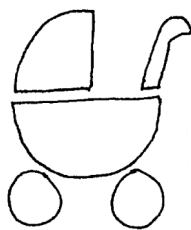


Clement Moms Newsletter



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Thanks from the 2010-2011 Clement Moms Co-Chairs

Dear Clement Moms,

It is hard to believe that Spring is finally here and our 2010-2011 Clement Moms calendar is winding down! We want to take this opportunity to tell all of you that it has been an absolute pleasure to serve as co-chairs of Clement Moms this year. We have really enjoyed spending time with you and getting to know you at our many social, spiritual and service events. We have also enjoyed welcoming many new moms to our wonderful group in recent months. We had 46 new moms join us this year!

Of course it is the help of all our volunteers that allows Clement Moms to organize and host so many wonderful activities for moms and families. These events serve our goals of providing a support network and parish involvement opportunities for mothers of young children. All of the planning and care that goes into these gatherings is a testament to the generous and welcoming nature of Clement Moms – and Saint Clement Church. As such, we would like to graciously thank all of our committee

volunteers for donating their time and talents to keep this ministry running as smoothly as it does. We would also like to thank the parish staff, especially Fr. Ken Simpson, Fr. Manny Dorantes, Mary Cele Doyle, Kim Carter, Joanna Krynski, Gael Day and Mary Ellen Blanchard for their unwavering support, time, and assistance.

We certainly hope all of you enjoyed being a part of Clement Moms this year as much as we did! If you find yourself thinking that you would like to take an active role on one of our committees next year, we encourage you to attend our Spring party at the end of May. We will have more information on the many activities of each committee and sign-up sheets for those who want to jump in. This party will be our final Clement Moms gathering for this school year, and we encourage all of you to come and celebrate with us! Additional details will be posted on the portal.

Again, thank you fellow Clement Moms for another truly successful year.

Sarah Hamming and Angie Kolbusz
2010-2011 Co-Chairs 🐘

Summer Camp Options



School's out – how will your kids stay busy? Try these:

Chicago Park District (www.chicagoparkdistrict.com): camp session for most parks runs June 27 - August 5. The Park District offers a variety of programs for different ages, depending on the park.

Lakeshore Athletic Club (www.lisac.com): session runs June 13 - August 19. Lakeshore Athletic Club offers summer camp programs for kids of all ages and varying interests.

Little Gym (www.tlgchicagoil.com): session runs June 13 - August 26. Little Gym offers camp options for children ages 3-12 in gymnastics, sports and dance.

Lycée Français (www.lyceechicago.org): session runs June 27 - July 29. The Lycée offers week-long immersion language camps (in many languages) for children ages 3-10.

My Corner Playroom (www.mycornerplayroom.com): session runs June through August. My Corner Playroom offers half- and full-day camps for children ages 2-6.

Windy City Fieldhouse Summer Camp (www.windycityfieldhouse.com): sessions run August 8-12, 15-19 and 22-26. WCSA offers camps for children ages 4-14 that focus on learning and allowing children to develop sports skills in a safe, fun and encouraging environment.

Know of other good summer camp options? Log in to the Clement Moms Portal and add them to the Out & About topic on the Discussion Board! Have fun! (Kirsten Greco) 🐘

Prayer for Mothers

Father in heaven,

Grant me the peace to appreciate the dignity which you have conferred on me. Let me realize that not even the angels have been blessed with such a privilege: to share in your creative miracle and bring new saints to heaven.

Make me a good mother to all my children after the example of Mary, the Mother of your Son.

Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary, I ask your continued blessings on my family. Let us all be dedicated to your service on earth and attain the eternal happiness of your kingdom in heaven. Amen.



Clement Moms Committee News

Clement Dads

Come grab a drink and meet fellow Clement Dads on Thursday, May 12 from 7:00-10:00 pm at Burwood Tap, 724 W. Wrightwood Ave.



Meals for Moms

If you know a mom who has recently had a baby and would enjoy a home cooked meal, please send her information to Rebecca Richards (rebeccarichards1@gmail.com), and Rebecca will contact her.

Moms receive one meal a week for four weeks. It's a wonderful way to meet other Clement Moms.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, please email Rebecca to get all the details and be added to the list.

Playgroup

Now that the weather is finally starting to get nice, we will resume our spring/summer playgroups on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. The 1st Thursday will be an afternoon playgroup (3:00-4:30 pm) and the 3rd Thursday will be a morning playgroup (10:00-11:30 am). We hope to accommodate everyone's different schedules this way.

There will not be a specific host for each playgroup, but with the RSVP option on the portal, you will be able to see all of the other Clement Moms that are attending and be "on the lookout" for each other. This is another reason why it's very important that you upload a picture to your profile. We want to be able to recognize you and put a face to a name :)

We look forward to seeing you at the next Clement Moms Playgroup, which

will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 3:00 pm. Check the calendar on the portal and RSVP today.

Service Committee

Thanks to all the Clement Moms who put together coloring packets for Children's Hospital in March! It was a very successful drive.

Welcoming Committee

The Spring Party for all moms will be held on Thursday, May 26 from 7:00-10:00 pm at the home of Sarah Hamming, 1133 W. Altgeld St., Chicago, IL 60614. This is the last party of the year, so please join us to celebrate another successful year of Clement Moms. And looking forward, the committee sign-up sheets will be displayed for next year. Please RSVP via the portal. *(Compiled by Kirsten Greco)* 🍷

Saint Clement Parish Events and Information

May and June Parish Events

- May 3 School Spring Concert (grades 4-7)
- May 4 Vocations Night; New Parishioner Reception and Church Tour
- May 7 Mother's Day; First Holy Communion
- May 15 Gallup Parish Survey at all Masses and online
- May 18 New Parent Welcome at Saint Clement School
- May 20 Springfest Parish-wide Social Event
- May 22 Reception for Fr. Pat McDevitt's 25th Anniversary as a Priest (after 9:30 Mass)
- June 3 Eighth Grade Graduation
- June 5 Reception for Fr. Ferrigan's 50th Anniversary as a Priest (after 9:30 Mass)
- June 9 Last Day of School
- June 12 Pentecost Sunday
- June 19 Father's Day; Bike, Walk, or Take the CTA to Mass Day

(Compiled by Mary Cele Doyle and Megan Riley)



Missal Changes

Beginning in late November, Saint Clement and every Roman Catholic Church in the English-speaking world will begin to

use a revised translation of our Mass. This means that some of the words we say in response and song will change.

The words of our Mass are contained in original Latin texts. These texts are translated into the vernacular for the various languages of the worldwide church. Our current translation comes to us from 1973, and there were other translations prior to 1973. Work on this revised translation began well over ten years ago. This revision is not a correction of what are currently doing or what we have done in the past. It is more of an evolution in the way we look at the original Latin text. Translators now have a firmer grasp of the original meaning of the Latin and have used a more literal approach in translating the texts. Keep in mind that this change applies to the Mass texts and not to the scriptures.

No doubt these new translations will be a challenge for all of us. Change is never easy, and this will touch us at the very words we use during our liturgical celebration. As the Spirit has been alive and active in the church throughout the ages, so too is the Spirit with us today. As we prepare for the new translation, we can use this opportunity to deepen our understanding and spirituality of the liturgy. There will be many opportunities for our parish to delve deeper into our knowledge and practice of liturgy.

Consider taking time over the coming months to learn more about these texts and to deepen your own spirituality. Together as one parish community we will implement the changes with great success. *(Gabe Mayhugh)* 🍷

Celebrating Milestones

Happy Birthday

May 7

Nicholas Hadden

Happy 1st Birthday!

Love, Mom and Dad

(Paul and Kristen Hadden)

May 14

Grant Lobner

Happy 1st Birthday

Grant! We love you!

Love, Mommy and Daddy

May 20

John McTaggart

Happy 4th Birthday John!

We love you so much,

Daddy, Mommy, and Claire

May 23

Maxwell Kiff

Happy 3rd Birthday!!!

June 7

Giona Maccaferri

Happy 5th Birthday, Giona!

We love you so much,

Mamma, Papa, and Gianluca

June 15

Emma Vaughn

Happy 2nd Birthday Emma!

Love, Mommy and Daddy

June 24

Josh Hamming

Happy 1st Birthday Josh!

Love, Mommy, Daddy and big

brother Jake

June 26

Jack Robert O'Brien

Happy 2nd Birthday, Jack!

We love you!

Mom, Dad and Ozzie

Welcome to the Church

To Be Baptized May 29

Rafael Navarro Mendiola

Proud Parents: Mark and Larissa

(Navarro) Mendiola

(Compiled by Megan Riley) 🍷

May and June Events in Chicago for Families

The warmer weather has finally arrived! Here are some May and June events to get you out of the house...

May Events

- **Kids and Kites Festival**, May 7, Montrose Harbor, www.chicagokidsandkites.us
- **Polish Constitution Day Parade**, May 7, 11:30 am, 300 E. Balbo, www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents
- **Kids Day America at Mayfest**, May 20-22, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, 3100 N. Ashland, admission: suggested \$5 donation, www.StarEvents.com
- **The Chicago Memorial Day Parade**, May 28, step off at 12:00 pm, proceeds south on State Street, www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents

June Events

- **June Jam**, June 4-5, Audubon School (3500 N. Hoyne), www.StarEvents.com
- **Chicago Blues Festival**, June 10-12, Grant Park, www.chicagobluesfestival.us
- **Ribfest Chicago**, June 10-12, Friday 5:00-10:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday noon-10:00 pm (Kids' Area until 5:00 pm), 4000 N. Lincoln Ave., admission: suggested \$5 donation, www.ribfest-chicago.com
- **Old Town Art Fair**, June 11-12, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, 1763 N. North Park, admission suggested \$7 donation, www.oldtownartfair.org
- **Andersonville Midsommarfest**, June 11-12, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm, 5200 N. Clark Street at Foster, admission suggested \$5 donation, www.StarEvents.com
- **Chicago Summerfest**, June 25-26, Saturday noon-10:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm, Lincoln Park Cultural Center, 2045 N. Lincoln Park West, www.StarEvents.com

- **Taste of Chicago**, June 24 - July 3, Grant Park, www.cityofchicago.org/specialevents

Several of the Chicago Farmers Markets start in June; check out www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us for more information on dates and locations. Check out www.chicagokids.com or www.kidwinks.com for more fun and some free events for kids around the city.

Another great way to explore the city is to take advantage of **free days** at some of Chicago's many museums:

- **The Adler Planetarium** (www.adlerplanetarium.org) is free May 12 and June 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
- **The Art Institute of Chicago** (www.artic.edu/aic), Thursdays in May from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, and June 1 and 8 all day
- **Chicago Children's Museum** (www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org), admission is free for children 15 and under on May 1 and June 5, and admission is free for everyone every Thursday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 pm
- **Field Museum** (www.fieldmuseum.org) has free days on May 9 and June 7, 13
- **Shedd Aquarium** (www.sheddaquarium.org) has a week of free general admission June 12-16
- **Museum of Science and Industry** (www.mis-chicago.org) is free June 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- **Notebaert Nature Museum** (www.naturemuseum.org) near the Lincoln Park Zoo is free every Thursday

Bank of America Museums on Us:

Present your Bank of America credit or debit card every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month for free general admission. See <http://museums.bankofamerica.com> for more information. (Compiled by Kristen Hadden) 🍷



The Easter Candle

The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes, which long to behold the glory of God.

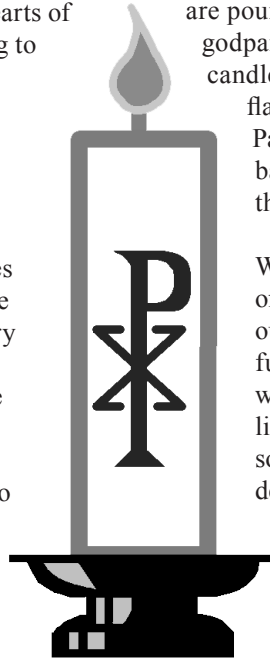
The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness that belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols that enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the coffin and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.



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