

Dear Saint Clement Community,

As we enter the month of November, a season of Thanksgiving, I am filled with immense appreciation for the dedication and commitment of so many of you. Thanks to you our annual Sunday Sharing Commitment was a great success nearly doubling our goal of 125 new liturgical ministers! Your financial support has been instrumental in enabling us to provide an incredible service, important outreach, and support the spiritual growth and formation of over 4,200 families at Saint Clement. Your generosity has been the backbone of our mission since 1905, and it continues to inspire us to serve God, create an authentic community, and provide extraordinary service to those in need.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and the feast of Saint Clement, I am excited to announce that for the first time, we will be celebrating the feast of Saint Clement on the weekend of November 18th and 19th! We invite all our members to join us for Sunday Masses that weekend in thanksgiving not only for our bold founders, but also for all those who have generously stepped in to worship God, create an authentic community, and provide extraordinary service throughout the years.

In the spirit of outreach, we continue to extend our support to those in need. Every day, we read about the crisis of refugees in the United States, the war in Ukraine and in the Holy Land. At Saint Clement, we are proud to partner with Caritas Lublin, continuing our support for the people of Ukraine. Simultaneously, we reach out to those in need here in Chicago. Through our collection of coats and winter clothing, we support refugees here in Chicago. We regularly deliver breakfast to Police District 18 and support a soup kitchen at St. Mary of the Lake Parish, even as every Friday we welcome our friends in need to our own campus.

As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, let us remember the words of Saint Clement, "Charity unites us to God... There is nothing mean in charity, nothing arrogant. Charity knows no schism, does not rebel, does all things in concord. In charity, all the elect of God have been made perfect."

May we continue to embody these words in our actions and our hearts. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community as I pray for you and your families daily.

In gratitude,

Father Peter Wojcik
Pastor of Saint Clement Parish