



St. Clare Parish

Feb. 22, 2026

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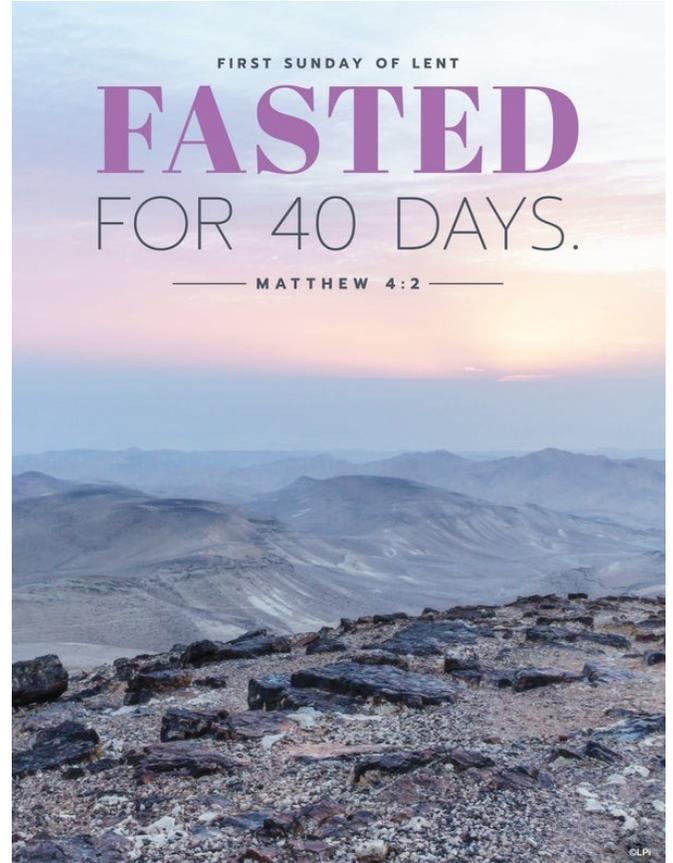
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
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Weekly Inspiration

1st Sunday of Lent

Feb. 22, 2026

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan." ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Feb. 21

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
9:30am	Sisters in the Spirit Gathering	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +Luigi & +Anna Marie Conti	Church
6:00pm	After 5pm Mass Social	Parish Hall

Sunday, Feb. 22 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass +Mary Lou Raffety	Church

Monday, Feb. 23

8:30am	Daily Mass +Kathleen Tobin Goeke	Church
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Wednesday, Feb. 25

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Roxanne Messner</i>	Church
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Thursday, Feb. 26

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Friday, Feb. 27

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Roxanne Messner</i>	Church
6:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, Feb. 28

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

Sunday, Mar. 1 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass +Douglas Doane	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Lent has begun! I appreciated all the people that attended our Ash Wednesday Masses. The ashes remind us of our sinfulness that distances us from God and the people around us. God wants us all united, all one. This year instead of giving up something like ice cream for Lent, I encourage you to give up sin for Lent. Think of a common sin that you slip into a lot and focus on eliminating that sin during Lent. And don't try to do it on your own, ask God's help every day for help in that specific area. God wants you to thrive, and sin limits that. God will help you.

Here at St. Clare we have several opportunities available to help you connect well with God during this Lenten season. Of course the first thing is always the Sacraments. Be at Mass every week during this holy season. I will offer Confessions after ALL the weekend Masses during Lent. I'm also available for Confessions after the weekday Masses, just ask. We have our weekly Friday Soup Suppers followed by the Stations of the Cross. This is a powerful prayer/meditation on Christ's suffering. Our Lenten Study Groups are meeting weekly, there's one group almost every day. These groups inspire us to be strong Catholics and also help us to meet other people in the church. Our women's ACTS weekend retreat will be in a few weeks, and we have all of our regular ongoing ministries, Sisters in the Spirit, Brothers in the Spirit, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul . . . There are lots of ways to connect with God during this holy season.

Our lives tend to be very busy. Don't let the busyness of your life cheat you out of having a good Lent.

Let's keep praying for one another. ~ Fr. Don

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent

Mar. 1, 2026

Reading 1 - Gen 12:1-4a

Psalms - Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Reading 2 - 2 Tim 1:8b-10

Gospel - Mt 17:1-9

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Fridays in Lent

Come and Join Us!



Friday, Feb. 27 - Mar. 27
6pm Parish Hall
followed in the Church at 6:30pm
by



Feb. 27 - Mar. 20



Mar. 27

Community Life



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Mar. 8
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.

Faith Formation



Dinner Talk #4 - Thursday, Mar. 5

5:30-7pm Parish Hall

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

Topic: *Vocations*

Speaker: *Deacon Bill McNamara*

Remember what we learned in grade school about vocations? Join us for a new way to look at what vocations are really all about.

Interested in attending? Please register at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talk-4-mar-5-2026-1>

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

Women of St. Clare

Deepen your faith and build community.



Only a few spaces left! Register NOW for the **St. Clare Women's ACTS Retreat**
March 12 - 15.

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.

“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . St. Clare Church and its Windows

Welcome to the new Season of Lent. This Lent I hope to focus on our parish community and especially our particular church. There was a 66-page book created by parishioners in 1988 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the parish and included much detailed information. The book called, *Celebration*, had many stories and pictures highlighting the chronological growth of the parish from its formative stage through the initial stage of the Vatican II reforms. Many present-day community members including myself may not be familiar with much of this history. Here is a really short recap from that book:

In the very beginning, Archbishop Christi allowed a small number of people in the area to become a mission community in care of the Franciscan parish at St Anthony (established in 1878). It was 1909, and Father Damek became the first pastor. On the feast of St. Clare in 1913, he was instructed to build a church and a school for the parish. On August 17, 1913, the first Mass was celebrated in the living room of the Walsh home. From that time until the early 1990's, the parish was run by the Franciscan Friars.

The first church was a 2-story building. On the first floor was the school, and the second floor, the church (the pastor lived in small quarters), and the basement was the parish hall and the kitchen. A parking lot was added in 1920. In 1945, a rectory was built where the Franciscan Friars lived. In 1949, ground was broken for the present-day church. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve 1949, construction continued and the church was dedicated by Archbishop Howard in March of 1951. The pews were built by the Trappist Monks at Lafayette. However, no information was contained in the book regarding the windows of the church — that would come later. It wasn't until the early 1990's that the parish was turned over to the archdiocese and served by diocesan priests.

In 2013, the parish celebrated our centennial. Sheila Cullen, along with photos by Jack Fanning, both present day community members, published a book called, *St. Clare's Windows*. Since the Franciscans were ministering in the parish at the time the new church was built, six Franciscan saints were chosen for the large side windows.

I had been in the parish for a good seven or eight years before I began to appreciate them. I am sure I am not alone. I am so grateful to Sheila who wrote this book and hope to use it, with her permission, to take all who read this column on a Lenten Journey with our six saints focusing on what we can learn from them, and all saints, and how they come alive in our very own lives which we may not even realize.

We will start next week with our very own St. Clare who overlooks Spring Garden Rd. As you know it is the large stained-glass window above the front of the church. It is really not visible from the outside and mostly overlooked by many since we concentrate on the altar when we are at Mass. I ask you to take a good look at her this week as we start our Journey.

~ Deacon Bill

Outreach



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Feb. 26
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 • Canned Chicken & Tuna
- Vegetable Oil • Lentils
- Canned Fruit especially Peaches & Pears

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

Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

St. Clare School

Auction Wine Drive ~ Next Weekend



It's that time of year!
The auction team is asking for
donations of wine for our school auction.

When and where to donate?
Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, Mar. 1
after all Masses in the Parish Hall

Thank you for your support!

Prayer for the Week

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord,
as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.
Use this time to call, anoint,
bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew.
Like a good shepherd,
teach us Your voice,
and give us the strength to follow. Amen ©LPi

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

1st Reading Question ~

Genesis reveals that from the beginning the serpent (the devil) desires to lure and trap us into disobeying God. Can you think of some lies the serpent is telling people today?

2nd Reading Question ~

Paul argues that Jesus' obedience to God brought us the gift of freedom and life. How do you see yourself obeying God?

Gospel Question ~

The season of Lent begins each year with the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. As we begin the 40 days of Lent, what temptations are you willing to confront?

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Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 2.15.26	\$11,518	\$12,472	(\$953)
Total February	\$30,918		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$402,829	\$411,564	(\$8,735)

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

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God calls us to share our gifts with gratitude and generosity. By intentionally planning our giving, we strengthen our commitment to Christ and help our parishes foster the faith, hope, and purpose that flow from a life rooted in Him. Together, we share the gifts God has given us so we may more fully "witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ" throughout Western Oregon.

BEST PRACTICES



Create and maintain a household budget



Plan your giving annually



Use your parish's electronic offering (if applicable)



Understand tithing literally means to give 10% of your income.

Suggested amounts: 5% to the local parish and 5% to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Parish Offertory

Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offering supports the sacramental life and ministries of your parish.



Archbishop Catholic Appeal

Supports Catholic Education, Seminarian Education, Retired Priests, Parish Evangelization & formation, and Churchwide Mission Infrastructure & Ministries.



Seminarian Appeal

Provides financial support to help to cover the expenses of every seminarian in the Archdiocese of Portland, allowing them to fully discern their vocation without financial obstacles.



Universal Church Appeal

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



Parish Capital Campaigns & Special Projects

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

Use the worksheet on the back to plan your giving.

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

1. Calculate Annual Gross Family Income

My Income \$ _____
 My Spouse's Income \$ _____
 Other Income \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

2. Determine Annual Percentage to Give

→ Tithing (10%) \$ _____
 OR
 → Other: \$ _____

3. Calculate Annual Dollar Giving Amount

\$ _____ x _____ % = \$ _____
Total Family Income Annual Giving Percentage Annual Giving Dollar Amount

4. Determine Dollar Amount for Each Giving Opportunity

PARISH OFFERTORY

→ \$ _____ x 52 = \$ _____
 OR
 Weekly Amount Total Each Year
 ↳ \$ _____ x 12 = \$ _____
 Monthly Amount Total Each Year

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

→ \$ _____ x 12 = \$ _____
 OR
 Monthly Amount Total Each Year
 ↳ \$ _____ Total Each Year
 One-Time Amount

SEMINARIAN APPEAL

→ \$ _____ x 12 = \$ _____
 OR
 Monthly Amount Total Each Year
 ↳ \$ _____ Total Each Year
 One-Time Amount

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/SPECIAL PROJECT (IF APPLICABLE)

\$ _____ Total Each Year

UNIVERSAL CHURCH APPEAL & MINISTRY SUPPORT

\$ _____ Total Each Year

COMMUNITY CHARITIES

_____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

Amount \$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLE

1. Calculate Annual Gross Income

My income: \$50,000
 Spouse's Income: \$25,000
 Other Income: \$5,000
 Total Income: \$80,000

2. Determine Annual Percentage to Give:

3% OR 10%

3. Calculate Annual Giving Amount:

\$80,000 x 3%	\$80,000 x 10%
\$2,400	\$8,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

<u>Annual Parish Offering</u>	
\$2,400 x 50%	\$8,000 x 50%
\$1,200	\$4,000

<u>Archbishop's Catholic Appeal</u>	
\$400	\$1,500

<u>Seminarian Appeal</u>	
\$200	\$800

<u>Parish Special Project</u>	
\$200	\$800

<u>Universal Church Appeal & Ministry Support</u>	
\$300	\$500

<u>Other Organizations</u>	
\$100	\$400

TOTALS

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