



St. Clare Parish

Apr. 5, 2026

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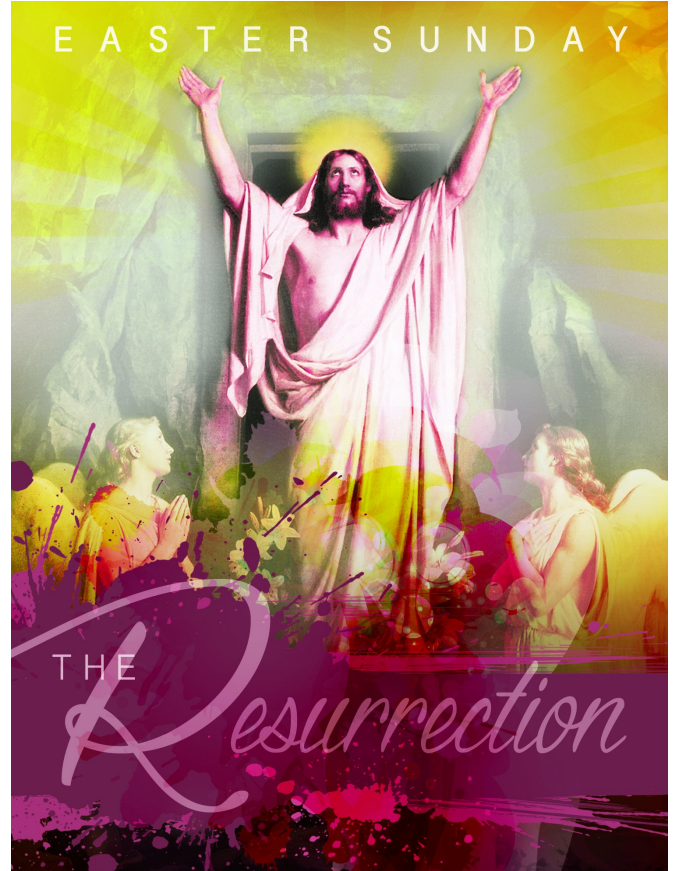
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
Holy Days - 8:30am, 12pm & 7pm

Visit www.saintclarechurch.org to view our livestream weekend Masses.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4pm - 4:30pm in the church or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

Matrimony: Six month preparation required. Contact Kim Zea.

Baptism for Infants: Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Teens: Contact Kim Zea; **for Teens & Children:** Contact Debbie Henkelman.

A Warm Welcome To All Who Worship with Us

Whether you are a current parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the form below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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Weekly Inspiration
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of our Lord
 April 5, 2026

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why? ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

Holy Saturday, Apr. 4

9:00am Brothers in Spirit Parish Office
 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass Church

Easter Sunday, Apr. 5

8:30am Mass *New Catechumens* Church
 10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Easter Monday, Apr. 6 Parish Office Closed

NO Daily Mass

Wednesday, Apr. 8

8:30am Daily Mass +*John Tujo* Church

Thursday, Apr. 9

8:30am Daily Mass +*Connie Roderick* Church

Friday, Apr. 10

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Saturday, Apr. 11*

9:00am K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal Church
 9:00am Brothers in Spirit Parish Office
 4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
 4:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal Parish Hall
 5:00pm Youth Mass +*Enrico Achille* Church
 6:00pm Youth Group Parish Hall/Gym

Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 12*

8:30am Family Mass *For the People* Church
 9:30am Pancake Breakfast (ends at 1pm) Parish Hall
 10:45am Mass +*P.J. Cahalin* Church

*The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer will take place after ALL weekend Masses in the Church. Please join us.

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Happy Easter!

Today we celebrate resurrection! Jesus was killed on Friday, laid dead and cold in the tomb Friday night and Saturday, and on Sunday morning he rose from the dead. Jesus raised a few people from the dead in his public ministry but on Easter we celebrate him raising himself from the dead. He rose from the dead, removed the huge stone that sealed the tomb/cave, appeared to the women at the tomb, and later that day appeared to the apostles. Over the next 40 days he appeared several times to the apostles and once to a crowd of 500 people.

This is a history changing event. Jesus' resurrection was the beginning of the biggest religion in history. You and I are a part of it. Christianity has spread to about 1/3 of the world's population, more than any other religion, and a little over half of all Christians are Catholic, like you and me.

How does Jesus' resurrection affect your life? How is your life better/different because you are Christian? The answer will be somewhat different for each of us. I can speak for myself: I feel a deep peace in my life. I know the peace comes from being surrendered to the will of God. I feel lots of joy, I know the joy comes from the realization of God's goodness always being with me. As I've said before, when I was young (high school/college) I never imaged my life would be as full and satisfying as it has been. I come from a good family and I attribute some of my happiness to my upbringing, but most of it comes from God's presence in my life. The more I keep Jesus in the center of my life, the better my life is.

I pray that you have a great Easter. I pray that you daily experience the goodness of God in your life. I pray that your life is filled with Jesus' love, peace, and joy. Please join us every Sunday here at St. Clare Church as we continue to worship our amazing God.

~ Fr. Don



From
Fr. Don, Kim, Santo,
Chris, Nancy, Debbie,
Laurie and John





St. Clare Easter Garden 2026

In Memory of . . .

*Amy Hudkins Macht
by Eric & Meredith Sangster*

Ana Maria Hulse by Mila Maskell

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Andrew J. Romanick, Jr.
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Eva Baura by Dolly Specht*

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Dick Beam by the Beam Family

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by Glen & Laurie Bayley*

Gabriel Spaccarelli by the Morrison Family

Gavino Say by C. Say

*Helen Schick; Edith Hefflinger; Richard Hefflinger;
Ross Wittmayer by Larry & Patricia Schick*

*Henry Lewis; Lowell Lewis; Esther Franco;
Alfredo Franco by Leonor F. Lewis*

Hillary & Don Thamer by Hillary Lacy Hagler

Hono Yacapin by Sarah Yacapin

*Jerry & Peggy Gaspary
by Darren, Amelia & Jack Gaspary*

Joan Tow by the Junque & Jewels Team

*Joe & Mary Renner; Nicodemus & Monica Renner
by Suz Renner Ruddock*

*John & Irene Griffin; Martin & Mary Griffin;
Joan Deswnap by Ann Griffin*

John Radich by M&M

Jonathan Scott by Marilyn Scott

*Julie Ferguson; Minka & Bosco
by Greg, Tiffany & Kaden Ferguson*

*Karen Koreski; Teresa Schneiderman; Margie Koreski
by Mary Schuld*

Katherine Sangster by Katie Sangster Ericksen

Kit-man Cheung by Leanne (Cheung) LeGare

Molly Little by Your Teammates

*Natasha Wirtanen; Cathy Worrell
by Marlene Wirtanen*

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Paul & Katie Batz by Rita Batz Cobb

Peter Cullen by Sheila Cullen

Peter Cullen; Martin Lees by Claire-Marie Kahn

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*Roland & Sharon Simantel; Wayne & Evelyn Melzer;
Ted McBride; Michael Simantel;
Shawna Melzer by Larry & Nancy Melzer;
Haylee & Mitch McBride*

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Leo & Martha Serowik, Sr.; Mary Kay Brown
by Karen Serowik*

Speedy Nash by the Nash Family

Stark Family by Camille Stark

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by the Specht Family*

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by Suzie, Tom & Laura Herburger*

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by Debbie & Hannah Henkelman*

Walter Dixon by the French-Dixon Family

Walter Dixon by Bob & Cindy French

*Werner Bittner; Reiner Glatzeder
by Renate Bittner*

In Honor of . . .

*Bennett, Leo, Lilah, Ripley, Major & Fox
on receiving their Catholic sacraments
by St. Clare Youth Ministry*

Our Grandchildren by Bob & Cindy French

*The Generosity of Organ Donors
by Eric & Meredith Sangster*



“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . Alleluia, He is Risen!”



Despite what we may think...Easter isn't just a noun. Easter is almost something you should think of as a verb. Just like our faith.

It is active. It moves. It's something alive, and wondrous, and constantly in motion.

And if you want more proof, look no further than the morning gospel: Mary of Magdala in this story *runs* to tell the apostles what has happened, and the two apostles *run* to the tomb to see for themselves. Running, in fact, is mentioned no less than three times in this short passage. This is something more than just a good cardio workout. Even in the earliest moments of our faith—literally, the dawn of Christianity—ours was a faith on the move.

It is alive at all the Catholic Churches for the Easter Vigil. Candles lit the church and the flames were not static. The light glimmered and flickered. It moved. There were processions, to the baptismal font and to the altar, reminding us that we are pilgrims. In the baptism ritual that brought new Catholics into the faith, one of the rubrics makes clear that the water must be *poured*. It can't be still. The water must be moving. And then, of course, there was the quiet stirring of the human heart, as we heard again the story of our salvation, told repeatedly through readings that took us from creation to resurrection. One could not help but be moved at how God moves *us*— to be humbled and in awe at how far we have traveled as children of God, and how He has moved through creation.

Easter is about going. It's about rising. It's running, pouring, anointing, sprinkling, affirming, and rejoicing. It is about opening our throats in full-throated cry that has been too silent since before Ash Wednesday: Alleluia! Easter is sharing – it is the lit candle, this Paschal candle, spreading light from person to person until the entire church is ablaze with a fire that can only be called faith. Easter is hearing – it is hearing once more the astonishing news that awakened the hearts of the women at the tomb: “He is risen!” Easter is proclaiming – it is proclaiming the Good News that our Savior lives. Death has been conquered. We have been redeemed.

Easter assures us that Christianity is a faith on its feet, running to spread the Word. It's Mary, racing to tell the others. It's Peter, a man who once denied Jesus not once but three times, running toward a destiny that will transform his life—and the lives of countless others through history. It's the apostles fanning out around the world, by ship or on foot, to face prison or torture or death.

By God's grace, our church continues to grow. Christ lives. And we live in Him. It is just that simple, and just that miraculous. This day, we carry that with us into the world, continuing what Mary of Magdala began all those centuries ago. We must tell others. It's not the sort of news that you spread by walking. You must run. And today, Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is the greatest reason of all to keep the momentum going. The Easter Season is one of joy – it lasts 50 days. It out trumps Lent with its gloom and doom!

So, let's just keep on running, moving and rejoicing because we are an Easter People!

Wishing you all a Joyous Easter - Alleluia! ~ Deacon Bill

Outreach



The St. Clare Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Have you ever wondered about the large baskets at the doors of the church?

They are the most visible indication of the work of the St. Clare Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For almost 100 years the parish has supported the work of the SVdP Portland Council by providing food, rent and utility assistance in our neighborhood. Your food and monetary donations make this possible.

Foods that the pantry always needs are:

- Peanut Butter & Jams or Jellies
- Hot & Cold Cereals
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Hearty Soups & Boxed Sides
- Vegetable Oil

The pantry also provides hygiene and cleaning products. (essentials which cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits)

Always needed are:

- Shampoo, Deodorant & Toothpaste
- Dish & Laundry Detergents
- Paper Products for Bathroom & Kitchen

THANK YOU for your continued support of this ministry.



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, April 12
9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast served up after both Masses by the John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.



Plain & Blueberry Pancakes
Sausage & Eggs
Fruit & Applesauce
Choice of Milk, Chocolate Milk,
Orange Juice, Coffee, or Tea

Donations will be accepted to support the Knights' outreach programs.

Questions? Contact Don Mey at dmey1951@gmail.com or 434.429.9881.

Junque & Jewels

Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale

Plan now for our annual parish rummage sale, Junque & Jewels, This unique event raises funds for parish programs, offers a low-cost shopping opportunity for the neighborhood, and helps parishioners recycle usable goods.

You can be part of Junque & Jewels by:

- Saving your used "junque" to donate - most wanted items are dishes & kitchenware, clothes & linens, small appliances & furniture, books & media, toys, games & sporting goods, & décor
- Bringing your donations to the St. Clare gym from June 13-15
- Volunteering to help for set-up, merchandising, pricing, sales, clean-up and MORE! Volunteer opportunities are available from June 13-22. NO experience needed.

Sale Dates: June 19, 20, & 21

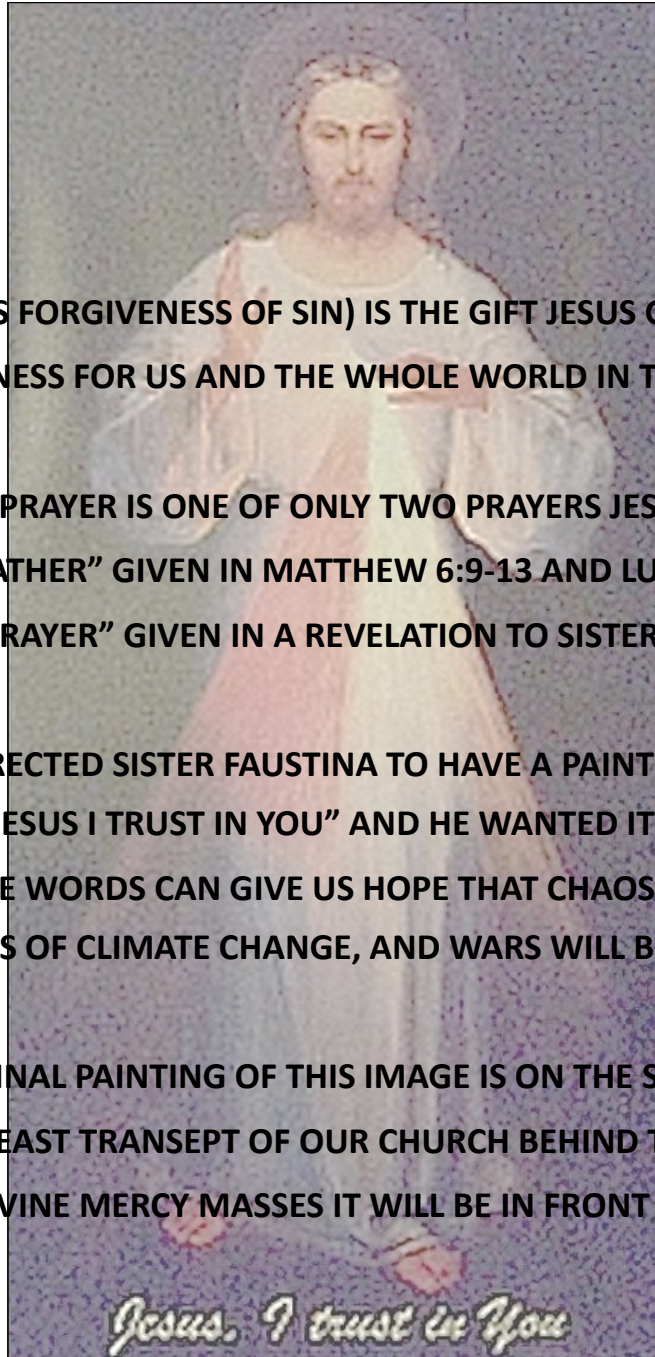
Watch the bulletin for additional information.

EXPERIENCE THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

AFTER DIVINE MERCY MASSES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 12

AN INSPIRING 15 MINUTE VIDEO WILL LEAD US IN THE CHAPLET PRAYER

The Pancake Breakfast will still be available afterwards in the Parish Hall.
(Sunday Masses only.)



DIVINE MERCY (GOD'S FORGIVENESS OF SIN) IS THE GIFT JESUS GAVE IN JOHN 20: 22-23.
WE SEEK FORGIVENESS FOR US AND THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE CHAPLET PRAYER.

THE CHAPLET PRAYER IS ONE OF ONLY TWO PRAYERS JESUS DIRECTLY GAVE US,
THE "OUR FATHER" GIVEN IN MATTHEW 6:9-13 AND LUKE 11:1-4 AND
THE "CHAPLET PRAYER" GIVEN IN A REVELATION TO SISTER FAUSTINA IN 1935.

JESUS ALSO DIRECTED SISTER FAUSTINA TO HAVE A PAINTING MADE OF HIM
WITH THE WORDS "JESUS I TRUST IN YOU" AND HE WANTED IT GIVEN TO THE WORLD.
REMEMBERING THESE WORDS CAN GIVE US HOPE THAT CHAOS IN OUR GOVERNMENT,
THREATS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, AND WARS WILL BE SOLVED.

THE ORIGINAL PAINTING OF THIS IMAGE IS ON THE SOUTH WALL
OF THE EAST TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH BEHIND THE CHOIR
EXCEPT AT DIVINE MERCY MASSES IT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE AMBO.

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,
 Where there has been death,
 bring new life!
 Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories
 with your goodness and grace.
 Bless our hearts and homes
 this Easter and always.
 Amen. ©LPi

Scripture Readings **2nd Sunday of Easter** (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 12, 2026

Reading 1 - Acts 2:42-47
 Psalms - Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Reading 2 - 1 Pet 1:3-9
 Gospel - Jn 20:19-31

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 3.29.26	\$12,499	\$12,472	\$28
W/E 3.22.26	\$11,580	\$12,472	(\$891)
W/E 3.15.26	\$11,332	\$12,472	(\$1,139)
Total March	\$56,134		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$472,449	\$486,394	(\$13,945)

*FY 25/26 Offertory Goal: \$12,472 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.



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Adult Faith Formation

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Dinner Talk #5

Thursday, April 23 5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Come to the Feast!
 Strengthen your Faith and Build Fellowship.

Topic: Christian Discipleship Today
Speaker: Pia de Leon

*We live in a world
 full of anxieties and confusion,
 of mixed messages and individualistic truths.
 How does one who calls oneself a disciple of Christ
 survive and thrive in this kind of world?
 How does one's discipleship to Christ
 assure the world
 that Jesus has truly risen and is alive today?*

Interested in attending? Please register at
[https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/
 dinner-talk-5-apr-23-2026-1](https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talk-5-apr-23-2026-1)

For more details? Contact Kim Zea
 at kim@saintclarechurch.org

Women's MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE & MORE TO COME

Walking With Purpose

Jesus wants your friendship
 and your focus on HIM this year

Thursday **6** 6 - 7 PM
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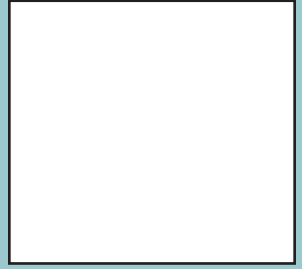
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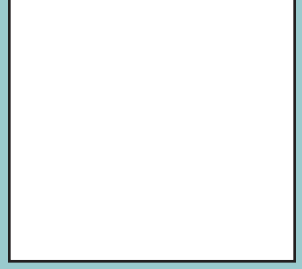
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