

BELONG.
PRAY.
SERVE.
GIVE.
LEARN.



Saint Clement Parish
STEWARDSHIP
REPORT 2020

Letter from the Pastor

Fr. Peter Wojcik

Dear Members of Saint Clement,

Being a part of our dynamic parish is like watching God unfold miracles amongst us. God is present to us, and it is God's faithfulness and love that we experience during challenging times. I am both honored and privileged to partake in what God is doing, in and through our church. Without question, every parish is a unique work of the Holy Spirit, but I am truly grateful to be part of Saint Clement, and thankful that you are too.

There are many graces illustrated within the pages of our annual Stewardship Report. This report demonstrates God's movement among us, and provides examples of how our five anchors articulate who we are. We also share important parish statistics and a financial summary of the past fiscal year. As you read through the report, I hope you find it to be life-giving, faith-building and God-exalting.

Some things have changed since our church building closed in March, due to COVID-19, but our purpose at Saint Clement remains the same. As a parish community, we exist to know, love, and share the gift of Jesus Christ with others. We do this through our dedicated ministries, our outreach and service opportunities, and the commitments we share.

I am humbled by your active engagement and financial support of Saint Clement, and through us, of our larger Church. As COVID-19 impacted our personal lives, it also affected our parish. Over the past two years, we have lost around 200 families as parish members, accounting for an approximate income deficit of \$200,000 annually. While concerning, I have faith that these losses will motivate us to draw on new energy, to rededicate ourselves to our mission, and to provide committed and purposeful support to flourish. The same God that called our parish into existence in 1905, is present among us, and will continue to bless the work before us.

Please join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for all that we were able to accomplish over the last year, for the hard work that resulted in Saint Clement School receiving the distinguished 2020 Blue Ribbon Award, and to thank God for Fr. Rex and his ministry among us. I believe the year ahead, though it may continue to be different, will be blessed by God and I cannot wait to see what God will do in our midst.

Gratefully yours,



Fr. Peter Wojcik
Pastor



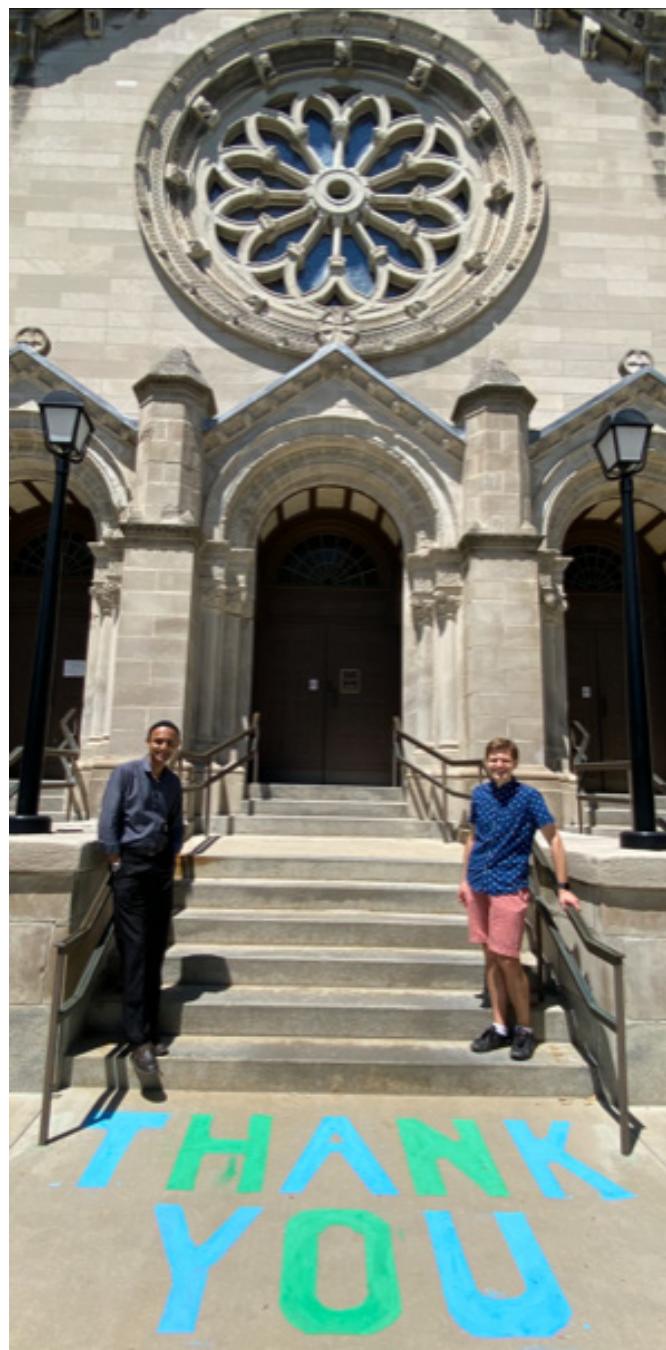
Coming Together to Celebrate Our Parish Anchors

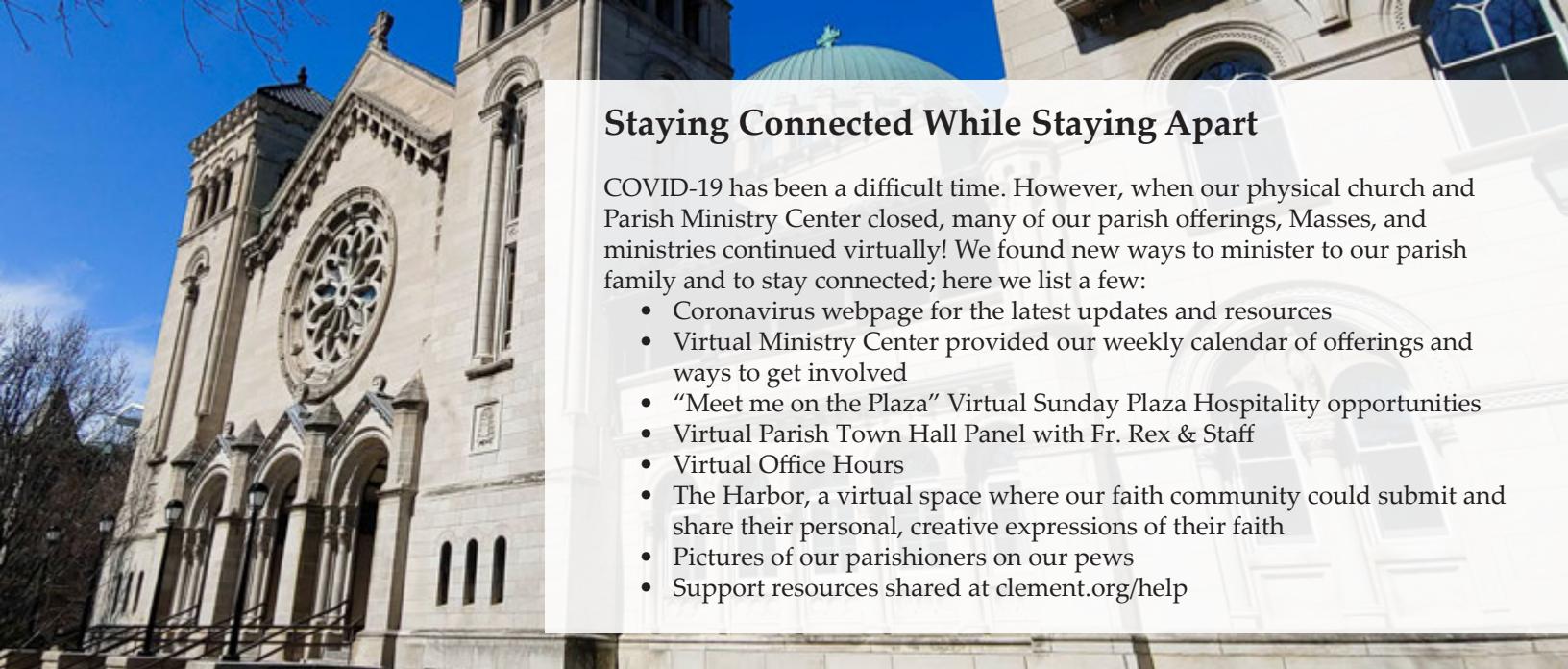
Saint Clement's Virtual Community Weekend, *Anchored Together*, took place Friday, June 12th through Sunday, June 14th. The cancellation of the 29th Anchor Ball coupled with the COVID-19 quarantine, prompted the idea of a virtual community event that would connect and engage all of our parishioners. *Anchored Together* was an opportunity for parish members to come together through our five anchors in support of each other, and in support of Saint Clement. The online event allowed for flexibility to join from wherever you were located, and whenever you desired.

Centered on the five anchors, the weekend included prayers, countless community service opportunities, including a no-contact food drive (see top two images), recognition of the graduating 8th grade class, viewing of the 2020 Anchor Ball Paddle Raise Video, Saint Clement history and trivia contests, the sale of Bonanno Wine with a portion of sales donated back to Saint Clement, the sale of Saint Clement masks, the sale and display of Anchor Notes, and a Paddle Raise. Numerous other offerings were available on the event website, allowing participants to pray, serve, give, learn, and belong at their leisure.

Despite the quick planning, *Anchored Together* was a successful, first-ever, virtual community event at Saint Clement. We **raised a total of \$15,573** over the weekend, and of that amount, \$14,528 was generously donated in the Paddle Raise. Saint Clement mask sales and Anchor Notes collectively raised \$1,045. In turn, Saint Clement donated 10% of the Paddle Raise proceeds to St. Leo Campus for Veterans.

Thank you to all who planned and participated in the *Anchored Together* weekend. We are grateful for your support.





Staying Connected While Staying Apart

COVID-19 has been a difficult time. However, when our physical church and Parish Ministry Center closed, many of our parish offerings, Masses, and ministries continued virtually! We found new ways to minister to our parish family and to stay connected; here we list a few:

- Coronavirus webpage for the latest updates and resources
- Virtual Ministry Center provided our weekly calendar of offerings and ways to get involved
- “Meet me on the Plaza” Virtual Sunday Plaza Hospitality opportunities
- Virtual Parish Town Hall Panel with Fr. Rex & Staff
- Virtual Office Hours
- The Harbor, a virtual space where our faith community could submit and share their personal, creative expressions of their faith
- Pictures of our parishioners on our pews
- Support resources shared at clement.org/help

BELONG

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.”
- 1 Corinthians 12:13-14

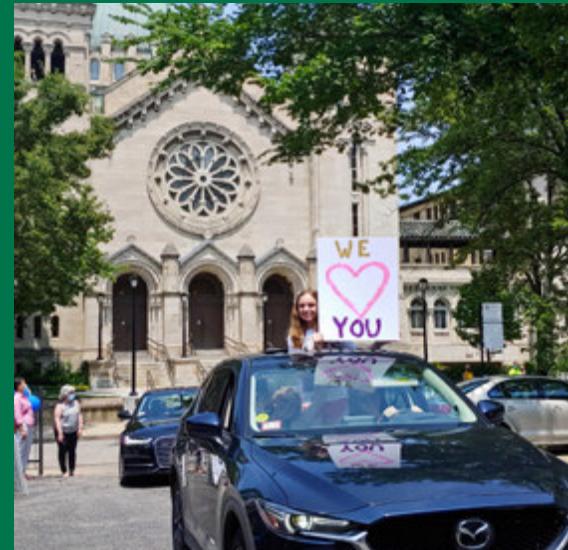
Saint Clement is committed to creating an environment that encourages us to work together and socialize together as we discover how best to live as faithful Catholics.

Our Parish Family

3,440 registered parish families
346 new families registered

Opportunities to belong at Saint Clement include:

- Clement Couples
- Clement Moms and Dads
- The Next Chapter (*support for divorced or separated parishioners*)
- Affirmed (*LGBTQ+ ministry*)
- Justice Ministry
- God Squad (*youth group*)
- Young Adult Community (*20/30-somethings*)
- CONNECT (*30/40-somethings*)
- Welcome & Hospitality Committee



Drive-Thru Sendoff for Fr. Rex: Our parish community got creative with ways to safely bid farewell and say thank you to Fr. Rex Pillai for his years of service to our parish as our former Associate Pastor and then Administrator.

Celebrating Sacraments and Liturgies

- 126 baptisms
- 1 first Communion (adult)
- 84 first reconciliations (children)
- 41 confirmations (children)
- 40 marriages
- 37 out-of-town wedding preparations
- 10 funerals

No sacraments were celebrated during the shelter-in-place mandate.



PRAY

In prayer we purposefully seek to be in relationship with God, our loving creator, who has gifted our lives in many ways. As Christian stewards, we respond in thanksgiving by deliberately giving back to God the gift of our time, so as to foster our relationship with God as an individual and as a community.

Here we list some ways we have set aside time for God through prayer this past year.



Coming Together to Pray

- 12 blessings, such as the pet blessing and blessing of throats
- 6 prayer services for holy days and holidays
- 2 communal reconciliation services
- 10 weekly prayer groups, such as Men's Communio and Women's Magnificat

Praying Together Virtually

When the COVID-19 pandemic shut down much of the world, including our city, we moved our opportunities to the virtual world. Our Masses and prayer opportunities—such as praying the rosary and small faith groups—moved online so we could continue to pray together, though apart. We also created and shared prayer resources, including resources for families.

- Our first livestream Mass was March 22, 2020.
- We celebrated 32 online Masses through June 30, 2020 (fiscal year end).

Clement Community Helps Clear Over 30 lbs of Garbage from Oak Street Beach

Headed up by our *Creation Care Ministry*, on September 21st parishioners participated in the 2019 International Coastal Cleanup, clearing away much trash, including:

482 cigarette butts

153 foam pieces

98 pieces of glass

188 pieces of plastic



Serving at Mass: Liturgical Ministers

500+ liturgical ministers such as lectors and altar servers, and choir members

150 new COVID volunteers for live-streaming, greeting, and disinfecting



Parishioners Generously Gave of Their Time to Serve Throughout the City

- Catholic Charities
- Big Shoulders Fund
- Mission of Our Lady of the Angels
- Lincoln Park Community Services
- Lakeview Pantry
- Chicago Help Initiative

SERVE

Our service to others is an outward sign of our faith and serves as an extension of Christ's love. It is a call to enter into relationship with others, recognizing their dignity and working to create change.

Saint Clement parishioners share their gifts in a variety of ways and respond to our call to serve others in the parish and larger community. Here we share just some of the innumerable number of hours our parishioners have given to service this year.

Serving During the Shutdown

"in the present situation, in which we find ourselves living more or less isolated, we are invited to rediscover and deepen the value of the communion that unites all the members of the church."

- Pope Francis



One way Saint Clement Parish answered this call to service during the COVID-19 shutdown was through the **Virtual Ministry of Care**, created as a way to check in on elderly, homebound, and isolated members of our community. Over 300 parishioner families were reached out to via phone, email, and card by 60 volunteers from early April - early May.

We also created our How to Help guide for additional ways to serve the most vulnerable members of our community during this time.

SERVE



Over 50 volunteers contributed their time to this year's Jesse Tree!

Drives/In-Kind Donations

Food drives:

- Mission of Our Lady of the Angels (drive-thrus during COVID)
- Saint Vincent de Paul Center (Marillac St. Vincent Family Services)
- Madonna House/House of the Good Shepherd

School Supplies — for Our Lady of Mercy parish

- In support of nearly 600 students in Religious Ed. program

Advent Jesse Tree — Our parishioners generously supported 12 local organizations, fulfilling wish lists to assist their ministries during the Christmas season. These organizations were:

- Mujeres Floreciendo (Catholic Charities)
- H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly)
- Immigration Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- Lakeview Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
- La Rabida Children's Hospital
- Lincoln Park Community Services
- Madonna House (Catholic Charities)
- House of the Good Shepherd (Catholic Charities)
- The Night Ministry
- Our Lady of Mercy parish
- Solidarity Bridge
- St. Vincent de Paul Center (Marillac St. Vincent Family Services)



*Through the 2019 Jesse Tree, as a parish we were able to donate **more than \$12,435 in gift cards and donations**, as well as **more than 1,275 items of clothing, toys and more!***

Feeding the Hungry

- **4,230** sack lunches made and handed out through our Friday Sack Lunch Program
- **1,455** sack lunches made for Catholic Charities Tuesday Lunches
- **435** sack lunches made for Catholic Charities/CHI Wednesday Lunches
- **110** Last-minute sack lunches prepared for Chicago Help Initiative (CHI) at the start of the pandemic

Serving During the Shutdown

During the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order and the restrictions it placed on our access to parish buildings, we had to temporarily suspend our Friday Sack Lunch and Hospitality Program. However, our commitment to those facing homelessness and food insecurity remained a fundamental part of our faith and identity at Saint Clement.

We continued to live out this commitment by working with the Chicago Help Initiative (CHI), to host a mobile food truck at Saint Clement Parish, providing prepared meals to-go for all those who depend upon Saint Clement for weekly food and fellowship.

See images below for the shout-out we received on Twitter from our local police during this time!



GIVE

We Give of Our First Fruits: *Clement Commits*

Total distributed: \$195,000!

Since 2003, Saint Clement Parish has been deepening its understanding of being a stewardship parish. The practical spirituality of stewardship is based in the scriptures. Spiritually, this means that each person in the parish is encouraged to spend time understanding how all that they "have" is a gift from God and that each person is uniquely gifted. This leads to the next step of prayerfully deciding how those many gifts will be given back to God. This giving back is sacrificial because individually our time, talent, and treasure are limited resources. Practically, it means that as a parish we make a commitment to give of our "first fruits" to needs beyond our parish. We honor this commitment through *Clement Commits*, which donates 10% each fiscal year from our parish collections.

The *Clement Commits* program was originally designed to eliminate most second collections at Mass and to make a financial commitment as a parish to put our faith into action in the service of our community members in need. The program began in 2003, when Saint Clement donated 7% of parish collections. This percentage increased each year until we reached our target of a full tithe of 10% in 2014.

Structure of program:

Of the 10% of parish collections from each fiscal year:

- 70% is allocated as grants to organizations that complete the *Clement Commits* grant application process.
- 30% is allocated to funds and causes supported by Archdiocesan second collections.

Total amount donated through *Clement Commits* for FY 2020: \$195,000

- Amount given in direct grants: \$136,500
- Amount given to Archdiocesan Second Collections: \$58,500

2020 Committee Members

Staff:

Fr. Rex Pillai, *Administrator*

Barbara Silva, *Director of Community Outreach*

Parishioners:

Tara Carone
Kelly Foyle
Katrina Ferreyra

Darlene Kelly
Tom McCarthy
Colleen McHugh

Rich Pasquesi
Joe Quinn
Allen Wesolowski

Fiscal Year 2019 *Clement Commits* Recipients

DIRECT GRANTS	
Our Lady of Mercy	\$27,330
Catholic Charities Madonna House	\$10,000
Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program	\$8,000
Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity - Immigration Ministry	\$10,000
Lincoln Park Community Services	\$9,000
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	\$7,500
Marillac St. Vincent Family Services	\$7,500
Mission of Our Lady of the Angels	\$7,500
CommunityHealth	\$4,000
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$4,000
Su Casa Catholic Worker	\$4,000
Aid for Women	\$5,000
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls [NEW REQUEST]	\$2,500
The Night Ministry [NEW REQUEST]	\$2,500
El Salvador - Immaculate Conception	\$4,000
El Salvador - Jean Donovan	\$8,000
NGO La Coquille	\$2,740
Parroquia San Jose	\$10,000
<i>Sub-Total: Direct Grants</i>	<i>133,570</i>
ARCHDIOCESAN 2nd COLLECTIONS	
Retirement for Religious	\$9,750
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$10,725
Seminaries	\$8,775
Retirement for Archdiocesan Priests	\$9,750
Missionary Co-Op	\$6,825
Church in Latin America	\$4,875
Aid for Church in Eastern Europe	\$2,925
World Mission Sunday	\$2,438
Peter's Pence	\$2,438
<i>Sub-Total: 2nd Collections</i>	<i>58,501</i>
<i>TOTAL: Grants + Arch 2nd Collections</i>	<i>\$195,000</i>

Direct Grants:

In order to receive a grant through the *Clement Commits* program, organizations submit funding applications for review by the *Clement Commits* Committee. Organizations that received grants the prior year also submit a report detailing the use and impact of those funds.

Archdiocesan Second Collections:

Since 2003, the percentage of funds to Archdiocesan second collections through *Clement Commits* has been based upon parish giving to each collection prior to the start of *Clement Commits*. These percentages are under review for the coming fiscal year/the next *Clement Commits* cycle.



La Coquille ("The Shell") is an organization based in Ketou, Benin dedicated to serving children in need, particularly children who have lost one or both parents. **Clement Commits** funds were used last year to finance scholarships for school tuition and fees, compensate teachers for civic engagement programming, and provide school supply kits for children in the La Coquille program.

We Give of Our First Fruits: *Clement Commits*

Total distributed: \$195,000!

continued from previous page

New Recipients in Fiscal Year 2020

• **The Night Ministry:** The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide housing, health care, and human connection to any and all community members struggling with poverty or homelessness. Funds from *Clement Commits* will assist in the organization's transition to its new location in Bucktown, which will serve as the new home to The Crib youth shelter, the Outreach and Health Ministry Program, and central administration.

• **Mercy Home for Boys & Girls:** Serving kids in Chicago since 1887, Mercy Home's mission is to save young lives by providing a safe, nurturing residential treatment home, AfterCare support for former residents and their families, community-based, site-based, and workplace-based youth mentoring; promoting therapeutic, educational, vocational, spiritual and life skill development; and raising public awareness of youth in need. Funds from *Clement Commits* will assist Mercy Home in meeting the basic needs of those they serve through an emergency fund set up at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción (Immaculate Conception Parish): *Clement Commits* funds assisted our sister parish in replacing the old church floors with new ceramic tiles (see *antes/ahora* (before/after) photo) and in remodeling the parish restrooms. The funds also contributed to the remodeling of the new Saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero Pastoral Center.



Financial Statement

Fiscal year: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

	Prior Year Fiscal	Current Year Fiscal	Current Year Budget
	6/30/19	6/30/20	6/30/20
CHURCH INCOME			
Collections (1)	\$1,874,464	\$1,857,725	\$1,912,500
Sacramental Income	\$75,345	\$37,247	\$75,000
Anchor Ball	\$128,297	\$52,175	\$150,000
Religious Ed	\$37,693	\$37,860	\$43,975
Other Income (2)	\$24,066	\$13,502	\$16,800
Total Church Income	\$2,139,865	\$1,998,509	\$2,198,275
SCHOOL INCOME			
Tuition & Fees	\$4,873,591	\$4,937,440	\$5,069,393
Anchor Ball	\$121,125	\$52,474	\$150,000
Annual Fund	\$525,645	\$532,091	\$400,000
Parish Investment	\$68,274	\$33,602	\$78,486
Other Income	\$9,615	\$15,109	\$13,200
Total School Income	\$5,598,250	\$5,570,716	\$5,711,079
Total Parish Income	\$7,738,115	\$7,569,225	\$7,909,354
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Salaries & Benefits (3)	\$1,393,112	\$1,345,389	\$1,433,480
Administrative	\$137,756	\$115,134	\$144,763
Clergy/Rectory	\$98,812	\$93,579	\$103,333
Property Operations (4)	\$247,988	\$234,971	\$244,283
Liturgy & Music	\$41,026	\$40,027	\$42,504
Ministry, Outreach & Hospitality (5)	\$109,398	\$75,597	\$106,880
School Investment	\$68,274	\$33,602	\$77,446
Archdiocese Assessment	\$240,552	\$235,164	\$235,164
Total Church Expenses	\$2,336,918	\$2,173,463	\$2,387,853
SCHOOL EXPENSES			
Salary & Benefits (3)	\$4,548,753	\$4,682,718	\$4,603,933
Educational	\$447,506	\$364,860	\$492,777
Administrative	\$181,939	\$159,196	\$159,196
Property Operations (4)	\$342,574	\$401,725	\$366,833
Archdiocese Assessment	\$12,963	\$13,021	\$13,340
Financial Aid-TAP	\$64,526	\$53,261	\$75,000
Total School Expenses	\$5,598,260	\$5,674,781	\$5,711,079
Total Parish Expenses	\$7,935,178	\$7,848,244	\$8,098,932
Net Parish (6)	\$(197,063)	\$(279,019)	\$(189,578)
Annual Catholic Appeal rebate (7)	\$184,760	\$84,646	\$ -



Take the next step

BELONG. PRAY. SERVE. GIVE. LEARN.

Each year, Saint Clement parishioners are asked to make a *Sunday Giving Commitment* to recognize the many ways we have been blessed by God. This is an opportunity to re-evaluate and re-commit ourselves as disciples of Christ, to make a sacrifice to give as generously as we can, and to share God's grace and love as true Christian stewards. We invite you to take the next step with Saint Clement; to make a commitment to grow in deeper holiness, greater community, and wider service for others. Through the *Clement Commits* program, Saint Clement will donate the first 10% of collections to serve the needs of others beyond our parish. For more information about the *Sunday Giving Commitment*, please visit clement.org/give.

Financial Statement Footnotes:

(1) Collections are shown net of the 10% donated off the top through *Clement Commits*. See previous two pages for details on *Clement Commits*.

(2) Other Income includes rental income, interest income and miscellaneous income.

(3) The Salary & Benefits line items include salaries/benefits for all full-time and part-time staff: clergy, educational, administrative, music/liturgy, ministry, maintenance, etc.

(4) Property Operations for the parish campus includes Utilities, Maintenance & Property/ Casualty Insurance.

(5) Ministry, Outreach & Hospitality includes all ministry costs, including the Child & Family Catechesis (a/k/a Religious Ed) Department.

(6) Correction on FY19 School Income & Expenses.

(7) Each year Saint Clement parishioners generously support the neediest parishes and schools as well as the work of Catholic Relief Services by donating to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Last year Saint Clement donated \$252,292 to ACA.



LEARN

Faith is a gift from God. As stewards of this gift, we are called to deepen our understanding of the Faith and to share it with the next generation. At every stage in life, we are invited to reflect on our lives in light of God's wisdom and discern how to put it into action in daily life. By providing opportunities for life-long learning, our community has sought to form, strengthen, and send forth children, teens, and adults as committed disciples of Christ.

Over 75 Parish Leaders Gathered Together for Lay Leadership Day

On Saturday, February 8th, over 75 lay leaders and parish staff gathered in Centennial Hall to discuss the role of lay leadership at Saint Clement. Guided by John Fontana, participants had an opportunity to share their personal stories of faith and explore how they feel called to leadership. Building from this foundation, participants worked to identify the greatest needs and challenges facing Saint Clement, then explored how their God-given talents and gifts can be utilized to meet those needs and serve our parish community. The day concluded with a conversation about how the "Strengths For The Journey" program can be a helpful leadership tool. Thanks to everyone who participated, and please stay tuned for future opportunities!



We provided catechetical instruction for children:

451 children enrolled in Saint Clement Parish School

152 children enrolled in Religious Education

36 catechists (17) and subs (4) in Religious Ed. & Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders (15)



We offered adults opportunities to strengthen our understanding and application of our faith:

Hundreds of young adults attended our 4-week **Theology on Tap** speaker series (largest in the Archdiocese of Chicago); pictured above.

Catholicism 101: 10-week, TED-talk style theology course

Catholicism 202: 3-4 week theology seminars and discussion, on topics such as Women in the Bible, and "Laudato Si" & Environmental Justice.

Workshops, such as on Making the Most of Your Marriage; and Becoming a Truly Inclusive Community

"Laudato Si" Lecture Series

Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS & the Catholic Church

Weekend **retreat** for the young adult community

and much more!

Mission Statement

Rooted in the richness of 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.

Vision Statement

Striving for *deeper* holiness, greater communion, and wider service.

SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

642 W. Deming Place
Chicago, IL 60614
t. 773-281-0371
f. 773-281-2509

- www.clement.org
- [Facebook.com/SaintClementChicago](https://www.facebook.com/SaintClementChicago)
- [@StClement](https://www.twitter.com/StClement)
- [Instagram.com/SaintClementParish](https://www.instagram.com/SaintClementParish)
- [Youtube.com/SaintClementChicago](https://www.youtube.com/SaintClementChicago)

Meet the Parish Staff

Clergy



FR. PETER WOJCIK
Pastor



FR. MATTHEW LITAK
*Associate Pastor &
Director of Formation*



DEACON TIM SULLIVAN
Permanent Deacon

Formation & Community



RACHEL ESPINOZA
*Director of Family Formation
& Evangelization*



LISA FRIEDLANDER
Director of Youth Group



BARBARA SILVA
*Director of Community
Outreach*



DR. MARY SCHWARZ
Young Adult Support

Liturgy & Music



GABRIEL MAYHUGH
Director of Liturgy



JESSINA BRANYAN-SAMUEL
Coordinator of Liturgy



PAUL NICHOLSON
Director of Music



PATRICK SINOZICH
Assistant Director of Music

Administration & Maintenance



MARY ELLEN BLANCHARD
*Database Manager & Financial
Stewardship Assistant*



GAEL DAY
*Receptionist &
Wedding Coordinator*



DAVID ERWIN
Maintenance



MARI JO HANSON
School Principal



TRINA HEFFLEY
*Parish Stewardship
Coordinator*



JIM KELLEY
*Director of Plant
Management*



JOANNA KRYNSKI
Communications Manager



GERALDINE WHITE
Director of Operations



KATHERINE WHITE
Administrative Assistant