



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 | 27TH 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

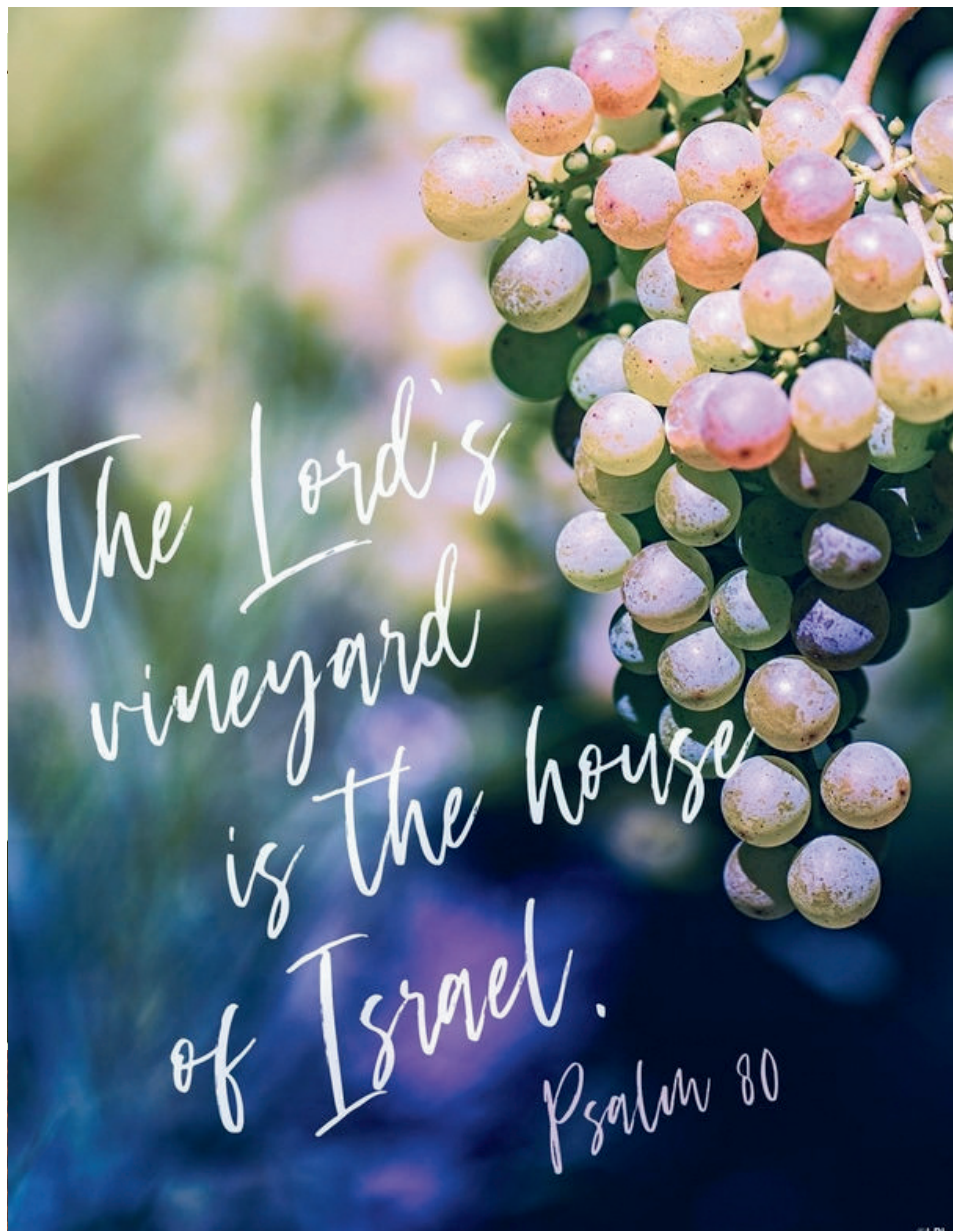
8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm

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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PRESCHOOL

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www.stclarepreschool.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely. @LPi



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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

We had a very generous donation from the family of Betty Sokol. Betty (and her husband Louis) were long time members here at St. Clare. She died in May at 98 years old and we had her funeral here. Her son Mike donated \$10,000 in her name for the music here at St. Clare. Betty was a pianist and organist. That gift is much appreciated. Our grand piano has been in need of repairs for a few years but it is expensive and I have put it off. Our piano is old but high quality, and it's time to fix it up. We'll spend \$5,000 of the gift on the piano and the rest will go into our pipe organ repair fund. Our pipe organ is 50 years old and could use some pretty major fixing-up too. Betty Sokol's gift will enable us to upgrade our musical instruments, which we wouldn't have done otherwise.

Would you like to include St. Clare Church in your estate plans? All of us are going to die sometime, and most of us will have some resources left at that time. Of course you want to support your family but you can also support your church and other favorite charities. Some people leave a percentage of the estate to the church, some specify a specific amount for the church. Anything you donate to St. Clare Church in your estate plan is much appreciated. Through God's grace you hope to go to heaven but some of your resources can help your church to continue to spread God's grace here on earth.

Thank you Betty Sokol, and son Mike, for the generous gift to St. Clare Church.

On a different topic, this week I will be away at the annual Priest Convocation. This is a 4 day training session for all the priests of the diocese. We'll be with the archbishop at Newport. Since almost all the priests of the diocese will be there we won't have weekday Masses here at St. Clare this week on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

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 Address

☐ New Phone Number

☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)

☐ Returning Catholic

☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00 am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
2:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
2:00 pm	Liturgy Workshop	Parish Hall
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Emile Keller	Church
6:00 pm	Liturgical Reader Training	Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Pancake Breakfast after both Masses

8:30 am	Family Mass / Children Choir	Church
9:15 am	Liturgical Reader Training	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Richard Zach	Church
11:30 am	Liturgical Reader Training	Church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30 am	Daily Mass German Clemente	Church
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 am	NO daily Mass	Church
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30 am	NO daily Mass	Church
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:30 am	NO daily Mass	Church
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
4:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	School Music Room
5:00 pm	Youth Mass +Henry Fitzgibbon	Church
6:00 pm	Liturgical Training	Church
6:00 pm	Youth Gathering	Parish Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
9:15 am	Liturgical Training	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Rog Firth	Church
11:30 am	Liturgical Training	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

Isaiah speaks of God's frustration over the people of Judah (the Lord's "cherished plant") who have not yielded a good crop. How do you encourage family or friends to live up to their potential?

2nd Reading

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and positive thoughts are key to avoiding anxiety and experiencing the peace of God. What are some positive thoughts you focus on when you are stressed or anxious?

Gospel Reading

Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and Pharisees in the Parable of the Tenants. How do you deliver legitimate criticism to someone you care about?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

OCT. 11TH, 2026 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a (142A)
- Psalms: Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4, 5-6
- Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20
- Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 or 22:1-10

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

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The Rosary draws us closer to Jesus through Mary as we prayerfully reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life.

This October let us make time to pray the Rosary together and deepen our relationship with Christ.

LITURGY



IN REMEMBRANCE

We Pray for Our Loved Ones

During November, the St. Clare Community will remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away in the past year. Their names will be displayed on remembrance banners in the church throughout November.

Families are invited to submit the names of **immediate family members who have died since October 31, 2025.**

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

Please submit the name of your loved one, along with your name and phone number or email to: Maria@saintclarechurch.org or call the Parish Office at 503.244.1037, x100

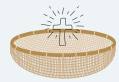
DEADLINE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22



*May this remembrance
bring peace and healing to all.*



ADMINISTRATION



OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 9.27.2026	\$10,047	\$13,458	\$10,034
Total September	\$49,787		
Fiscal Year 26/27*	\$141,335	\$174,952	\$33,618

*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!



ST. CLARE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling All Singers in Grades K-5!



Come sing, make music, and praise God with us!

We are welcoming new members
No experience necessary!

The Children's Choir sings at the 8:30 a.m. Mass one Sunday each month from October through June, plus Christmas Eve.

Interested in joining?

Contact: Jessica Leahy at childrenchoir@saintclarechurch.org



"Singing is praying twice"

St. Augustine

OUTREACH

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Food Pantry Needs

- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Canned Fruit - All Varieties
- Applesauce - Cups & Jars
- Toothpaste



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

SPIRITUALITY & FAITH FORMATION

For questions about Adult Spirituality or Faith Formation contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org

For questions about Youth Faith Formation contact Debbie Henkleman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament administered to any baptized Catholic who is ill and has sufficient reason to be comforted by it.

RESCHEDULED
NEW DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

HOME

A STUDY ON THE VIRTUES OF MARY

Our Lady desires to come into your heart, to mother you in the places that need tender, loving care. That's what HOME is: your relationship with Mary and with one another.

This is a 6-week study with two times to choose from:

Wednesdays: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 from 1 - 2:30 pm
OR

Thursdays: Oct 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19 from 6 - 7:30 pm

Sign up by scanning this code:



*A Women's Study
Blessed is She*



LITURGICAL TRAINING

SATURDAY 10/10, SUNDAY 10/11

Reader, Usher, and Eucharistic Minister trainings will take place after every Mass. If you serve in any of these positions, please choose one training to attend. Each training is approximately 15 minutes long.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Want to make a difference in our Youth community? We are looking for adult volunteers to support our monthly Youth Group activities! We need friendly faces to assist with dinner, set-up, and clean-up. If you are interested in helping, please contact Debbie Henkleman.



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. Registration is required.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? Trainings start this month! Pick up a paper application at the Church entrance or at the Parish Office, or email jodie@saintclarechurch.org for more information.



SPANISH BIBLE STUDY

OCTOBER 14, 7PM - 9PM

Join us for our next bible study in Spanish. We meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings. Contact Maria Clemente at Maria@saintclarechurch.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Get your Christmas shopping done at our Christmas Bazaar! December 12-13. Stay tuned for information on reserving a table.

ADVENT FAIR

December 6 after both Masses in the Parish Hall. If you would like to volunteer at the Advent Fair then contact Jodie jodie@saintclarechurch.org to sign up

SACRAMENTS

Preparation classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in January. More information will be provided.

THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: PRAISING GOD, BLESSING THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

This Sunday October 4th, Catholics celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is especially noted for his love of animals, all creatures of God's creation, and the environment. But there is much more to his story. Born in Assisi, Italy in 1181, Francis enjoyed a carefree youth before renouncing his inherited wealth and committing himself to God.

Decision by decision, he stripped himself of attachments, cleaved unto a life of poverty, and went forth to preach the love of God to all. Many followed his lead, including our own St. Clare. Pope Innocent III granted him an oral endorsement that approved his companions-in-faith as the order of Franciscan Friars. Later, in 1223, Pope Honorius III gave the Franciscan Rule its formal written confirmation through the papal bull *Solet annuere*. An order of nuns (the Poor Clares), and a society of laypersons were also established under the Franciscan order. Francis died in 1226 at the Portiuncola, a small chapel near Assisi, Italy after many years of suffering. It is noted in Christian history that in 1224 a stigmata manifested as the wounds of Christ on his body. There and then, Francis had a vision of a six-winged seraph bearing the image of the crucified Christ.

Francis wrote many prayers, several letters --seven of which survived-- and authored the *Canticle of the Sun*, wherein he honored Sister Death --an entity symbolizing physical death itself-- at the threshold of his own death. Francis call death "sister" because, in his spiritual view, death is not the final end for someone united with Christ. Following is an excerpt from his letter to the faithful, as written in the Divine Office.

"Oh how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: You shall love the Lord with your whole heart and whole soul and your neighbor as yourself. Therefore, let us love God and adore him with a pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: True worshipers adore the Father in spirit and truth. For all who adore him must do so in the spirit and truth. Let us also direct our praises and prayers saying: Our Father who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never grow slack.



"Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the strains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompence they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it until the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ."

As we reflect on the written word of this great Catholic saint and patron of Creation's animal kingdom, consider now one of his most famous quote"

"What are the servants of God but his singers whose duty it is to lift up the hearts of men, women and move them to spiritual joy?"

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Mass & The Divine Office with the Monks
Celebrate All Saints Day with the Monks
Confession
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