

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, July 5, 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.

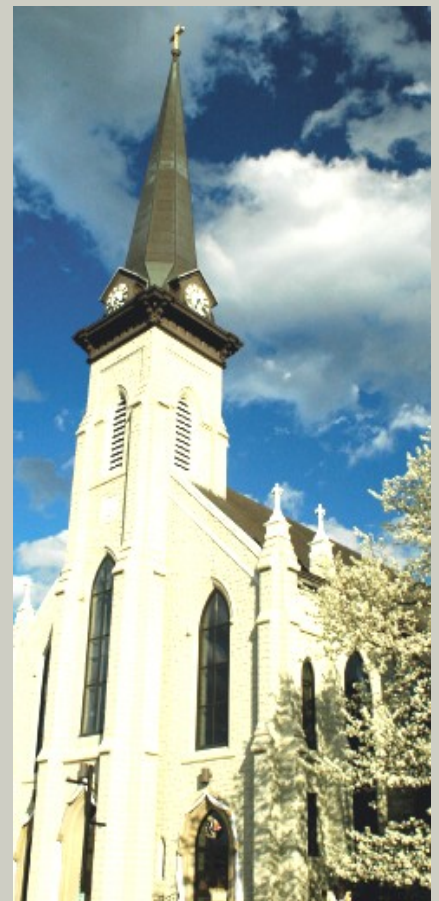
Masses

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, JULY 5, 2015

14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. For the Sick
10:30 a.m. For the People

MONDAY

7:00 a.m. Virginia Heile +
8:00 a.m. Clara Pfeiffer Doerger +

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Al Von Wahlde +
8:00 a.m. Frank, Marie and Bob Pohlkamp +

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
8:00 a.m. Mary Catherine Montgomery +

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
8:00 a.m. Raymond G. Schneider +

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. [ST. VERONICA GIULIANI]
8:00 a.m. Florence Ungruhe +
Idell Nierlick +

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Francis Ungruhe +
4:00 p.m. George Siefert + and Elsie Hagarty

Weekend of July 11 and 12, 2015 LECTOR Schedule

4:00 p.m. Matt Suer
8:30 a.m. Barb Kalb and Walt St. Clair
10:30 a.m. Dave and Kathy Harcourt

Weekend of July 11 and 12, 2015 GREETER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Mary Beth and Steve Asbach
8:30 a.m. Mike & Pat Schlosser and Steve or Eileen S.
10:30 a.m. Rick & Ann Ortlepp and Julie Meiners

Weekend of July 11 and 12, 2015 SERVER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Keegan & Cormac Conway and Savannah Pfieman
8:30 a.m. Joe Ungruhe, Mary Alice Murray, and Gus Stuchell
10:30 a.m. Andy Gruenwald, Natalie Byrd and Destiny Frederick

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>Date/Event</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
June 7, 2015:	\$8,007.07	\$ 8,007.07
June 14, 2015:	\$5,319.54	\$13,326.61
June 21, 2015:	\$5,612.30	\$18,938.91
June 28, 2015:	\$4,555.00	\$23,493.91
Children's envelopes:	\$ 10.00	
E-giving (June 23—29):	\$4,864.00	

Number of envelopes: 123

Please consider electronic giving.

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

Parish News/Events

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

Cardinal Cash Winner: The winner for the week of June 26 is Nancy Thorner. **Congratulations!**

A graphic with the words "Save the Date" in a large, stylized, multi-colored font. The letters are 3D and have a rainbow gradient. The background is white with a light blue border.

What: Parish Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2015

Where: Ross Park, Area 1 and 2

Time: 3:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Look for more information in the coming months!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. — Children's Liturgy

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. — Quilters, Parish Center

SATURDAY

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Upstream 360

"Our team takes a 360-degree view of brands, and brings them to life."

Fr. Fred, To The Parishioners

Parishioners who celebrated Sunday morning Masses last week saw me get a bit emotional at the end of Mass. I feel embarrassed when this happens, but alas! The cause was high school parishioner Maya Park's singing the gorgeous hymn "How Beautiful." Maya, as most of you now know, is going with a special group of kids from the Cincinnati Children's Choir to the Vatican to sing for our Holy Father Pope Francis, in addition to her own extra jobs and work, along with her dear mother's, many of you contributed when she "begged" after Mass some months ago. Everything about our young parishioner is beautiful, including her active participation with our choir, her fine work as a student at Roger Bacon, her warm caring smile and her truly "sincere" singing of "How Beautiful."

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise.

.....
How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful, how beautiful
Is the Body of Christ!

Tears came as Maya and this hymn touched my heart. We had all just experienced a beautiful young woman doing something beautiful. We had just seen our beautiful Eucharistic Lord present on the altar and had taken Him within our hearts. And as I looked out for the final blessing at you, my parish family, I knew absolutely how immensely privileged I was to be gazing on the beautiful Body of Christ. Young and old and in between, healthy and weak, confident and frightened, man and woman, Black, White and Latino, Gay, Lesbian, Straight, married and single, saint and sinner (all of us in both of these last two categories at the same time--for we are all saved "by the love of the King"), stay-at-home parent, civil servant, office worker and factory worker, entrepreneur and waste manager . . . and on and on--creating a gorgeous mosaic far more beautiful even than an oil painting of Christ. You and I together, with none of us missing, is the Body of Christ alive in St. Clement Parish. How beautiful!

Now you know part of the reason why I became emotional. Of course, I would imagine most of us were feeling kind of wrung out and vulnerable after all of the well-deserved coverage of Officer Kim's funeral and witnessing the dignity and grief of his suffering family. A number of you told me so. In retrospect, I wish now I had invited all of our Police Officers in church to stand so that we could acknowledge our support; of course, that would have meant more tears. I had celebrated another beautiful funeral at the same time as Officer Kim's and have been running on empty a lot lately, visiting sick folks, going to meetings and also reconnecting with friends.

Most basically, I'm feeling tired. Actually, as I write this, I'm on vacation. One final reason for the emotion is the deep joy I experience both before and after Mass, when so many of you, dear beautiful Body of Christ, say hi to me, shake hands, give me a hug (or some, even a kiss), tease me--some, mercilessly --or allow me to tease you, bear with my forgetfulness, quiz me, affirm me, invite me; one of you even wanted to take a photo of me on your phone to send to an adult son out of the country.

I absolutely believe that Fr. Jim would affirm and agree with most everything I wrote above. It's just that he's more in control of his emotions. I hope and pray that some of the young men in our parish pick up our joy as priests and listen closely to the Lord who is likely inviting them to share our lives. If the Lord is calling you to be a priest, nothing will make you deep-down happier than to answer his call.

Thanks for letting me emote. Tears came again as I wrote this letter. I'll get over it! How beautiful! Oh, happy Independence Day!

FAITH FORMATION by Emily Mulvey



"[A] healthy pluralism...does not entail privatizing religions in an attempt to reduce them to the quiet obscurity of the individual's conscience or to relegate them to the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues or mosques." - Evangelii Gaudium ("The Joy of the Gospel"), no. 255

"Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." - June 20, 2014

"Authentic religion is a source of peace and not of violence! No one must use the name of God to commit violence! To kill in the name of God is a grave sacrilege. To discriminate in the name of God is inhuman." - Sept. 23, 2014

"We must not be afraid of being Christian and living as Christians! We must have this courage to go and proclaim the Risen Christ, for he is our peace; he made peace with his love, with his forgiveness, with his blood and with his mercy." - Apr. 7, 2013

"What does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window... Let us not be afraid of life commitments, commitments that take up and concern our entire life! In this way our life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: to have the courage to make these decisions with generosity." - May 4, 2013

"Marriage and the family are in crisis today. We now live in a culture of the temporary, in which more and more people reject marriage as a public obligation. This revolution of customs and morals has often waved 'the flag of freedom', but it has, in reality, brought spiritual and material devastation to countless human beings, especially the poorest and most vulnerable." - Nov. 17, 2014

"Nor, in writing to you, can I remain silent about the members of other religious and ethnic groups who are also experiencing persecution and the effects of these conflicts. Every day I follow the new reports of the enormous suffering endured by many people in the Middle East. I think in particular of the children, the young mothers, the elderly, the homeless and all refugees, the starving and those facing the prospect of a hard winter without an adequate shelter. This suffering cries out to God and it calls for our commitment to prayer and concrete efforts to help in any way possible. I want to express to all of you my personal closeness and solidarity, as well that of the whole Church, and to offer you a word of consolation and hope." - December 21, 2014

Ask Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim,

What happens if a person fails to mention a serious sin that they remembered between the end of their act of contrition and the point where the priest says, "I absolve you of your sins..." Was that sin forgiven? Do I need to go back to confession? I'm all mixed up and worried.

— Cody

Hello Cody,

No, Cody, your confession was certainly valid. Take my word for it and be at peace. There is one basic principle that applies here. Your intention! It was to confess all your sins, correct? It can happen that anyone at all can forget to mention something in confession...it's not that unusual at all. There is no need for you to go back to confession. All your sins, present and past, are contained in your intention of confessing everything. God knows your heart and the priest understands that that can sometimes happen even to the most sincere person. When the priest gives you absolution and says the words, "I absolve you from your sins," his intention is that his absolution for all ALL sins, remembered or forgotten just as your intention was to confess all of them.

The last thing the Sacrament of Confession should be is a place of worry and fear. It should be a place of time and peace even though some sins may be difficult to confess or put into words. Confession of sin does not require details except in very rare cases. Remember, God is a God of mercy and everything about Jesus' life and teaching was to bring healing and peace. So, forget all the thoughts and fears about whether you should have interrupted the priest. No, don't do that. You were not deliberately hiding anything and you were sincere.

Here is an example that might help you. Consider a person who has not been to confession for twenty years. And I can assure you that all priests have heard more than a few confessions of that sort. In all those years he realizes that he has committed, in his own estimation, "every sin in the book." How long do you think it would take for him to go back over all those years and list all the possible serious sins he ever committed? Actually, another twenty years would likely not be enough time. But that's not what God wants or the church requires for valid confession. It's not supposed to be a torture session ever. The purpose of confession is (a) sorrow for sin and (b) a firm purpose of amendment. And in fact, even though the title of the Sacrament is "Confession," a better title is that of "Reconciliation" because this sacrament is more about God's loving forgiveness than it is about sin itself. We know we are all sinners. That's a given because of our wounded human nature. So, when you go to confession, do the best you can to confess your sins, but do not worry or obsess as to whether you were able to remember each and every sin. Recall those you can without going through contortions and include all the sins in your confession in a general way, e.g. "I'm sorry for ALL the sins since my last confession and for all the sins of my life." Leave the confessional in peace and gratitude once again for God's love and care for you... and his forgiveness. The next time, examine your conscience only from the time you went to confession last. Remember the saying: When God forgives you sins, he throws them all into the deepest sea in the world and he posts a sign for the sinner to see: "No fishing allowed!" The past is gone and forgiven forever.

— Fr. Jim

You can send your questions to jvofm@gmail.com

Festival News!!!!

ST. CLEMENT'S **Festival 2015** **September 11, 12 and 13,** **2015**

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

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 win-do111950W@gmail.com for more information.



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.



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.**



Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together-YACHT



WE ARE CALLED

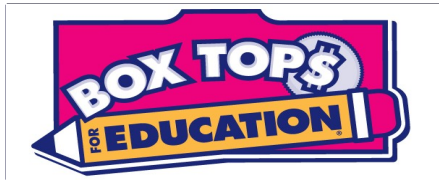
Theology on Tap – Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, 21 & 28 (7-9 pm)
Champps, 9424 Civic Center Blvd., West Chester, OH 45069
June 30 – We are Called to Joy (Bishop Joe Binzer)
July 7 – We are Called to Holiness (Anna Peloquin)
July 21 – We are Called to be Catholic Young Adults (Alejandro Bonilla)
July 28 – We are Called to Holiness (Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer & Sr. Tracy Kemme)

PARISH MEMBERS IN THE SERVICES:

Mark Elfers, Kenny Day, Christopher Niesen, Nicholas Dwertman, Jimmy Dwertman, Lt. Col Kurt Kroger, Mark Moeller, Eli Wess, Richard Mellott, Sgt. Major Philip Pich, Jonathan Holt, Branden Schmidt, John Lambert, Bradley Chapman, Anna Isfort, Andrew Banner, 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

Wishing you a blessed Fourth of July Weekend!

We are blessed in this country with the rights and freedoms our ancestors fought for—

We are so thankful for their courage and sacrifice.

Because of their bravery we have the freedom to praise God and sing!

"Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in
flowers of blooming spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer.

He makes our sorrowing spirit sing!

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine!"

May God Bless America!

— Marty Cunningham

Religious Formation

St. Bernard Community Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 2 – Thursday, August 6, 2015

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location:

Immanuel United Church of Christ

210 Jefferson Avenue, St Bernard, Ohio 45217

Event Supported by:

Immanuel United Church of Christ

St. Clement Roman Catholic Church
&

Wilson Memorial Presbyterian Church

VBS is designed for children ages 4-10.

**Please try to arrive @ 6:00 pm on Sunday
to register your child.**

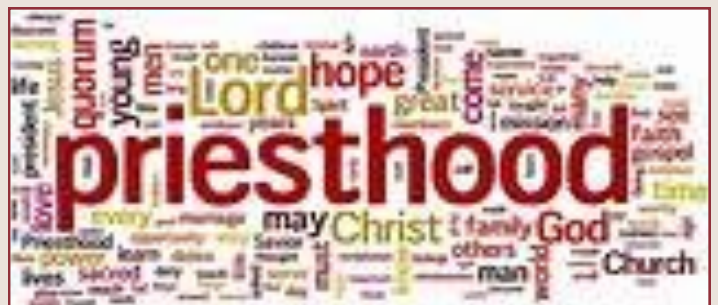


**Vacation
Bible School**

From the Friars

On June 9th 1990, I celebrated 25 years of priesthood. I spent 18 years as a parish priest in six parishes, Sacred Heart Church, Emporia, Kansas; Saint Louis Church, Batesville, Indiana; Our lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church (Fr. Fred was pastor), Houma, Louisiana; Saint Lucy Church (Fr. Fred was pastor), Houma, Louisiana; Sacred Heart Church, Peoria, Illinois; and Saint Clement Church, Saint Bernard, Ohio. I spent three years as a hospital chaplain at Drake Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. And the last four years semi-retired. I continue to help out here at Saint Clement Church by doing Masses, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick. The other place I do Masses on a semi regular basis is at my sister's Monastery of Saint Clare. I have found my priesthood as a rewarding experience and I continually thank God for calling me to His priesthood. God Bless.

— Fr. Louis



Regional News/Events

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood

(Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary's Seminary)

Sunday, July 12, 2015 5:00–6:00 PM

Support the Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

Research shows that prayer plays a critical role in a man's decision to become a priest. And where you find growing seminaries – you also find steadfast prayer by the faithful. **What can YOU do to promote the priesthood? Pray!**

Come to a **Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 12**, in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus in Cincinnati at 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Phone: 513-231-2223 www.athenaeum.edu.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

The Franciscans for the Poor will host 35 students from Holy Family (Grand Blanc, MI) and 20 from St. Francis of Assisi (Centerville, OH) the week of July 12, 2015. Baked goods are requested — our hard workers love homemade cookies!! If you are interested in participating and available to bake and donate a few batches, please contact:

Marci Peebles 513-518-5275 or

DirectorFranForThePoor@fuse.net)

THANK YOU!!!

ALL*STAR PARTY AT ST. I

Did you know that Cincinnati is hosting the All*Star game for the first time in 27 years? Well, St. Ignatius has been chosen to have an All*Star Party here on July 14 from 5:00-10:00pm. You will be able to come and be part of all the All*Star activities like a Home Run Derby, relay races, fast pitch, and a Baseball Walk with souvenir prizes, and much more! You will be able to watch the game, *and we will also have a special guest appearance from Livvy Stubenrauch who was the voice of "young" Anna in Frozen!* It is going to be a great way for St. Ignatius to be part of our city's All*Star summer!

As summer begins, it may be time to sharpen your skills in being sensitive to the needs of today's parents in raising their children in the faith and looking at ways ministry can support their essential role as the primary educators of the faith. The Family and Respect Life Office offers a 12 hour training that can assist parish leaders in the ministries already provides to serve your families more effectively and intentionally in living a Christian family life in the home and in the parish community. For questions and additional information contact Colleen Gerke at (513)421-3131 ext. 2624 or cgerke@catholiccincinnati.org.

SEE TODAY'S NEWS STORIES WITHOUT THE SECULAR SPIN: Get the news you need from a Catholic perspective you want by tuning in for two of EWTN's news programs: "The World Over" and "EWTN News Nightly!" Each weeknight at 6 p.m. ET, Brian Patrick and the EWTN News Nightly team bring you up to date information on the news from a Catholic perspective. Then on Thursdays at 8 p.m. ET, Raymond Arroyo features exclusive interviews, and in-depth discussions with expert guests on "The World Over!" Find EWTN on DISH Network (#261), Direct TV and Warner Cable. Now more than ever we need to get the news from a CATHOLIC source!

Catholic Homeschool Conference – July 17 & 18, 2015

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Dayton Homeschool Conference will be held at St. Peter Catholic Church- Family Life Center, 6161 Chambersburg Road, in Huber Heights, on Friday, July 17 (12:00pm – 6:00pm) and on Saturday, July 18 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm). Confirmed speakers include: Mr. Shak Hill, Mrs. Alice Kompar, Mr. Patrick Madrid, Mrs. Melissa Savage and Mrs. Maureen Wittmann! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org, email info@ihmconference.org or call 540-636-1946.

This week's challenge:

The first five books in the Old Testament are called the ____ in the Jewish tradition.

a) Epistles

b) Torah

c) Letters

d) Catechism

Answer: b) The Torah describes the covenantal relationship between God and the Jewish people. The Torah recounts the Exodus event, when the Israelites were saved from slavery in Egypt and led to the Promised Land to live as God's example of justice and peace.

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