



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026 | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WELCOME TO ALL!

Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

St. Clare is a Catholic community guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 5:00pm, Vigil
Sunday | 8:30am and 10:45am

For livestream weekend Mass, visit
www.saintclarechurch.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday | 8:30am
Wednesday | 8:30am
Thursday | 8:30am, School Mass
Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4-4:30pm or by
appointment, contact Fr. Don

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monthly on the 1st Saturday from 2-4pm
Benediction at 3:45pm



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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm; 2:00-5:00pm

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Like our Blessed Mother Mary, let us trust in God's promises, rejoice in His blessings, and carry Christ's love and hope to others.

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of Mary. We celebrate that at the end of her life God raised Mary body and soul into the glory of Heaven. Mary sets a great example of being surrendered to the will of God ("I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word.") and God honors Mary for that service by raising her, body and soul, to Heaven. We strive to follow her example of wholehearted service to God and we look forward to our ultimate home in Heaven. Last weekend we honored our patroness St. Clare, and this weekend we honor Mary. Two amazing women. Their lives can inspire us to live holy lives.

This week I will be out of town at my family's annual get-together at our cabin. There will be 15 us there, covering 3 generations, ranging in age from 3 to 73 years old. I've mentioned before that the cabin is rustic, my grandfather built it over 80 years ago, it has no electricity, no running water, no road access (boat access only). Throughout my life it has always been my favorite place in the world. Lots of great family memories associated with the cabin! It's on Mercer Lake, 5 miles from Florence. I'm blessed with a family that always enjoys being together, and so I'm looking forward to a week full of fun: lots of good conversation, eating way too much, hiking, swimming, kayaking, maybe waterskiing... I'll be exhausted but happy when you see me next weekend.

Next Sunday we have our first annual St. Clare car show. We have a good mix of cars registered so far: antiques, hotrods, sports cars, woodie wagon... This is an effort at evangelism, trying to get neighbors onto the parish grounds, ultimately leading them to Mass at St. Clare. Invite your neighbors friends to join us Sunday 1-3pm on the back side of the school for this fun and casual event.

Let's keep praying for one another.

~Fr. Don

STAY UPDATED

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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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| ☐ New Parishioner | ☐ New Address |
| ☐ New Phone Number | ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
| ☐ Returning Catholic | ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 am	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Church
6:00 pm	Mass Social	Parish Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Clark Bailey	Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30 am	Daily Mass Pierce Tujo	Church
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Domenico Digregorio	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Beth Olson	Church

AFTER MASS SOCIAL

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 | 6PM |
PARISH HALL**



Join us after Saturday Vigil Mass for friends,
conversation, and light snacks and beverages
--our Saturday evening version of Coffee & Donuts.

SACRAMENTS

More information available at
saintclarechurch.org/sacraments

BAPTISM

Please contact **Deacon Bill McNamara** for more
information.

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Adults please contact **Kim Zea**.

For Teens and Children please contact **Debbie
Henkelman**.

MARRIAGE

Please contact **Fr. Don** to learn more about the six-
month preparation required for getting married at St.
Clare Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

How does Mary's faith and trust in God inspire you to
remain faithful when facing challenges or uncertainty?

2nd Reading

How does Christ's victory over death give you hope
when you face difficulties, loss, or uncertainty.

Gospel Reading

How can Mary's example inspire you to recognize God's
blessings and share His love with others?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23, (121A)
- Psalms: Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
- Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36
- Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org.

Burial Notice

Betty Mae Mansfield, a longtime and active member of
our parish, will be laid to rest at River View Cemetery.

A graveside service will be held on
Wednesday August 19, at 1 pm.

Betty was active in the Altar Society and
the Junk and Jewel Sale, generously sharing
her gifts and talents with our parish community.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.



THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



This Saturday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God, into heaven. Since the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

As biblical scholars have noted, there is scarce information about Mary in the gospels. The early Church struggled to define Mary's role in salvation history, much as the early Church Councils worked to define who Jesus was. The Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) posited that Jesus of Nazareth possessed a "divine-human nature." The Nicene Creed, which we say at Mass every Sunday, originated with this council.

The Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) affirmed that these two natures, divine and human, existed without confusion, without change, without division and without separation. As the debate about the divine-human nature of Christ was going on, Mary came into the picture. What was her role? The Emperor Theodosius II of the Eastern Roman Empire, on the advice of St. Cyril of Alexandria, attempted to put the issue to rest at the Council at Ephesus (431 A.D.). Since Jesus was human, Cyril argued, he must have a mother. Since Jesus was also divine, his mother had to be the Mother of God, known in the Greek language as Theotokos.

By the 1500s, there were many churches, devotions, and statues dedicated to Mary. Protestant leaders during the Reformation (1517-1648) continued to honor Mary as the mother of God, but declined in their liturgy to enshrine her significance or to pray to her. Confusion over Mary continued through the years, widening the gap between Protestants and Catholics. In the late

1600s, French priest St. Louis de Montfort founded several religious communities focused on True Devotion to Mary. Montfort made clear that it was to Jesus through Mary—not to Mary directly—that Catholics were praying, a point of contention for most Protestants. Since there was nothing in scripture about Mary's true role in the story of the divinity of Christ, Protestants continued to believe that Mary was not born without sin, and that her body was not taken into heaven without first experiencing the normal human dying process.

Catholics believed from the beginning of Christianity that Mary, being the Mother of God, was born without sin, created without sin, and therefore could not have suffered a natural human death.

There are two significant documents in the history of the Catholic Church, infallible pronouncements by Popes, recorded for posterity. Both relate to Mary. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX, after conferring with other bishops, wrote of the theological concept of *Ineffabilis Deus*, which translates to "Ineffable God." This document affirms as a core tenet of Catholic faith a belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

In the second papal document, 1950's *Muificentissimus Deus*, which translates to, "most bountiful, most generous God," Pope Pius XII gave to the Church the great feast we celebrate to this day: the Feast of the Assumption.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for us

OUTREACH



ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Vegetable Oil
- Tuna Helper
- Paper Towels
- Toothpaste



Please check expiration dates to ensure food items have not expired.

Donations may be placed in the food baskets at the church or on the front porch of the parish office.

ADMINISTRATION



OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 8.2.26	\$12,121	\$13,458	(\$1,337)
W/E 8.9.26	\$11,229	\$13,458	(\$2,228)
Total August	\$21,060		
Fiscal Year 26/27	\$63,918	\$80,747	(\$16,830)

**FY 25/26 Offertory Goal: \$13,458 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.*

Scan your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you for your support!



One Mass, One Family & St. Clare Picnic Sunday, Sept. 13

One Mass at 10:00am; Picnic from 11:00am-2:00pm

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

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

Music
Special Appearance by 8th Graders

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!

Dessert Sign-up is by the east church door.

For prize ideas, visit [Picnic Prize Wishlist](#) or



Please deliver prizes to Parish Office by Tuesday, Sept. 8

QUESTIONS? Please contact **Debbie Henkelman**
at debbie@saintclarechurch.org

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS - JOAN CODD

By Paul Sherbo - Pastoral Council Member



As I was asking around for the next person to feature in this series, the name of Joan Codd quickly surfaced. I didn't know her personally, so I was curious to find out more. In short order I realized she is another one of the group of amazing people of rich faith and unselfish service who make up St. Clare. And like many of these folks, Joan is a humble servant who doesn't draw attention to herself, but quietly goes about doing the Lord's work.

Born In Lewiston, Idaho, Joan was adopted into a family with 3 boys, who wanted a girl, so they got one! Also like many of our members, Joan's parents were deeply involved in the church. Her mother played the organ and directed the choir. Her Dad was a Knight of Columbus, and did all kinds of things in the parish. What a pedigree! Joan attended Catholic elementary school, and as there was no Catholic High School, she attended a public one. The fire of faith began to burn brightly for her through the Newman Center at Idaho State where she was inspired by a progressive priest from the Basque community outside of Boise, Fr. Echavarria. He also taught classes at the Center. The courses delved into major theologians, some quite controversial, like Karl Rahner. Joan was into the deep water, and loved it.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in history, Joan added two master's degrees. One was Educational Administration, and the other Counseling. The rocket ship then began to take off with blessings as her first job was at Gonzaga University as an associate Dean of Student Life. She stayed 7 years and got tied into the Charism of the Jesuits. Research that and you will find it is rooted in the Spiritual Exercises, emphasizing active contemplation, discernment, and a commitment to justice...truly inspirational stuff. Joan's faith grew, and she loved her job though it was challenging because she wasn't much older than the students in her charge. Sounds to me just like

something God would do! She finds the Jesuits inspiring because they are so passionate in their service. "They are also bright," Joan says. "Their education is phenomenal."

While working at Gonzaga, a colleague kept trying to get Joan to go on a blind date with a friend. She resisted the invitation, but when she finally relented she met the man who would become her husband a year later. Denny Codd had been training in the Jesuit order for 5 years before deciding to go back to Gonzaga to get his master's degree. His training further inspired Joan's faith and as you might imagine, it seemed God had a plan. That plan ultimately led Denny to accept an invitation from Fr. Jim Galluzzo, who was the principal at Jesuit High School at the time, to become chair of the religion department. Thus, Joan came to Portland. Prior to this, Joan and Denny adopted a daughter, Julie, who was two years old when they moved. Joan took a job at St. Mary's Academy as a teacher and director of the counseling center. When Julie was ready to start school, St. Clare was chosen. That was 1981. Denny passed away in 2022, but Joan remains steadfast and says she feels the activities, ministries and members of the parish maintain a truly vibrant community which compels her to try and be of service. Speaking of service, Joan was principal at St. Stephens in SE Portland, followed by St. Thomas More, and eventually Our Lady of the Lake before retiring. She is on our Administrative Council, and is a Eucharistic Minister. She has helped with St. Vincent de Paul and still works with Fr. Galluzzo on his homeless project. Talk about commitment! Joan is faith put into action! She is also lovingly committed to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

When asked what are her personal tenants of faith Joan states: "my belief in Jesus and the message of the gospels; it's about leading a compassionate life, and deferential treatment for the poor, the Catholic social teachings. Those things make a lot of sense to me. When I was young I followed rules and regulations because that was what we were supposed to do, but as we mature and begin thinking and critically analyzing things, we have to grow. It's really not a choice. Also, in the Eucharist, Jesus is in me. That belief in the Eucharist is supported in scripture, which I read daily. I also have a Jesuit trained spiritual advisor. Currently we are doing a book called the Ignatian Adventure, involving spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius." Suffice to say, Joan is definitely working on her faith unceasingly. Next time you are at the 8:30 Mass, say hello to this wonderful lady.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ST. CLARE'S FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Chrome, Coffee, Community... and Maybe a Little Divine Horsepower!

Do you love classic cars? Cool trucks? Motorcycles that make your neighbors slightly jealous? Then clear your calendar and join us for **St. Clare's First Annual Car Show!**

 **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

 **1:00–3:00 PM**

 **ST. CLARE PARISH**

Whether your dream car is a vintage Mustang, a restored pickup, a shiny Corvette, or the family minivan that somehow survived raising five kids, there's something here for everyone!



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MEN'S SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Begins Monday, Sept. 14 | 6:30pm
Downstairs at the Parish Office



Join us for monthly gatherings centered Fr. Greg Boyle's "Cherished Belonging". Together, we'll reflect on radical tenderness, authentic kinship, inclusion, and unconditional grace.

For details, contact Nate Morrison at nate@endyem.com or 503-245-2837

ST. CLARE MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Deepen your faith and build community

September 17-20

Come and immerse yourself in Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service during this enriching weekend retreat.
For more details, contact Kim Zea at Kim@saintclarechurch.org



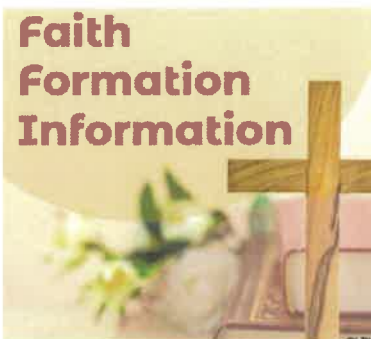
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OCIA (formerly RCIA) is for adults and children who are interested in becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or learning more about the Catholic faith.

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For more details, contact Kim Zea at Kim@saintclarechurch.org or 503-244-1037, ext 104.

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