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Jan. 18, 2026

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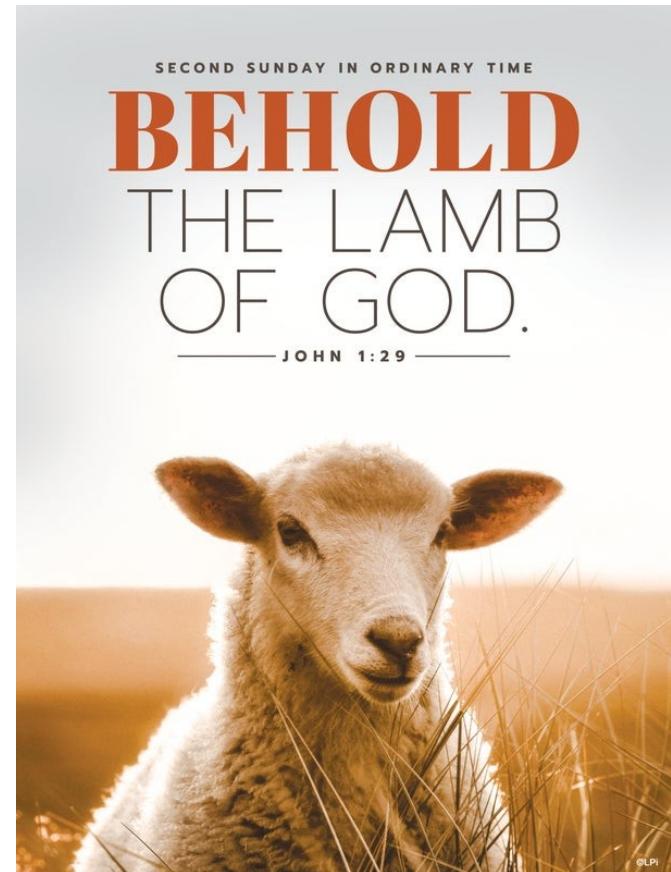
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 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 Inspiration
2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jan. 18, 2026

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same. ©LPI



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Jan. 17

9:00pm	Brothers in Spirit Meeting	Parish Office
9:30am	Sisters in the Spirit Gathering	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +James Shand	Church

Sunday, Jan. 18

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

Monday, Jan. 19 MLK Jr Day/Parish Office Closed

NO Daily Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 21

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Laurie Zupsic</i>	Church
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Thursday, Jan. 22

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Debbie Henkelman</i>	Church
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Friday, Jan. 23

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Joseph Mathew Tran</i>	Church
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Saturday, Jan. 24

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit Meeting	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass <i>Mary Daniels</i>	Church

Sunday, Jan. 25

8:30am	Mass <i>Mary Daniels</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
12:00pm	School Open House (ends at 2pm)	School

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Last Saturday morning we had our first Brothers in the Spirit gathering for men of the parish. This was an outgrowth of the ACTS men's retreat we had in November. After the retreat, the men wanted to continue to get together to encourage and support one another in our Catholic faith. David Villegas, who (God willing) will be ordained a permanent Deacon next year, offered to lead the group. We had a great first session! Ten men came, some had attended the retreat, some hadn't, and all want to be the best Catholic men they can be. The men that came covered a broad spectrum: retired men, dads/husbands with children at home, and single men.

We looked at some bible passages about manhood and discussed ways we can be strong, loving, dedicated and holy Catholic men. We prayed together and left the gathering encouraged and feeling more connected with other good men in the church. The group decided to meet weekly on Saturdays at 9am in the lower level of the parish office building. All men of the parish are welcome to come and try it out.

Next weekend I'll be away at our Confirmation retreat with 30 of our middle and high school students. We'll be at Mt. Angel at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center. Debbie Henkelman and her Confirmation team are leading the retreat. Please keep us in your prayers. I'll be back in time to preside at our Sunday 10:45am Mass and attend the St. Clare School Open House.

The School Open House is a great opportunity to see all the great things that happen in our parish school. I encourage parishioners to come over from 12-2pm and learn more about the "Little School with a Big Heart". We provide an amazing faith-based education for the K-8 students.

~ Fr. Don

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 24, 2026

Reading 1 - Is 8:23-9:3

Psalms - Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Reading 2 - 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel - Mt 4:12-23

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

"This and That "from Deacon Bill . . .

Today, as we walked into the church, we were struck by the relative barrenness of the sanctuary. Gone are the white vestments, the candles, the stable, the Christmas tree. Today is indeed a Sunday of transition...transition in nature as we continue to move from the dark days of winter towards a later sunset, transition in the church as we move from the Christmas Season into the beginning of Ordinary time.



It is a time when we move from celebrating the manifestation of God to celebrating the beginning of Christ's ministry on earth. Every year in Ordinary time we begin with a gospel from John. The other gospel writers focus on the Kingdom or reign of God; it is the gospel of John that focuses on relationships – Christ's relationship with the Father and our relationship with Christ. While all the Gospel writers recount the Baptism of the Lord, a feast from last Sunday, only in John's account do we hear John the Baptist cry: *"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* which we repeat at each Eucharistic Celebration to this day. In John's gospel, there is no nativity scene, no background about Jesus or his ancestry. Instead, there is "Behold the Lamb of God." This is John's annunciation! Here God's introduction into our world is not heralded by an angel, it is proclaimed by a prophet on the banks of a river. One solitary man sees another and cannot help to bear witness to testify and cry out for the world to look and believe.

Unlike the other Gospel accounts which are a little more passive, John the Baptist makes no bones about who is coming to him. Why? Well, can you imagine the excitement? He had been baptizing in the River Jordan, day in and day out, with a faith that the Spirit of God would enlighten him with the knowledge of who is Christ. How often have we said that to ourselves and others...the times in our lives that we do not feel connected, times of great difficulties, times of great conflict, times where we feel we are just not good enough, times of great loss?

Tomorrow, we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. who spent a lifetime bringing light into the darkness of racial segregation and discrimination. While sitting in a jail cell in 1963, he wrote, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that."

It is with this type of inward reflection and prayer that opens our eyes to this indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Where in the face of darkness we can cry out: Behold this is the Lamb of God, the Christ, who takes away the sin of the world. This is the Christ who dined with sinners and prostitutes and tax collectors, this is the Christ who made the lame walk, the blind see, and the dumb speak, this is the Christ who hung on the cross so that all would be saved, this is the Christ who calls us to be the light to others.

So, my fellow travelers our journey through Ordinary time begins and like the journey of John the Baptist it is a developmental journey, a journey where we may be faced by a time that we cry out, "I don't see him," and other times where we can feel that light of Christ shining upon us. But we take comfort in knowing, as we heard in today's gospel, that it is Christ who comes toward us no matter where we are in our lives.

It is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that gives us sight to see little glimpses of Christ every now and then in our lives. It is our good and gracious God who calls on us to be a beacon of light in times of darkness. Let us open our ears to that call to help others in their need. ~ Deacon Bill

An Invitation for Healing



Healing Service ~ Saturday, Jan. 31 6pm in the Church immediately following 5pm Mass

Are you curious if God still heals today?

Would you like prayer for healing?

**Prayer ministers in their 2nd year of training from
the Portland Campus of the Encounter School of Ministry
will be leading this healing service and want to pray with YOU!
Come and be blessed!**

5pm: Mass 6pm: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 6:15pm: Praise & Worship 6:30-9pm: Healing Prayers

St. Clare School

Discover St. Clare School!

All School Open House

Sunday, Jan. 25 12-2pm



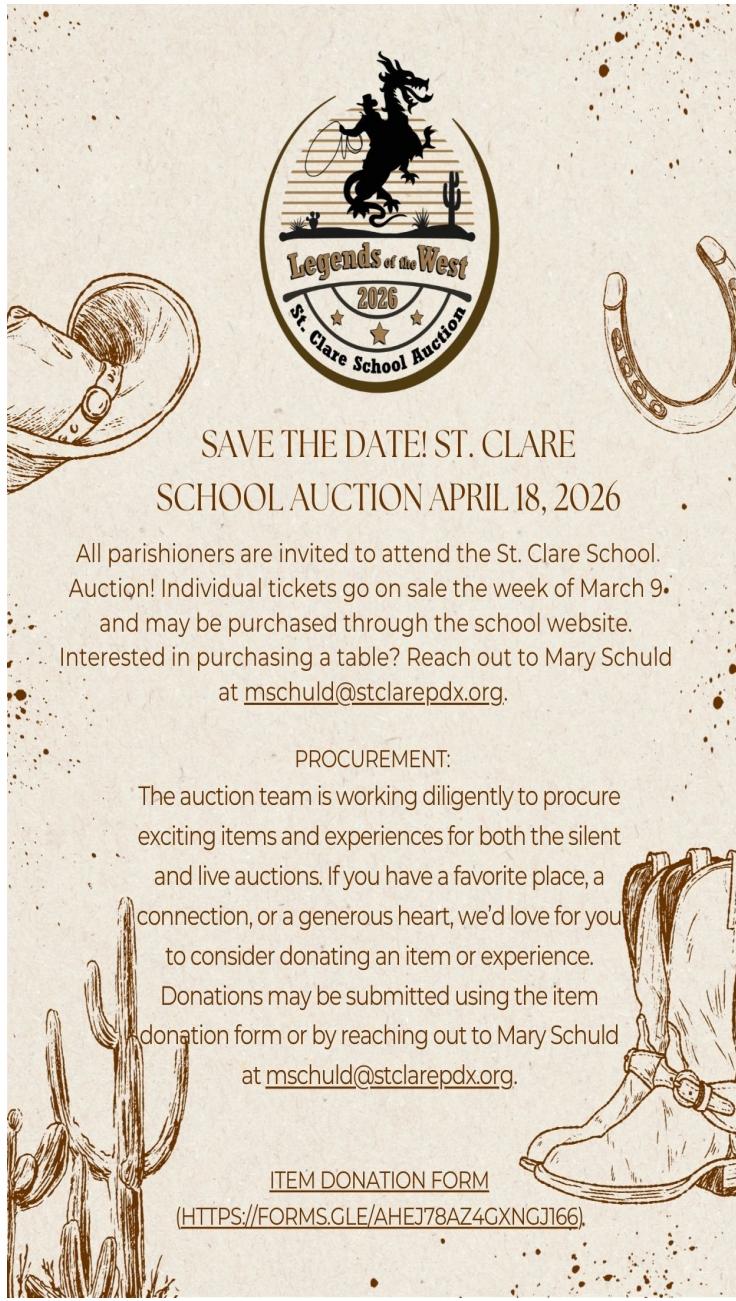
Come and learn all about St. Clare School and what makes us the "Small School with the BIG heart!"

Don't miss this once-a-year event! The Open House is a great opportunity to meet our faculty and staff, learn about our curriculum and programs, have one-on-one conversations with current parents and students, and tour our building and facilities, and more!

This event is free and for the whole family: Parents, students, and siblings are all welcome to attend! We encourage new families and returning families with younger children entering kindergarten to attend the Open House. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Bridge (ebridge@stclarepdx.org), Director of Enrollment and Marketing.

Open House RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/siHkCPeWrmrA3NyX6>

St. Clare School is a K-8, Catholic parish-school community rooted in Gospel values and is dedicated to the spiritual and educational development of the whole child. St. Clare School offers small class sizes, before and after school care, learning support, classes in Art, PE, Spanish, Music, Technology, Drama, Library, and more. Founded in 1914, St. Clare School has proudly served students for 110 years! Financial aid is available.



SAVE THE DATE! ST. CLARE SCHOOL AUCTION APRIL 18, 2026

All parishioners are invited to attend the St. Clare School Auction! Individual tickets go on sale the week of March 9, and may be purchased through the school website. Interested in purchasing a table? Reach out to Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.

PROCUREMENT:

The auction team is working diligently to procure exciting items and experiences for both the silent and live auctions. If you have a favorite place, a connection, or a generous heart, we'd love for you to consider donating an item or experience.

Donations may be submitted using the item donation form or by reaching out to Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.

ITEM DONATION FORM
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Women of St. Clare

Deepen your faith and build community.



It's time to register 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.



Dinner Talk #3 - Thursday, Feb. 5
5:30-7pm Parish Hall

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

Topic: *Evangelization*
Speaker: *Fr. Don Gutmann*

Evangelization is the process of sharing our faith with others. Sometimes it might seem intimidating or scary, but it doesn't have to be that.

Fr. Don will share some simple and effective techniques for sharing our faith with family, friends, co-workers, or even strangers.

Interested in attending? Please register at
<https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talk-3-feb-5-2026-1>

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



**BROTHERS
IN SPIRIT**

Men's Faith Formation Group
Meets Weekly on Saturdays
9am - 10:30am Downstairs at the Parish Office

All men of the parish are invited to participate in *Brothers in Spirit*, a new men's faith formation group devoted to spiritual growth, prayer, and fraternity.

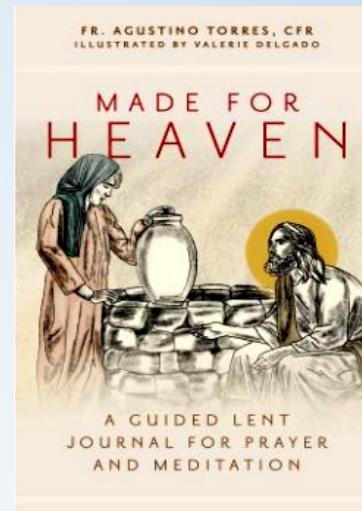
Our mission is to form faithful Catholic men grounded in Scripture, the Sacraments, and brotherhood — equipped to live their faith courageously in family, work, and society.

For further information or to express interest, contact Dr. David Villegas at drdavevillegas@gmail.com.

**An Opportunity to Strengthen
Your Lenten Practice This Year**

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18 - a little early in 2026!

Once again our St. Clare family will have an opportunity for prayer and reflection through the Lenten season. Small groups will gather on different days to follow the book *Made for Heaven: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation*.



Sharing insights and comments together is a valuable way to grow our own spiritual journey. Weekly sessions will begin the week of Feb. 15. Sign-up sheets with available dates and times, and online registration, will be available as we get closer to that date. Watch the bulletin for more information about the program in future weeks.



St. Clare Italian Dinner

Hosted by: Our Confirmation Students and their Sponsors

Proceeds to Benefit St. Clare Youth Ministry

Saturday, February 7th

Two serving times: 4pm or 6pm in the Parish Hall.

To go orders also available.

Dinner Menu

Garden Salad with Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread, Green Beans
and choice of Lasagna with meat sauce, Vegetarian Lasagna
(zucchini, red pepper, spinach, mushrooms & onion)

or Buttered Noodles

Spumoni or Vanilla Ice Cream for Dessert

*Thank you to the Spaccarelli Family for the meat sauce
and Banning's Restaurant for the Vegetarian Lasagna.*

Dinner Ticket Prices:

\$20 for Adults (11 years and above)

\$10 for Children (ages 2-10 years; under 2 free)

\$145 Table for 8

Purchase tickets online at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/stclareitalian-dinner>

**Dessert Raffle Tickets available
during Dinner \$5 a ticket.**

Community Life

2026 St. Clare Campout



July 8 - 12 at Ft. Stevens State Park

The St. Clare Campout is returning to the Oregon Coast

at Fort Stevens State Park this July.

Come join us for this beloved parish tradition.

Registration opens on **Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7am** at <https://forms.gle/qtKJHVXuDiZHVJps5>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Due to technology limitations and the overwhelming popularity of the campout, we will notify individuals if they have a spot or are waitlisted by 11:59pm PT on Thursday, Jan. 22. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Questions? Please contact

St.ClareCampout@saintclarechurch.org



Universal Church Appeal

Your Gift, Your Choice, Our Shared Mission

Beginning this year, the Archdiocese is combining the former national 2nd collections into one streamlined Universal Church Appeal, which will still be taken at Mass the weekend of July 12, 2026.

To make participation easier, online giving is now open at <https://osd.archdppdx.org/universal-church-appeal>.

Prefer to give directly? While the portal makes it easy to support multiple causes with one gift, you're always welcome to donate straight to the source (links are provided on the Archdiocese webpage listed above).

Please recycle any older national collection envelopes you may receive in the mail—we will not distribute or promote those at the parish level; official archdiocesan materials will come closer to July.

Outreach



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

Food Pantry Needs

Please help us refill our shelves after Giving Tree.

Thank you!

- Hot & Cold Cereals • Lentils
- Canned Fruit, all Varieties
- Soups especially Chicken Noodle
- Tomato Sauce • Pasta Sauce • Cooking Oil
- Deodorant • Toothbrushes

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.

Job Opportunity



St. Clare Church is hiring a full-time administrative assistant. Laurie Zupsic is retiring from the parish staff after 24 years. For more information, please contact Santo at the parish office, 503.244.1037, x102 or santo@saintclarechurch.org.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 111.26	\$16,990	\$12,472	\$4, 518
Total January	\$40,881		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$354,205	\$349,206	\$5000

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

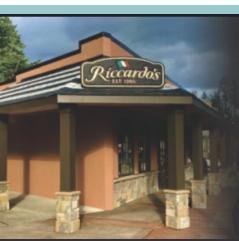
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