

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 30, 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 30, 2015

22nd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
8:00 a.m. Pat Hampel +

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

[ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH]
7:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
7:45 a.m. Bill Wilson +

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. Gerry Wess +
8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Intention of Donor
4:00 p.m. John Schwallie +

Weekend of September 5 and 6, 2015 LECTOR Schedule

4:00 p.m. Matt Westrich
8:30 a.m. Steve Anneken and Christina Barnes
10:30 a.m. Sr. Phyllis Kemper and Henry Rysz

Weekend of September 5 and 6, 2015 GREETER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Mary Beth and Steve Asbach
8:30 a.m. Jim & Rose Sicking and Phyllis Crawford
10:30 a.m. Teresa Byrd, Marie Lanzillotta and Rose Bedinghaus

Weekend of September 5 and 6, 2015 SERVER Schedule

4:00 p.m. Betty and Scott Rook
8:30 a.m. Joe Ungruhe, Barb Brunner and Mary Alice Murray
10:30 a.m. Luke Bryd, Megan Borges and Tanner Gruenwald

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
August 16, 2015:	\$4,676.00	\$18,617.50
August 23, 2014	\$6,315.75	\$24,933.25
Children's envelopes:	\$ 5.00	
E-giving (08/18 -24/2015):	\$ 524.00	
CICE Collection:	\$1,095.95	

Number of envelopes:

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

ATTENTION: ALL ADULT COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN?

If you volunteer or work with children at St. Clement parish or school for more than 1 hour monthly, then the Archdiocese requires participation in the child protection program, VIRTUS, as well as a background check. Fr. Jim and Mr. Eiser will be offering a VIRTUS session on **Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the computer lab on the first floor of school. Please register to attend at www.virtus.org or by calling the parish office 641-3176. Thank you!

INSPIRATIONAL -- A serious to do list

St. Augustine's to do list: "Remember that today, and every day of your life, you have . . .

God to glorify
Jesus to imitate
A soul to save
A body to mortify
Sins to repent of
Virtues to acquire.
Hell to avoid
Eternity to prepare for
Time to profit by
Neighbors to edify
The world to despise
Devils to combat
Passions to subdue
Death, perhaps, to suffer.
Judgement to undergo."

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Cardinal Cash Winner: The winner for the week of August 21st is Jessie Bullock. **Congratulations!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. — Children's Liturgy

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. — One Faith, One Hope, One Love - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. — Quilters, Parish Center

4:00 p.m. — Pro-Life Rosary

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. — Consecrated Life Concert Planning, Parish Center

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Fr. Fred, To The Parishioners

Last Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass was glorious! Church was full with so many children, their parents and the teachers joining the worshipping assembly. The long line of little kids heading into chapel for the Children's Liturgy of the Word was touching. Equally moving was when these same children gathered behind our Principal Mr. Eiser and his wife, Rosie, on the sanctuary steps as the kids and the whole assembly blessed St. Clement's educational leader. While a number of the families regularly worship at San Carlos on Sunday's, the large crowd demonstrates what our weekly potential is. Of course, the teachers all worship in their own churches. Still, I hope our St. Clement parents will continue to bring their little ones to Mass—they can't get here without you! And it was with great joy that we welcomed a number of families from St. James Parish whose children will be attending St. Clement School. I can only imagine how hard it was for these families when their school closed. They will bring unique gifts to St. Clement; I pray that they find a happy home here.

A young man whom I did not recognize attended the 10:30 AM Mass last Sunday. After Mass he came up to introduce himself. He is not Catholic but very much enjoyed praying with us. In the announcements at the end of Mass, we mentioned the parish picnic that afternoon and encouraged folks to attend. Well, he did and brought along his wife and another family. I learned that he and several other young families who live near each other just outside of St. Bernard have created a small community who come together regularly to share their faith and to pray as well as to enjoy each other's friendship and support. I was really inspired by his faith and commitment to the Lord. He, in turn, remarked several times about how great our hospitality is. He said he experienced it both at Mass in the morning and at the picnic. It's amazing, isn't it, how the Lord comes into our midst and unites us, even though we may have different convictions. More than once, I've heard from visitors to St. Clement that they really find us a welcoming community. Thank YOU for helping to make it so! I am confident we really believe Jesus' words that when we welcome a stranger, we are welcoming Christ. I'm certain I will see Cullen and his wife again.

A huge thank you to Mary Beth Asbach and Patty Schlosser and their spouses Steve and Mike who organized the picnic and cooked the meat, as well as those who helped them—and thanks to all of you who attended. It was neat to see Mary Beth walking around welcoming and introducing folks to one another. This is "church" at its best. Remember what was said about the early Church: see how they love one another. This is what caused the Church to grow!

Looking way ahead, I invite and encourage you to reserve Saturday, Feb. 20, on your calendar. That is the date for our next Super Bingo (Feb. 27 will be a make-up date, should the weather make that necessary). Former faithful Super Bingo workers met this past week to begin making plans. A huge thank you to parishioner Tracy Meister for agreeing to once again chair this important fund raiser for our school! You will be hearing a lot about this in the months ahead.

This Saturday morning, Aug. 29, Bishop Joseph Binzer will be here at St. Clement to ordain Bros. Roger Lopez and Colin King as deacons, on their way to becoming priests. I know you all remember Bro. Roger well. We wish them happiness always. And in the afternoon, Jill Blessing and Michael Davis will commit themselves to one another for life as husband and wife. Congratulations to them, too. All day long, love will be in the air!

FAITH FORMATION by Emily Mulvey

Last Monday and Thursday nights I held two opportunities for folks at our parish to learn about faith formation programming at St. Clement...thank you to all the wonderful folks who attended! Rest assured, even if you did not make one of those meetings, you are always welcome to get involved, share your ideas, and ask questions. Please don't hesitate to contact me! Take a look at an overview of some of our projects:

Parish Library Project

Volunteer librarian(s) needed
\$1,000 matching grant

FIRE (Family & Intergenerational Religious Education)

Massport
Family at-home prayer resources
Online and small group religious education (satisfies Archdiocesan requirements)
Weekend events – parents night out & intergenerational programs

Ignite (youth ministry)

iLumen – discipleship training (October 17, 10 am-5 pm, All Saints Campus)
Chosen – youth rally (October 17, 5-9 pm, includes a parent break out session)
National Catholic Youth Conference, November 19-21 (Indianapolis)
Youth and Young Adult Interfaith Service Effort – Celebrating 50 YEARS OF NOSTRA AETATE

YACHT (Young Adults Hanging Together)

National Catholic Young Adult Conference, November 19-21 (Indianapolis)

Sacramental Ministry

RCIA/RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children)

Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism DVD series
33 Days to Morning Glory
Food for All or Hunger in Ohio– presentation by Catholic Charities (September 21, 7 pm)

Mom's group

Health & wellness group
Book Club
Prayer groups
Year of Consecrated Life thru Feb. 2016



Ask Fr. Jim

Fr. Jim,

I find it difficult to believe that the Bible, God's revealed word and truth, would allow slavery. Yet, there it is both in writing and in practice. How can you explain this? How do you justify laws in Leviticus regarding slavery, selling daughters, and making victims marry their attackers, with the picture of a just and loving God?

— Christen

Christen,

The very fact that you find such laws as contradictory to what all good people believe about God tells me that you are on the right track. Here's what the Book of Leviticus says about slavery and there are other quotes similar in the Old Testament. *"As for your male and female slaves whom you may have: you may buy male and female slaves from among the nations that are around you. You may also buy from among the strangers who sojourn with you and their clans that are with you, who have been born in your land, and they may be your property. You may bequeath them to your sons after you to inherit as a possession forever. You may make slaves of them, but over your brothers the people of Israel you shall not rule, one over another ruthlessly."* (Leviticus 25:44-46)

It is essential to understand that while it is true that all Scripture is God's revealed word, it does not mean that God wills all things that happen in the course of this history of the people of the Old Testament. The Laws that God truly revealed are contained in the Ten Commandments (Exodus Ch. 20) which in themselves would forbid anything like slavery or human injustice. There are literally hundreds of laws in the Old Testament that are concerned with religious and social life that come from human society and arose from the evolution of those societies. Keep in mind also that early on, nations, for all their advancement could be described as "tribal nations" and laws reflected their own view of life. Violence was then and has been part of human nature from the beginning, e.g. Cain killing Abel in Genesis. Even though today you would think nations can learn from history, societies are still vicious and murderous in so many cases. Treatment of women is despicable in some eastern societies along with terrorism. Human nature is influenced by pride, prejudice and lack of emotional control in relating to others. In ancient societies, there were no prisons and so often in a battle, there were mass murders of all people conquered, whether innocent or not. But then today we have the Holocaust, nuclear weapons, and indiscriminate use of poison gas. There are laws governing the waging of war, but when war comes, rules hold little sway.

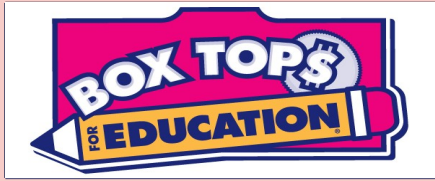
So, when you read about slavery in the Old Testament and even when it is put into laws and attributed to God, you can be sure that those laws are man-made laws, not God's laws. Even enlightened nations have had slavery and justified it by quoting the bible, but they were misinterpreting the bible as so many do. Just look at U.S. history of slavery in America. Even Satan can quote scripture to his own advantage but such quotations and justifications are always and absolutely wrong and never originate from God.

Violence, prejudice and hate cause people to enslave others even as the enslavers are blind to the contradiction of what their own humanity really calls for, that is, respect for others. If life has its origin from God and we know that it has, then there is no room for such an "institution" as slavery. Writers of the Old Testament were men of their own times and often attributed to God not what God wanted but what THEY wanted. In fact, throughout the Old Testament, the sin that is most hated by the prophet—and most contrary to God's true commandments—is injustice . . . robbing widows and orphans, not paying a just wage, and such like. The use of slavery would be well condemned by God and the prophets. Sinful human beings are also blind to what they know is right. And so slavery did exist not because God said it was okay. It was because humans refused to hear God's real and true message.

— Fr. Jim

You can send your questions to jvofm@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 11th, 12th and 13th

FESTIVAL YARD SIGNS

Please pick up a festival sign to place in your yard. They are located in the common area of the church. Please return the sign and/or frame after the festival so it can be used again next year. Thanks!

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 August. Your continued support of the festival is greatly appreciated.

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 windo111950@gmail.com for more information.

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



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.**



TPC



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!!!!

Religious Formation

Finishing touches on the parish photo directory are underway! **If you were not able to get your picture taken, and would like to have your photo in the book,** please send in a family or individual photo to the parish office or email a digital photo to emulvey@stcschool.org. Paper photos will be scanned and returned to you. We need these photos in by September 15th in order to make the directory publish deadline. If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements, please call Emily Mulvey at 641-0147 x808.



Worship

I am watching our school come alive on this first day of school!

It makes me fully aware that while the physical building has been readied all summer by our maintenance staff it has been merely a shell of it's glorious potential!

Our beautiful church experiences that transformation at each liturgy. As each person enters the doors, an integral piece is added. Once in the pew, joining with our community in prayer, praise and song, we bring the church ALIVE - filling our hearts to then share with the world.

There is an outstanding message in today's second reading from James' letter; We are to "Be doers of the word and not hearers only."

You can be a "singer" of the word too!

Choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 15th at 7PM. I would LOVE to run out of chairs in the music room this year! Please consider being a part of the music ministry here at St. Clement!

If you have questions, please call me at 641-0147 ext. 810.

— Marty Cunningham

From the Friars

I am writing this on Tuesday, August 25. Today is the Feast of St. Louis IX, King of France from 1238 till his death in 1270. He was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and is one of the two patrons of the Third Order (now called the Secular Franciscan Order). We have several Secular Franciscans in our parish, so I want to wish them happy feast day. St. Louis is also namesake of our own Fr. Louis Bartko, OFM, who serves as a Spiritual Assistant for a Fraternity of Secular Franciscans, and also Bro. Louis Lamping, OFM. St. Louis was canonized just 27 years after his death. Fr. Leonard Foley, OFM, writes: "He was devoted to his people, founding hospitals, visiting the sick and, like his patron St. Francis, caring even for people with leprosy. Louis united France—lords and townsfolk, peasants and priests and knights—by the force of his personality and holiness." Foley also tells the story that "every day Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. . . . He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion." We are already hearing a lot in the media about the coming presidential campaign which is beginning to heat up. We can pray to St. Louis to inspire those who run for office to always have compassion for the poor and a passion for justice.

If you feel the Lord may be calling you to the Secular Franciscan Order, why not speak with Fr. Louis. Any adult man or woman, single or married, can join this world-wide Order of the Church.

— Fr. Fred

Regional News/Events

FALL RETREAT AT OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER

Befriending Death: Growing in Comfort with Our Mortality

Saturday, October 31, 2015

S. Olga Wittekind, PhD & Claire Sherman, PhD

9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

As we watch our grandparents, parents and loved ones move on to God, it often brings us to a point of deep self-reflection about our own mortality. In this retreat we will share about our own experiences to find the comfort that can help us speak of death with others. We may find golden opportunities to learn from death in a way that gives peace to us in our own life journeys.

Mt. Notre Dame Spirituality Center

Sister Dorothy Stang: Her Dream, Our Hands

Presenters: Sr. Judi Clemens, SNDdeN

and Sr. Joan Krimm, SNDdeN

September 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Sisters Judi Clemens and Joan Krimm lived in Brazil with Sister Dorothy Stang. They will share personal stories of Sister Dorothy's life in Brazil — her love for the poor farmers, her courage and deep life of prayer. The short film about Dorothy called *The Student, the Nun and the Amazon* will be shown to highlight moments in her life as she fought against loggers and ranchers. Sister Dorothy gave her one and only life for her mission to preserve the Amazon Rainforest and help peasant farmers live sustainably.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

We would like to invite you to make a Marriage Encounter weekend. It helps struggling marriages and enriches good ones. It connects you to other couples that realize the value of a strong marriage and the importance of it to have a healthy culture. Please consider blessing your marriage this year by setting aside time for each other. Here are the dates for 2015 in Ohio:

September 18th – 20th at Holiday Inn Eastgate, Cincinnati, OH

October 16th – 18th at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

November 6th - 8th at Maria Stein Retreat Center, Maria Stein, OH

Contact: Dave & Jan Stockelman for reservations at dj2378@fuse.net, 513-251-1940 or 1-800-547-1251 code 00.

Tom & Ginny Segbers for questions at 513-919-7383,

tsegbers@gmail.com

Life Forward, Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati's 2015 5K Run & Walk for Life

Everyone is invited!

Saturday September 12th, 2015

Beginning at 8:30AM at Kestrel Point in Winton Woods

8:30AM Open Registration

9:00AM Welcoming

9:30 AM 5K Run and Walk

10:30 AM Celebration and Kids Races

Questions?

Call or Email Steve Stephenson at **513-487-7777** or

SStephenson@LifeForwardCincy.org



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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.

DIVORCE WORKSHOP

If you are a Catholic who is newly divorced or separated, you may be going through a tough time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. There is an excellent Catholic-sponsored divorce-recovery support group in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma, **Divorcecare**. The topics are anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments and more. Divorcecare will be held for 13 weeks on Thursday evenings, 7:00—9:00 p.m. from September 10 to December 10 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, please call Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

This week's challenge: Christians are still persecuted and killed for believing in Jesus.

True

False

Answer: True. In many countries—such as Egypt, Iraq, China, and India—where Christians are the minority and freedom of religion is limited, Christians are sometimes tortured and killed for their faith.

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