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St. Clement · St. James · St. Luke

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 • SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •



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St. Luke Church

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St. Clement Church

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St. James Church

17400 Northwood Ave, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 216-712-6755 • www.stjameslakewood.com

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 February 23, 2025

Monday, February 24: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Patrick Elbert +

Tuesday, February 25: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Norman Munday †

Wednesday, February 26:

Sir 4:11-19/Ps119:165,168,171-72,174,175/Mk 9:38-40

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: Special Intention of Kelsey and David Rerko

Thursday, February 27: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Clement: Joseph McMaster †

Friday, February 28: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Mass Intention 8:15am St. James: Jim VanCucha

Saturday, March 1: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Mass Intention 8:15am St. Luke: John Francis Lynch + Mass Intention 4:00pm St. Clement: Josie Mraz + Mass Intention 4:30pm St. Luke: Don Collins +

Sunday, March 2: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Mass Intention 8:30am St. Clement: Richard Dorsey †

Mass Intention 9:00am St. Luke: Special Intention of Emily Rerko

Mass Intention 10:30am St. James: Joseph Tira + Mass Intention 11:00am St. Luke: For the People

Reflection:

February 23, 2025 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this.

Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

- Father John Muir

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Lakewood Mass times for Ash Wednesday - March 5th

Below are the Mass Times in Lakewood for Ash Wednesday.

7:00am St. Luke Parish

8:15am St. Luke Parish 8:30am Transfiguration

5:30pm St. Clement Parish

5:30pm Transfiguration

7:00pm St. James Parish

Women of the Parishes!

A Seven Sisters group is forming for Fr. Patrick Schultz: three more women are needed. SEVEN SISTERS is... seven women making a holy hour before the Blessed



Sacrament, each on their special day of the week; by their doing so, their priest is covered in an hour of prayer every day, every week. It is a great blessing to the intercessor, for the priest, and for the church, for in strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church. Interested? Contact Patti Hunt 234-222-0353.





Thank you to all the families whom have helped make a difference at Zelie's Home by providing home cooked meals.

Scan this QR Code to sign up for upcoming meals:



Please reach out to Sarah Blesi with any questions: 216-496-9310

Donut Sunday



Please join us for coffee and donuts next Sunday, March 2nd, after the 9am Mass. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.

Help Needed: Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Our parish needs Lectors to proclaim Scripture and Eucharistic Ministers to distribute the Eucharist at weekend Masses. Some also bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Flexible scheduling & training provided! Eucharistic Ministers must complete a diocesan training (sessions available soon). Say yes to this meaningful ministry! Contact Max Hall at mhall@stlukelakewood.org or 216-521-0184.



Lenten Drive: March 5th - April 6

It's almost time for our yearly Lenten Drive! This year we will be collecting Diapers (all sizes), canned soup and individually wrapped snacks/treats! The donations will go to The Centers, our Community Meal guests and our friends at St. Herman's! Bins will be at back of church beginning Ash Wednesday (3/5/25). - From the Social Action Ministry Note: Please watch the dates on food items: no expired food please! Thank You!



St. Patrick's Day Party

Sunday, March 9th 12pm - 3:30pm

The annual parish St. Patrick's Day Party is scheduled for Sunday, March 9th. The event will take place in the gym from 12:00 PM (right after the 11:00 AM Mass) until 3:30 PM. Entertainment by Custy and McNamara with Brady Campbell Irish dancers. Admission is FREE! Please consider sponsoring a table for \$175.00 (includes seating for 8 guests, 8 drink tickets & 8 raffle tickets). Great food and cold beverages will be available for sale. There will also be a gift basket raffle, 50/50 cash raffle, and lots of children's activities.

Volunteers Needed!

Please, help! Volunteers are needed to help that weekend with set-up and decorating, and the day of with serving food and drinks and cleanup. This is a fun family-friendly event for the parish community, but we need your help to make it a success.

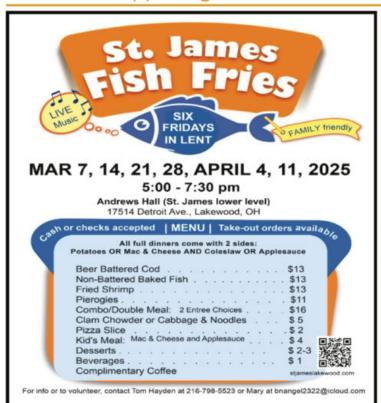
St. Patrick's Day Party Gift Basket Raffle

We have wonderful gift baskets that have been generously donated for our parish raffle. These themed baskets include wonderful Italian goods from Galluci's, to a fine dining experience at Pier W, and much more. So make sure to purchase your raffle tickets at the St. Patrick's Party for a chance to win.

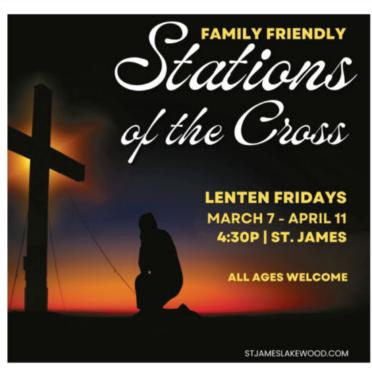
St. Patrick's Day Party Dessert & Irish Soda Bread

Calling all bakers! If you would like to donate Irish soda bread (or other types of dessert) for the party, please call Barb at the Rectory 216-521-0184.

To sponsor tables, donate or volunteer please contact Mike Callahan at 216-832-8933 or cal01osu@gmail.com. Proceeds from the party benefit parish ministries!



Our St. James Fish Fry menu and pricing can't be beat! Come enjoy the food, the music and great company! Questions or if you would like to volunteer, contact Mary at 216-521-9150 or Tom at 216-221-3567



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Mothers and Sisters



March 22, 2025 7:00 pm St. James Church

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Trobar Concert at St. James – March 22

Trobar is a unique and creative group of artists with beautiful voices dedicated to bringing Western Catholic and Byzantine Orthodox chant to today's audiences. Be immersed in the transcendent beauty of chant! The concert will be on Saturday, March 22nd at 7pm here at St James. Free to attend; free will offerings are appreciated. All are welcome!

Coffee and Donuts



Please join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday after Mass. A special invitation is extended to new parishioners and visitors.



Baptized in the Spirit

Our Parish Community Welcomes

Jack Cocco Waller

Son of Brian and Kara Waller, baptized on February 9, 2025

FAMILY-FRIENDLY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come walk with Jesus during St. James' Family-Friendly Stations of the Cross from 4:30-5p, Fridays during Lent, beginning March 7 and concluding April 11. All ages and from any parish are welcome and invited to participate, especially families with young children. Immediately followed by the legendary St. James Fish Fry -- come for God; stay for cod!

St. Clement Scholarship Program

The Saint Clement Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that in furtherance of Catholic education, once again this year, the Parish will provide scholarship assistance to eligible students in the Parish. The Committee will be awarding scholarships to active parishioners who will be attending a Catholic grade school, high school, college or university in the 2025-2026 school year. The recipients will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee based upon applications submitted and interviews with the Committee. Applications will be available beginning February 9th, on the Saint Clement website, and will be due by March 16th. The winners will be announced on April 27th, 2025. For more information, visit the Saint Clement website: www.stclementlakewood.com.



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Soup-N-Bread Night

Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at 5:30pm in the St. Clement Church Hall. Come with your friends and family for Soup-N-Bread Night! Bring your favorite

soup (already warmed in a crock pot), or bread or a dessert to share. We will provide bowls, spoons, napkins, coffee, and water. All are welcome!

St. Augustine Hunger Center Collection

The St. Augustine Hunger Center collection will be taken up next weekend. St. Augustine Hunger Center is a nonprofit organization missioned to provide meals and other emergency assistance to the poor and needy individuals of all religions. We appreciate your generosity on behalf of this caring ministry.

Pray for the Deceased:

Mary Carmela Elkins - May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Pray the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will lead recitation of the Rosary next Saturday, March 1st, starting at 3:30 pm, before the 4 pm Mass. Also, please join us as we pray the Rosary on Thursdays at 7:45 am before the 8:15 am Mass. A powerful prayer to increase faith, hope and charity.





Prayer Ministry





Our Lakewood Community

LEVEL UP YOUR PRAYER LIFE THIS LENT!!



Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent
4:30pm @ St James (Family Stations)
7pm @ St Luke
(Way of the Cross for the Bereaved,
Mary's Way of the Cross, and more)



Introduction to Real Prayer

Vocal Prayer, Contemplation, & Meditation
This program doesn't just talk about prayer,
it shows you how to do it!!
Sunday nights beginning March 16
6:30-8pm @ St Luke



Benediction Prayer Services @ St Clement

Lenten Praise & Worship Wed, March 12 @ 7pm

Musical Journey to the Cross Wed, April 9 @ 7pm

Baptism Class for New Parents

A baptism class for new parents will be held on Sunday, March 9th, from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM at St. Luke Church, led by Deacon Tom Bizon. To schedule your child's baptism, please contact your parish office.

Bringing America Back to Life Convention

Bringing America Back to Life Convention – March 7-8, 2025 Join Cleveland Right to Life for the 16th Annual Bringing America Back to Life Convention at Embassy Suites, Independence, OH. This premier pro-life event features renowned speakers, including Abby Johnson, Riley Gaines, John-Henry Westen, and more. Highlights include expert talks, workshops, panel discussions, a Student Workshop, and an Opening Mass with Bishop Malesic on March 6 at 5 PM at St. Michael Catholic Church. Tickets: Speakers Pass \$35/day, Meal options available. Group discounts offered. For details and registration, visit

BringingAmericaBackToLife.org or call (440) 644-3411. Come be inspired and stand for life!

Evening of Confessions - March 19

The diocesan Evening of Confessions will be on Wednesday, March 19th, from 5pm-8pm. Almost every parish in the diocese will have confession available during this time. Here in Lakewood, both St. Clement Parish and St. Luke Parish will be open to hear your confession. Stop on by at any time and receive the grace of this sacrament.

Diocese of Cleveland 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, June 29th at 2:00PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, there will be a Mass to celebrate all couples married in 1975. No registration and no tickets are required. If you would like a certificate or more information regarding the Mass, go to the diocese website www.dioceseofcleveland.org under office of parish life and marriage and family ministries.

Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Next Saturday our Confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, strengthening their faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. May they be filled with God's grace and continue to grow as disciples of Christ!



THINGS FIROUND TOWN

February 26 • Padre Pio Academy Open House (5-7pm)
February 26 • Theology on Tap at Forest City Brewery
(7pm) Topic: One-ing: Spousal Unity in Marriage
March 1 • Martha's Day Out Retreat at St. Aldabert Parish
featuring Fr. Dan Schlegel (9am-3pm). Call 440-234-6830 to
register.

March 1 • Marriages of Grace: Marriage Enrichment Retreat at Center for Pastoral Leadership (12pm-9pm) Register at MarriagesofGrace.org/events

March 6 • First Friday Club of Cleveland at CPL (11:30am) Guest Speaker: Peter Burak of Renewal Ministries

March 7-8 • Bringing America Back to Life Convention

March 9 • St. Luke - St. Patrick's Day Party

March 9 • Baptism Class at St. Luke Church (12:15pm)

March 19 • Evening of Confessions across diocese.

March 22 • "Behold" - A mother/daughter retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. Register @ dioceseofcleveland.org/events

March 22 • Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference featuring Bishop Edward Malesic, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, and Elvis Grbac. For more info and to register visit cmfneo.com.

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Men's Fellowship Conference - March 22nd

On March 22nd, the Diocese of Cleveland will host the Cleveland Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference at Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence. Featured speakers include Bishop Edward Malesic, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. of EWTN, and Elvis Grbac, retired NFL quarterback and motivational speaker. The day includes Mass, Reconciliation, outstanding speakers and music. For more information and to register visit cmfneo.com, or call 216-633-3502.



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