



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH 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

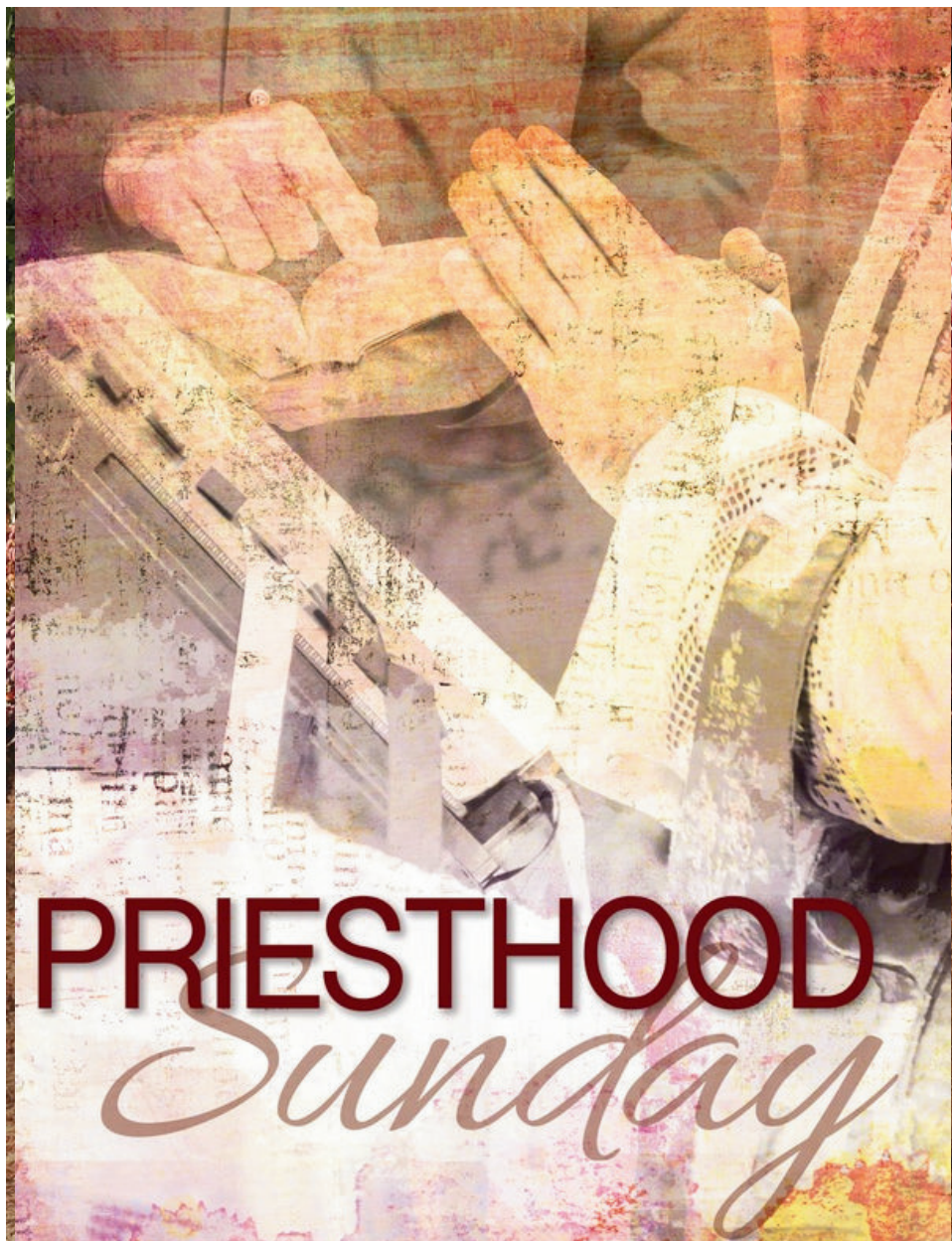
8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm

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

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.
@LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

I'm writing this on Wednesday morning. The sunrise on the river this morning was spectacular! Half of the sky was pink and orange, and the river was very flat so it was reflected on the water too. God likes to dazzle us sometimes. I felt God dazzling me during my prayer time this morning.

We had a great men's ACTS retreat last weekend! We had men who are single, married; we had dads of little children and dads with grandchildren, we had a wide variety of men, all wanting to be stronger in their Catholic faith. ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. We had daily Mass, Confessions, and talks and discussions about being Catholic. I think everyone that attended would recommend it as an important weekend for their Catholic faith life.

This weekend we have lots going on here at St. Clare Church:

***Backpack blessing at all Masses**, praying for all students in public and private schools, kindergarten through college. We'll also bless all teachers that are present and catechists who teach the faith.

***Ministry Fair**, this showcases all the different ministries here at St. Clare. Each ministry will have a table in the Parish Hall and volunteers will be glad to answer your questions about their ministry. It's a good time to pray and discern if there is a new ministry that God is calling you to.

***Seminar Appeal**, this is an annual fund raiser of the archdiocese to help pay the cost of training our future priests. You know that I will be semi-retiring next summer, we need our next generation of priests to shepherd the parishes. The Seminar Appeal helps to train those priests. Thank you for your generosity.

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, SEPTEMBER 26

Backpack Blessing at 5pm Mass | Ministry fair

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
3:00 pm	ACTS Women Gathering	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Betty Mae Mainsfield	Church
5:45 pm	Ministry Fair	Parish Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Backpack Blessing at both Masses | Ministry fair

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
9:15 am	Ministry Fair	Parish Hall
10:45 am	Mass +Richard Zach	Church
11:30 am	Ministry Fair	Parish Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 am	Daily Mass Maria Julia Casusol	Church
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 am	Daily Mass +Henry Fitzgibbon	Church
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 am	Daily Mass +John Tujo	Church
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00 am	Sisters 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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Pancake Breakfast after both Masses

8:30 am	Family Mass / Children Choir	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Richard Zach	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

Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?

2nd Reading

Paul urges believers to be humble and look out for one another's needs. How might you help build up a friend or co-worker this week?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the two sons, Jesus warns the chief priests and elders to be open-minded and willing to change. What are you hoping will change in your life?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

OCT. 4TH, 2026 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7 (139A)
- Psalms: Psalm 80: 9,12,13-14, 15-16,19-20
- Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9
- Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Saturday, October, 3 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Come and spend a few minutes
with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45 pm.**

ADMINISTRATION



BECAUSE OF YOU — THEY ARE READY TO SHEPHERD

Thirty-six seminarians are preparing to become the future priests of our Church in western Oregon.

Please pray for our seminarians and consider making a gift in support of our future priests.

**SECOND COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026**

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AND GENEROUS SUPPORT**

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visit Appeal.ArchdPDX.org/sem



ST. CLARE PRESCHOOL



BUILDING BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS

St. Clare Preschool is holding its annual "Building Brighter Beginnings" campaign. Your generous support helps provide tuition assistance and essential support for our preschool's programs.

**SECOND COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES
OCTOBER 3-4, 2026**

Join us Sunday, Oct. 4, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass!

Our littlest St. Clare Dragons will sing a special song at the end of Mass.



Come meet our littlest St. Clare Dragons



OUTREACH



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast served up after both Masses by the

John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.

On The Menu

Plain & Blueberry Pancakes

Sausage & Eggs

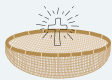
Fruit & Applesauce

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.

OFFERTORY REPORT



MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 9.20.26	\$14,678	\$13,458	\$1,220
Total September	\$39,739		
Fiscal Year 26/27*	\$131,287	\$161,494	(\$#0,207)

*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 CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Applesauce - cups or jars
- Pancake Syrup and Mix
- White Rice
- Vegetable Oil
- Jams & Jellies



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

SPIRITUALITY & FORMATION

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

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

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*A Womens Study
Blessed is She*



WHEN LITURGY IS A MATTER OF LOVE

A workshop on the why and how of Liturgical Ministry
Facilitated by Pia de Leon

OCTOBER 3, 2:00-4:20 PM, PARISH HALL

This workshop is for parishioners who wish to understand the celebration of the Eucharist and the liturgical life of the Church. If you are already or would like to serve as liturgical ministers, this formation opportunity may help you discern the mission of your role and guide you to be better ministers of the Eucharist

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK **OCTOBER 10-11**

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament administered to any baptized Catholic who is ill and has sufficient reason to be comforted by it. Please consider joining us after Mass if you could benefit from this healing sacrament.

MINISTRY TRAINING

SATURDAY 10/10 AND SUNDAY 10/11

Lector, Usher, and Eucharistic Minister trainings will take place after every mass.

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

STARTING IN OCTOBER

OCIA 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

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Trainings start in October. Contact

jodie@saintclarechurch.org for more information

St. Clare Youth Ministry

Corn Maze

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Youth Liturgy
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday Night Living
6:00 pm - 9:15 pm

5:00 pm
Youth Liturgy

6:00 pm
Gathering, Check-TN and Dinner

6:30 pm
Depart to the Corn Maze in Wilsonville

8:30 pm
Returns to St. Clare for Reflection and Dessert

9:15 pm
Pick Up the Parish Fall

MUST SIGN-UP ONLINE to ATTEND HERE

Must Sign-Up online by September 30, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 am in the Clare Room, downstairs of the Parish Office. We meet the first Saturday of every Month.

BROTHERS IN THE SPIRIT

Join us every Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Fire Room, downstairs of the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

Preparation classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in January.

THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

A TIME FOR ANGELS

This coming week, Catholics celebrate two feast days that honor angels. On Tuesday, September 29th we celebrate Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, all mentioned by name in the Bible. On Friday October 2nd we celebrate those protective spirits that Catholics believe are with us always, our Guardian Angels.

Following are biblical passages which reference the Archangels:

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 2:10, 3:6-10, Raphael is sent to Tobit and Sarah since both pray for death because they reached points of absolute despair due to overwhelming suffering and public humiliation. Raphael travels with Tobit's son, Tobiah, saves the situation with angelic power, and reveals that he is an angel sent by God (Tobit 12:14-18).

Looking back into theological history, I will share some thoughts from Abbott St. Bernard (1090-1153), who founded a monastery in Clairvaux, France in 1115. Under Bernard's leadership, what was christened the Cistercian order shaped medieval Christian spirituality, and expanded to hundreds of monasteries across Europe.

Bernard: He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in your ways. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy; his wonderful works for the children of men. Let them give thanks and say among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. O Lord, what is man that you have made yourself known to him, or why do you incline your heart to him? And you do incline your heart to him; you show him your care and your concern. Finally, you send your only Son and the grace of your Spirit and promise him a vision of your countenance. And also, that nothing in heaven should be wanting in your concern for us, you send the blessed spirits to serve us, assigning them as our guardian and our teachers.

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence; respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so, the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present

on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful for them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need.

So, let us pray to and be grateful for such great protectors; let us return their love for us and honor them. Ultimately of course, our most devout love and honor must go to Jesus, for it is through Him that our Guardian Angels accompany and guide us through the perils and pitfalls of our time on Earth.



One day they will inherit with us the Kingdom of Heaven, as deemed by the Father who tasked them with our safety and well-being. Even though we have a long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors, what have we to fear? Why then are we afraid? We have only to follow them, keep them close, and we shall dwell under the protection of God's heaven.

For God has commanded [the Guardian Angel] to guard you in all your ways. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against the stone. No evil shall befall you; no affliction comes near your tent (Psalms 91: 11-12,10).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and humans united in God." (Section 336)

Let us pray the *Anne Dei*, the Catholic Prayer to the Holy Guardian Angel: "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

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY LIFE

A NEW MINISTRY

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MINISTRY

Reopening the Dining Hall



St Francis of Assisi Church



Francis + Clare Place

John Kowalczyk, who lead the St. Andre Bessette Ministry for 16 years, has decided to lead a group of some of the former St. Andre Bessette volunteers in reopening the St. Francis of Assisi Church's Dining Hall for the poor and homeless. It has been closed for six years. Some of the St. Andre Bessette volunteers will stay with the St. Andre Bessette Ministry.

The St. Francis Dining Hall was first opened 54 years ago by a former Pastor of St. Clare Church, Don Durand at the age of 38. At 92 now Fr. Durand will be very happy the Dining Hall will be reopening.

The St. Francis of Assisi Church is a historic building. Built in 1875, just 10 years after the end of the Civil War, it was the first Catholic Church in Portland east of the Willamette River. It is located approximately one mile east of the Burnside Bridge on SE 12th Avenue.

Dinner service will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month and end around 6:45 p.m., allowing guests time to attend the regular 7 p.m Mass. The fourth Sunday was chosen because, by that point in the month, people who rely on SNAP benefits may have limited funds remaining. Meals will be served cafeteria-style, which is more efficient for both volunteers and guests than restaurant-style service.

A construction project right next to the St. Francis Church was built by the Catholic Charities a couple years ago for transitional housing for the homeless. It is two buildings entitled the FRANCIS + CLARE PLACE. It has a capacity for 61 tenants. Undoubtedly, many will come to the dinner at the St. Francis Dining Hall.

For more information, please contact John Kowalczyk at 503.341.7493 or by email at: johnkowal@aol.com

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FR. JIM GALLUZZO'S

TOILETRY PROJECT

Only 5 weeks until packaging!

**It is time to collect travel-size toiletries
for Christmas gift bags for the homeless.**

St Thomas More and St Clare have been collecting supplies throughout the year, and in November we will assemble **2,500 gift bags.**

Items Needed:

- Shampoo • Conditioner • Soap
- Lotion • Toothpaste • Toothbrushes

Since many hotels no longer provide these items, we must purchase additional supplies in bulk.

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Fr. Jim and Maureen Schwerdteger



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