



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, 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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www.stclarepreschool.org

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

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose? @LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

St. Clare School starts up again this week! The teachers were here last week getting ready, and on Tuesday the students will come and get settled in their classrooms. We have record high enrollment, many classrooms are full, others are mostly full. We have a great faculty and staff, they work well together and they know the students and their families.

Our St. Clare Preschool stays open all summer so I get to see the little ones regularly but this week it'll feel different with the bigger children in the K-8 school returning to the classrooms. There will be over 300 children on campus weekdays, we'll start up our school Masses again on Thursdays (everyone is welcome to those), and the playground will be full of the sound of happy children.

Last weekend we had our first annual St. Clare Car Show. It was a fun event. We ran it from 1-3:00 on Sunday afternoon and we had a wide variety of cars and trucks. Our vehicles varied from a '37 Ford (restored to factory specs) to a highly modified newish Chevy Camaro drag racer. In between those extremes was a World War II army jeep, '65 Corvette, vintage Jaguar and '49 Chevrolet pickup. Miss Mac's (our 4th grade teacher) '74 AMC Gremlin won the People's Choice award. It was just a fun, casual event, trying to get some of our neighbors that aren't Catholic to come on campus and get to know us. We passed out 51 brochures about St. Clare Church.

Our big Combined Mass/St. Clare Picnic is just 2 weeks away. Our Men's ACTS retreat is just 3 weeks away. Lotsa good stuff happening here at St. Clare!

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: _____

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Phone Number
- ☐ Returning Catholic

- ☐ New Address
- ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
- ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 am	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass Kate and Jamie Luckenbill	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Joaquina de Luna Gonzalez	Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30 am	Daily Mass +Beth Olson	Church
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 am	Daily Mass +John Tujo	Church
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 am	Daily Mass Neil Molin	Church
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
2:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Amadeo Digregorio	Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 am	Family Mass	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Beth Olson	Church

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

Jeremiah wrestles with an inner struggle to proclaim the word of the Lord that comes to him. Who helps you work through distress or anxiety?

2nd Reading

Paul challenges believers not to conform to the present age but be transformed by the renewal of their minds. What in our "present age" needs to be avoided?

Gospel Reading

Peter does not want to accept Jesus' destiny as the Messiah who suffers greatly and dies. How do you process difficult news or information?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

SEPT. 6, 2026 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9, (127A)
- Psalms: Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
- Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10
- Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



REMINDER

Saturday, September 5 2-4 pm.

Come and spend a few minutes with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45 pm.

THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

HE WHO CAME BEFORE: JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Saturday, August 29, Catholics celebrate the Passion of John the Baptist. John stands beside Jesus and Mary as one of only three biblical entities for whom the Church celebrates both birth and death. The feast date marking his birth on June 24, is significant, falling exactly six months before Christmas, and right after the summer solstice. In terms of metaphorical Christian symbolism, John is considered the “lamp” and Jesus the “light” of the World.

In the following paraphrase from the Gospel of Mark, we learn of the tragic end of John the Baptist: Herod had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, who he had married, and who hated John for his pious prophesizing. Herod sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head on a platter. (Mk 6: 17, 27).

English Benedictine Monk St. Bede the Venerable (672-735) authored some profound analysis of John’s role as a precursor to Lord Jesus. St. Bede started his studies in a Franciscan monastery at age seven, and was ordained a deacon at the age of nineteen. Thereafter, and to this day, he is recognized as a Doctor of the Church, and known as the Father of English History. St. Bede is recognized as the patron saint of historians and lectors.

As the forerunner of our Lord’s earthly ministry, and Passion, Blessed John showed through his struggle a goodness worthy of heavenly regard. As we read in Wisdom 3:4: ‘For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality.’

We justly commemorate the day of his birth with a joyful celebration, a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering, and which he adorned with the crimson splendor of his own blood. We do rightly revere his memory with joyful hearts, for he stamped with the seal of martyrdom the testimony which he delivered on behalf of our Lord.

There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a result of his bearing witness to the coming of our Redeemer. Herod demanded only he remain silent about the avowed truth of Christ’s coming. Herod did not demand that John deny his belief in Christ as Savior. John did not waver from his mission.



Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, John bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering foreshadowed the days of Christ’s Passion, suffering, and ultimate sacrifice.

Locked away in the darkness of prison, he bore witness to the Light of life, and deserved to be called the bright and shining lamp. Enduring temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was no burden to John. Rather his persecution was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew that eternal joy would be his reward.

Does Christ not say: I am the Truth? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

~Deacon Bill

ADMINISTRATION



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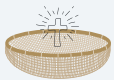
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Thank you for supporting St. Clare School students!

OFFERTORY REPORT



MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 8.23.26	\$12,397	\$13,458	(\$1,061)
Total August	\$42,163		
Fiscal Year 26/27*	\$85,021	\$107,663	(\$22,642)

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

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



OUTREACH



ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Lentils & Garbanzo Beans
- Vegetable Oil
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Toothpaste
- Dishwashing liquid & Pods

Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

*A Heartfelt, ' < /i>
THANK YOU!*

to everyone who generously donated to our **St. Vincent de Paul pantry** during last weekend's Car Show

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and help us continue serving those in need in our community.



Thank you,
ST. CLARE PARISHIONERS!



Your generous "free will" donations at our **Pancake Breakfasts** have helped the Knights of Columbus support:

- St. Andrew Nativity School - Francis Center
- Mother & Child Education Center - Hope's Garden Maternity Home
- Holy Family Catholic Clinic - Bishop White Seminary
- Diversity as Gift - Unbound

Men, join us in serving Christ and be transforming lives!!!



Scan to learn more



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

Live Music
Featuring Parishioner Paul Lesinski

Bring: Blankets & Lawn Chairs. Limited table seating available

HELP STOCK OUR PANTRY:

Bring canned or boxed food for St. Vincent de Paul

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ST. CLARE SISTERS IN SPIRIT

Next Gathering: Saturday, September 12

9:00 - 10:30 am - Downstairs at the Parish Office

All women of the parish are invited to join us for connection, spiritual growth and join

Questions contact: kim@saintclarechurch.org



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.

Questions 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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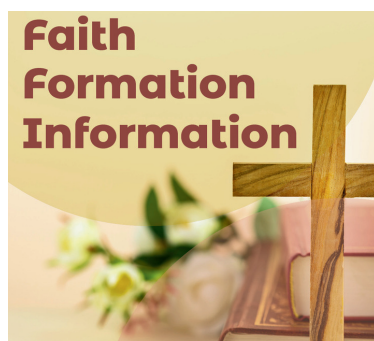
Thursday, September 24, 2026

Parish Hall 2:15-6:30pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org

If you need assistance call 1.800.RED.CROSS or contact Maria DaSilva,

St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator,
at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

Sessions begin in October 2026

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

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