



St. Clare Parish

Sept. 28, 2025

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to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning

Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm

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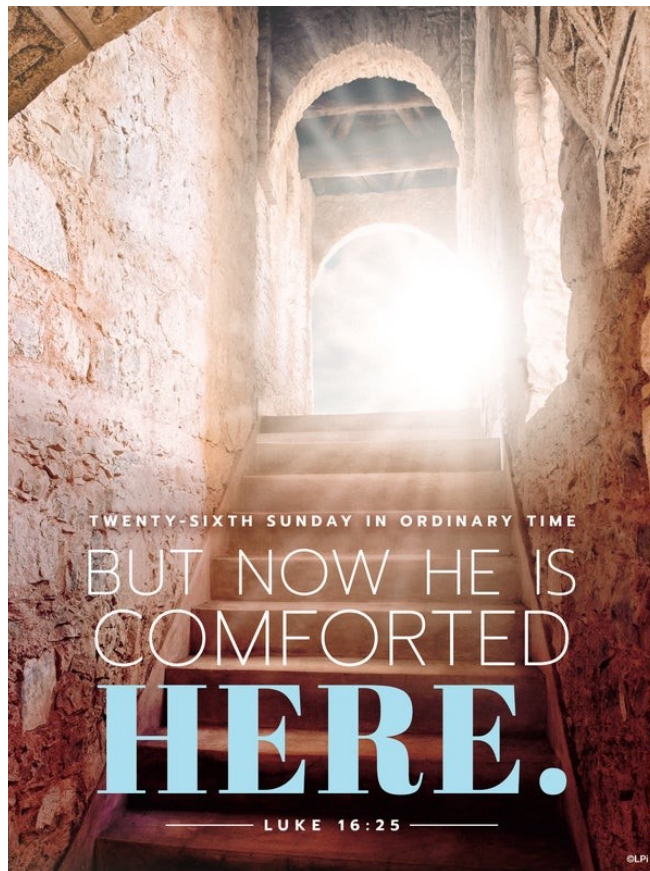
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |



Weekly Inspirations

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 28, 2025

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance? ©LPi

Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Sept. 27

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Vigil Mass +*Hono Yacapin* Church

Sunday, Sept. 28

8:30am Mass +*Marie Tedesco* Church

10:45am Mass Church

12:00pm Confirmation Parent-Student Meeting Church

Monday, Sept. 29

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday, Oct. 1

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, Oct. 2

8:30am Daily Mass +*John Tujo* Church

Friday, Oct. 3

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Saturday, Oct. 4 Happy St. Francis Day

12:30pm Pet Blessing (until 1pm) Outside East Church Door

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Vigil Mass +*Cathy Worrell* Church

Sunday, Oct. 5 KofC Pancake Breakfast Parish Hall

8:30am Mass +*Susan Fachini* Church

9:30am Welcome Gathering School Music Room

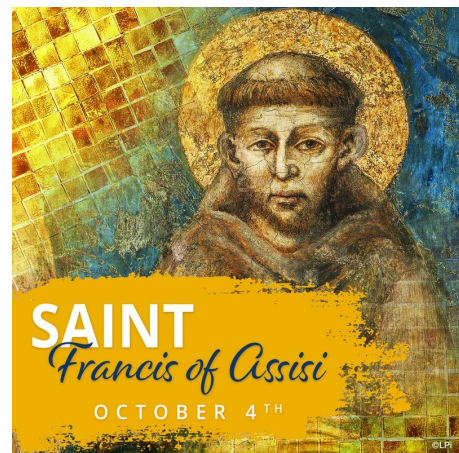
10:45am Mass Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

On Monday, morning 35 parishioners and friends will be leaving on our St. Clare Pilgrimage to Italy. We'll spend ten days traveling, touring holy sites and connecting with God in a special way. Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers and know that the pilgrims will be praying for the parish each day of the pilgrimage. Here are some of the highlights of the trip:

Tuesday through Friday, we'll be in Rome attending an audience with Pope Leo on Wednesday, and visiting the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and the four major basilicas of Rome. Next we travel to the Amalfi Coast to visit some beautiful villages perched on the cliffs of the Mediterranean Sea. On Sunday we visit the great monastery of Monte Cassino, where St. Benedict established the Benedictine order, then on to Assisi. In Assisi, we'll pray at the special sites in the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare, including the church at San Damiano and the Porziuncola. On Tuesday, we'll visit the summer home and retreat of the popes, Castel Gandolfo, and on Wednesday, Oct. 8, we fly back home to Portland.

We'll have Mass and prayers daily as we tour these sacred sites. Our pilgrims have been meeting monthly to prepare for the trip. Now we are ready to go! Fr. Jim Galluzzo has graciously agreed to preside at our Masses here at St. Clare while I am away. Again, please keep us in your prayers, and know that we are praying for you too. ~ Fr. Don



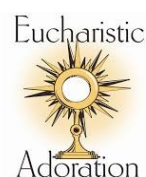
Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, Oct. 4 12:30-1pm



Outside the East Church Door (School side)

Deacon Bill is looking forward to blessing any and all pets who stop by!



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

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Archangels and Guardian Angels

This coming week we celebrate two feast days honoring angels. On Monday, we pay tribute to the Archangels – Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael who are all mentioned by name in the Bible, and on Thursday, we remember our Guardian Angels. We all have one.

Here are some thoughts on angels by St. Gregory the Great from the Divine Office.

You should be aware that the word “angel” denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels. And those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels. And so it was that the Archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages. Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of God, those who have no names may easily be known. Personal names are assigned to some. Not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they come among us. Thus, Michael means “Who is like God”, Gabriel is “The Strength of God”, and Raphael is “God’s Remedy”.

Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power. So also, our ancient foe (the devil) desired in his pride to be like God, saying: *“I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven; I will be like the most high.”* He will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the Archangel Michael. As we are told by John, *“A battle was fought with Michael, the Archangel.”* So too, Gabriel, who was called God’s Strength, was sent to Mary. He came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus, God’s Strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle. Raphael means, as I have said, God’s Remedy, for when he touched Tobit’s eyes in order to cure him, he banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since he is sent to heal, he is rightly called God’s Remedy.

Places where the Archangels are mentioned in the Bible:

Michael – Old Testament book of Daniel 10:13, 10:21, 12:1. New Testament book of Jude 1:9 and Book of Revelations 12: 7-9.

Gabriel – Old Testament book of Daniel 8:16, 9:21. New Testament Luke 1:19 and 1:26.

Raphael – In the Book of Tobit, Raphael is sent to Tobit and Sarah since both pray for death (Chapter 4). He travels with Tobit’s son, Tobiah, and makes all things right and finally reveals that he is an angel sent by God (Chapter 12). By traveling along with Tobiah, he is the best example of a guardian angel.

Let us pray: “Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.”

~ Deacon Bill



Community Life



Welcome GATHERING!

Sunday, Oct. 5

Following the 8:30am Mass
School Music Room next to the Parish Hall

Whether you've been with us awhile or just joined us, you and your family are invited to come and find out what makes our St. Clare Community such a wonderful place to worship, serve and learn. Afterwards, plan to stay and enjoy the Knight's Pancake Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there! For more details, contact Dorothy Riechers at riechers4_5@msn.com

Outreach



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Oct. 5
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.



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Shampoo
- Deodorant • Laundry 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.

Faith Formation



COME HOLY SPIRIT

New this Year! Dinner Talks

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
from our St. Clare Community
on five Thursday evenings this year.

Dinner Talk #1 - Thursday, Oct. 23

5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Topic: Prayer by Jerry Roussel,
St. Clare Parishioner

Interested in attending? Please register at

[https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/
dinner-talks-1](https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talks-1)

More details? Contact kim@saintclarechurch.org



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
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during this enriching weekend retreat.

For more details and to register, go to
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or scan the QR code:



Questions? Contact Kim Zea
at kim@saintclarechurch.org or x104.

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Gifts from a Will or Trust (Bequests)

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Contact us for more information:

Parish (503) 244-1037 x101

School (503) 244-7600 x1106

Mark your Calendars!

Charitable Giving Presentation

Sunday, Oct. 19

9:40am (following 8:30am Mass)

School Music Room next to the Parish Hall

Grab a donut and join us for a special presentation on charitable giving. If you are planning to attend the 10:45am Mass, join us for this presentation first. Shawn Downey, parishioner, school parent, and financial advisor, will share insights on how to give charitably in tax-effective ways. Learn more about your giving options, available resources, and key strategies to consider in more detail. All are welcome! For questions before the event, contact Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.

Liturgy

St. Clare Children's Choir

Calling All Singers and Musicians in Grades K-5!



The St. Clare Children's Choir is starting up again, and we are welcoming new members. No experience necessary! Children's Choir sings at the 8:30am Mass one weekend each month from October - June plus Christmas Eve. For school families, time spent participating counts toward in-parish tuition hours.

If you have a child in grades K-5 and interested in joining the Children's Choir, please contact Jessica Leahy at childrenschoir@saintclarechurch.org.

"Singing is praying twice." - St. Augustine

Scripture Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 5, 2025

Reading 1 - Hab 1:2-3: 2:2-4

Psalms - PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 - 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel - Lk 17:5-10

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Youth Ministry, Grades 6-12

We are excited to kick off
another great year of Youth Ministry!



Youth Group at St. Clare is Back!

- Open to Grades 6-12
- Meets the 2nd Sunday of the Month (October - May) 5-9pm
- Begins in the church with a youth-led Mass
- followed by dinner and activities in the Parish Hall.
 - Registration for the full year is **\$100** with NO additional cost for monthly events.
- [Register for the Year](#)
- Non-registered youth pay per event.
- **Sign-up is required by all for each event** to allow for enough volunteers and food.

[October Sign Up](#)

(Registration and sign-up for monthly activities may also be found at www.saintclarechurch.org > Faith Formation > Youth Ministry > Youth Group)

- Youth can also get involved in music, liturgy, and other roles at Mass.
 - Parent volunteers are essential.
- Each family is asked to help with at least one event.

Questions? Please contact Debbie Henkelman, Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, at debbie@saintclarechurch.org or x103.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 9.21.25	\$12,477	\$12,472	\$6
Total September	\$32,997	\$37,415	(\$4,418)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$130,697	\$149,660	(\$18,963)

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

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Thank you for your support.





St. Clare Youth Ministry

Corn Maze

★ Saturday, October 11, 2025

Youth Liturgy
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Saturday
Night Living**
6:15 pm - 9:15 pm

5:00 pm

Youth Liturgy

6:00pm

Gathering, Check-IN and Dinner

6:30 pm

Depart to the Corn Maze in Wilsonville

8:45 pm

Returns to St. Clare
for Reflection and Dessert

9:15 pm

Pick Up in the Parish Hall

MUST SIGN-UP ONLINE to ATTEND

<http://saintclarechurch.org>

Must Sign-Up online by September 30, 2025



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