

St. Clement Church

A Franciscan Community Since 1850

Our Mission is to become ever more fully what we are called to be, the Body of Christ. . . to unite our lives more and more fully . . . with the Lord and with one another. . . We are called to do this in the spirit of St. Francis with a joyful and generous love!

Sunday, August 16, 2015

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: Please contact the parish office. A pre-Baptism instruction is required. Contact Director of Faith Formation.

Matrimony: Please contact parish office six months in advance to arrange a date and for a time to meet with Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to layout the program of preparation.

Reconciliation/Penance: Saturdays from 3-3:30 PM or contact Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to arrange for a time.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to arrange for a home or hospital visit.

Masses

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Daily: Monday–Friday – 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m. , 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

For the Sick

10:30 a.m.

For the People

MONDAY

[ST. BEATRICE OF SILVA, VIRGIN, POOR CLARE]

7:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

8:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m.

Raymond G. Schneider +

8:00 a.m.

Daniel Fesone +

WEDNESDAY

[ST. LOUIS, FRIAR BISHOP]

7:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

8:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

THURSDAY

[ST. BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH]

7:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

8:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

FRIDAY

[ST PIUS X, POPE, TERTIARY]

7:00 a.m.

Intention of Donor

8:00 a.m.

Sylvester Brunner +

SATURDAY

[THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY]

8:00 a.m.

Sandra Heile +

4:00 p.m.

Anne Friedman +

Weekend of August 22 and 23, 2015 LECTOR Schedule

4:00 p.m. Denise Haarman
8:30 a.m. Rosemary Zureick and Jim Blessing
10:30 a.m. Sharon Waltermann and Chandler Bell

Weekend of 22 and 23, 2015 GREETER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Mary Bell and Volunteer
8:30 a.m. Mike & Pat Schlosser and Steve or Eileen
10:30 a.m. Kathy Groh, Pat Morgan and Theresa Strotman

Weekend of 22 and 23, 2015 SERVER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Choe Goller, Leah Meier and Eric Rebholz
8:30 a.m. Joe Ungruhe, Anna Schlosser and Arianna Schrand
10:30 a.m. Nick Hill, Ava Gastelum and Max Stuchell

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>Date/Event</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
August 2, 2015:	\$8,345.00	\$ 8,345.00
August 9, 2015:	\$5,596.50	\$13,941.50
Children's envelopes:	\$ 7.00	
Uganda Mission:	\$1,513.00	
E-giving (08/04 -10/2015):	\$ 229.00	

Number of envelopes: 140

Please consider electronic giving.

Visit the parish website for details at 'stclementcincinnati.org'
Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER LINE:
Cathy Baumer
242-0960

Parish News/Events

Catholic Inner-City Schools Education Fund (CISE) Second Collection The CISE Vision

Next weekend, August 22nd and 23rd, there will be a second collection for CISE. CISE opens doors for poor urban children to attend Catholic schools where Gospel values are taught and students receive an excellent education in an environment of respect, safety and discipline.

Today over 2,000 students are benefitting from the generosity of CISE donors. There are 1,800 students receiving a quality education in the [eight CISE elementary schools](#). In addition, there are over 200 CISE school graduates attending Catholic high schools with the help of the [CISE High School Grant Program](#).

Please be as generous as you can!

ST. CLEMENT PARISH PICNIC

Come join our parishioners for an afternoon of fun and games!

Sunday, August 23, 3:00 — 7:00 p.m. at Ross Park
Areas 1 & 2

Pack your picnic basket and cooler for your family with snacks and drinks! The hospitality committee will provide grilled hot dogs, brats and metts from 5:00 — 6:00 p.m. Games start at 6:15 p.m. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Mary Beth Asbach 242-4844.

Cardinal Cash Winner: The winner for the week of is Ann Keefer. **Congratulations!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. — Children's Liturgy

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Open House, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. — Scripture Study, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. — Athletic Boosters, Cafeteria

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. — Quilters, Parish Center

3:15 p.m. — Finance Committee, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. — Super Bingo Committee, Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. — Faith Formation Open House, Parish Center

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. — Teachers In-Service

SATURDAY

10:30 a.m.— Noon - St. Francis/St. Joseph CWH Soup Kitchen

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Wendy's

4910 Vine Street, St. Bernard
Proudly Supports St. Clement Parish.

Fr. Fred, To The Parishioners

Envision a *six-course gourmet dinner for eight*, including wine pairings, and preceded by a cocktail hour of your favorite beverages—all for just \$20! Where in the world? In the friary library/living room, of course, on a date that is mutually agreeable to you, our renowned chef and the friars. You choose the seven folks who will dine with you. Your family, dear friends, colleagues? Of course, I'm describing the "Friars Feast" that has been an annual highlight at recent festivals. In past years, though, we auctioned the meal and it went to the highest bidder. The festival committee wisely decided to raffle this banquet for a limited number of tickets at just \$20 a ticket, confident that we would generate more funds this way for the festival and also enable everyone to take a chance. Of course, you can take as many chances as you wish. I encourage you to re-read the italicized words in the first sentence again. Last week, I mistakenly underplayed the Feast by saying it was a five-course meal for six. A wise committee member noticed my error.

The St. Clement School community grieves the passing this past week of a dear friend. Long-time teacher Bill Wilson lost his battle with cancer at age 56. While teaching at St. Clement till he retired five years ago, Bill was revered by both his students and fellow teachers. Bill's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in his parish church of Old St. Mary. On behalf of Mr. Eiser and St. Clement Parish I offer our deepest sympathy to his brothers Jim and John and Bill's whole family. Our faith assures us that Bill is whole once again and will continue to be present to his family and to our school.

I had the occasion to meet this past week for a short time with one of the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. I learned a lot about the great care that this relatively new group of folks takes when responding to requests for assistance. Because of your magnanimous generosity in the fifth-weekend collections, they are able to offer support to St. Bernard citizens in true need. Members go in pairs to visit those requesting assistance and listen compassionately to their stories. On behalf of our whole parish, I thank the devoted members: Larry Boehmer, Tom Coors, Jan Johnson, Tracie Meister, Diane Smith and Debbie Wagoner. While these folks would downplay their contributions, participation in this group is a response to a real call from the Lord to service. Convinced of Jesus' words that "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me" (Mt. 25:40), Vincentians have the awesome privilege of encountering the person of Jesus present in those who are hungry, thirsty, lacking clothes, or hurting in other ways.. Part of each meeting is devoted to prayer for these persons also. Might the Lord be calling you to join them? I ask you to please continue responding generously to our fifth-weekend collections. And I trust that you would not hesitate to contact the Conference should you find yourself in great need.

The school day has a new starting time this year—7:30 AM. That means that I'll be out in front at 7:10 on Monday, August 24, to welcome our students. I can't wait!

FAITH FORMATION by Emily Mulvey

Help create active, enlightening, and Christ-centered faith formation opportunities for St. Clement parish! I am planning at least two opportunities (in order to accommodate various schedules, etc) to lay out the 2015-16 faith formation programming as we have it...and also to invite your participation and guidance in these important efforts.

Topics include RCIA, family faith formation, digital discipleship, respect life, adult faith formation, service projects, youth and young adult ministries...among other topics. **Your ideas for faith formation at our parish are very welcome!** Please plan to attend one of the following meetings this upcoming week:

Monday, August 17, 7:00 pm (Parish Center)

OR

Thursday, August 20, 7:00 pm (Parish Center)

If you cannot attend, but would still like to learn more or get involved, please contact me to arrange a time to talk...641-0147 x808 or emulvey@stschool.org.

Also, check out our St. Clement facebook page to stay up to date on all that's happening at our parish!

www.facebook.com/stclementcincinnati



Ask Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim,

What is the Catholic Church's position regarding euthanasia and end of life issues for the dying? Thank you.

— Dennis

Hello Dennis,

There seem to be two extremes in dealing with "end of life issues." (a) We must keep humans alive as long as possible, using all possible means, and (b) It is ok to deliberately end life when a person is sick and dying or in great pain, e.g. terminal cancer etc. Both extremes are wrong and not endorsed by the Church's own moral teaching.

We know all life eventually comes to an end either by natural causes or sometimes by accident. The natural causes can be multiple, e.g., from cancer or other serious illness (at any age) or when the body because of age begins to close down naturally. In other words all living things have a created life which by nature is temporary. No one lives on earth forever.

Now, we believers also know that, because of our spiritual souls, we possess eternal life which is a sharing in God's own life. That's why we have no right to deliberately take a human life before its natural/accidental death . . . we are "caretakers, not owners."

So, in the first case, euthanasia is forbidden since it takes life before its normal end. Euthanasia means a human being taking steps in acts that demonstrate a power over life and death which is God's alone. Capital punish is the state's legal right but even that is becoming less and less common because we can separate criminals from society for their normal lifespan.

But your question also raises the misinformation that some good people have as to the end of life and what to do. One can never cause directly the death of another. That is the certain truth. But when a person is "in the process of dying" (whether by old age, by some disease or illness, cancer or congestive heart failure, etc.) there are basic Christian principles that should be followed. One of them is that it is not necessary to try to keep a person who is actually dying alive as long as possible. In other words, in the dying process, the body, and its organs etc. are trying to shut down . . . it's what happens in the dying process. Basically the digestive organs slow down for the simple reason that in the dying process, the body doesn't want to be force-fed which puts an additional burden on the dying person. Ingesting food only causes discomfort because of indigestion, cramps, gas etc. In the case of a dying cancer victim for instance, medication can be given to relieve the terrible pain that the patient might be suffering. To do less would be inhumane. Someone may fear that medication may hasten death when in reality what the medication is doing is removing pain so the body can continue its normal process of shutting down. In other words, comfort measures to ease or minimize pain are not the cause of death. Any medication that basically and directly causes death is simply direct euthanasia and is morally wrong and forbidden.

Sometimes it is required that the family members really come to terms with the loss of a loved one. For them to insist on measures simply to keep their loved one alive when the dying process is taking place is false love and it may be more about their own feelings rather than tender loving care they should be giving to the dying loved one. Sometime people who emphasize "prolife" for their loved ones are really tied up in themselves. Hospice care is the model way of assisting people in the dying process. It is comfort care at its best that does not hasten death in any significant way, but only lets nature take its course with as much medical, emotional and spiritual assistance as possible.

— Fr. Jim

Festival News!!!!

ST. CLEMENT'S Festival 2015

September 11, 12 and 13

Grand Raffle tickets are now available in the commons area and the side door of the church. Chances are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Return the chances to the friary or just put them in the weekly collection. Early Bird winners will be drawn for July and August. Your continued support of the festival is greatly appreciated.

Clement's Closet is awaiting your donations! Bring any item you want us to sell to raise funds for St. Clement School. We will take anything but clothing. Contact Linda Carberry 961-4738 or windo111950@gmail.com for more information.

Bid and Buy needs your help! Any artwork, presents, household items, even furniture, we will take for our booth. Gift cards, cookware and vacation homes can also be donated to the Bid and Buy. We love sports gear! Give me a call or drop off at church in the common area. Please mark for Bid and Buy. Thanks!

Kay Thoman 238-7443

From Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr
DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Recently released videos in which officials of Planned Parenthood traffic in human organs, tissues, and body parts from their abortion clinics are chilling and appalling. They display a callous disrespect for human life. Staff from the Family and Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese took part in "Women Betrayed" rally at Planned Parenthood's Cincinnati clinic on July 28 to protest this outrage.

However, we need to do more than raise our voices. I urge Catholics and all people of good will to write to their representatives in state and national government, asking them to stop the flow of your tax dollars to Planned Parenthood. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has supported defunding for many years. Planned Parenthood received more than \$1.3 million in state funds from Ohio and \$500 million in federal funds in fiscal 2013-2014.

Please also support a pro-life pregnancy center that helps women in unintended pregnancies, providing many needed services. You can find a list of them at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/pregnancy-coalition-resource-page/>

If you have had or participated in an abortion and suffer remorse, please know that the Church's post-abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, stands ready to offer compassionate assistance. Learn more about Project Rachel at www.projectrachelcincy.com.

+Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Youth Ministry — "IGNITE"



The 2015 National Catholic Youth Conference: Join 25,000 of your closest friends for an exciting, 3-day experience that is the largest gathering for Catholic youth in the country. NCYC takes place in Indianapolis and includes keynotes, workshops, liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, exhibits and other special activities. **November 19-21, 2015.**

IGNITE
— Y O U T H —

Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together-YACHT



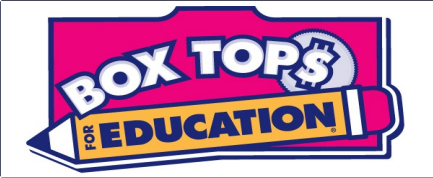
Busted Halo is a virtual ministry experience for all young adults in their 20s and 30s, including those who don't consider themselves "religious" but have spiritual questions about life, love, and God. The Busted Halo website includes weekly downloadable podcasts, daily articles looking at the spiritual side of real life, a church search to find young adult-friendly churches around the country, videos, games, links to Busted Halo's nightly show on satellite radio, blogs, online shopping, and more links to spiritual opportunities for young adults. Check them out at <http://bustedhalo.com>.

PARISH MEMBERS IN THE SERVICES:

Mark Elfers, Kenny Day, Christopher Niesen, Nicholas Dwertman, Jimmy Dwertman, Mark Moeller, Eli Wess, Richard Mellott, Sgt. Major Philip Pich, Jonathan Holt, Branden Schmidt, John Lambert, Bradley Chapman, Anna Isfort, Eric Strotman, Brady Weingartner, Justyn Husemann, Jon Sturgeon, Joseph Newton, Julia Schindler, Austin Weingartner and Lt. Alexander Back. Keep them in your prayers. **If you know of anybody else who is in the service, please call the parish office 641-3176.**



Worship



Thanks for supporting our school. Please continue to clip the "Box Top" labels. Deposit labels in box located in the commons area of the church, so they can be mailed and get cash for our school. Please watch expiration date.

ST. CLEMENT SCHOOL GIFT CARDS

St. Clement School offers gift cards; they make great gifts for your business and family. Forms are in the back of church.

www.stcschool.org or school office at 641-2137

Where Great Arts Support Great Education

The [Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society](http://www.gcparts.org) mission is to provide financial assistance for those families who wish to attend Catholic elementary schools and provide a value based education for their children. They do this through a series of concerts featuring Grammy nominated and award winning performers. At the same time, they look to provide a benefit to the Greater Cincinnati area by providing high quality entertainment in an upscale theater setting and offering these performances at an affordable price, providing a win for everyone. The organization has the unique distinction of benefitting the arts as well as education.

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society is a 100% volunteer organization. No one within GCPAS makes a penny. 100% of all available proceeds are donated.

The concerts they offer are wonderful! The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society offers you the opportunity to enjoy an evening out as well as support our Catholic Schools.

Read more about it at www.gcparts.org.

— Marty Cunningham

Religious Formation



The St. Bernard Community VBS, hosted at Immanuel United Church of Christ, wrapped up on August 6th with prayer and praise as the 66 children ages 3-10 sang and danced and showed us all how to be joyful for the Lord! Rev. Bill Wilson of Memorial Presbyterian looked through the records, did the math and announced that the three churches have shared a VBS together for 45 years! What a blessing to our community! Thank you to all those from our parish who helped this week...but especially Theresa Strotman for her leadership and coordination...you make it happen, Theresa, and we are so grateful for all you do!



From the Friars

I am writing this on Monday, August 11. Today is the Feast of St. Clare. Our Franciscan Guide for the Liturgy, titles this feast "St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Mother of the Poor Clares." Back in June, in this column, I wrote about the Order of Poor Clares and their monastery in Cincinnati on Miles Road in Mt. Healthy. Happy Feast Day to these holy and devoted women who share the charism of St. Francis—who inspired St. Clare—so brilliantly in our midst. I celebrated Mass with these sisters just last week and will continue to do so on a monthly basis, if I am able. Fr. Jim also regularly celebrates Mass with them.

This evening I will celebrate a special Mass with the Roger Bacon Assisi Scholars, a group of students who will be going on pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome in September. These young men and women, including our own parishioners Konnor Barnes and Kevin Reed, are part of Bacon's "unique and selective program . . . for high achieving students . . . designed to offer rigorous academic, spiritual and leadership growth." These seniors have been preparing for their pilgrimage for two years now and have been learning about St. Francis and St. Clare. I've had the good fortune to do a couple of presentations on Assisi at RB over the past months. I'm very impressed by the goodness of these young people. Perhaps Kevin and Konnor can tell us all about their experience when they return home!

— Fr. Fred

Regional News/Events

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

Join the Sisters as they celebrate the year of consecrated life and 175 years of

Touching hearts — Changing lives — together in America

Open House on September 13, 2015

2:00 — 4:30 p.m.

Located at 701 E. Columbia Avenue,
Reading, OH 45215

To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Sister Marie Smith at 513-679-8191 or marie.smith@sndden.org.



PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is offering a Day of Reflection for others affected by the trauma of abortion, Saturday, September 26, 2015, in the northern part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The day will include prayer, witnesses, and a healing service that includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided. There is no cost. "I'm thankful for the powerful, healing reminder that as long as we turn to God, He will love us no matter what." -N, past participant. For more information or to register, please call the confidential hotline at 513-784-0531 or consult our website www.projectrachelcincy.com/.

Grow in Wisdom and Faith

Take classes at the Athenaeum of Ohio, the official graduate school of theology for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and home to Mount St. Mary's Seminary. **Study Church History, Theology of the Body, Christology, and more!** Part-time and full-time students welcome. Take one class or earn a degree. Day and evening classes available. Visit our website: www.growinwisdom.org or call 231-2223. **Classes begin August 24. Register now!** The Athenaeum is located at 6166 Beechmont Avenue 45230.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all of the wonderful cookie and brownie bakers of the parish who helped feed the hungry tummies and hearts of so many Mission Trippers this spring and summer!

Your TBL (Tender Loving Baking) is so appreciated!!!

Marci Peebles, Executive Director
Franciscans for the Poor

Caregivers Assistance Network or CAN

Those caring for loved ones often talk about what they use to do but the responsibility of caring for a spouse or parent has not allowed them to do other things.

The Pope says caregivers have their priorities straight and they know what matters. He calls caregivers heroic. Caregiving is pro-life. He also urges people and parishes to pray for those who caring for others and provide practical assistance.

The Caregivers Assistance Network provided by Catholic Charities offers the opportunity for caregivers to connect with others, learn techniques to help, and a safe place to express their feelings. Come join one of our groups. There are 15 support groups that meet monthly. For a list of groups go to www.ccswoh.org/cansupport or contact Cassidy at 513-672-3717 or clekan@ccswoh.org.



Sewing Needs:

Catholic Charities teaches sewing to refugees and Su Casa clients. They are looking for donations of the following items. Sewing shears, Christmas materials (no wool), Christmas patterns, quilt batting and portable sewing machines in working condition. If you have anything to donate, contact Mary Joan at 53-672-3733. Thank you.

Catholic IQ

This week's challenge: Pope Francis is the first pope named after St. Francis of Assisi.

True

False

Answer: True. Some believe that when he took the name Francis, Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio, a Jesuit priest, may have also been thinking about St. Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit missionary to Asia.

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