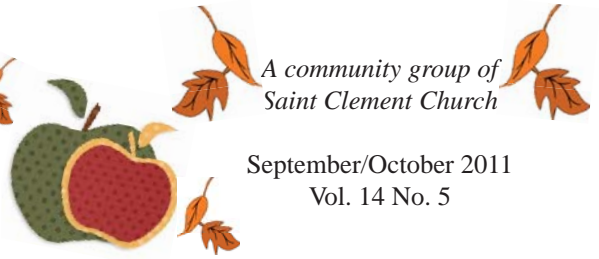




Clement Moms
Newsletter



A community group of
Saint Clement Church

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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 Church in achieving its mission, which includes:

- Shaping our lives in the spirit of Christ
- Developing personal relationships with God through prayer, scripture and worship
- Being a welcoming community that accepts and encourages diversity
- Increasing stewardship by sharing our talents, spirit and resources in God's service
- Ministering to the poor, hungry, homeless, ill and spiritually bereft
- Encouraging peace, justice and social responsibility
- Nurturing the faith and religious education of our children
- Honoring Christ's call to love one another as He loves us

Clement Moms 2011-12 Dues Collections - New Credit Card Payment Option!

All of the events that characterize the Clement Moms experience throughout the year are solely funded by dues collected from each mom; so dues paid by September 30th are greatly appreciated! We have been working to make it even easier for you to pay your dues this year. We are excited to announce that as a result of new enhancements to the Portal, you have the option this year to pay your 2011-12 dues by credit card, debit card or checking/savings direct withdrawal on the Portal! Dues for the 2011-12 year are \$40 for Clement Moms and \$50 for Clement Moms and Clement Dads.

Directions to Pay Dues by Credit Card, Debit Card or Checking/Savings Direct Withdrawal on the Portal:

1. Log into the Portal at www.clementmoms.com
2. Click on the Giving Tab at the top of the Home Page
3. Click on "Clement Moms 2011-2012 Annual Dues"
4. Click on "Attend this Event" at the upper right hand corner of the page
5. Select either \$50 for Clement Moms and Clement Dads or \$40 for just Clement Moms and then click Next
6. Click "New Source"
7. Select your payment option and click Next
8. Enter your payment details and click Finish
9. You will now be back on the Payment Source screen, click Next
10. Check the "I Agree" box regarding the payment authorization and then click Finish

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janel Colquhoun at janelcolquhoun@gmail.com or (773) 327-4453. ☎

Clement Moms Portal Update

Upload Your Photo

We hope that everyone is taking full advantage of the Clement Moms portal to stay on top of Clement Moms events and benefit from the many discussion boards available to just our on-line Clement Moms community. We feel so fortunate to have such a user-friendly tool that keeps our group connected on-line in such a secure site.



If you have not done so, PLEASE take a moment to fill out your profile and **UPLOAD A PHOTO**. It really makes such a difference to put a face with a name at our events or other church gatherings. It also ensures that our portal remains a tight-knit community of active Clement Moms and helps us and church staff maintain a current data base of members!

Many thanks to Joe and Joan Jablonski who have done so much to make this portal tool available and current for all Clement Moms. ☎

Saint Clement Parish Events



September 1-September 30
Hunger Awareness Month
Food collection after all Masses each Sunday

September 11
Child Care resumes during 9:30 Mass, in the school gym

September 18
Religious Ed Classes begin after 9:30 Mass, in the school classrooms

September 25
Parish Survey Results Communication Day at all Masses, plaza/chapel

September 27
Virtus Training, Fireside Hall, 7:00pm

October 2
Respect Life Sunday and kickoff for Respect Life month, all Masses, plaza/chapel

October 9
Chicago Marathon - check route to get to Mass

October 16
Sunday Giving Commitment Campaign begins, all Masses, church/chapel

October 16
Fall Fest, church grounds, 10:30am-2:00pm

October 18
Religious Ed Family Mass, church, 7:00pm

October 19
New Parishioner Reception, Fahey I, 7:00-9:00pm

October 23
Fall Hymn Fest - Concert, church, 3:00-5:30pm

October 28
School Halloween Party, school, 6:30-8:30pm

Clement Moms Events

Clement Moms Committee

Kick-Off Meeting

All committee members are invited to join us for the 2011-2012 Clement Moms Committee Kickoff Meeting on Tuesday, September 13 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Saint Clement Chapel. At this important event you will meet the rest of your committee members and discuss/plan for the upcoming year. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP on the portal as soon as possible.



Not On a Committee?

Consider Other Ways to Become Involved

There are a number of ways to contribute as a volunteer in Clement Moms throughout the year. Please consider volunteering for a Baptism Prep Class, making sack lunches for the homeless, or making meals for new parish moms. Each of these opportunities require little time commitment but make a big difference.

To volunteer for a Baptism Prep Class, please contact Christina Bax at christinab@stclementchurch.org. To participate in making sack lunches for the homeless every third Friday of the month, please contact Sarah Hamming at sdhamming@yahoo.com. To be added to list of those making meals for new parish moms (see details below), please contact Amy Lobner at amylobner@gmail.com. 🐾

Committee News

Playgroup Committee

The Playgroup Committee hosts a number of play dates in September and October. New faces are always welcome. Please check the portal for dates and locations.

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. Parish moms receive one meal a week for four weeks. It's a wonderful way to meet other Clement Moms. Also, we are in need of more MFM volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, please contact me for details: Amy Lobner, amylobner@gmail.com or (312) 590-7048. 🐾

Celebrating Milestones

Welcome to the World

June 30
Welcome **Grace Ailish Kavanagh**
7lbs. 15oz.
20.5 inches long.
We love you Grace!
Proud parents Erin and Timothy, and big brother James Kavanagh

July 8
Welcome **Caroline Sutton Milhizer**
Proud parents Aimee and Bob Milhizer, and big brother Charlie



Fall Events Around Chicago



Family Fun at the Farm!

Didier Farms, Prairie View, Illinois (10:00 am - 5:00 pm, www.didierfarms.com): Pumpkinfest runs Sep 24 - Oct 31 with hayrides, pony rides, etc. Near Lincolnshire.

Goebbert's Pumpkin Farms, South Barrington or Hampshire, Illinois (www.pumpkinfarms.com): The two different locations have plenty of fall activities, including rides, mazes, etc. from Sep 24 - Oct 31.

Green Meadows Farm, Waterford, Wisconsin (Greenmeadowsfarmwi.com): Green Meadows offers free pumpkin picking from October 1-31, and families can enjoy a tour of a working farm (including milking a cow, chasing chickens, and feeding goats).

Jonamac Orchard, Malta, Illinois. (www.jonamacorchard.com): Open August 17 through November 23.

McIntosh Apple Orchards, South Haven, MI: Enjoy a lovely day in the country, visit an orchard, browse through the farm market and cider mill. Watch cider being fermented into hard cider. U-pick and ready-picked cherries (sweet and tart), peaches, pears, apples and plums. Pitted tart cherries (fresh and frozen). Seasonal vegetables. Open: June-October, Tuesday to Sun., 8 am to 6 pm.

Sonny Acres, West Chicago, Illinois (www.sonnyacres.com): Their Pumpkin Patch is open mid-Sep - Oct 31 with hay rides, haunted houses, etc.

Around Town

Chicago Children's Museum: Chicago Children's Museum has free admission days on Sundays and on Thursday evenings from 5-8pm. Join CCM for their Fire Safety 101 on September 18th, and learn from Chicago Firefighters and Museum personnel a few life saving skills in the event of a fire. CCM just announced an unlimited parking pass at Navy Pier that is available for members. More information is available at www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org.

Lakeview East Festival for the Arts – September 10th and 11th along Broadway from Belmont to Roscoe. Over 150 artists will be showcased during the weekend-long festival. Family friendly activities will be available and more information is available at: www.lakevieweastfestivalofthearts.com.

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum: Did you know you can take yoga classes at the Nature Museum? Check out the

Butterfly Haven Yoga classes on Saturdays in September at the Nature Museum beginning at 8:30am in the butterfly room. More info is available at: www.naturemuseum.org.

Storytime at the Lincoln Park Zoo, (Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:15am and 10am). Join Mr. Singer at the Farm in the Zoo at the Lincoln Park Zoo for storytime each week. Rock out to tunes new and old! Concerts are free.

October Events in the City

Bank of America Chicago Marathon (Sun, Oct 9, www.chicagomarathon.com)
Columbus Day Parade (Mon, Oct 10 at 12:30pm, Columbus Drive from Balbo to Monroe, www.jccia.com).

Halloween Activities

Chicago-ween, where Daley Plaza is decorated (Oct 1-31, www.explorechicago.org).

Roscoe Village Halloween Parade on Sun, Oct 30 and begins at Leavitt and Roscoe (2:00pm, www.roscoevillage.org).

Halloween Happenings on Sat, Oct 29 in **Lincoln Square** (10:00am - 4:00pm, www.lincolnsquare.org). Trick or treat with the kids along the business districts in Lincoln Square.

Halloween Spooktacular along Clark Street (Armitage to Diversey) on Sunday, October 30th from 1-5pm. Trick or treat at Clark Street businesses in Lincoln Park. Northalsted Halloween Parade on Sun, Oct 31 (6:00pm, www.explorechicago.org).

There will also be several pumpkin patches at various city parks; for details, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Fall Fest at Saint Clement Parish

Finally, don't forget Saint Clement's big fall event: Fall Fest on October 16th after the 9:30 and 11:15am Masses on the rear plaza! See the bulletin and website in the coming weeks for further details. 🎃



Celebrating Milestones

Happy Birthday

September 7
Henry Nix Stenlund
 Happy 1st Birthday!
 Amanda and Keith Stenlund

October 12
Claire Creed McTaggart
 Parents: Colleen & Lawrence McTaggart

A very happy birthday to our very own curly locks. We love you & your spunky spirit so very much. xoxo Daddy, Mommy & big brother John



Angels

“Angels, we have heard on high, sing sweetly o’er the plain.” Our voices blend with theirs in an unending hymn of praise at every Mass. They’ve made it big in recent years on Broadway, major league baseball, the best-seller list and the top 40. Few doubt their influence.

Angels have secured a place in popular spirituality. The faithful who try to make sense out of good fortune or coincidence frequently attribute the incidents to the presence and activity of angels. For many, they resemble benign spiritual hackers who break into the data of our lives and rearrange the bits according to their own plan. However, in Scripture and in liturgy, they play a far less mischievous role.

Angels, properly speaking, are messengers. In the Old Testament they appear nearly as manifestations of God. When you ask people to deliver a message for you, you expect their words to be received as your own, their presence to represent your own. That’s what angels did in the Bible. The Book of Tobit tells of the angel Raphael who heals on behalf of God. Michael appears as the protector against evil in Daniel 10:21, Jude 9, and Revelation 12:7. And Gabriel brings the good news of salvation to Zechariah (Luke 1:11) and to Mary

(Luke 1:26-27). However, Paul warned the Colossians against the worship of angels (Col 2:18).

At Mass, angels turn their attention toward God. They appear in every preface, before we sing the “Holy.” The first Eucharistic prayer asks that God’s angel take the sacrifice to heaven. During the Creed we acclaim the God who has created

not only things seen, but also unseen--like angels. And in the fall each year the archangels get their own feast (September 29) and the guardian angels follow (October 2). Prior to 1965, we used to end every Mass with a prayer to St. Michael.

Thus, angels have secured a place in the Scripture and liturgy of our church. For us, they have performed as messengers of God’s word. For God, they worship with all creation.

As messengers and worshipers, they model the responsibilities we share in the church to spread the good news and praise God.



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