



St. Clare Parish

Aug. 31, 2025

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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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 Deacon Bill McNamara.

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: _____

☐ New Parishioner

☐ Returning Catholic

☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)

☐ New Phone Number

☐ New Address

☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes



Weekly Inspirations

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 31, 2025

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite? ©LPi

Week-at-a- Glance

Saturday, Aug. 30

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass +Genevieve Soule, Church
+ Webster Soule & +Diana Soule

Sunday, Aug. 31

8:30am Mass +Denise Sievers Church
10:45am Mass For the People Church

Monday, Sept. 1 Labor Day Parish Office Closed

NO Daily Mass



Wednesday, Sept. 3

8:30am Daily Mass +John Tujo Church

Thursday, Sept. 4

8:30am Daily Mass +Stephen Loomis Church

Friday, Sept. 5

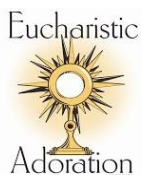
8:30am Day Mass Paulette Sonnen Church

Saturday, Sept. 6

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 4:00pm) Church
4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass +Paul Bouchard Church

Sunday, Sept. 7

10:00am One Mass, One Family +Grace Velk Church
11:00am St. Clare Picnic (ends at 2pm) School Playground



Saturday, Sept. 6 2-4pm
Come and spend a few minutes
with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Next weekend is our big St. Clare combined Mass and Picnic! I always look forward to this event. We'll have a big combined Mass on Sunday at 10am (no 8:30am or 10:45am Mass) and we'll follow that with the huge St. Clare Picnic. We'll have a big combined choir at the Mass as we celebrate 110 years of worship here at St. Clare Church. At the picnic on the church grounds, we'll have fried chicken, salads, desserts, live music, carnival games...It's a great celebration of our church, school, and preschool community. Come and celebrate all that this church means to us. We'll have some tables and chairs set up, but it would be good if you bring a lawn chair or blanket. A BIG THANKS to Debbie Henkelman for coordinating the picnic again this year.

School starts again this week at St. Clare School and Preschool. Our Preschool is full as usual, and we've got an almost full school with lots of good families and lots of good teachers. Our preschool and school teachers had a week of in-service training last week and are ready for the new year. Let's keep the students and teachers in our prayers this week.

Blessings to you! ~ Fr. Don

Scripture Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 7, 2025

Reading 1 - Wis 9:13-18b

Psalms - PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

Reading 2 - Phm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel - Lk 14:25-33

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 8.24.25	\$7,513	\$12,472	(\$4,958)
August 1-24	\$38,222	\$49,887	(\$11,665)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$87,077	\$99,776	(\$12,699)

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

Scan the QR code
to donate to St. Clare Church.
Thank you for your support.





One Mass, One Family & St. Clare Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 7

One Mass at 10am; Picnic 11am - 2pm

All invited for Fellowship, Food, Carnival Games, & Family Fun!



MENU: Fried Chicken, Salads,
Fruit, Chips, Desserts & Drinks

LIVE MUSIC
by Todd Yuratich, School Dad



BRING: Blankets & Lawn Chairs
(Limited table space for those who need it.)

Canned or Boxed Food Donations for our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry



NEEDED: Picnic Volunteers!

To lend a hand, go to [Volunteer Sign-up](#) or

Dessert Donations and Prizes for Kid's Carnival Games Appreciated!

Sign-up is by the east church door.

For prize ideas, visit [Amazon wish list](#) or

Please deliver to Parish Office by Tuesday, Sept. 2.



QUESTIONS? Please contact Debbie Henkelman
at debbiehenkelman923@gmail.com.

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Reflection on Today’s Gospel, Lk 14:1, 7-14

When he hosted high-ranking guests, former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was fond of taking them on evening walks on the grounds of the White House. Inevitably, he would point skyward and recite, “That is the Spiral Galaxy of Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of a hundred million galaxies. It is 2,500,000 light-years away. It consists of one hundred billion suns, many larger than our own sun.” Then, after a brief silence, Roosevelt would grin and say, “Now I think we are small enough. Let’s go in.” * Roosevelt, as portrayed in this story, was aware that for people to work together effectively and for truth to prevail, they needed a certain perspective regarding their position in the grand scheme of things. He realized that self-importance or a lack of the truthfulness we call humility has an influence on personal growth and interpersonal exchanges.

In today’s first reading Sirach and Jesus in our Gospel have expressed similar insights in a more profound manner. Each calls his disciples to stand in truth before God and others. Believers are not to be charmed of what they see or unhappy because of what they don’t see. They are to look beyond their own perceived importance. Humility calls for a change of perspective that leads us to look at OTHERS first. Looking up at the stars may help, but it is that shift in perspective from me to you, and ultimately to the Thou who is God, which, in the end, seems to be most effective.

When we look outward rather than inward, we cultivate unselfishness; we recognize that the needs of others are an opportunity for elevating their status rather than our own. Valuing others above me and my concerns affords them dignity. Caring for those who cannot reciprocate is perhaps the ultimate test of humility, in that I have nothing to gain except the blessedness of giving. Then, in my selfless giving, I will begin to look for my identity in their faces and in their needs. Then I will also be able to look at the stars, realize the truth of my smallness, and rejoice in the Creator who made both them and me.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, whose feast day is this week on September 5th, provides us with a powerful challenge to live out the teachings in our gospel today. We are told to go sit in the lowest place. That’s where Mother Teresa began. She found a woman dying in the streets. The woman was half eaten up by rats and ants, Mother Teresa picked her up and carried her to the hospital. The gospel also tells us not to invite our friends to a banquet, but to invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind. When Mother Teresa was invited to receive the Noble Peace Prize in 1979, she insisted that the ceremonial banquet be canceled and asked that the \$6,000 cost for that banquet be donated to the poor in Calcutta. The money saved on that one banquet helped her to feed hundreds for a year. A true saint and model for all of us.

When St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo was first converted to Christ in 387, he was happy to share his experience with others. One of his wisest recommendations was this: “For those who would learn God’s ways, humility is the first thing, humility is the second thing and humility is the third.” Augustine had learned (but not without difficulty and struggle) the truth for which every sincere believer, that’s you and me, for what we all are forever searching, and from which, at times, we also run: **God is all in all, and without God I am nothing.**

~ Deacon Bill

* Harold E. Kohn’s *Thoughts Afield: Meditations Through the Seasons* — Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, Wm. B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Mich.: 1957).

Faith Formation

Sign-up NOW for Children's and Youth Programs beginning in September!

First Communion

Grades 2-3 and Grades 4-6

Confirmation Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

Grades 6-12

To view schedules and register, please visit www.saintclarechurch.org.

On the homepage, click Sacraments then First Communion or Confirmation.

For Youth Ministry, click on Faith Formation > Youth Ministry > Youth Group.

We look forward to growing in faith with your family!

Questions? Please contact Debbie Henkelman, Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, at debbie@saintclarechurch.org or x103.

Rite of Catholic Initiation

RICA is for adults and children who are interested in becoming Catholic. Sessions begin on Saturday, Sept. 20.



To learn more about RCIA or to register, please visit www.saintclarechurch.org/rcia or contact Kim Zea, our Pastoral Associate, at kim@saintclarechurch.org or 503.244.1037, ext. 104.



St. Clare Ministry Fair

Sunday, Sept. 14 after both Masses

Have you been thinking about how you can get more involved in the St. Clare community?

Your gifts and talents can be shared in so many different ways. Plan to visit our Ministry Fair this fall and find the ministries that are the best fit for you!



Deepen your faith and build community.

Save the date for the upcoming
St Clare Men's ACTS Retreat
November 13-16.

Come and immerse yourself in Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service during this enriching weekend retreat.

For more details and to register, go to www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats or scan the QR code:



Questions? Contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org or x104.

Outreach



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Sept. 25
Parish Hall 2:15-7pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org
(Sponsor Code is St.ClarePortland)

If you need assistance with registering, call 800.RED.CROSS or contact Maria DaSilva, St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator, at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com.



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Hot & Cold Cereals • Pancake Syrup • Cooking Oil
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