

# SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

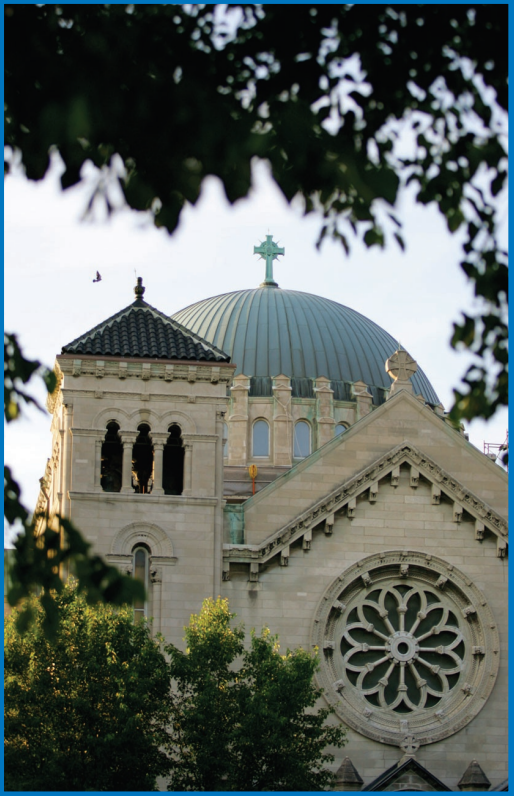


*Putting Faith into Action*

“He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race.”

- Jn 1:2-4



## Mass Schedule

- Monday - Friday: 9:00am, Church

### Starting January 7, 2012

- Saturday at 5:00pm (anticipation)
- Sunday at 8:00am,  
9:30am (church & chapel),  
11:15am, 7:00pm (church)

## New Year's Masses

### Saturday, December 31

- 5:00pm: Church

### Sunday, January 1

- 8:00am, 9:30am (Church & Chapel),  
and 11:15am: Church  
(No 7pm Mass)

## Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year to You!

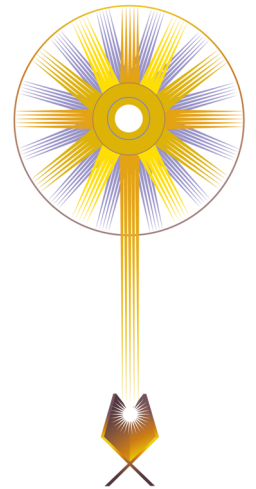
As we celebrate this season with our many church and personal traditions there is much joy and much to enjoy. It is a time of great hope. Christmas reminds us of the wonder of God's life in us and the whole world; of Christ present in those around us. If we are in particular straits, and in fact we all are, we also pray for a more than ordinary portion of peace. I invite you to follow the example of the characters of the Nativity story; to be searchers like the kings, to be as curious as the shepherds, as attentive as Joseph, as reflective as Mary.

It strikes me that the purpose of a parish is to help us to do just these things. To pray, wonder, search, attend to the needs of others and reflect on the meaning of it all. This of course is not just the work of this season, but of the whole year and in fact of an entire lifetime. Here at Saint Clement we hope to be of assistance to everyone in *striving for deeper holiness, greater communion, and wider service.*

In the following pages of this special bulletin you will find ways to pray, serve, give, learn and become an ever more engaged Catholic. Please page through these many opportunities. Listen to your own reactions as you look them over and mark on your calendar those things which may be of interest or attract you. Or perhaps pay special note to those offerings that turn you off or challenge you. These may be exactly the things you need to do. One of the sure lessons of this season is that God works in the unexpected.

May every good blessing be with you now and in the year to come.

Fr. Ken Simpson  
Pastor



# Reflections from the Associate Pastor



**Fr. Manuel Dorantes**

When I was about 12 years old I remember asking my grandfather about the signs of loving someone. I wanted to know how I would feel and think when I would fall in love and I wanted him to tell me what it was like when he had fallen in love with my grandmother. He then told me that the feelings of love are not describable but that one can always see them. One

can see them in the actions of the one who is in love, and sometimes those actions are quite reasonable and sometimes they are not; as a matter of fact most of the time they transcend reason.

This Christmas we celebrate the greatest act of love for humanity, God's Incarnation. To a certain extent this desire of God to be embraced in love by His creation is quite reasonable, but frankly it transcends reason. Only in the realm of love can one begin to comprehend the act of God's self-emptying to the degree of being born in the most vulnerable of situations two thousand years ago in Bethlehem of Judea.

For centuries God has used all available means to show us how great His love is for all of us and in Christmas we celebrate the greatest of means—Jesus.

Inspired by the words and actions of Jesus recorded in the Gospels, during the past year our parish community together with its leaders has reflected for long hours on our identity as a parish and as a community of disciples of Jesus, the Incarnation of God.

The results: *Saint Clement Parish is a Catholic community striving for deeper holiness, greater communion, and wider service.* This vision demands of our parishioners and of those called to lead our parish to manifest their love for God and for neighbor in very concrete ways: Welcome, Prayer, Service, and Giving.

## Welcome

Saint Clement is and must be a house of prayer for all people, welcoming and embracing of all without discrimination or distinction. We must be Catholic in the full extent of the word.

## Pray

Prayer is the time we take out of our busy schedules to be in the presence of God. This time has two formats: private and

public. As a private act we make the time in our daily lives to be in communion with God. As a public act, we intentionally gather in worship every Sunday around the Lord's table along with the rest of the Christian community.

## Serve

Service is also at the heart of who we are as a parish community. The Lord whom we worship on Sunday is a Lord who radically identifies himself with the downtrodden and outcasts of our society: "Whatever you did for these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We are called to be coherent between the way that we pray and the way that we live. Therefore we must live in service of others, especially the poor. Saint Clement will continue to offer this year many opportunities to serve the local and international communities. Locally, we will continue our relationship with the many organizations that we serve, and internationally we will strengthen our relationship with our sister parish, Immaculate Conception in San Salvador, El Salvador.

## Give

Saint Clement parishioners give. They give generously and cheerfully (as Saint Paul would say). We are not called to give equally, but we are called to sacrifice equally for the sake of our mission. As Mother Theresa would say, "the poorest of the poor in our community is not so poor that he has nothing to give, and the richest of the rich is not so rich that he has nothing to receive."

This past year I have been inspired by your generosity in prayer, service and giving. From the many hours spent in Eucharistic Adoration, to the many hospital visits to Children's Memorial Hospital by our Ministers of Care, to your financial support to our teens and young adults to attend World Youth Day in Madrid. Thank you!

We are called to love, but to love in specific acts, such as welcoming, praying, serving, and giving. In doing these things we are imitating the ultimate act of love—God's self giving. As we begin 2012 together in faith, hope and love at Saint Clement, I invite you to join me and the parish leadership in resolving to strive together for deeper holiness, greater communion, and wider service in the year that is to come.

In the love brought to us by the Newborn Jesus,  
Fr. Manny

# Pray

## To Give Thanks, We Pray

At the core of any parish is its prayer life. Prayer is also the foundation of a stewardship life. Saint Clement Parish is so amazingly blessed with an exquisitely designed structure that enhances both communal and private prayer. Along with outstanding Sunday liturgies that inspire and challenge the community, Saint Clement offers diverse opportunities for prayer and worship. Some suggestions are below.

### Have You Made Your New Year's Resolution?

The celebration of Christmas and the start of a new year always provide a good opportunity for reflection and refocus in our lives. As we take stock of our physical health, bad habits, finances, and relationships, why not add our spiritual life to that list, too? Continuing together on our journey of faith into 2012, we encourage you to take a few minutes to reflect on your faith life over the past year, and invite you to make a "Spiritual Resolution" as we enter into the new year. Try out some of these ideas surrounding prayer (and look to the coming pages for ideas on serving and giving)!

#### Work on your prayer life

- Try praying in different locations or times of the day to find a fit.
- Start small – you are more likely to succeed if you choose a manageable goal!
- Schedule it! Put it on a digital calendar with an automatic reminder.
- Learn from a few experts (see p. 8 for resources).
- Try a prayer group or a retreat.
- Find a prayer partner.

#### Get more out of (and put more into) Mass

- Arrive early so you have time to settle in & focus before Mass starts.
- Read the Scripture ahead of time – find it on [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).
- Give yourself a refresher course on why we do what we do (see p. 8 for resources).
- Volunteer for a liturgical ministry or choir.

#### Make it a priority to get to Mass EVERY WEEKEND

- Schedule on your calendar which Mass you will attend before the weekend even starts.
- Make plans to attend with a friend or another family member to hold you accountable.

#### Incorporate spirituality into other areas of your life...

- Pick a spiritual book for your next trip.
- Set the homepage of your web browser for a daily, online reflection.
- Make a playlist or cd with religious songs or music that you relate to on a more spiritual level.
- Go for some spiritual blockbusters! ("Soul Surfer," anyone?)
- Ask the people with strong faith in your life what habits or practices help them connect to God.

## Opportunities to Pray

**EPIPHANY FAMILY MASS & RECEPTION:** Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:30am Chapel. Worship & fellowship opportunity for families. Start a new family tradition this advent season. Ask God's blessing on your home and on all who live or visit there. "Chalking the Door" kits will be distributed to children.

#### RETREATS:

**Midwinter Retreat for Couples:** Warm up this winter! Join other married couples from Saint Clement for a half-day retreat on **Saturday January 28**, from 1pm-6pm (including Mass) in Centennial Hall. Our facilitator is Rev. Jim Friedel, O.S.A., and the theme is "Pausing to Grow in Awareness: Spirituality in Marriage." Details and registration form available online.

**Young Adult Community's Winter Retreat:** Take the time out to refresh yourself and your relationship with God with other young adults in their 20s and 30s. Retreat will be held **February 24-26** at Saint Benedict's Retreat Center in Benet Lake, WI. Registration will be available mid-January. Questions? Contact Joanne Turner at [joanne6733@yahoo.com](mailto:joanne6733@yahoo.com).

**REFLECT TO MUSIC:** Dir. of Music, Paul Nicholson is offering organ reflections on the **2nd Sunday of the month** following the 11:15am Mass, beginning about 5 minutes after Mass. The repertoire played will be drawn from the Renaissance through the 21st century and will include improvisations on hymnody taken from the Mass. These short recitals will last 10 - 15 minutes and are offered as an opportunity for prayer and further reflection on the readings for the day.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Begin your Lenten journey with the visible reminder that we were shaped from clay by God's hands, and that we will return to God. On **February 22**, Masses with ash distribution will be celebrated at 7am, 9am, and 7:30pm in the church. Ashes will also be distributed in the context of short prayer services at Noon, 4pm, and 5:30pm in the church.

**ANNUAL PRAYER DAY:** Join us on **Sunday, March 4** for this annual, parish-wide event that offers parishioners an opportunity to explore and practice different forms of prayer and enhance their prayer life.

#### PRAYER GROUPS:

**Clement Faith Communities:** small groups of parishioners gather together on a regular basis to share their faith through prayer, Scripture reflection, and daily faith experiences in a prayerful and supportive environment. Groups meet at various times throughout the week. Contact Maggie Hanley at [maggieh@stclementchurch.org](mailto:maggieh@stclementchurch.org).

**Men's Communion:** **Tuesdays** at 6:30am. Start your day with the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, a reflection, intercessions and Holy Communion.

**Focus on Sunday Scripture:** **Tuesdays** at 9:30am; reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday.

**A Mother's Rosary:** 8:15am on **Thursdays** during school year.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Held in the church every **Thursday beginning January 5** from 2pm-7:45pm. Rosary at 6pm. Short prayer service (Benediction) at 7:30pm.

**Centering Prayer:** **Saturdays** at 9:30am

# Serve

## We Are Called to Serve

Just as Christ ministered to the poor and needy, so too are we called to serve those less fortunate. Service to others is a cornerstone of our Christian faith. Out of gratitude for the blessings God has given us and rooted in the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church, we share our gifts of time and talent freely in service for others, while working to address the issues that face our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

At Saint Clement, there are a variety of ways one can serve: in the parish as a liturgical minister at Mass, on a parish-wide committee, as a catechist for Religious Education; in the greater community through Donate-a-Day service opportunities, making sack lunches for the homeless, visiting the homebound and hospitalized through Ministry of Care. Both one-time and ongoing opportunities are available in the parish and through outreach efforts, and together we can discern the gifts you can share. By sharing our talents and gifts in the name of Christ, we allow Christ to serve through us and spread hope.

### Donate-a-Day Opportunities

Donate-a-Day is an opportunity to share our gifts by reaching out to those in need on a one-time basis. It's a great opportunity for families or groups of friends to give service to others. Contact Maggie Hanley at [maggieh@stclementchurch.org](mailto:maggieh@stclementchurch.org) for more information, to sign-up for an event, or for a listing of other opportunities to serve.

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER** – Join a team of Saint Clement parishioners to prepare and serve dinner to approximately 40 homeless guests who are part of the LPCS program. Volunteers split bringing the food and beverages.

**Dates:** Fridays, January 27; March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15

**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:30pm

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE** – Join a team of Saint Clement parishioners to prepare and serve dinner to approximately 25 family members of children undergoing treatment at Children's Memorial Hospital. Volunteers split bringing the food and beverages.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 4 & 18, February 15, March 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**HOSPITALITY DURING FRIDAY SACK LUNCHES** – Join other volunteers from our parish and aid in offering juice, coffee, and donuts to those homeless who wait in line outside during our regularly scheduled Friday sack lunch program. Share in hospitality and conversation, and serve as a welcoming face of Saint Clement.

**Dates:** Fridays, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22

**Time:** 9:00am to 9:45am

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUP KITCHEN** – Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches, welcome guests, and serve a hot meal to 130 needy Chicagoans who come to Catholic Charities' Soup Kitchen at 721 N. LaSalle.

**Dates:** Fridays, January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

**Time:** 3:30pm to 6:00pm

### Opportunities to Serve

**ANNUAL SERVICE DAY:** 7<sup>th</sup> annual parish-wide Saint Clement Service Day – **Saturday, April 28**. Join over 350 parishioners as we serve at a number of social service organizations throughout the city, such as homeless shelters, childcare centers, soup kitchens and senior homes.

#### SERVE AS A STEWARD OF THE MASS: LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Serving at Mass deepens one's knowledge and experience of the liturgy, and fulfills our calling to "full, conscious, and active participation." Get involved in the liturgical ministries. Please contact Flo Merkl-Deutsch, Coordinator of Liturgy, at [flo@stclementchurch.org](mailto:flo@stclementchurch.org) for more information. Children and teens are encouraged to volunteer!

- Altar Servers
- Arts & Environment
- Bread Bakers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Liturgical Dance
- Sacristans
- Thurifers
- Ushers

**MINISTRY OF CARE:** Minister to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Saint Clement Parish has teamed up with Holy Name Cathedral and will be co-hosting the upcoming training. It will take place over two weekends (both are required to be certified): the first part of the training will be at Saint Clement on **January 21**; the second part will take place at Holy Name Cathedral on **January 28**. Both are held from 9am-3pm.

**VOLUNTEER AT ANCHOR BALL:** Anchor Ball is our annual fundraiser that benefits both the church and the school; held on **Saturday, March 10** at the Aqua hotel. It requires a lot of help. Volunteers are needed in all areas. Contact Kim Carter at [kimc@stclementchurch.org](mailto:kimc@stclementchurch.org).

**VOLUNTEER AT MADONNA HOUSE:** A Catholic Charities sponsored women and children's center in Wrigleyville. Volunteers are needed to assist with childcare, and lead fitness and life skills classes for the mothers focused on yoga, aerobics, budgeting, anger management, neo-natal care and more. Contact Maggie Hanley at [maggieh@stclementchurch.org](mailto:maggieh@stclementchurch.org).

**STAY CONNECTED WITH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** Get service opportunities sent straight to your inbox! Subscribe to our Service Listserv by emailing [requests@stclementchurch.org](mailto:requests@stclementchurch.org) and typing "subscribe service" in the subject line. Allow up to 3 business days to be added and to receive a confirmation email.

# Give

## Living a Life of Stewardship: Grateful and Giving

As a steward, we realize that everything we have, everything we own, everything we achieve, even our faith and life itself, is a gift from God. Stewardship challenges us to live a life of gratitude for all that God has given us by taking care of our gifts, and then in turn, sharing them with others. The bottom third of our Parish Mission Statement (as seen to the right) is focused on this call to being grateful and giving as part of the direction we must go to live out our unique call as a parish. Let's unpack this sentence:

**Grateful to God for our many blessings...**

Personal and communal gratitude is the foundation for our parish spirituality of stewardship. We are a uniquely

blessed community. The level of talent, the monetary resources, the tremendous energy are given as a gift to be shared.

**...we have a sacred responsibility to share our gifts...**

God does not give us gifts for ourselves. We do not own them but we can develop them. We find happiness by using them for the good of others.

**...serve the common good...**

Catholic teaching propels us outward to build up the kingdom of God; a kingdom of reconciliation and peace, a society of basic rights and care.

**...make a meaningful difference in people's lives...**

Our beautiful church, our crafted liturgies, our high level of activity, our local,

national and international reputation are all things we can be proud of and build upon. All of this must make a difference in your lives and the lives of those you touch. How are you and the world different because of Saint Clement Parish?

**...and respond to the challenge...**

While a parish is certainly a place to find comfort and solace, warmth and friendship, it must also be a place to be challenged to continual personal and social transformation.

**...to live the Gospel every day.** Gospel living is not part time.

We invite you to continue to deepen your practice of the spirituality of stewardship.

## Parish Mission Statement

**Rooted** in the richness of the Catholic tradition, Saint Clement is a welcoming, respectful and vibrant parish community, on a common journey toward holiness.

**Empowered** by the liturgy, we worship together and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through sacraments, prayer, service, spiritual formation, and education.

**Grateful** to God for our many blessings, we have a sacred responsibility to share our gifts, serve the common good, make a meaningful difference in people's lives, and respond to the challenge to live the Gospel every day.

## Making a Sunday Giving Commitment

Rooted in gratitude for the many gifts God has bestowed upon us as individuals and as a community, Christian stewardship calls upon each of us to nurture our relationship with God through **prayer**; put our faith into action through **service**; and to share our gifts with others by **giving**.

Your **Sunday Giving Commitment** to Saint Clement Parish (formerly known as the "Planned Offering Program") is an important part of what it means to be a good Christian steward. Giving a financial commitment to support the basic operating needs of our parish represents a tangible expression of gratitude for God's role in your life and the part the church has played in deepening your spiritual life. At the same time, your commitment enables the church to support the many programs, ministries, and services that promote prayer, service, and giving to others within, and beyond the Saint Clement community (through our **Clement Commits program**; see article to the right). Know that we are most grateful for whatever amount you determine to give. Please consider participating—we need you! Pledge forms are available in the church vestibule.

For more information, please contact Kim Carter at 773-281-0371 x122 or [kimc@stclementchurch.org](mailto:kimc@stclementchurch.org).



## We Give of Our First Fruits: Clement Commits

Eight years ago, Saint Clement made a leap of faith by committing to a "first fruits" program designed to share a percentage of the funds we collect in our Sunday Giving Commitment and weekly collections to help the poor and others in need outside of the parish. The scope of the Clement Commits program was and is unprecedented in the Chicago Archdiocese. Through Clement Commits, the parish distributed 9.5% of our 2011 collections (raised from 9% in 2010) to various programs serving the diverse needs outside of our parish.

For fiscal year 2011, ending June 30, we distributed \$194,750.53! This is something we can all be very proud of: in these tough economic times, we are giving this large amount to those who need it more than we do. Even though we fell short of budget for our operating expenses, we are still giving 9.5% of our first fruits to organizations like Our Lady of Mercy parish, Lincoln Park Shelter, Little Sisters of the Poor, and more. This is a great example of true stewardship and sacrificial giving. With additional donations for El Salvador, and the Ash Wednesday collection for tsunami relief in Japan (through Catholic Charities), **the total amount distributed was \$197,244.11!**

See the 2011 Stewardship Report for details (available online at [www.stclementchurch.org](http://www.stclementchurch.org) and in the church vestibule).

# Learn

## We Grow in Faith

Lifelong faith formation is key to living and growing spiritually. At Saint Clement, we have many offerings for children and adults to learn about our faith. Throughout the year we offer sessions that explore what we, as Catholics believe and how to have a "lived" sense of spirituality. We believe that Jesus is our first teacher, and so we model discipleship by being welcoming and inclusive as we study about our faith together. We ask the questions, "What do we believe?" and discuss Catholic Identity, Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, Theology, Saints, Liturgy, Prayer, and the Liturgical Seasons. We offer sacramental preparation for children and adults and welcome new Catholics to the faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We are blessed to have many dedicated volunteers who are catechists and small group leaders.

## Opportunities to Learn

### DISCOVER AND DEEPEN YOUR STRENGTHS THIS LENT:

As a result of the Gallup Member Engagement Survey (ME25) our parish participated in last May (results available on our website), strategic efforts have begun to increase both member engagement and spiritual commitment. One of Gallup's findings shows that people are more engaged in their parish when "they are doing what they do best." Based on that premise and personal experience with the Clifton Strengths Finder Assessment, members of the Engagement Committee developed a program for parishioners to explore and develop their God-given gifts.

This program, called *Strengths for the Journey*, consists of four sessions during Lent dedicated to reflection and understanding God's unique gifts to individuals. Each person has the opportunity to discover his or her own personal strengths and how to best use them to find deeper meaning and purpose in one's life, as well as to understand God's special call to wholeness.

The program begins the **week of February 20** with several options for meeting times. Registration will begin on January 8. Please check the upcoming bulletins and the website for further details. Questions? Contact Mary Cele Doyle at [maryd@stclementchurch.org](mailto:maryd@stclementchurch.org).

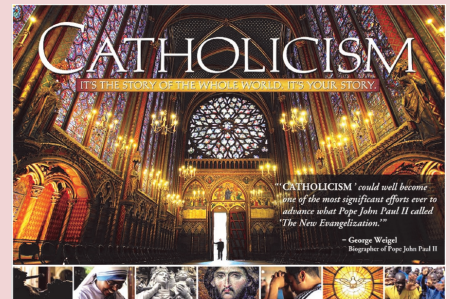
**CHURCH ART AND ARCHITECTURE TOUR:** Interested in learning more about the art and architecture of Saint Clement Church? A tour will be offered following the 11:15 Mass **the last Sunday of the month**. Learn about the artwork in the building, the people who designed the building, the symbolism behind the liturgical design and much more! The tour will begin at the front of the church.

**FOR CHILDREN:** Children ages 4-8 are invited during the 9:30am Masses to the *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. The priest will invite the children forward before the Liturgy of the Word begins. For information on our **Religious Education** program, visit [www.stclementchurch.org/education/children](http://www.stclementchurch.org/education/children). For information on **Saint Clement Parish School**, visit [www.stclementschoo.org](http://www.stclementschoo.org).

**BOOK & WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS:** See page 8.

## Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith

Catholics around the nation have been drawn to the TV and DVD series *Catholicism*, a rich media experience that seeks to explore, through a global journey, the living culture of the Catholic Church. With creator and host



Father Robert Barron—a priest from our own Archdiocese of Chicago—viewers will learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic tradition.

Saint Clement will be offering the opportunity to view this series together over the coming year, while engaging this material through lively discussion and reflection on its application to our lives of faith. Join us for all 10 episodes or come when you can. All sessions will be hosted in Fireside Hall, located in the basement of Saint Clement School, from 7:00-9:00pm. To ensure your official *Catholicism* study guide, please register online or at the parish office two weeks prior to the session(s) you plan to attend. Drop-ins are always welcome, but materials will not be guaranteed. A one-time suggested donation of \$20 will be appreciated to help us defray the costs of this highly-acclaimed study program. Questions? Contact Christina Bax at [christinab@stclementchurch.org](mailto:christinab@stclementchurch.org) for further information.

- **January 24:** *Catholicism* Kick-off — Viewing of Episode 1, Part 1: Amazed and Afraid – The Revelation of God Become Man
- **February 7:** Episode 1 (Part 2): Amazed and Afraid – The Revelation of God Become Man
- **March 6:** Episode 2: Happy Are We – The Teachings of Jesus
- **April 10:** Episode 3: The Ineffable Mystery of God – That Than Which Nothing Greater Can be Thought
- **May 8:** Episode 4: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast – Mary, Mother of God
- **June 5:** Episode 5: The Indispensable Men – Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure

# Belong

## Stay Connected

**THE PLAZA E-NEWSLETTER:** Emailed every Friday. Sign-up at [www.stclementchurch.org](http://www.stclementchurch.org).

**KEEP US UPDATED:** Have you moved? Married? Changed your email address? Help us keep our database up-to-date by sending us such changes via email at: [updates@stclementchurch.org](mailto:updates@stclementchurch.org). Please include the following updated information: Name • Email • Address/City/State/Zip • Phone/Cell Phone • Other Changes

**NEWCOMERS:** See *tips on page 9*; *registration info on page 10*.

## Parish Life Groups

**WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** Focuses on creating an ongoing spirit of hospitality and welcome in the parish, such as organizing “Hospitality on the Plaza,” or get-acquainted gatherings for new parishioners four times a year.

**AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB:** Meets once a month to discuss an agreed-upon title. Next meeting: **January 16**, 1:15pm to 3pm in the Fahey Center to discuss *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga. Contact Rick Jones at 773-338-7399 or [rickejones@hotmail.com](mailto:rickejones@hotmail.com).

**CLEMENT MOMS AND CLEMENT DADS:** Separate organizations that provide support and networking opportunities for “newer” parents of babies and young children through a variety of spiritual, social, and volunteer activities. Contact Natalie Recker at [nataliebastidas@hotmail.com](mailto:nataliebastidas@hotmail.com) for the Moms group, Chris Recker at [carecker@gmail.com](mailto:carecker@gmail.com) for the Dads.

**HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION:** Through its many subgroups (including Respect Life Commission, Environmental Committee, and Social Justice Committee) reaches out to raise awareness of social justice issues and implement the values of Catholic Social Teaching in our parish, local, and global communities. Contact Beth Hattel at [bhattel@yahoo.com](mailto:bhattel@yahoo.com).

**GAY & LESBIAN NETWORK AND FRIENDS:** Strives to enhance the spirituality of its members—the gay and lesbian community—and to build a spirit of support among gay and lesbian parishioners and with the parish at large. Contact Michael Warrell at [designsolutions@ameritech.net](mailto:designsolutions@ameritech.net).

**GOD SQUAD: YOUTH GROUP:** Our youth group offers social and spiritual opportunities for 8th-grade and high school teens. Contact Fr. Manny at [mdorantes@stclementchurch.org](mailto:mdorantes@stclementchurch.org).

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Contact Paul Nicholson at [pauln@stclementchurch.org](mailto:pauln@stclementchurch.org).

**SING WITH THE OCCASIONAL CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing but don't have time to commit to a choir with weekly rehearsals? An occasional choir sings at the 9:30am church Mass approximately once a quarter. Join us on **January 8**, with the only rehearsal taking place prior to the Mass, at 8:15am. The **signup deadline** is January 3. Contact Gabriel Mayhugh at [gabem@stclementchurch.org](mailto:gabem@stclementchurch.org).

**YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY:** A parish ministry for single and married individuals in their 20s and 30s. A wide range of spiritual, recreational, social, service, and educational activities are offered. Contact Liz Mulligan at [liz\\_dayton@hotmail.com](mailto:liz_dayton@hotmail.com).

# Saint Clement Calendar

## January

- 1 New Year's Day Masses (8:00, 9:30, 11:15am)
- 8 Epiphany Family Mass & Reception (9:30am, Chapel)
- 8 Occasional Choir performs at 9:30am Church Mass (rehearsal 8:15am)
- 8 New Parishioner Reception (10:30am, Fahey Center)
- 8 Young Adult Community Wine & Cheese Social (8:00pm, Chapel)
- 20 Newberry Concert (7:00pm, Church)
- 21 Ministry of Care Training, part 1 (9:00am-3:00pm, Saint Clement Church)
- 24 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00pm, Centennial Hall) see p. 6
- 28 Ministry of Care Training, part 2 (9:00am-3:00pm, Holy Name Cathedral)
- 28 Clement Couples Retreat (1:00pm, concluding with an intimate 5:00 Mass; Centennial Hall)
- 29 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30pm, Church)

## February

- 3 Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir (7:30pm, Church)
- 7 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00 pm, Centennial Hall) see p. 6
- 12 YAC Wine & Cheese Social (8:00pm, Chapel)
- 17 New Parishioner Welcome Dinner (7pm, Centennial Hall)
- 22 Ash Wednesday Mass (7:00am, 9:00am, 7:30pm) and Prayer Service (Noon, 4:00pm, 5:30pm)
- 24-26 Young Adult Community Retreat
- 26 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30pm, Church)

## March

- 4 Annual parish-wide Prayer Day
- 6 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00 pm, Centennial Hall) see p. 6
- 10 Anchor Ball, annual fundraiser (6:00pm, Aqua hotel); [www.stclementchurch.org/anchorball](http://www.stclementchurch.org/anchorball)
- 11 YAC Wine & Cheese Social (8:00pm, Chapel)
- 14 Lenten Reconciliation Service; communal & individual reconciliation available (7:00pm, Church)
- 21 New Parishioner Reception (7:00pm, Fahey Center)
- 25 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30pm, Church)

## April

- 1-7 Holy Week
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 10 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00pm, Centennial Hall) see p. 6
- 15 YAC Wine & Cheese Social (8:00pm, Chapel)
- 28 Annual parish-wide Service Day

## May

- 8 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00pm, Centennial Hall) see p. 6
- 18 Spring Fest: a parish-wide social event for adult parishioners (7:00pm, Centennial Hall)
- 20 YAC Wine & Cheese Social (8:00pm, Chapel)
- 27 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30pm, Church)

## June

- 3 New Parishioner Reception (10:30am, Fahey Center)
- 5 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00pm, Centennial Hall) see p. 6
- 24 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30pm, Church)

## Daily Scripture Readings

**Christmas Eve:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

**Christmas Day:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**New Year's Eve:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**New Year's Day:** Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

**Epiphany:** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Staff Resource Recommendations

### BOOK RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

- *Catholic Customs & Traditions: A Popular Guide* by Greg Dues: Explains why we do certain things as Catholics.
- *Give Us This Day* series from Liturgical Press for daily prayer
- *Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture* by Stephen J. Binz: A helpful guide to understanding how Catholics understand and approach the Bible.
- *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults: A very accessible presentation of our Catholic beliefs; written by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.*
- *Catholic Study Bible* from Oxford Univ. Press: New American Bible translation with extensive fascinating commentary
- *The Handbook for Catholic Moms* by Lisa Hendey: Encourages Moms to care of themselves – so they can better love and care for their families, neighbors, and church.

### WEB RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

- **www.usccb.org:** US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Keep up with daily scripture readings and news and resources from the church on many topics including social justice issues
- **bustedhalo.com:** An online magazine for spiritual seekers.
- **onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html:** Creighton University's Online Ministry, complete with daily reflections and online retreats!

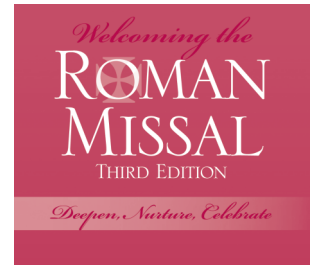
### BOOKS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES TO READ TOGETHER:

- *The Clown of God* by Tommie DePaola
- *God Gave us You* by Lisa T. Bergen
- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robertson
- *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson
- *A is for Altar, B is for Bible* by Judith Lang Main (Preschool)
- *Loyola Kids Book of Saints* by Amy Welborn (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up)

## Focus on the Liturgy

### Changes to the Mass Text Now in Use

You may have heard about some changes to the way we celebrate Mass. Although the essence of the Mass never changes dramatically, there are now revised words to some of our responses and prayers. Parishes throughout the English-speaking world have prepared for this transition, and our parish has been no exception. As of the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year, we have begun to use the revised Mass texts.



### THE REVISED TRANSLATION OF OUR PRAYERS AT MASS

All of the prayers and responses that we say during Mass in English have corresponding Latin texts. After the Second Vatican Council, the Latin texts were translated into the vernacular, or common language, of particular regions. The English translation that we use today was completed in 1969. It aimed for a "spirit" of the texts rather than an exact literal translation of the Latin words.

This 1969 translation helped us to move from the Latin Mass (before the Second Vatican Council) to Mass in vernacular languages (after the Second Vatican Council). Now that scholars have a better idea how to remain faithful to the original meaning of the Latin texts, they have been hard at work revising the English texts of the Mass. This revised translation is not a correction to the Mass, but is an evolution in the way that we approach the words that we use during Mass. The revised translation has many biblical allusions and it will more closely parallel the original Latin.

### AN EXAMPLE OF THE REVISED TEXTS

One difference that recurs several times is the people's response to "The Lord be with you." As of Advent 2011 we will answer, "And with your spirit." This change more carefully mirrors passages from Scripture (see, for example, Judges 6:12, Ruth 2:4, 2 Chronicles 15:2, and Luke 1:28). It also corresponds to the response in most other languages—bringing us in closer unity to the larger world. It's not the casual exchange that starts with "Hi," or "How are you doing?" Instead, it calls forth the deepest identity of priest and people, beginning a sacred action unlike anything else we do. Our language is elevated because our activity is: it expresses a faith handed down over centuries.

### OUR PARISH PLAN

We hope that you took advantage of the opportunities to learn more about the liturgy. If you do have any questions, feel free to contact a staff member. We will be happy to help. Also, booklets are available in the back of the church with more detailed information about the changes. Resources are also available on the website: [www.stclementchurch.org/missal](http://www.stclementchurch.org/missal).

# Spiritual Week at Saint Clement Parish

## Welcomed into the Church Last Weekend

**Zofia Alina Quist**, child of Marta and Brian Quist  
**Zachary Mason Ward**, child of Jessica and Chris Ward  
**Bennett Graham Lech**, child of Emily and Chester Lech  
**Abigail Leigh Sabo**, child of Kate and Mike Sabo  
**William Carsen Rottier**, child of Karen and Frank Rottier  
**Jackson Bradley Brejcha**, child of Kate and Brad Brejcha  
**Elaina DalleMolle**, child of Stephanie and Leo DalleMolle  
**Alexander Richard Earley**, child of Jackie and Tony Earley  
**Michael James Peck**, child of Kristen and Mike Peck

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Gabriel Bernal

## We Pray for the Sick

Jim McCarthy	Michael Roach
Dennis Walter	Fr. Greg Jones, CSV
Sr. Marie Alphonsine, LSP	Martha Voioivich
Sr. Mildred Mary, LSP	Bob Keenan
(Little Sisters of the Poor)	Agnes Groskopf
Nicole Maniatis Cooper	Mary Iqaravidez
Pat Hann	Peggy King
Charles Lev	Marta Segura Madden
Dolores Levy	

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25	Monday, January 2
9:30 Betsy Kenefick <sup>†</sup>	9:00 Mary Bohlander <sup>†</sup>
11:15 Cornelius Leonard <sup>†</sup>	Tuesday, January 3
Monday, December 26	9:00 Dr. Stephen Strobe <sup>†</sup>
9:00 Cornelius Leonard <sup>†</sup>	Wednesday, January 4
Tuesday, December 27	9:00 Florence E. Crull <sup>†</sup>
9:00 Dennis Doyle <sup>†</sup>	Thursday, January 5
Wednesday, December 28	9:00 Mary Hajost <sup>†</sup>
9:00 Cornelius Leonard <sup>†</sup>	Friday, January 6
Thursday, December 29	9:00 Cornelius Leonard <sup>†</sup>
9:00 Joseph Hajost, Sr. <sup>†</sup>	Saturday, January 7
Friday, December 30	5:00 Donald Flynn <sup>†</sup>
9:00 Catherine McCarthy <sup>†</sup>	Sunday, January 8
Saturday, December 31	8:00 Iluminada Daza <sup>†</sup>
5:00 Mariano Rabino <sup>†</sup>	9:30 Betsy Kenefick <sup>†</sup>
Sunday, January 1	9:30 Chapel: Owen Slaughter <sup>†</sup>
8:00 Deceased of	11:15 Raad Hermes <sup>†</sup>
Saint Clement	7:00 Donald & Shirley
9:30 Paul Bove <sup>†</sup>	Bezy <sup>†</sup>
9:30 Chapel: Deceased	
11:15 Deceased	

<sup>†</sup>Deceased

We like to specify who of our special intentions is deceased for special prayer. When scheduling a Mass intention with our receptionist, please let him/her know if the person is deceased. We apologize if your deceased loved one currently does not have a denotation.

## Tips for Newcomers

Welcome to our parish! For information on registering as a parishioner, parking, disabled access, elevators, and contact information, see page 10.

### Where is this Room?

Here is information on where to find some of the popular meeting spaces on our parish campus.

**Chapel:** Lower level of the church.

**Parish Office:** Just east of the church on Deming.

**Fahey Center I & II:** Enter through the parish office; turn right. Second floor for FC II.

**School:** Across the street at 2524 N. Orchard St.

**Centennial Hall:** Lower level of school. Consists of 2 rooms, **Fireside Hall** and the **Cafeteria**. Enter through the northernmost door & go downstairs.

### New Parishioner Welcome Events

**Annual welcome dinner:** Friday, February 17, 7pm, for those registered within the last year.

**Receptions:** Sundays, Jan. 8 and June 3, following 9:30am Mass; and Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm.

## Information for Families with Young Children

**Welcome!** Many families with children tend to worship at the 9:30 Masses. Some children enjoy the contemporary music and intimate space of our chapel. Others prefer the style of Mass in the upper church. During the 9:30 Masses, **babysitting is offered in the gym** at Saint Clement Parish School for children age 18 months to 3 yrs; Children age 4 to 8 may be dismissed from Mass to join in **Children's Liturgy of the Word**.

Here are some suggestions for parents to help their children pray the Mass, and create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere at Mass for all ages.

- Arrive early to use the rest room, get a drink, and settle in. If you have time, walk your child around the worship space and acquaint them with the art and architecture of our Catholic tradition. Show them the font and describe their baptism. Point out the beauty of the stained glass.
- Sit toward the front. Children will have an easier time paying attention!
- Help them to pray and embrace quiet. Mass offers families a wonderful "teaching moment" to develop a sense of reverence and respect for the Mass and sacred spaces. Be clear with children about the expectations regarding behavior and participation at Mass.
- Model full participation by actively participating in the Mass responses and the singing of the hymns.

Our volunteers and staff are here to help. Please ask a Hospitality Minister if you need assistance.

# Saint Clement Parish Info

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## Clergy

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<b>Rev. Robert Ferrigan</b>	Weekends
<b>Rev. Bill Wilson</b>	Resident

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Staff email addresses available on the website

### Saint Clement Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30am - 9:00pm  
Saturday 8:30am - 8:00pm; Sunday 8:30am - 2:00pm

**Private Prayer:** During office hours, please enter the church for private prayer through the church office.

**Disabled Access/Elevator:** There is a no-parking zone in front of the rectory for dropping off those in wheelchairs or otherwise disabled, a ramped sidewalk and elevator (one door east of the parish office; ring the bell for access). In the rear of the church there is an elevator which goes to the chapel. There are disabled-accessible restrooms in the Fahey Center, chapel and sacristy. There is a ramped access to the sacristy from the church. For assistance, please inquire at the reception desk.

**Parking:** Free parking during Sunday Masses available in the our parking lot on Deming; as well as the Children's Memorial Hospital, Clark Street Parking Facility at 2515 N. Clark St. (please pick up your Parking Validation at the receptionist desk).

**Registration:** If you regularly worship at Saint Clement, we ask that you please register with us. You may complete the registration form found online, in the back of church, or at the reception desk. Also, if you move, marry or add to your family, please notify us.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4pm - 4:45pm in the chapel and by appointment.

**Baptism:** The baptismal preparation program is offered throughout the year. Baptism is celebrated upon completion of the program. Please contact Maggie Hanley to schedule a baptism date before making other plans. Allow at least two months preparation time.

**Marriage:** You must be a currently registered member of Saint Clement Church in order to be married here. Contact the church office at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

**Ministry for the Sick and Homebound:** Please inform us about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, by calling the parish office.