect on us. This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

- Father John Muir @LPi

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St. Luke Happenings

Have you ever thought of being a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

Do you feel called to serve in a special way during Mass? Becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector is a beautiful opportunity to share your faith and gifts with our parish community. As a Lector, you have the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God, bringing Scripture to life for your fellow parishioners. As a Eucharistic Minister, you are entrusted with the sacred duty of distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful. The Diocese is offering training sessions for those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers. This is a wonderful chance to deepen your own faith while serving the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Max Hall at mhall@stlukelakewood.org. Your participation will enrich our worship and strengthen our community.





Join us for Donuts and Coffee this weekend after the 9:00am Mass

St. Luke † EL SALVADOR Ministry

Building a Home for Coralia

Last year, when Fr. Kevin the St. Luke EI and Salvador Ministry team visited El Salvador, they were deeply moved by the extreme poverty witnessed. One of the most impactful encounters was with Coralia, a 74-year-old



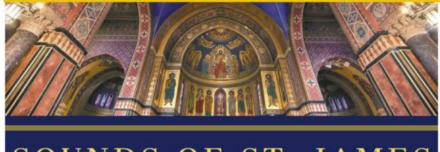
widow living alone in a home that can hardly be called a shelter. In the photo to the above, you can see Coralia's current home—made of sticks and corrugated metal, perched dangerously on a steep hill. When it rains, water floods through the bare earth floor. Without a bed she is forced to sleep on a bed of sticks to stay off the ground. Despite these harsh conditions, Coralia's faith shines brightly. She walks an hour each way, twice a week, to attend church services. her devotion undiminished by the challenges she faces daily. Coralia relies on her neighbors for food, as she lives without the basic necessities most of us take for granted. Moved by her plight, Fr. Kevin challenged our ministry team, to work with the St. Dominic El Savador Ministry to build her a new home—a place where she can live with dignity and safety. The new home, now under construction will be a significant improvement over her current conditions. The photos below show the progress on her new one. This transformation is made possible through the hard work of the St. Luke El Salvador Team and the generosity of a few donors. Your prayers and support are making a profound difference in Coralia's life, and the community we are serving in El Salvador. As we continue this mission, we ask for your continued prayers and support. Together, we can provide Coralia-and others like herwith the safety, dignity, and hope they deserve.







St. James Happenings



SOUNDS OF ST. JAMES

Save the Dates: Sunday, October 6th and November 24th when the Sounds of St. James Concert Series Returns! The heavens will surely smile upon us as beautiful music once again fills historic St James Church! More details to follow. Those interested in volunteering for the reception or as ushers should contact:

Patti Cardone, patti.cardone@cox.net or Nora McNamara, norakathleenmc@yahoo.com

Community Meal

St. James will hold their monthly community dinner on Wednesday, September 11, serving dinner at 5:45 pm. The main course will be oven barbecued chicken. Dessert donations are always welcome! Text Laureen Nowakowski at 201-370-4405 or Nichole Justus at 216-385-1273 for additional information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word: CLOW will be starting up again at St. James in the fall, and we are in need of volunteers to serve as teachers and assistants in this important ministry. If you are interested in being on the CLOW team or just want more information, please calla Toni at 216-650-8031.

Catholic Mom's Group

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Let's Keep in Touch!

From our parish Communications Committee:

Don't forget to visit our website occasionally for lots of good info about our parish, the diocese, sacraments, religious formation, service, events, and much more: www.stjameslakewood.com



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If you have communications skills and the desire to help spread the Good News, you're invited to join the Communications Committee. For information please contact: marywestmeyer@roadrunner.com

Light for Love

On September 25 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.

St. Clement Happenings



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Society of St. Vincent De Paul Annual Blanket Sunday Appeal

The 38th Annual Blanket Sunday in parish appeal kicks off the weekend of October 12-13, 2024. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase nearly 5,000 new winter blankets, in addition to winter hats, gloves and other necessities that were provided to unhoused neighbors. The need is great in North East Ohio and donations can be made securely online at svdpcle.org. Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent De Paul Society Blanket Sunday, 1404 East 9th St, 3rd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion!

Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support Meeting

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe and compassionate monthly grief support meeting and memorial events throughout the year. The next grief support meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15th, at 3pm for in person support and 5pm for virtual support. RSVP is appreciated, but not required. For more information or with any questions please call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Coffee and Donuts

Don't miss an opportunity to get to know your parish family join us in the church hall after the 8:30 am Sunday Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Visitors please join us!



Join us for a communal rosary each Thursday at 7:45am before the 8:15am Mass.



The Retrovaille program is designed to help Mary couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges – a unique program to strengthen and heal your marriage. Retrovaille, which means red discovery, is opened a couples of all faiths and a supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Retrovaille is presenting a weekend retreat from September 20 to the 22nd for a couples. For more information or to register, visit: www.helpourmarriage.org.

Our Lakewood Community

Ohio March for Life

Join St. Christopher Parish at the Ohio March for Life Friday, October 4, 2024 Ohio Statehouse. There will be a rally at 11am, followed by the March for life at noon. We march to defend our Catholic belief that life should be protected and respected absolutely from the moment of conception to the time of natural death. The \$40 fee covers your roundtrip travel on the charter bus and a box lunch to enjoy in the afternoon. The bus will leave St. Christopher Church parking lot at 8:30am, likely to return around 5:30pm. Invite your friends and join us as we march for the respect and dignity of all human life! Contact Sarah Rish to RSVP or for more information, sarah.rish@gmail.com or 216.513.7177. Students wishing to march must be accompanied by a parent. RSVP by September 20th.

Inviting All Women to Walking with Purpose

WWP is a Catholic women's Bible study that enables women to know Jesus Christ through personal study, small group discussions, & real-life application. Join our FREE KICK-OFF Sept. 26th at 7:30p (St. James – Lower Church – 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood). Come discover the "more" that has changed the lives of thousands of Catholic women! For more info, contact: WWPLakewood@gmail.com Thursdays | Sept. 26 – Apr. 3 | 7:30-9p | Registration & Info: StJamesLakewood.com/walking-with-purpose

THINGS FIROUND TOWN

September 20 • Peter's Shadow Night of Healing Prayer at St. Joseph Church in Strongsville (6pm-9pm)

September 26 • Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study at St. James Parish (7:30pm-9:00pm)

October 3 • An Evening with Imaculee Ilibagiza on the 30th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide at St. Mary Church in Hudson (6:30pm-9:00pm)

October 4 • Ohio March For Life at Statehouse. For more information visit marchforlife.org/ohio

October 12 • Spooky Pooch Parade at Madison Park (12:30pm - 3:30pm)

October 18 - 20 • 40 Hours Devotion at St. Luke, more details in the coming weeks.

October 19 • Embracing Holy Intimacy - Marriage
Enrichment Seminar at St. Raphael in Bay Village. Call the
St. Raphael Parish Office to register (5:30pm-7:30pm)

October 22 • Fr. Mike Schmitz on Tour at the Akron Civic Center (Beginning at 7:00pm) Tickets are available at livenation.com

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September 9 - Family PSR information meeting for new and returning families, St. Clement Church Hall (6:30pm-8:00pm)

September 12 - Confirmation Class, St. Clement Church Hall (6:30pm-8:00pm)

September 16 - Opening Class for Traditional Model PSR at St. Luke (6:30pm-7:30pm)

September 19 - First Communion/Reconciliation Parent Meeting at St. James Andrew's Hall (6:30pm-7:45pm)

September 23 - Opening PSR Mass and Dinner at St. Luke Parish (6:00pm - 8:00pm)

An Evening with Bestselling Author Imaculee Ilibagiza

Join us for an inspiring evening with Immaculée Ilibagiza on Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 pm at St. Mary Church, 340 N. Main St., Hudson. Immaculée will share her powerful story on the 30th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide and will be available for book signing afterwards. Light refreshments will be served, and you'll also have the opportunity to meet Fr. John Bosco, founder of St. Antoine's Secondary School. This event is supported by Friends of Rwandan Education. We kindly ask for a FREE WILL offering. All are welcome to attend.



A Men's Ministry of St. Luke, St. Clement, and St. James Parishes. Who are we? Under Christ the King's Universal Call to serve, we as men, pledge to unite and build up other men in the mold of leader, protector, and provider through education, formation, healing, and action. Come and Join us in Prayer and Brotherhood. Tuesday Nights at 7 pm at St. Luke Church in the Seton Room, Second Floor of the Old School Building.

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