

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 26, 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 26, 2015

17th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. For the Sick
10:30 a.m. Memorial Association Enrollees

MONDAY

7:00 a.m. Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery
8:00 a.m. Ruth Weinert +

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor

WEDNESDAY

[ST. MARTHA]
7:00 a.m. Eugene & Lillian Riddle +
8:00 a.m. Dolores Bergman +

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
8:00 a.m. Clara Schluerle +

FRIDAY

[ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA]
7:00 a.m. Herman Suer +
8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor

SATURDAY

[ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI]
8:00 a.m. Kermit Hartman +
4:00 p.m. Ron Meyer +

Weekend of August 1 and 2, 2015 LECTOR Schedule

4:00 p.m. Matt Westrich
8:30 a.m. Betty Roy and Steve Anneken
10:30 a.m. Sr. Phyllis Kemper and Jill Blessing

Weekend of August 1 and 2, 2015 GREETER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Mary Beth and Steve Asbach
8:30 a.m. Tom & Ruth McDonough and Nancy Miller
10:30 a.m. Rose Bedinghaus, Teresa Byrd and Maria Lanzillotta

Weekend of August 1 and 2, 2015 SERVER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Eric Rebholz, Skylar Frederick and Chloe Goller
8:30 a.m. Joe Ungruhe, Anna Schlosser and Barb Brunner
10:30 a.m. Kevin Reed, Savannah Pfierman and Abbie Meier

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Date/Event	Amount	Running Total
July 5, 2015:	\$7,449.00	\$ 7,449.00
July 12, 2015:	\$5,995.00	\$13,444.00
July 19, 2015:	\$4,789.00	\$18,233.00
Children's envelopes:	\$ 10.00	
E-giving (07/13-20/15):	\$ 909.00	
Peter Pence:	\$ 110.00	\$1,976.00—Total collected

Number of envelopes: 121

Please consider electronic giving.

Visit the parish website for details at 'stclementcincinnati.org'

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish News/Events

Catholic Inner-City Schools Education Fund (CISE)

Second Collection

The CISE Vision

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.

Our Story

In 1980, Catholic Inner-city Schools Education Fund (CISE) was established to help combat poverty in Cincinnati's inner-city neighborhoods. Catholic schools, pillars of those neglected communities, had educated generations of immigrants and helped get them on the road to prosperity and full participation in American society. CISE was founded to give all children, regardless of their religious backgrounds and economic circumstances, the opportunity to receive a quality education in a neighborhood Catholic school.

We will have a second collection for CISE the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd.

SAVE THE DATE

What: Parish Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2015

Where: Ross Park, area 1 & 2

Time: 3:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.



Look for more information soon!

Cardinal Cash Winner: The winner for the week of July 17th is Rich Doerger. **Congratulations!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. — Children's Liturgy

MONDAY

Friar's Retreat until Friday, July 31

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

Car Wash Inn
5559 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45216

Fr. Fred, To The Parishioners

Welcome to a son of the parish **Fr. Bob Stephan, SJ**, who will be presiding at our 10:30 AM Mass this weekend. Fr. Bob, whose parents are parishioners Bob and Kathy Stephan, is home from his ministry at the University of Seattle for the Baptism of his niece Sylvia. You may remember Fr. Bob's beautiful first Mass two summers ago. And he has concelebrated our Christmas "Midnight" Mass the past several years. We are blessed. I know you will hear something very solid at homily time. Jesuits are known for their depth of thinking and for their teaching. Among my favorite preaching books are several by Fr. Walter J. Burghardt, SJ, considered by many as "America's most popular preacher."

Fr. Larry Zurek, OFM will be presiding and preaching at the 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday. I've already introduced Fr. Larry in a recent "From the Friars." He is one of our province's new vocation directors. We're blessed to have Fr. Larry live with us at St. Clement and to be available to help with Masses when needed. I know you'll enjoy Fr. Larry's homilies also. I heard a homily he preached once in which he told a terrific story. Enquiring about the source of the story, I learned it's another great preacher, Protestant minister Max Lucado, who has published many books of his sermons. Yes, you guessed it! I have some of them also and use his great stories with frequency. Thanks, Fr. Larry, for inspiring me!

It is a blessing to be part of a brotherhood like the Franciscans and to have the support and encouragement of many brothers. It's true that at times, like in most families, we take each other for granted. But I have to say I have received so many gifts—and I'm not thinking of material gifts—from the men I've lived with and ministered among. Far greater than suggestions of books to read, the greatest gift has been the inspiration of their lives. This is especially true of our senior friars, our elder brothers, who, in so many cases, deal with the aging process with great courage and who continue to reach out and do well for others.

Our annual Vacation Bible School, in conjunction with Wilson Presbyterian Church and Immanuel United Church of Christ, begins next Sunday evening, August 2. You'll note in the commons a poster indicating needed supplies for the VBS. As you have in the past, won't you consider purchasing one of the items and bringing it to the commons next weekend? This year's Bible School is taking place at Immanuel United Church of Christ. At a planning meeting this past week, I overheard several of the folks in charge suggesting they are planning for about 100 children. A large number of these participants will be from St. Clement. You can bring your child or children or grandchildren and register them at the door next Sunday at 6 PM. I'll see you there!

Finally, let's give a warm welcome to **Br. Salvatore Mwebe** who will be preaching at all Masses next weekend—as part of our annual mission appeal--on behalf of the Bannakaroli Brothers.

Nine Months with Christ in the Womb

Life Almost Taken Too Early

Relevant Scripture: Mt. 1: 18-21; Deuteronomy 22: 21-23

Shortly into her pregnancy, Joseph discovers that Mary, his betrothed, is with child. They have not lived together yet, so Joseph knows he did not father the child in her womb. Joseph has a dilemma in front of him. What should he do? Joseph, her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. The word shame falls softly on our 21st century ears. We have learned to shrug off shame like some light scarf on our shoulders and then keep on walking. We hardly acknowledge it was there. Shame in Mary and Joseph's day entailed far more in their community.

Shame, Deuteronomy tells us, gave the husband the "right," when his wife's virginity was in question, to call for her to be stoned to death in front of her father's house, "because she committed a shameful crime in Israel." Matthew tells us Joseph did not want to expose her to shame; instead he was going to divorce her quietly. He chose not to seek a public death scene for all to witness in their community.

A quiet divorce was going to be his answer to this unfathomable pregnancy. Then Joseph had a dream and the Angel of the Lord offered him an alternative – to take Mary and the child she carried into his home, not push her out. In this dream Joseph learns Mary had conceived this child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph accepted this alternative to death and divorce and bolstered by the angel's revelation, drew both mother and unborn child into his home. He chose to honor life.

Today we are in a similar position to Joseph. Ohio law says we have "a right" to take someone's life when they commit "a shameful crime" against our state, against us. God has blessed us with free will to make the choice, to be open to his Word coming to us, to seek a life-giving alternative. We know that Jesus suffered a death penalty on Calvary, but that wasn't the first time he faced a possible death sentence. He and his mother narrowly escaped a legally-approved death penalty before he was even born.

Throughout the next month, please pray for all persons scheduled to be executed by the state. Ohio's Catholic Bishops are partnering with Ohioans to Stop Execution and its People of Faith Initiative to unite religious congregations in a campaign to end the use of the death penalty in Ohio. There are various opportunities and actions offered through the initiative to affirm support for legislation implementing reforms recommended by the Ohio Supreme Court Joint Task Force on the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty. You can learn more at www.otse.org.

Nine Months with Christ in the Womb is a prayer & reflection program from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Ask Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim,

Why it is that Protestants seem so reticent about Jesus' mother Mary's and role in the New Testament."
Agnes

Hello Agnes,

There are many factors involved in other Christian denomination's attitudes and uneasiness with Mary. Actually, the Episcopal and Anglican Churches model our understanding of Mary and her role very closely. But generally speaking, it seems that for most and especially fundamental Protestant Churches, Mary is basically accepted as Jesus mother and after that, the approach be simply, "enough said about her."

Of course, to describe Mary as the Mother of Jesus and as a consequence the "Mother of God" is to put her in a unique status in the life of Jesus and her role in our Catholic faith. But it was God himself who did that by calling her to the role of mother of the Savior. Many Christians would like Mary to "go away" after Christmas. But the Catholic Church has from the very beginning held Mary in a most unique place in our whole faith. Her role was God's gift to her and with it also came a life of great suffering and discipleship. Her life with all its suffering and mystery gives her the position of the truest of all Jesus' disciples.

Over the centuries that devotion and recognition grew until the 16th century when the Protestant Reformation began under Martin Luther. As the reformation grew there was a major move away from anything "Catholic," whether it was the liturgy celebrations of Eucharist, the seven Sacraments (reduced to just two of them), and the cult of the saints and devotions. Anything that we saw as an enrichment of our faith was seen as "taking away from" the redeemer who deserved all our attention. Saints, devotions, cults, relics, etc. etc. was simply in the mind of the reformers a distraction that got in the way of our belief and love for Jesus.

We have our full Catholic teaching to keep in perspective all the aspects of our faith which as a matter of fact does include the special roles of Mary and of the saints and the Sacraments.

At the same time, we have to admit that through the centuries not a few well-meaning but misinformed Catholics have over emphasized certain devotions in living out their faith. No understanding Catholic one would think of putting a nine day novena or any other devotion in a place higher than the Mass. Some things can be exaggerated out of proportion. Medals, scapulars, beads etc. all can at times appear to non-Catholics as "lucky charms." That is truly unfortunate. We know the essentials like the Church establish by Jesus, the Sacraments and the Scriptures that remain the bedrock of our faith.

In the case of Mary, the mother of Jesus, what we have seen is a deeper and deeper understanding of all her role. It role and her life are extremely important and no Catholic can imagine the practice of our faith without the presence of Mary. She is not a goddess and never has been and never will be. She is the mother of the redeemer who was redeemed herself by her son's death on the cross.

So, many Protestants see Mary unfortunately not as our Church really sees and teaches about her. They see her she as portrayed by some uninformed Catholics. It is her role that makes her unique. When people in the RCIA program preparing for entrance into the Catholic faith gain a true and authentic understanding of Mary's role, they appreciate her role in ways they never thought possible.

— Fr. Jim

You can send your questions to jvvofm@gmail.com

Festival News!!!!



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

ST. CLEMENT'S

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. 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 I the common area. Please mark for Bid and Buy. Thanks! Kay Thoman 2 3 8 -

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, July 1 & 28 (7-9 pm)

Champps, 9424 Civic Center Boulevard

West Chester, OH 45069

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.**



Athletic Boosters

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. 1:30PM 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 paulschild@aol.com.



Religious Formation



What is the RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a beautiful ministry of our Church. More than just the installment of Catholic knowledge, the RCIA sets our feet on the way of Christ. The goal? Eternity in heaven!

We are moving towards a community and inquirer centered approach where St. Clement parish is our "textbook" and the means of putting people in communion and intimacy with Christ. In order to be in intimate communion with Christ, we need the church.

Please contact me anytime if you are interested in the RCIA as a ministry or would like to know more about being Catholic or receiving sacraments. Emily Mulvey, Director of Faith Formation, emulvey@stscschool.org or 641-0147, x808.

Worship

"I am the bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger." These words continue to be the theme of the Gospel of John these next few weeks!

We come hungering to be nourished at the table of the Lord singing His praises as we gather in His presence.

Those who are involved in our music ministry here at St. Clement never cease to amaze me!

Summer is a time when the choir is in a less structured mode. We don't have a weekly rehearsal and Sunday morning participation in the choir is "optional" with a short warm up before Mass begins.

I don't think our choir members know the meaning of these words!!!

Last Sunday, they were there in full force, helping the parish community to praise the Lord in song!

I am so appreciative of their constant support of St. Clement!

It's not too early to be thinking about becoming a part of our music ministry here at St. Clement.

Be thinking of joining us as cantors, choir members and instrumentalists!

Wishing you a blessed week!

— Marty Cunningham

From the Friars

One of the joys of living at St. Clement is that we have lots of friar guests. So many of our men grew up in the Cincinnati area and have family still here. Thus, for their vacations they will often ask to stay at our home while they are visiting family members. We're blessed to have a number of guest rooms available for friars.

As I write this, **Fr. Gilbert Schneider, OFM**, is staying with us for a few more days. He arrived last week and has been in town for a family wedding but also for his annual vacation. Fr. Gil has ministered in the Southwest all of his priestly life, especially among the Navajo people. He also served as Provincial Minister for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province for nine years.

He grew up in Hamilton, OH, but has some family here in St. Bernard. You may recall that in March of 2014, Fr. Gil celebrated his 50th Jubilee as a priest here at St. Clement. Though our paths haven't crossed much during this visit, I really enjoy the easy conversations we do have when we are able to be together. Perhaps it's because we have the shared experience of being provincials.

I know that **Frs. Bruce and Bryant Hausfeld, OFM** are going to be coming back to St. Clement in a few weeks.

— Fr. Fred

Regional News/Events



The Cincinnati Catholic Women (CCW) organization grants the Continue with Confidence Scholarship for Adult Women and administers the St. Rose Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to support and encourage an Adult Catholic woman who wishes to begin or continue her pursuit of an undergraduate college degree.

Who is Eligible: Any active, practicing Catholic woman who is 21 years of age or older. Candidates must reside within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati community and be self-supporting, as verified by a federal tax return and must be currently enrolled or registered to start classed by September, 2015. Eligible candidates must be enrolled in a degree-granting undergraduate program (associate or bachelor) for the 2015-2016 school year. Only those candidates enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school may apply.

The Criteria: The Continue With Confidence Scholarship is awarded based on the following criteria (listed in order of importance): financial need, practicing Catholic status, and community or volunteer service. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide support to a person who would not be able to complete her education without this assistance.

The Process: Please download the application documents from the links below. In order to be considered eligible, applicant must also submit a letter from their church describing their involvement. Applications will be accepted until July 27, 2015. A committee of Catholic Women of Cincinnati members will select finalists for a personal interview (required), and will select recipients from these finalists. The scholarships will be awarded no later than August 15, 2015; the check will be sent to the recipient's institution of choice at the appropriate time. To apply please go to:

<http://cincinnati.catholicwomen.org/continue-with-confidence/>, fill out the forms and email them to: Suzy Dorward at: sldorward@fuse.net

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

The Franciscans for the Poor will host 22 students from Nardin Academy (Buffalo, NY) and Willenbring Family (Woodbury, MN) the week of August 2, 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!!!

DEFEAT HUNGER OBSTACLE RUN & FOOD DRIVE

September 5, 2015 | 8:00 am – 2:00 pm |

Summit Park, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

ADULT COURSE (13 and older) 5K and 25 obstacles \$25 + 3 food items

KIDS COURSE (7–12 years old) 1K and 10 obstacles \$15 + 3 food items

After party open to all ages! KISS 107, family-friendly activities, beer, and food trucks.

REGISTER: stirintoflame.com/defeathunger/



Mental Health Counseling

People pursue counseling for a variety of reasons such as major life events or help in managing issues like depression. Most therapy clients are ordinary people struggling with common issues. Whatever the reason, it takes courage to attend therapy, and it takes dedication to see it through. Together, the client and the therapist determine the goals of therapy. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio has therapist in several locations. Call our central intake at 513-489-8898 or go online at ccswoh.org/services/counseling to start the healing.



This week's challenge:

In March 2010, the Vatican granted its *recognitio*, or statement of acceptance, of the proposed U.S. version of the new edition of this important book used at Mass.

a) the bible

b) the Lectionary

c) the Book of Blessing

d) the Roman Missal

Answer: d) The changes in liturgical language in the Third edition of the Roman Missal—the Sacramentary—will be implemented in parishes in the United States beginning with Advent 2011.

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