

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 12, 2015

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

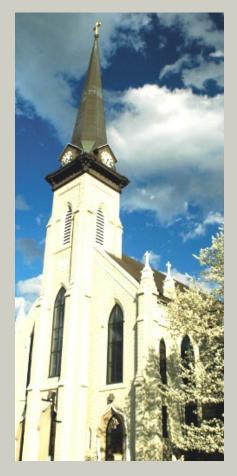
Matrimony: Please contact parish office six months in advance to arrange a date and for a time to meet with Fr. Fred or Fr. Jim to layout the program of preparation.

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

<u>Saturday</u>: **8:00 a.m.** and **4:00 p.m.** <u>Sunday</u>: **8:30 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.** <u>Daily</u>: Monday–Friday – **7:00 a.m.** and **8:00 a.m.** <u>Holy Days</u>: **7:00 a.m.**, **12:10 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**



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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015 15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. MONDAY 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. TUESDAY 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. WEDNESD 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. FRIDAY 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Shirley Reifenberger + Virginia and Rita Strobl + Y Intention of Donor Mary Catherine Montgomery + Intention of Donor Bill and Thelma Tenoever +	
Weekend of July 18 and 19, 2015 LECTOR Schedule4:00 p.m.Denise Haarman8:30 a.m.Rosemary Zureick and Jim Blessing10:30 a.m.Sr. Ann Vonder Meulen and Sharon Walterman		
Weekend of July 18 and 19, 2015 GREETER Schedule4:00 p.m.Janet and Tom Geraci8:30 a.m.AI & Sheila Moeller and Ken or Sherry Beringhaus10:30 a.m.Kathy Groh, Pat Morgan and Theresa Strotman		
Weekend of July 18 and 19, 2015 SERVER Schedule4:00 p.m.Chloe Goller, Brooklyn Barrett and Skylar Frederick8:30 a.m.Joe Ungruhe, Anna Schlosser and Eric Rebholz10:30 a.m.Nick Hill, Caitlyn Clements and Tanner Gruenwald		
SUNDAY COLLECTIONDate/EventAmountRunning TotalJuly 5, 2015:\$7,449.00\$7,449.00Children's envelopes:\$10.00E-giving (6/30-07/06):\$599.00Peter's Pence collection:\$175.00Total to date:\$1,766.10		
Number of envelopes: 143 Please consider electronic giving. Visit the parish website for details at 'stclementcincinnati.org' Thank you for your generosity.		

Parish News/Events

St. Clement Church would like to welcome our new parishioners!

Doug, Susanne, Stella and Priya Godby Chad Withers, Danielle and Bethany Brocher Thomas, Crysta, Oliver and Alice Clements Margaret Powell Peggy Brown and Bryan Williams Jeffrey, Emily, Isabella, Harlan and Jeffrey Mulvey Kenneth, Florence and Brenden Danieley



CORRECTION

The amount published, **\$4,864.00**, in the July 5 bulletin for the e-giving donations is incorrect. The correct amount is **\$309.00**. I am sorry for any confusion or problems this may have caused. — Linda

2015 DIRECTORY NEWS!!!

Parishioners who had their picture taken for the directory and did not buy any pictures, your free picture can be picked up at the church office. You can pick them up Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Please call the office if you have any questions, 641-3176. Thank you!

Cardinal Cash Winner: The winner for the week of July 3rd is Bernard Heile. **Congratulations!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

	SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. —	Children's Liturgy
	MONDAY
	WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. —	Scripture Study, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. —	Festival Committee, Church Basement
	THURSDAY
10:00 a.m. —	Quilters, Parish Center
	SATURDAY
10:30 a.m.– Noo	on - St. Francis/St. Joseph CWH Soup Kitchen

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK St. Mary Cemetery and Mausoleum Traditional & Cremation Burial 513-242-4191

Fr. Fred, To The Parishioners

By now, those parishioners who are on my e-mail alert list should have received a letter from me about the lack of parking on Vine Street in front of church. There really is no handicapped parking directly in front of church at this time. Hopefully, this will be just for this weekend. I know the workers are progressing as quickly as possible. And we can anticipate the final results being beautiful. It's hard to concentrate in the front offices with the drilling going on outside our windows but, such is the price of progress!

Actually, I'm not in town this weekend for I was asked by our province to go to St. Michael Parish in Schererville, IN (northwest Indiana) to preach on behalf of our Franciscan missions. You may recall that two years ago I went to Crown Point, IN for the same purpose. Just as St. Clement Parish is annually assigned by the bishops a visiting preacher for a particular religious community's missions, so too, our province's Mission Office requests a number of parishes where we can "beg" for support. In fact, in August, St. Clement's annual mission appeal will be given by a Br. Salvatore Mwebe, BSCL, speaking on behalf of the Bannakaroll Brothers.

I've been at St. Michael Church before. While I was serving on the Interprovincial Novitiate Team from 1993-1996 in Cedar Lake, IN., I would visit St. Michael's. It was a brand new church at that time. I remember being very moved by how they celebrated their solemn Easter Vigil. During *this* visit, I will be preaching at their four weekend Masses and presiding at two of them. Here at St. Clement we're blessed to have Fr. Don Miller, OFM help Fr. Jim in my absence. I know that Fr. Larry Zurek, OFM, our new resident friar at St. Clement, helped him last weekend. We truly are fortunate to have other friar priests whom we can call upon for assistance. There are parts of our archdiocese, more northern and rural, where one priest has several parishes and it is well-nigh impossible for him to find a sub when he is on vacation or retreat.

I want to put in a personal plug for St. Rita Fest which is going on this weekend not too far north of here at St. Rita School for the Deaf. This is their 100th anniversary. Of course, we all know the outstanding service St. Rita provides on behalf of children with hearing impairments.

Stay cool! And thanks for being a member of St. Clement Parish.

FAITH FORMATION by Emily Mulvey

In Christian community, we share our faith, teach each other, and pray together; this is the hallmark of the first communities after Christ's death, resurrection & ascension, and it is still true today. The Catholic Church teaches us that the communal aspect of spiritual life most closely resembles the Kingdom of Heaven (see Religious Education box in this bulletin for evidence). St. Clement community, then, is our textbook, our prayer, our family, and our Jacob's ladder (Genesis 28:12).

It is important to understand that the "authoritative" leaders and teachers of faith formation in the Church are called *catechists*, and this term is more than just a semantic thread connecting the vocation to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Instead, we should understand that the original Latin meaning of *catechesis* is "to echo". The teachings of the Church are not simply rules to follow, but an echo of Christ's life and paschal mystery. They are a way to navigate the narrow road of Truth, along which Faith, Hope, and Charity are the foremost sign posts, along with the Virtues.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be.' Thomas said to him, 'Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way? Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' – John 14:6

Many years before the earliest Christian communities were called Catholic, they gathered under the title "The Way." The Way was both a modeling of one's prayer and activity after Jesus Christ and an initiation into the community who followed The Way. The Way is a journey of salvation and has one goal, which ends in communion with God and the saints in Eternity. Use of this term to name the community and to describe its guiding principles is well documented in the New Testament (Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23; 14:6; Acts 9:2; 18:26; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22;). The source of The Way comes from Jesus himself, whose one documented reading of Scripture in the Synagogue involved the Isaiah scroll. In Isaiah 40:3 we read: "A voice proclaims, 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!'"

The wilderness was the Way through which the Hebrew exiles must pass in order to return to their beloved and longed for home: Jerusalem. The Way for us is our spiritual family; Catholics believe that our spiritual family includes the Church Militant (here on earth) and the Church Triumphant (saints in heaven). As exiles here on earth, we must pass through the wilderness of our lives and even our own hearts in order to get to the end of the journey: the place prepared for us by Jesus in heaven. Along The Way, we hope to grow in God's grace, through knowledge, profession of faith, practice & works, and prayer. In fact these are the Four Pillars of the Catholic Church: Creed, Sacraments, life in Christ, and prayer. Praise be to God for giving us this awesome Church and this community to help us along The Way!

<u>Ask Fr. Jim</u>

Fr. Jim,

What is the difference between the Catholic Church's interpretation of scripture and that of other Christian Churches? Can they all be right even though they are so different?

- Connie

Dear Connie,

A great question and an important one. Let's start by stating a basic truth. All Christians believe the gift of the scriptures is truly God's gift to humanity. God gives us information and understanding of some of the deepest mysteries about life and God himself.

But what is important is that the scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, as great and wonderful as they are, by themselves they are incomplete and cannot convey the full truth of God's revelation. Why? Because it is the understanding and interpretation of God's word that is so significant. It must be done correctly. Protestant Christianity, starting with the Martin Luther, proclaimed that the bible meant "whatever it means to the reader." Actually that is foolhardy. The reason? The scriptures should mean and teach what God himself wanted and it should be understood as God wills it. So, once Luther left the Church, he left the interpretation of the scripture up to anyone. For fifteen centuries, from the time of the apostles and apostolic fathers (first and early centuries AD) through the following centuries including all the Church councils, it was the Catholic Church which was God's instrument led by the Spirit to learn the proper understanding of God's revelation: the bible. The Church Councils used the scriptures as fundamental to understanding the developing doctrines of our faith, e.g. the divinity and humanity of Jesus, the three persons of the Trinity, the understanding of Mary's role as the mother of Jesus and so many more.

So, when Luther simply assumed that anyone could interpret the scriptures, he forgot to mention that they might be wrong...especially if they disagreed with HIS interpretation. The simplest example of what can happen is with our central doctrine of the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. We hold that this truth is utterly proved in scripture by the three gospel accounts of Jesus at the last supper, the famous chapter 6 of St. John's gospel where Jesus promises his flesh and blood to eat and drink along with Paul's scolding of the Corinthian community for the lack of reverence for the Eucharist. Add to that the Act's account of the early Christians gathering for the "breaking of the bread" and there is overwhelming scriptural evidence that the Eucharist is indeed the body and blood of Jesus.

So, when other Christians, in spite of all that evidence simply say, "Well, it is my opinion that that is NOT what Jesus meant, you can understand how much private interpretation can simply deny what God has revealed. The Catholic faith has two thousand years of Tradition which has been guided by the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised. Other Christians can give authority to the scriptures but they lack the understanding of what it actually says. That's why there are thousands of different Christian church denominations around the world proclaiming contradictory doctrines based on their interpretation of scripture. There is only one Catholic Church which can proclaim the full truth of the scriptures... not on its own, but guided by the Holy Spirit.

If you ask a Southern Baptist and a Pentecostal to discuss various topics in scripture, they will agree on some aspects. But on very essential teachings they will be at opposite ends of the spectrum, each proclaiming strongly that theirs is the correct interpretation. That is the reason why I advise all Catholics who buy a bible to be sure they find a Catholic bible, e.g. New American Catholic Bible with footnotes and explanatory notes.

— Fr. Jim

Festival News!!!!

ST. CLEMENTS Festival 2015 September 11, 12 and 13, 2015

Grand Raffle tickets are now available In the commons area and the side door of the church. Chances are \$1 each, 6 for \$5.00. 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.

Early Bird Winner for June 2015 is Ray Schrand. *CONGRATULATION!* <u>Clement's Closet</u> 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

Youth Ministry - "IGNITE"

for more information.



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.

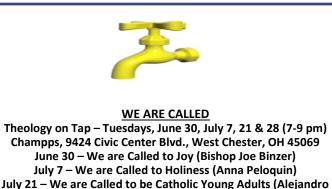




<u>Bid</u> and **<u>Buy</u>** needs your help! Any artwork, presents, household items, even furniture, we will take for our booth. Gift cards, cookware and vacation homes can also be donated to the Bid and Buy. We love sports gear! Give me a call or drop off at church in the commons. Please mark for Bid and Buy. Thanks! Kay Thoman 238-7443



Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together-YACHT



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.



2ND ANNUAL ATHLETIC BOOSTER GOLF OUTING

On Saturday, September 12th, we will host our 2nd Annual Athletic Booster Golf Outing at Avon Fields Golf Course. 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, with a 4-person scramble format. \$65/player entry fee includes golf, cart, lots of contest and prizes, food/drink tickets back at the Festival that evening, and lots of fun. Please help support our St. Clement Athletes! To sign up or for more information, please contact Paul Schildmeyer at 290-5937, or email paul-schild@aol.com.



Religious Formation

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1878 All men are called to the same end: God himself. There is a certain resemblance between the unity of the divine persons and the fraternity that men are to establish among themselves in truth and love. Love of neighbor is inseparable from love for God.

1879 The human person needs to live in society. Society is not for him an extraneous addition but a requirement of his nature. Through the exchange with others, mutual service and dialogue with his brethren, man develops his potential; he thus responds to his vocation.

1880 A society is a group of persons bound together organically by a principle of unity that goes beyond each one of them. As an assembly that is at once visible and spiritual, a society endures through time: it gathers up the past and prepares for the future. By means of society, each man is established as an "heir" and receives certain "talents" that enrich his identity and whose fruits he must develop. He rightly owes loyalty to the communities of which he is part and respect to those in authority who have charge of the common good.

1884 God has not willed to reserve to himself all exercise of power. He entrusts to every creature the functions it is capable of performing, according to the capacities of its own nature. This mode of governance ought to be followed in social life. The way God acts in governing the world, which bears witness to such great regard for human freedom, should inspire the wisdom of those who govern human communities. They should behave as ministers of divine providence.

Greetings! I snuck away for two days to see family in Pittsburgh last weekend!

My substitutes ALWAYS remark that it is great to come to St Clement and minister at our liturgies!

Thank you for being so welcoming to them!

At this moment, Maya Parks is in Assisi!! I've been following posts by some friends who happen to be on the same trip with their daughter! The choir sang in the Chapel first and then were personally invited to sing in the upper Basilica di San Francesco d'Assisi. I've been listening to some of the videos posted on Facebook and they are heavenly! I personally remember the great acoustics in Italy!! I've spotted Maya several times and I'm so anxious to hear firsthand of her experience! Thanks so much for helping to make it happen!

Have a blessed week!

- Marty Cunningham

From the Friars

 \mathfrak{W} e friars are granted annual vacations, regardless of our ministries. I am confidant you would agree that vacations are important. I am keenly aware that there are a number of parishioners who are not able to take vacations for various reasons, usually financial. Here is what our Friary Handbook gives as our province's policy on vacation: "Solemnly professed friars are permitted an annual vacation of two weeks. The local minister (superior) may grant an additional week if he deems it advisable because of special circumstances. After 20 years in the Order, the friars are permitted an annual vacation of three weeks." As you can well imagine, given the ages of the friars here at St. Clement, everyone qualifies for the three-week vacation. Except for Bro. Adam, who has been professed for only a bit over two years! While all of us qualify for three weeks of vacation, very few take the full amount. Our age has something to do with that. And, even though our policy permits us to travel through the "continental United States" for vacation, most don't go all that far. Again, that's likely age related in our community's case. Of course, just like with any family, we have to make certain that we can afford the travel. Is it in the approved friary budget?

So, now you know! Actually, I'm writing this because week after next I'll be taking a second week of vacation! Like this past week, I really won't be leaving the area. Given the extensive travel of my last ministry, I have no desire to travel. If *you* are on vacation or soon will be, stay safe and happy. Don't forget, even God rested on the seventh day!

— Fr. Fred

Regional News/Events

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 19 – July 25, 2015

This year's theme is "All natural! Natural Family Planning Good for the body. Great for the soul!" What can you do to share the positive physical, emotional and spiritual supports of Natural Family Planning?

As a parish leader, you can:

• Place posters in your parish gathering spaces for worship and formation

• Integrate NFP into your liturgy and prayers

• Share articles, Church teachings and couples' stories on your website, bulletin, newsletter and social media

• Purchase a new resource for your parish library

Host an NFP course at your parish

As an individual who has not practiced NFP, you can:

- Learn the latest information on NFP options in the
- Archdiocese of Cincinnati

• Learn about the benefits of NFP,

http://ccli.org/nfp/nfp-advantages/index.php

• Talk to someone who has used NFP. Ask questions and ask them to share their personal experiences

As an individual who has practiced NFP successfully, you can: • Support your parish in promoting NFP by offering to assist

- with Natural Family Planning Awareness Week
- Offer to share your experience with a newly engaged couple
- Write an article for your parish website, newsletter or social media

• Pray about your ability and availability to become an NFP instructor. If you are able, contact a provider in our Archdiocese about how to get started.

Here are resources for the above ways to participate in Natural family Planning Awareness Week 2015:

<u>http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/</u>
http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-

life/family/fertility/nfp-official/

ARCHIVES RENOVATION COMPLETE

A blessing by Archbishop Schnurr and an open house for the archives took place on May 19, 2015. This has been a long road for the archives and the archdiocese has an archives facility to be proud of. Information about the archives can be found on the archdiocesan website. Please contact Sarah Patterson if interested in learning more about the archives or to schedule a visit: 513.421.3131x3002 or spatterson@catholiccincinnati.org.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

The Franciscans for the Poor will host 28 students from Quad Parishes (West Bend, WI) the week of July 19, 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!!!

Grateful Refugees and Immigrants

Special thanks to our generous parishioners who have been donating sewing machines, fabric and other sewing items to our classes for immigrants and refugees at San Carlos and Catholic Social Services. Many times there has been no indication of the generous giver's name on the items that arrive, thus this THANK YOU to all!. Your generosity has made it possible for us to train many with sewing skills which has helped them make needed alterations to used clothing, sew clothing for their families, make household items and toys. Some have even gained employment with their skills in local uniform companies.

We teach refugees from around the world - 8 countries/ languages! One father of six from Zimbabwe, a war-torn country in Africa, is most grateful that he will soon have a job to support his family. Mary Jo Royston and I can attest to the joy we experience in our work - students' delight in learning new skills, growing confidence and friendships among them, as well as heaps of laughter as we make fumbling attempts to speak one another's language. With 25 students in 3 classes per week it is hoped that eventually we can become self-sufficient, selling our creations at fairs and festivals as we await full-time iobs. However, the newcomers to our area with little of their own, keep joining us so there will always be a need for the foreseeable future. So many leave their home countries because of war and unbelievable dangers to which their children are exposed. They are motivated to immigrate mostly because of war, as did my grandparents and great-grandparents - and perhaps yours as well!

On behalf of our grateful recipients from Nepal, Bhutan, Zaire, Zimbabwe, Congo, Eritrea, Guatemala, and Mexico - **THANK YOU!**

- Sr. Ann Vonder Meulen, OSF

This week's challenge:

The virtue that moderates the attraction of the pleasures of the senses and provides balance in the use of created goods is:

a) temperance

b) fortitude

c) gluttony

d) prudence

Answer: a) Temperance one of the cardinal virtues (along with fortitude), enables us to overcome the deadly sin of gluttony.

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