



St. Clare Parish

Oct. 19, 2025

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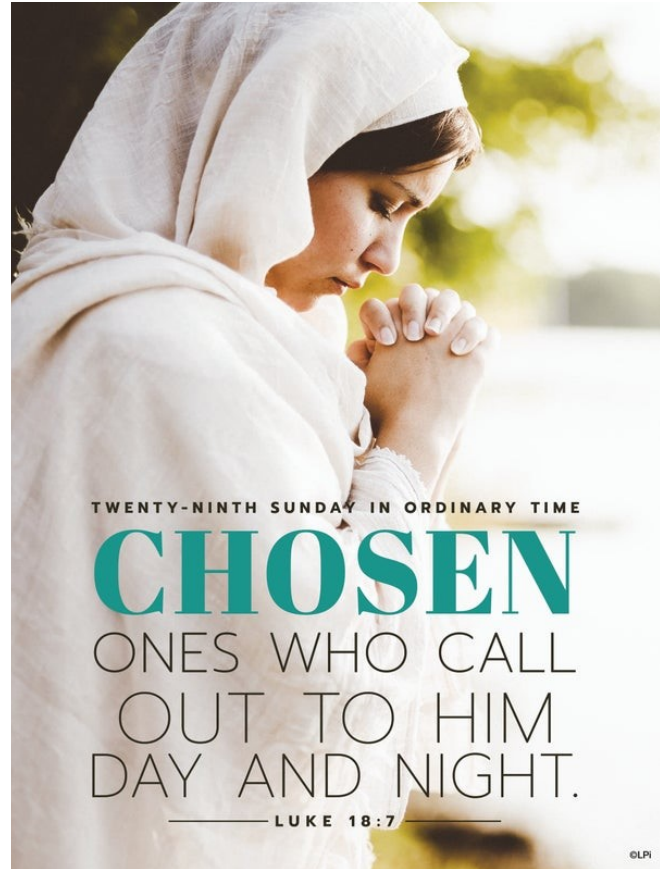
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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: _____

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



Weekly Inspirations

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 19, 2025

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case. ©LPi



Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Oct. 18

9:30am	Sisters in the Spirit Gathering	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Denise Sievers</i>	Church

Sunday, Oct. 19 World Mission Sunday

8:30am	Mass + <i>Stephen Loomis</i>	Church
9:40am	Charitable Giving Presentation	School Music Rm
10:45am	Mass	Church

Monday, Oct. 20

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Lauritzon Family</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Oct. 22

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Paulette Sonnen</i>	Church
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Thursday, Oct. 23

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Barbara Gruenfeldt</i>	Church
5:30pm	Dinner Talk #1	Parish Hall

Friday, Oct. 24

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	Church
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Saturday, Oct. 25

4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Diodata Digregorio</i>	Church

Sunday, Oct. 26

8:30am	Mass + <i>Paulette Sonnen</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

I encourage the men in the parish to sign up for the St. Clare ACTS Men's Retreat next month. It's time to sign up now!

I attended a similar retreat (at another parish) last fall and was really impressed and decided it would be a great thing for the men of St. Clare. It's a long weekend, starts on Thursday evening and concludes at our 10:45 Mass Sunday. It is mostly presented by laymen, although I will be there the whole weekend and will celebrate Masses and hear Confessions.

The retreat is all about helping Catholic men to live their Catholic lives well. The retreatants will hear stories from Catholic men about how they have lived their Catholic faith through struggles and triumphs. Men who attend the retreat become better husbands, better fathers, better men. If you want to be the best version of yourself, this weekend is a worthwhile investment of your time.

The retreat team has been preparing since August and I've been praying every day for the men that will be attending the retreat. Sign up now and join us for this life-enriching weekend.

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



Deepen your faith and build community.

Save the date for the upcoming
St Clare Men's ACTS Retreat
November 13-16.

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.

Liturgy



During November, the St. Clare Community will once again remember our loved ones who have passed away during the past year.

All families are invited to share the names of deceased immediate family members only to be displayed on banners in the church throughout the month.

The people whose funerals were held at St. Clare will also be included.

To participate in this remembrance, please contact laurie@saintclarechurch.org or the parish office, 503.244.1037, x100

NO LATER than Monday, Oct. 20

and provide the names of those who have died since **Oct. 31, 2024** along with your name and phone number.

May this remembrance bring peace and healing to all.

Altar Server Training

For 4th Grade Students and Older

Parents, would your child like to become an Altar Server? Altar serving is wonderful way for children to advance in a spiritual life that is centered on the Eucharist and to grow in vocational awareness. Servers participate in the Sacred Liturgy with their own work that contributes to the Work of the Faithful and the Prayer of the Church and thus their service helps build up the Body of Christ. All 4th grade students and older who have received their First Communion are ready to train as an Altar Server. To schedule your training time, contact Rita Cobb at ritabatzcobb@gmail.com.



Faith Formation

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Where is the Spirit Leading You?

Come to the Feast!

Strengthen your Faith and Build Fellowship.

Join us for a light dinner, listen to our guest speaker, and share your journey with others.

Dinner Talk #1 - Thursday, Oct. 23

5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Topic: *Prayer - Spiritual Growth*

Speaker: *Jerry Roussell, Jr., MDiv, DMin*

Walk with St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, as she shares the deepening interior journey throughout her life of prayer with God. Join St. Teresa along with a few saints and mystics who enlighten us about the Divine Transformation in their lives. Listen together with these saints and mystics entering more deeply into our call to "being in God"- now and forever. Interested in attending? Please register at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talks-1> . For more details? Contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org

Community Life



Attention Crafters!

St. Clare Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 6, 4-7pm Sunday, Dec. 7 9am-2pm

Vendor Table Fee: \$35 for 6ft. or \$25 for 3ft.

Reserve a Table TODAY!

Visit www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/christmas-bazaar or scan the QR Code:

Questions? Contact Debbie Henkleman
debbie@saintclarechurch.org



Scripture Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 26, 2025

Reading 1 - Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Psalms - PS 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

Reading 2 - 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel - Lk 18:9-14

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Get to Know Your Fellow St. Clare Parishioners

A bulletin series designed to build community by learning about our members

By Paul Sherbo - Pastoral Council Member



Tim and Julie Zweber

When it comes to being long time members of our parish, Tim and Julie Zweber are true veterans as they joined St. Clare way back in 1992. There were churches closer to where they originally lived, but after a bit of “church shopping” the couple was drawn by how welcoming our parish was and how it served the community. The Zwebers have thoroughly embraced the service ethic by being engaged with St. Vincent de Paul, the hospitality ministry at St. Andre Bessette, and Rebuilding Together.

All 4 of their children graduated from St. Clare School and Julie was an aide in Kindergarten for 17 years until June 2019. There was a waiting list when they wanted to enroll their son Zach, the first one to attend, and when the opportunity arose they jumped on it because after going to an open house they found the school just as welcoming as the parish, and felt it would be a great fit for their children. They were proven right and the children had a great education and experience at school. All the kids are grown now and live in town. They have six grandkids and are blessed to see them often.

The couple celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 9th. The Zwebers live two blocks away from the church and when visiting their home, one is greeted by beautiful gardens of flowers, especially dahlias. Being both retired has afforded Tim and Julie the opportunity to travel, and they love doing it, especially being road warriors in their travel trailer. One goal they have is to visit all of the National Parks. They’ve visited 40 so far and drove Route 66 in September from Santa Monica to Chicago with the trailer in tow.

Tim and Julie usually attend the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. When I asked Tim about what continues to draw him to the Catholic faith he instantly replied “The Eucharist; the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is so unique to our faith it is overwhelming to me sometimes.” I could see a deep reverence and emotion in Tim’s eyes when he said this. As Father Don would say....good stuff! Since I am on the Pastoral Council and part of our job is to ask parishioners about how we can improve our faith experience, I posed the question. Julie was quick to respond with a suggestion. “I would like to see us return to holding hands during the Our Father prayer and shake hands during the offering of the Sign of Peace. I feel it is a special sharing experience that we should bring back. We certainly could at least offer our hands to those around us who want to do the same. Well noted, Julie!

The Zwebers love talking to church members and do try to make an effort to engage those around them at Mass. When asked what we might do to make new parishioners feel as welcome as possible, Tim and Julie came up with a great idea. “Of course Father Don always encourages us to come to coffee and donuts after Mass. That is a great opportunity to build community and meet new people, but most of us are drawn to those we know and tend to gather around them. I know I can do a better job of reaching outside of my circle”, Tim said. Julie then jumped in with “Maybe Fr. Don should give us one of his famous homework assignments, to find someone you have not met or who looks like they could use a friend. Then go and introduce yourself and try to meet a new person every week”. I thought it was a great idea and a reminder that building community means everyone needs to grab a brick and jump in on the construction, so to speak.

There is something about seeing Tim and Julie Zweber at Mass that makes me feel good about being part of St. Clare. They embody the faith in that they are consistent, steady and committed. Their smile alone says a lot about them. I have jokingly said for some time that I wanted to be like Tim and Julie when I grow up, but it is really true. Thank you both for helping to not only sustain our church and community, but build it up too.

Outreach



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Nov. 2
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

Also at the breakfast, Fr. Jim Galluzzo will be selling books he has written and candles he has made to raise funds to purchase supplies for the Toiletry Drive.

Come, eat and shop! Thank you!



The St. Clare Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs

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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.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 10.12.25	\$10,314	\$12,472	(\$2,158)
Total October	\$18,860	\$24,943	(\$6,084)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$159,403	\$187,075	(\$27,671)

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

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All orders are due by Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Questions? Please contact Katie Ericksen at

ktsangster@gmail.com.

St. Clare Kindergarten Information Night 2025

Wednesday, Nov. 12

6:30-8pm Kindergarten Classroom



St. Clare School will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Night for parents. The event will be geared toward new families looking to learn about our school and community, but all are welcome to attend. If you have a child starting kindergarten in the next few years and are researching elementary school options, this is a wonderful event to attend! The Kindergarten Information Night will include a brief presentation and a panel featuring Chris Harris (Principal), Krystal Huynh (Kindergarten Teacher), and a few current parents. Prospective parents will have the opportunity to ask panelists questions and get a feel for the many academic, social, and spiritual opportunities we have available for our students. After the presentation, parents will be able to tour the building.

Kindergarten Info Night RSVP Link:

<https://forms.gle/jXaLbBk26CT7kFuo8>

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“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Women Doctors of the Church

Looking back on October, there were two great saints who had feast days which I seemed to have overlooked - St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Teresa of Avila. Both of these women were declared Doctors of the Church. This is a title given to saints recognized as having made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study or writings. The Church has bestowed this title on 38 saints - 4 women who I would like to focus on today.

St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179, Feast day is Sept. 13). She is known for her visionary experiences, extensive musical works, writings on natural history and medicine, and her role as a respected advisor to emperors and popes. With the help of a monk named, Volmar, she recorded a book of 26 revelations called *the Scivias or Know God’s Way*. Here is a famous quote from St. Hildegard: *“The path is not long, but the way is deep. You must not only walk there, you must be prepared to leap. I am the fiery life of the essence of God; I am the flame above the beauty in the fields; I shine in the waters; I burn in the sun, the moon and the stars.”*

St. Catherine of Siena (1347- 1380, Feast day is Apr. 29). She is famous for her holiness, mystical visions and spirituality, and celebrated for her devotion, wisdom, and writings. Her greatest work is called, *The Dialogue*. Pope Gregory XI was influenced by Catherine to return to his papacy, which eventually lasted 70 years, from Avignon, France to Rome in 1377. These are some of her notable words, *“God: I have placed you in the midst of your fellows that you may do to them what you cannot do to me, that is to say that you love your neighbor freely without expecting any return from him, and what you do to him I count as done to me.”*

St Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582, Feast Day is Oct. 15). Teresa was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. Prayer that displaces charity, she said, does not please God. Her own care for others was proof of her spirituality. As an activist who helped thousands live their daily lives in a more Christ-like way, she wrote many practical books on prayer. Her most well-known work was *The Interior Castle*. Teresa also founded 17 renewed Carmelite convents in Spain and spearheaded a general renewal of Catholic life during and after the Protestant Reformation. Some of her thoughts follow, *“What the Lord desires is works. If you see a sick woman to whom you can give some help, never be affected by the fear that your devotions will suffer but take pity on her: if she is in pain, you should feel pain too: if necessary fast so that she may have your food, not so much for her sake as because you know it is God’s will. That is true union with his will.”*

St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897, Feast Day is Oct. 1). She is remembered for her *Little Way* spirituality, a practical approach to holiness that involves doing ordinary things with great love and confidence in God’s mercy. In *A Story of a Soul*, her autobiography, describes it as a release from depression and oversensitivity. Here is a famous quote from St. Therese, *“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kind word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love. It is true that Love knows no such word as impossible, for it deems all things possible, all things allowed.”* She died at the early age of 24 and is the patron saint of Foreign Missions, France and Outreach to Russia.

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