



St. Clare Parish

Sept. 7, 2025

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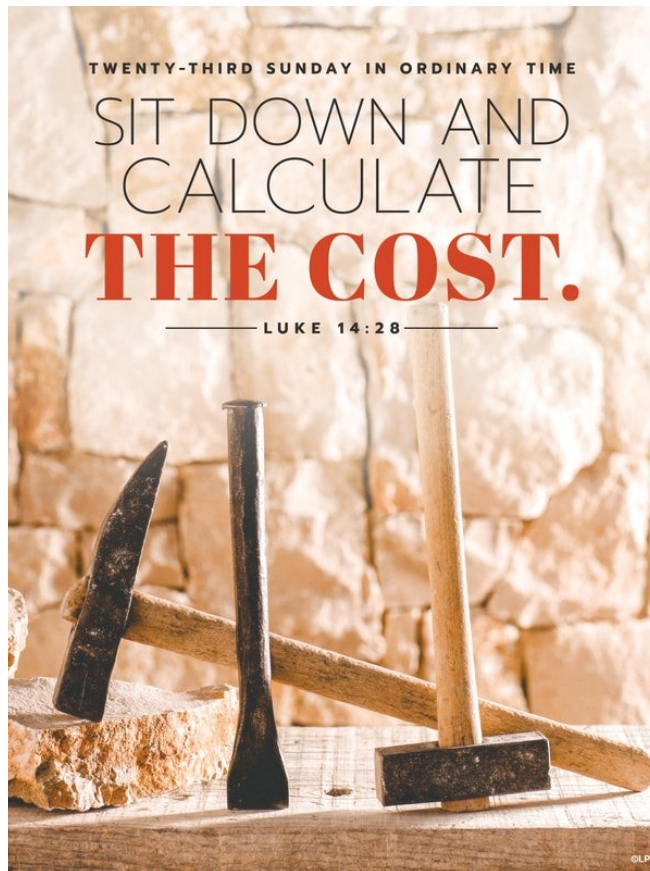
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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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Weekly Inspirations

**23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Sept, 7, 2025

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we *should* have — with our Lord? ©LPi

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

This weekend we celebrate our St. Clare parish family. Sunday we have our big combined Mass and St. Clare Picnic.

Our parish has been loving and serving God for MANY years: our first Mass took place in a neighborhood house in 1913 and we broke ground for our first church on Sept. 17 of that same year, 112 years ago! Since then we have grown into a vibrant church family. Our current church building was dedicated in 1950. St. Clare Church has a vibrant K-8 school with 230 students and a strong preschool/daycare with 75 children. Our preschool is the largest Catholic parish-based preschool in Oregon. Both the preschool and the school provide a wonderful faith-filled environment for the children to learn and grow.

The St. Clare Parish campout is by far the biggest Catholic church campout in the state. Parishioners have been enjoying it since the 1970s. We usually have 75-80 families attending the campout and about 200 parishioners at the outdoor Mass. It's a highlight of the summer for many of us.

St. Clare Junque and Jewels Rummage Sale is the biggest Catholic church rummage sale in the state. It's huge! And a fun time for lots of volunteers and a chance for parishioners and neighbors to get "stuff" at great bargain prices. It's also a really good fundraiser for the parish ministries. (\$30,000 this year!)

St. Clare Church has a lot of outreach ministries: our St. Vincent de Paul council brings food to hungry families and sometimes helps them with rent or utilities. Our Andre Bessette team prepares and serves a nutritious hot meal monthly on Burnside in Old Town. Our Giving Tree project feeds over 100 local families with Christmas food. The school and preschool regularly do outreach projects to help the less fortunate.

I'm proud to be the pastor of St. Clare Church/School/Preschool. This is a vibrant church with a long history of loving and serving our God. You are part of that history. Let's continue to make history here at St. Clare as we follow Jesus Christ. ~ Fr. Don

Week-at-a- Glance

Saturday, Sept. 6

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 4:00pm)	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Paul Bouchard</i>	Church

Sunday, Sept. 7

10:00am	One Mass, One Family + <i>Grace Velk</i>	Church
11:00am	St. Clare Picnic (ends at 2pm)	School Playground

Monday, Sept. 8

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Kris Vala</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Sept. 10

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Thursday, Sept. 11

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Barbara Gruenfeldt</i>	Church
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Friday, Sept. 12

8:30am	Day Mass	Church
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Saturday, Sept. 13

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

Sunday, Sept. 14

8:30am	Mass + <i>James Digregorio</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass	Church

Scripture Readings

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 14, 2025

Reading 1 - Num 21:4b-9

Psalms - PS 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Reading 2 - Phil 2:6-11

Gospel - Jn 3:13-17

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Save THE Date

St. Clare Ministry Fair

Sunday, Sept. 21

after both Masses Parish Hall

Have you been thinking about how you can get more involved in the St. Clare community?

Your gifts and talents can be shared in so many different ways. Plan to visit our Ministry Fair this fall and find the ministries that are the best fit for you!

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . St. Carlo Acutis

This Sunday, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized as a new saint in the Catholic Church. Carlo was born in 1991 and died at the early age of 15 in 2006. He had an advanced, incurable, painful form of leukemia and died from a cerebral hemorrhage. During his time in the hospital the doctors asked him about his pain, and he responded that many people suffer much more than me. His parents heard him offering his suffering for Jesus, Pope Benedict, and the Church.



The process of canonization requires two miracles as documented by a person or persons praying to the possible saint for intercession to God to cure an illness. The first miracle that enabled Carlo to be beatified was the cure of an 11-year-old boy in Brazil who had a pancreatic disorder from a birth defect. In 2013, the family prayed to Carlo and had the opportunity for the boy to touch a relic at his parish church during a celebration of Our Lady of Aparecida. He was cured the next day. The second miracle attributed to Carlo was the healing of a young woman from Costa Rica. She was studying in Florence, Italy and suffered a brain hemorrhage after a bicycle accident. In 2022, her mother went to Assisi to pray at Carlo's tomb and left a note. Within a day the hemorrhage had completely disappeared, and she was cured. This second miracle cleared the way to canonization which was to take place on April 27, 2025. Unfortunately, Pope Francis' death delayed the canonization until this weekend.

Carlo, born in London and raised in Milan, Italy, displayed a remarkable talent for computer programming and a deep love for Christ in the Eucharist. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, he was an exceptional young teenager who enjoyed sports and making many friends. Boys and girls alike enjoyed his companionship embracing shy classmates and comforting those who were bullied.

Carlo had a great deep Catholic spirituality attending Mass daily and confession weekly. He spent many hours in adoration in front of Jesus in the Eucharist within the tabernacle of his church which enabled him to say, "the Eucharist is my highway to heaven." He used his computer skills to spread true faith and belief in the Real Presence. For over four years, Carlo researched 136 Eucharistic miracles and shared them with the world. You may remember a few years ago, right here at St. Clare, a presentation of his work was displayed around the church with posters highlighting some of those miracles.

Many regarded Carlo as a computer genius who mastered and used the internet, designed websites and created short videos that will live on in years to come because of his interest and belief in the Eucharist as truly being The Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. As the first millennial saint, he is an outstanding role model for our youth today inspiring them to use their talents for the glory of God. He modeled his life after St. Francis and as a result, his body lies in a glass tomb at Assisi, the place where Francis and Clare are buried. His feast day will be on October 12, the day Jesus welcomed him home.

St. Carlo Acutis pray for us! ~ Deacon Bill

Faith Formation

Sign-up NOW for Children's and Youth Programs beginning in September!

First Communion

Grades 2-3 and Grades 4-6

Confirmation Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12 Grades 6-12

To view schedules and register, please visit www.saintclarechurch.org.

On the homepage, click Sacraments then First Communion or Confirmation.

For Youth Ministry, click on Faith Formation > Youth Ministry > Youth Group.

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

Rite of Catholic Initiation

RICA is for adults and children who are interested in becoming Catholic. Sessions begin on Sunday, Sept. 21.



To learn more about RCIA or to register, please visit www.saintclarechurch.org/rcia or contact Kim Zea, our Pastoral Associate, at kim@saintclarechurch.org or 503.244.1037, ext. 104.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 8.31.25	\$10,098	\$12,472	(\$2,374)
Total August	\$48,320	\$62,358	(\$14,038)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$97,175	\$112,248	(\$15,073)

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

Scan the QR code to donate to St. Clare Church. Thank you for your support.



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.

Outreach



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Sept. 25
Parish Hall 2:15-7pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code is St.ClarePortland)

If you need assistance with registering, call 800.RED.CROSS or contact Maria DaSilva, St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator, at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com.



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

Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to everyone who donated to the pantry during our busy summer months!

All donations are appreciated and 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.

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Gifts from a Will or Trust (Bequests)

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