



St. Clare Parish

Mar. 1, 2026

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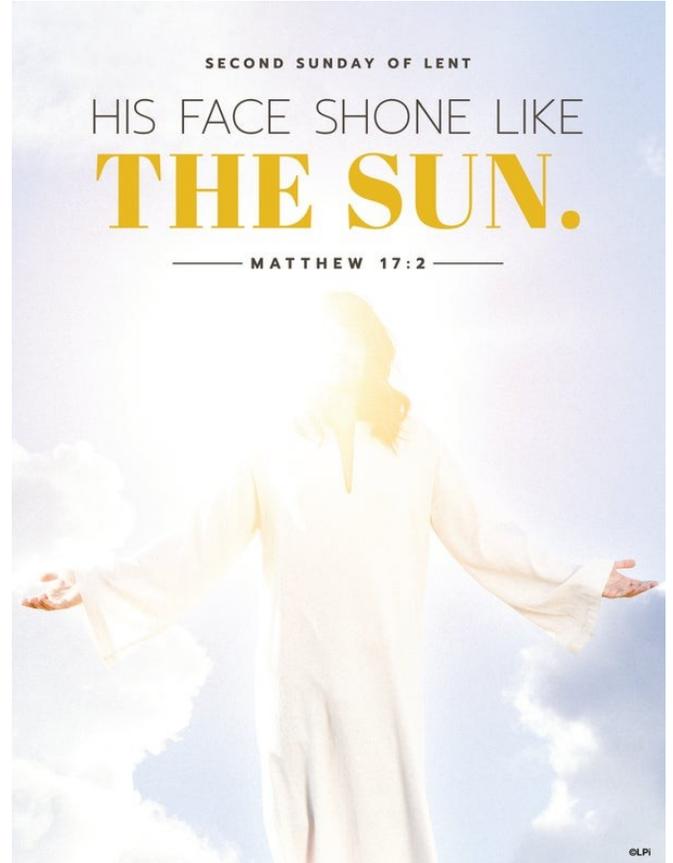
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

March 1, 2026

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth. ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Feb. 28

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

Sunday, Mar. 1 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, Mar. 2

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Monte Dover</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Mar. 4

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>John Tujo</i>	Church
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Thursday, Mar. 5

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
5:30pm	Dinner Talk #4	Parish Hall

Friday, Mar. 6

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
6:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, Mar. 7

9:00am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Zia Digregorio</i> + <i>Paolo Conti</i>	Church

Sunday, Mar. 8 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Family Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
9:30am	Pancake Breakfast (ends at 1pm)	
10:45am	Mass + <i>Tom Chambers</i>	Church

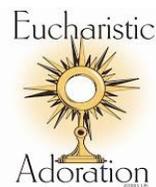
Fr. Don's Musings . . .

I hope your Lent is going well. A lot of us have very busy lives and it takes a special effort to “do Lent” well. Our lives have many seemingly urgent tasks, and they can overpower the important tasks, and consequently we can spend a lot of our busy lives running from one urgent need to the next. And, unfortunately, when we do that, we start missing some of the important but not urgent tasks. Lent is one of those important but not urgent tasks. I encourage you to find a way to keep Lent on your radar, so it doesn't get mostly skipped because of the busyness of life.

One suggestion to help you to keep an awareness of Lent is to post some notes around home and work. It can be as simple as a post-it note with a cross drawn on it, or a simple word like Jesus, God or Lent. Then when you see the post-it note, it reminds you to say a silent one liner prayer, like “Thank you Jesus, for being with me right now.” Another suggestion is to take 60 seconds of silence sometime during the day. In that 60 seconds focus on God's presence. We are all busy, but we can all spare 60 seconds!

Life is busy, but don't let it get so busy that God gets pushed to the background. The more we keep God in the front and center of our life, the better our lives are going to be. I pray that this Lent is a fruitful time for you.

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



Saturday, March 7 2-4pm
Come and spend a few minutes
with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Scripture Readings **3rd Sunday of Lent**

March 8, 2026

Reading 1 - Ex 17:3-7
Psalms - Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2 - Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel - Jn 4:5-42

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Fridays in Lent

Come and Join Us!



Fridays, March 6 - 27
6pm Parish Hall
followed in the Church at 6:30pm
by



March 6 - 20



March 27

Community Life



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, March 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, March 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, visit 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 Window

As we begin to focus this Lent on saints, it must be noted they can be found everywhere. In next week’s gospel, Jesus meets an unknown woman at a well in Samaria. According to handed-down tradition, she is a saint in the Catholic Church named, Photina, which means the luminous one. From the reading, we will learn that she evangelized to the Samaritans, well before the apostles went out into the world to evangelize. There are saints who were our beloved friends and families who worshipped in our own parish and now have moved on to eternal life, and saints-to-be right here among us. Bottom line, we are all called to be saints.

This Lent, let’s get acquainted with those saints who continue to look down upon us from the windows of our church. With that thought in mind, consider the saint after whom our parish is named. St. Clare is with us in her icon next to the tabernacle and the large window above the main church doors. How many times have we taken a good look at that window? Can you remember what you saw? What do we know about St. Clare?

“St. Clare was born in 1194. She was a great friend of St. Francis, who was twelve years older and her faith echoed his own. In 1212 she renounced her family wealth and later went on to found the Poor Clares. In 1234 an army was attacking Assisi. St. Clare, with faith in the power of the Blessed Sacrament, faced the invaders with the monstrance held high and the soldiers fell back in retreat. St Clare died in 1253, and her feast day is August 11th.” (1)



The most heroic representation of St. Clare is the one where she is remembered embracing a monstrance which holds Jesus in the Eucharist. This image is not only captured on our window, but also on statues and prayer cards. What might not be immediately noticeable on the window in our church, is that Clare is standing in front of a cross. (*I only discovered this as I started to undertake this Lenten Journey.*) The fact is Clare was ill for the last 27 years of her life. She carried the Cross of Christ in this life which many of us do as well on our earthly journey. Clare didn’t complain but offered it up as redemptive suffering for others. Many miracles were attributed to her even though she was a cloistered sister living a life of radical poverty and simplicity. Some of those miracles included healing her sisters from various illnesses, multiplication of bread and oil when supplies were depleted, and viewing a Christmas Eve Mass on her dormitory wall when she was too sick to attend. Convents of her followers spread throughout Italy, France, and Bohemia. St. Clare is the patron saint of television while also being a soul on fire, a leader of women, and an imitation of Christ.

“St. Clare’s lifetime overlapped those of St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Louis IX, St. Bonaventure, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary.” (2) These saints, also seen in our church windows, will be explored in the coming weeks.

~ Deacon Bill

(1,2) *The Windows of St Clare* by Sheila Cullen, 2013. Used with permission.

March Youth Group, Grades 6-12

MOVIE NIGHT

Join Us on Saturday, March 14!

5pm Youth Mass
with singing led by our Youth Choir
followed by
Pizza, Salad, and Movie

Be sure to sign-up by Saturday, March 7 at

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/march-youth-group-signup>

Sisters in the Spirit

Important Message from Sisters in the Spirit Leadership



SIS as we have known it for the last twenty years will be changing a bit - with the upcoming Women's ACTS retreat there will be new and wonderful ways to share spiritually, and that means our ministry will blend into those new opportunities. Thank you all for any way you have participated over the years; the many Emmaus retreats, the sharing from your hearts, and the loving prayers.

Please note in the interest of parish communication, Sheila will continue to send her Sunday note and Joanie will forward needed prayers which may be sent to her at joanieq143@gmail.com.

Contact Kim at kim@saintclarechurch.org if you are interested in learning more about activities after the ACTS retreat.

Outreach



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

Thanks to those keeping our food pantry supplied during these cold, wet winter days!

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Fruit especially Peaches
- Hygiene Items especially Shampoo & Deodorant
- Laundry & Dish Detergent

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.

Prayer for the Week

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have done,
and look forward to what You will do.

Amen.

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Lenten Email Series

4 Minutes 4 Growth

Betty Arrigotti, wife of our Sunday accompanist George, offers a weekly Lenten email series, called *4 Minutes 4 Growth*, which this year focuses on Searching for Meaning. Betty has a Master of Arts in Counseling and a certificate in Spiritual Direction, as well as 7 published inspirational novels. See more of Betty's writing at www.bettyarrigotti.com. If you would like to receive the Lenten emails, contact her at Betty@Arrigotti.com. (If you've been on her list before, you don't need to re-subscribe.)



Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 2.22.26	\$10,836	\$12,472	(\$1,635)
Total February	\$41,754		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$413,665	\$424,036	(\$10,370)

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

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