



A community group of
Saint Clement Parish

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Who are the Clement Moms?

Clement Moms provides a social outlet, support network and involvement opportunity to parish and community moms. Most of our group is made up of moms whose children are not yet of school age. We have nine committees with many active committee members and more than 270 total members. Our various committees assist Saint Clement Parish in achieving its **mission**, which has **recently changed** to:

- *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.

Clement Moms Committee News

Welcoming Committee

Mark your calendars! The welcoming committee is hosting a new mom's coffee reception in the Fahey room of the parish center on **January 18** from 9:30-11:30am. Kids under 5 are welcome.

Service Committee

The following Service Committee volunteer opportunities scheduled for January and February. Please email sdhamming@yahoo.com or arkolbusz@yahoo.com for more details. All service opportunities are listed on the portal calendar as well.

- Lincoln Park Community Shelter Breakfast (at St. Paul's - Orchard & Fullerton) - **Saturday, January 7**, 8am-10am.
- Hospitality during the Homeless Sack Lunch Distribution (in front of Church) - **Friday, January 13**, 9am- 9:45am
- Hospitality during the Homeless Sack Lunch Distribution (in front of Church) - **Friday, January 27**, 9am - 9:45am
- Ronald McDonald House Dinner (next door to Saint Clement) - **Wednesday, February 1**, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Hospitality during the Homeless Sack Lunch Distribution (in front of Church) - **Friday, February 10**, 9am- 9:45am
- Hospitality during the Homeless Sack Lunch Distribution (in front of Church) - **Friday, February 24**, 9am - 9:45am

Meals for Moms

If you know of anyone who has recently had a baby and would enjoy a home cooked meal, please send me their information and I will contact them. Moms receive one meal a week for four weeks.

Also, we are always in need of more MFM volunteers! Since June of last year, Meals for Moms has made 60 meals for new moms! It's a great way to meet other Clement Moms. If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, please contact me for details at amylobner@gmail.com or 312.590.7048.

School Open House for Clement Moms

Join your fellow Clement Moms for an Open House for prospective parents at Saint Clement School on **January 11**, 9am to 11am. This Open House is being held exclusively for the Clement Moms Group (dads also welcome). You will have the opportunity to tour the school and ask questions. A meet and greet will be held following the tour to meet Principal, Melissa Dan; Dean of Students, Anne Byrne; and other faculty members. Further details can be found on the portal and RSVPs are required. [Note: This is an adults only event].

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Get Involved With Our Parish

Be a Pre-Cana Host Couple!

Are you married and looking to get involved in a parish ministry? Saint Clement's Pre-Cana program is a great opportunity to mentor newly engaged couples in our community. This in-house program offers couples an intimate setting to discuss and reflect about their relationship, and prepare for marriage in the Catholic church. The program commitment is 4 weeknight sessions, 2 hours per session. Training is provided. If you are interested please contact Paula Quinn at pauladquinn@gmail.com.

Celebrating Milestones

Happy Birthday

January 18

Caroline Recker

A very Happy First Birthday to our darling Caroline! Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Big Sister Isabella (Natalie and Christopher Recker)

January 20

Madeline Grace Krueger

Happy 1st Birthday Madeline! We love you! Love, Mom and Dad (Renee and Jeff Krueger)

February 15

Brex Stacey

Happy 2nd Birthday Brex! Love, Mommy and Daddy (Julie and Mike Stacey)



Welcome to the Church

January 22

Oscar Barnes

(Jessica Barnes)



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Saint Clement Parish Events



All parish events are now available for viewing on the website. Visit www.stclementchurch.org and click on the Events tab, and then Parish Calendar. I have highlighted a few events below:

January

- 1 New Year's Day Masses (8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.)
- 8 New Parishioner Reception (10:30 a.m., Fahey Center)
- 10 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00 p.m., Centennial Hall)
- 20 Newberry Concert (7:00 p.m., Church)
- 21 Ministry of Care Training, part 1 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., St. Clement Church)
- 28 Ministry of Care Training, part 2 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Holy Name Cathedral)
- 28 Clement Couples Retreat (1:00 p.m., concluding with an intimate 5:00 Mass)
- 29 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30 p.m., Church)

February

- 7 Catholicism DVD Series and Study Program (7:00 p.m., Centennial Hall)
- 11 First Reconciliation (9:30 a.m., Church)
- 17 New Parishioner Welcome Dinner (7:00 p.m., Centennial Hall)
- 22 Ash Wednesday Mass (7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.) and Prayer Service (Noon, 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.)
- 24-26 YAC Retreat
- 26 Church Art & Architecture Tour (12:30 p.m., Church)

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Save the Date for Anchor Ball 2012: Saturday, March 10

www.stclementchurch.org/anchorball

Please join us at Anchor Ball, the annual fundraiser for Saint Clement Parish, benefiting both the church and the school: **Saturday, March 10, 2012** at the new luxury hotel at the Aqua with its terrific cityscape views from the ballroom.



You can count on great music and food as well as wonderful prizes and experiences to be auctioned off. All parishioners will be receiving invitations in the mail; **tickets** are \$225 each.

Even if you aren't able to attend the ball, you can support Anchor Ball by buying a **Business or Family Ad** in the Program Book, or purchasing **raffle tickets** from Saint Clement School and Religious Ed students. Tickets are \$25 each.

- First prize (expected to be): \$15,000
- Second Prize: \$5,000
- Early Bird Drawing (February 10): \$500
Early buyers get this additional shot at winning!

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help in preparation for the event as well as to work the night of the event itself. See website to register.

The Saint Clement community has a lot to celebrate, and we hope to see you there!

Winter Fun Around Chicago



The holidays may be over, but winter fun is just beginning! Here are some events to get you out of the house and enjoying the city.

Ice Rinks

Skate your way on over to one of these 3 picturesque venues.

Millennium Park

Millennium Park ice rink is open daily from 12:00-8:00 pm through March 11. Admission is free and skate rental is \$10.

www.millenniumpark.org

Daley Bicentennial Plaza

For a quieter, less crowded downtown option, walk around the corner to the Daley Bicentennial Plaza ice rink located at 337 East Randolph.

Admission is free and skate rental is only \$7. Open skate hours are M-F 1:00- 9:00 pm, Saturday and Sundays, 3:30-8:30 pm.

Wrigley Field

The rink at Wrigley Field is open M-Th 2:00-9:00 pm, Fri 2:00-11:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-11:00 pm, Sun 10:00 am-8:00 pm through February 27. Admission

M-Th \$5 adults, \$3 children, skate rental \$5 adults, \$3 children. Fri-Sun \$10 Adults, \$6 children, skate rental \$10 Adults, \$5 children. http://chicago.cubs.mlb.com/chc/community/rink_at_wrigley.jsp

Snow Days Chicago

There is also Snow Days Chicago, being held this year at Navy Pier. As in the past, Snow Days will include an ice sculpting competition, dog sled racing and weight pulling with Siberian Huskies, and a snowboard exhibition (January 27-29, check www.navypier.com for hours)

Polar Adventure Days

The Chicago Park District is holding its annual free Polar Adventure Days at Northerly Island on January 21 and February 18 from 12:00-4:00 pm. Come out and watch as amazing ice sculptures are created, meet live animals, make winter-themed crafts, sip on hot cocoa, and much more. 1400 S. Lynn White Dr. near the Museum Campus, limited parking is \$3 www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Free Days at the Museums

Winter also brings lots of free days at Chicago's many museums.

The **Museum of Science and Industry** (www.msichicago.org) is free January 12-13, 16- 20, 23- 27, 30-31 February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

The **Shedd Aquarium** (www.sheddaquarium.org) has free general admission January 9-10, 15-19, 23-24, 30-31 and February 6-7, 13-14, 19-23, 27-28

Notebaert Nature Museum (www.naturemuseum.org) near the Lincoln Park Zoo is free every Thursday.

Finally, at the **Chicago Children's Museum** (www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org), admission is free for children 15 and under on Sunday, January 1 and Sunday, February 5, and admission is free for everyone every Thursday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 pm.

Other ongoing free events

that are a great way to beat the everyday mundane:

Mr. Singer performs at the farm at the Lincoln Park Zoo in the yellow house every Wednesday and Friday. Show times are 9:15 am and 10:00 am.

Bubbles Academy performs songs & stories for kids at the Lincoln Park Whole Foods every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00-10:30 am.

The Land of Nod has story time every Thursday at 11:00 am.

Lastly, you'll also want to mark your calendar for Saint Clement's big March event: **Anchor Ball at the Aqua** on Saturday, March 10 in downtown Chicago.

Have a great winter!

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Collection

By: Paul Turner

The weekly collection humbly expresses the community's faith. The silent routine accompanies the spirit of selflessness that unites believers. Whether your gift is large or small, the collection expresses what we have in common, a desire to share.

In the Mass, the collection occurs at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Its placement is significant. It is not an admission fee to get into the building. It is part of the heart of the Mass. Every Mass celebrates the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. That sacrifice unfolds before our eyes as the gifts we bring, the bread and wine, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and offered to God.

This sacrificial action begins when we carry bread and wine to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. With them we bring our gifts for the poor. This procession moves through the community because these gifts come from us and represent us. They represent our offering to God and our communion with God. Just as the Body and Blood of Christ bring heavenly nourishment to our community, so the collection brings material aid.

That material aid is no small matter. Your church depends on your gift. Parishes receive money like beggars, not like clerks. People give not to receive a product; they give to make a gift.

The charity that underlies the collection results from faith. We believe that what we have comes from God, and we know it was given for the enjoyment of all. A habit of giving comes from a heart that has learned the satisfactions of generosity. A habit of giving offers us peace that we are doing our part to make the world a better, more generous place.

The Scriptures recommend a tithe - giving 10 percent of what we earn to charities. By giving from what we receive, we share God's love with the world.

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