

# Church of *Saint Clare*

5659 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124  
Phone: (440) 449-4242 Fax: (440) 646-9648  
Parish Web Site: [saintclare.net](http://saintclare.net)

Fr. Stanley J. Klasinski, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph R. Brankatelli, Parochial Vicar  
Mrs. Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate  
Daniel and Nancy Maier, Pastoral Musicians



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## **Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon  
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Day of Obligation Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## **Confessions:**

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 p.m. or by appointment

## **Baptism:**

First and third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.  
Please contact the Business Office to make arrangements.

## **Marriage:**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Initial contact is to be made directly with a priest of St. Clare.

## **Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins:**

We are most anxious that all who cannot get to Church be able to continue to receive the Eucharist. Please call the Business Office and a Eucharistic Minister will be provided.

## **Anointing of the Sick:**

A priest will gladly come to your home by request to anoint the ill or aged. Anointing for hospital patients is provided by the hospital chaplain.

## **Sponsors:**

Sponsor certificates are given to those who are registered parishioners, confirmed and practicing Catholics. Contact Business Office.

## **Registration:**

Welcome! Please register in person at the Business Office.



**Mass Intentions**

Prior to Daily Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy 7:50 a.m.  
*Please join us!*

**Monday, October 16 ~ Saint Hedwig**  
**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**

8:30 Anthony Caticchio

**Tuesday, October 17 ~ Saint Ignatius of Antioch**

8:30 John and Madeline Kovacina

**Wednesday, October 18 ~ Saint Luke**

8:30 Academy Mass

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Adoration

12:00-1:00 p.m. Confessions

**Thursday, October 19 ~ Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues**

8:30 Joseph Forristell

**Friday, October 20 ~ Saint Paul of the Cross**

8:30 Katalin Teller

**Saturday, October 21 ~ Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30 Anthony Lopardo

**Sunday, October 22 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 Celebrant's Intention

10:00 Our Parish Family

12:00 Celebrant's Intention

*This Week at Saint Clare*

**Monday, October 16**

Nourish, 6:30 p.m. (HR)

**Tuesday, October 17**

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle,  
9:00-10:15 a.m. (Ch)

RCIA, 6:00-8:30 p.m. (HR)

**Wednesday, October 18**

Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Confessions, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Eucharist in Scripture, 9:15-10:45 a.m. (HR)

Eucharist in Scripture, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (HR)

**Thursday, October 19**

Outreach, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (HR)



**Telephone Directory: 440-449-4242**

**Business Office**

Lisa Gros, Business Administrator 113  
Barbara Dokar, Parish Secretary 101  
Janet Homa, Accounting 114  
Gayle Jameson, Office Assistant 115

Fax: 440-646-9648

**Rectory**

Fr. Stanley Klasinski 105  
Fr. Joseph Brankatelli 107  
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**Office of Faith Formation**

Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate 119  
Brad Jasko, Administrative Assistant 122

**Parish Ministries**

St. Clare Outreach (Voicemail) 161  
Caregiver Support 165  
Youth Ministry, SCYGA 139

**Business Office and Chapel Hours**

Monday-Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Academy**

Matthew Tabar, Principal 117  
Dani Kinney, Admissions Coordinator 102  
School Secretary 118

Cara Mia Duncan  
Pre-K Director/Teacher 129  
Fax: 440-449-1497

Aftercare 131  
Clinic 132  
Gym Kitchen 130  
Food Services (Voicemail) 164

**Saint Clare Parish Mission Statement**

*Saint Clare Parish is a Roman Catholic community that cherishes its faith tradition, celebrates the sacraments, and cultivates lives of Gospel service and stewardship.*

**CHURCH OF SAINT CLARE  
PARISH ANNUAL REPORT  
July 2022 - June 2023**

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**How many are we?**

Households 2,310  
Individuals 5,635

**How did we reach out?**

Advent Giving Tree  
Anthology of Mayfield Heights  
Blanket Sunday  
Community Outreach  
Hillcrest Hospital  
Kindred Adult Living Communities  
Landerbrook Transitional Care  
Regent of Lyndhurst  
Thanksgiving Drive

**How do we Teach**

Adoration Chapel/Church  
Advent and Lenten Family Night  
Study and Prayer Groups  
Corpus Christi Academy  
CYO Sports and Boosters  
Hispanic Prayer Group (Saint John XXIII)  
Nourish for Caregivers  
Parish Catechetical Formation  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Scout Troops  
Spiritual Formation Committee  
Theology on Tap East  
Youth Ministry

**How do we Celebrate?**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Baptisms	44	31
Communions	17	22
Confirmations	19	27
RCIA Candidates	3	3
Weddings	7	14
Funerals	57	47

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Nick Ambrogio  
Fr. Joseph Brankatelli  
Alexandra Gibbons  
Dennis Gibbons  
Emily Hoffman  
Fr. Stanley Klasinski  
Sam Mercurio  
Diane Minor  
Lauren Petrello  
Mary Preda  
Tim Shean  
Michael Spolar  
Jerry Wisniewski  
Sarah Zarcone

**Parish Finance Council**

Rosemary DeSilvio  
Joseph Gambatese  
Luca Matic  
Gary Medved  
William Schmidt  
Matthew Tuohey  
Robert Stuart

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
CHURCH OF ST. CLARE**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

		<b>Balance at June 30,</b>	
		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS			
Checking Account Balances	\$	325,589.10	\$ 423,203.33
Savings and Investment Account Balances		1,190,049.73	1,032,748.35
TOTAL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS		1,515,638.83	1,455,951.68
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		1.42	41.12
OTHER ASSETS		5.59	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,515,645.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,455,992.80</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES			
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland	\$	183,319.00	\$ 185,719.00
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses		50,968.71	50,817.41
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		234,287.71	236,536.41
DEFERRED RESTRICTED SUPPORT		181,619.02	170,089.68
LOANS, NOTES AND MORTGAGES PAYABLE		-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>415,906.73</b>	<b>406,626.09</b>
 <b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR		1,049,366.71	683,459.84
Net Surplus (Deficit) for Fiscal Year			
Parish		50,372.40	365,906.87
Net surplus (deficit) for fiscal year		50,372.40	365,906.87
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>		<b>1,099,739.11</b>	<b>1,049,366.71</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,515,645.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,455,992.80</b>



**STATEMENT OF CHURCH REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

	<b>Actual Year Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Budget Year Ending June 30,</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>CHURCH REVENUE</b>			
Offertory Collections	\$ 756,347.57	\$ 760,088.33	\$ 780,000.00
Other Collections	\$ 77,983.60	\$ 85,966.12	\$ 80,000.00
Donations & Bequests	119,205.09	253,983.65	100,000.00
Net Fund Raising Income	42,312.20	46,835.00	37,940.00
Capital Improvement Income	106,436.04	116,177.00	107,000.00
Income from Parish Programs	7,169.45	6,800.00	8,000.00
Investment & Endowment Income (Loss)	429.36	130.07	-
Rental Receipts	1.00	1.00	1.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	59,087.48	97,327.96	5,000.00
Designated Collections	11,049.00	6,119.00	10,000.00
Extraordinary Receipts	6,565.14	6,985.78	-
<b>TOTAL CHURCH REVENUE</b>	<b>1,186,585.93</b>	<b>1,380,413.91</b>	<b>1,127,941.00</b>
 <b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	576,295.84	464,054.22	566,413.00
Rectory & Household	11,213.15	9,857.46	10,000.00
Parish Office & Administration	38,621.16	36,904.03	40,400.00
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	20,610.41	21,443.02	21,800.00
Community Outreach	-	-	-
Religious Education	4,651.55	5,077.59	4,900.00
Stewardship & Evangelization	241.53	216.26	300.00
Utilities	35,261.55	30,060.61	35,700.00
Insurance & Property Taxes	68,135.69	61,566.04	71,100.00
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	111,807.79	93,260.44	106,100.00
Diocesan Assessments	98,694.00	100,170.00	100,000.00
Payments to Other Schools	48,700.00	100,000.00	50,000.00
Designated Collections	11,049.00	6,119.00	10,000.00
Capital Expenditures	110,931.86	85,778.37	107,000.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,136,213.53</b>	<b>1,014,507.04</b>	<b>1,123,713.00</b>
<b>NET CHURCH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 50,372.40</b>	<b>\$ 365,906.87</b>	<b>\$ 4,228.00</b>

**Readings for the Week of October 16**

Monday Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday Rm: 1:16-25/ Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9  
 Thursday Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12  
 Sunday Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**Pray for Our Sick**



Elizabeth Bryson, Frank Casarona, Joseph Casarona,  
 Laurie Casarona, Joe Covay, Nicholas Covelli,  
 Ken Cudnik, Mary Jane De Penti, Roger De Penti,  
 Darlene Dula, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Marie Fiore,  
 Krissy Horacek, Tony LaVerde, Tommy Lewis,  
 Justin Montello, Karyn Nowak, Anthony Paluckas,  
 Rosemarie Paluckas, Alyssa Parino, Agnes Parsons,  
 Lauri Powaski, James Razzante, Divine Rinella,  
 Mary Ann Rody, Lena Salvatore, Bob Sheridan,  
 Dorothy Skiba, Edward Synk, Arch Tunnell,  
 Tom Warner, Joseph Wentzel, Donna Zenobi

**Pray for Our Deceased**  
 Mary Zindato

*Parish Support*  
**Capital Improvement Contributions**  
 Fiscal year Beginning 07/01/23

Year-to-Date through 8/31/2023 \$14,527.00  
 Goal for the Year \$90,000.00

*Parish Support*  
**FOR WEEK OF October 1, 2023**  
 WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL \$16,000.00  
 WEEKLY AVERAGE (14 Weeks) \$13,931.92

Weekly Offertory Contribution \$ 5,966.00  
 Online Weekly Offering \$ 7,637.00  
 Fee Offset Donation \$ 42.00  
 Children's Offering \$ .50  
 Loose Checks \$ 1,265.00  
 Loose Cash \$ 954.00  
 Total Weekly Offering \$15,864.00  
 Capital Improvement \$ 391.00  
 Online Capital Improvement \$ 310.00  
 Saint Clare Community Outreach \$ 169.81

*Thank you for your consistent giving!*

*Please consider Online Giving.  
 Download the app or call the  
 parish office for details.*

**Saint Clare Calendar Lottery**

October 7	Patty O'Toole	\$ 25
October 8	Philomena Puletti	\$150
October 9	Kathleen Holpit	\$ 25
October 10	Jerod Iacovetta	\$ 25
October 11	Mary Manocchio	\$ 25
October 12	Grace Weber	\$ 25
October 13	Sarah Perri	\$ 25

*Congratulations to all of our winners!*

**Pray for These Priests and Seminarians**

**Sunday, October 15**  
 Bishop Michael G. Woost, STL  
 Those Discerning God's Call

**Wednesday, October 18**  
 All Priests  
 Thomas Byrne, Borromeo

**Friday, October 20**  
 Rev. Michael Matusz  
 Rev. Stanley Klasinski  
 Stephen Vavro, Borromeo

**Monday, October 16**  
 Rev. Caesar Amandua, AJ  
 Rev. Thomas Fanta  
 Jonathan Green, Borromeo

**Thursday, October 19**  
 Rev. Barry Gearing  
 Rev. Gerald Keller  
 Augustine Drexler, Borromeo

**Saturday, October 21**  
 Rev. Frank Godic  
 Rev. Timothy Gareau  
 Miguel Estrada, Borromeo

**Tuesday, October 17**  
 Rev. Robert Pahler  
 Rev. Rodney Kreidler  
 Andrew Bendaban, Borromeo

Sponsored by St. Clare and SPB's

# YOUTH GROUP



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL \$15 PER CAR

OCT  
15TH | 3-5 PM

- Lil' ones go Trick or Treating (grades 5 and younger) in the SPB lot
- Parishioners are invited to pass out candy from your decorated car trunk! Bring lawn chairs as well as plenty of candy\* to pass out to the Trunk-or-Treaters! Youth group kids can help with trick or treating! (\*Bring what you can...once you run out, you run out!)
- In case of rain, our event will be held in the school, O'Brien Hall, and PLC!
- Please enter the SPB Parking lot off Colony.
- Tickets are available for presale and the day of our event. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Cross at [ecrossl@saintpaschal.com](mailto:ecrossl@saintpaschal.com)
- This is a YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER FOR OUR TRIP TO ENGLAND!! We will gladly take any donations!



SCAN ME

WIN PRIZES  
FOR THE BEST  
COSTUME, BEST  
FAMILY COSTUME  
DECORATED CAR,  
AND PUMPKIN!



FOR PRE-SALE TICKETS, PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH.  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SAINTS CLARE & PASCHAL BAYLON YOUTH GROUP'S

# TRUNK OR TREAT

## AND HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

3-5PM



DECORATE CARS. WEAR COSTUMES. PLAY GAMES. EAT FOOD.

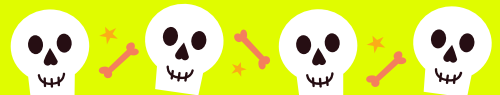


SCAN ME

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON'S PARKING LOT  
5360 WILSON MILLS ROAD, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, OH 44143



FOR  
TICKETS



[ecross@saintpaschal.com](mailto:ecross@saintpaschal.com) with  
questions



## Day of Prayer and Fasting for Priests

Friday, October 27

Please join us for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for our wonderful priests here in the Diocese of Cleveland!



How can You Participate?

- Attend Mass
- Spend Time in Adoration
- Fast from the Internet, sweets, a meal, or something you enjoy
- Offer Private Prayer
- Pray the Rosary (airtime – 5:30 a.m., 3:30 and 9:30 p.m.)
- Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet (airtime – 3:00 p.m.)

Our Priests are Christ's Presence to us here on earth. They bring us the invaluable and Beautiful Gifts of the Holy Mass and Sacraments. With the many challenges of daily life, we need strong and peaceful leadership. Our priests sacrifice so much for us, and they need our prayer and fasting to be the faithful shepherds that we need them to be.

Please go to [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) for a listing of churches in your area that will be open on Friday, October 27. Drop by and spend some time with the Lord as you pray for our dedicated Catholic priests!

Adoration in Church—9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

**Fall 2023 Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation Sessions**  
The Diocese is once again offering sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion this fall.

The closest location for the Church of Saint Clare parish is:

**Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Beaumont High School, Cleveland Heights**

If you are interested in attending, please call the business office to register, 440-449-4242, extension 101.

### **Saint Clare and Saint Paschal Youth Group Schedule for October**

Saint Clare and Saint Paschal Youth Group is open to anyone in 6th-12th grade. We pray, we eat, we play games, go places, do service projects, talk about God, and have fun.

\* Junior Youth Group Regular Meetings meet from 5:00-6:15 p.m.  
Mass – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

\*High School Youth Group regular meetings meet from 7:30-8:45 p.m.  
Regular meetings meet in the Youth Group Room in the parish office building – top of the horseshoe driveway.

- Sunday, October 15: Trunk-or-Treat (service opportunity) at Saint Paschal Baylon parking lot, 2:00-6:00 p.m. No meeting after.
- Sunday, October 22: Regular meeting – Halloween Costume Party, Saints, Goblins, and Ghouls, OH MY!



**Attention Young Adults!**

# THEOLOGY ON TAP


**Wednesday, October 25**  
7-9 pm

**Bar Louie** in Lyndhurst


**To the Heights:  
The Life and Impact  
of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati  
with Fr. Tom Woost**



**Who is Blessed  
Pier Giorgio Frassati?**

**How is he the  
Man of the 8 Beatitudes?**

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**\$5 under 21 | \$7 21 & over**

**Scan to Register:** 

**Cub Scout Pack 433**  
Church of St. Clare



**Annual Pumpkin Sale!**  
After each Mass  
October 14 & 15/October 21 & 22



**Boy Scout Troop 433**  
**Annual Pancake Breakfast**  
Sunday, November 12, 2023  
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Corpus Christi Academy Gym  
More to follow next week!

### 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass Information

Save the Date: On **Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**, we will celebrate with all couples **married in 1974**. Contact the Marriage and Family Office if you have any questions. This year, we will also be printing anniversary certificates once a month so that couples can request them early and have them for their anniversary parties. Please encourage couples to visit our website to request a certificate, at [dioceseofcleveland.org/50th](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/50th).

### Corpus Christi Academy/Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Winter Sports Registration

Register now at [Athletics | Corpus Christi Academy](http://Athletics | Corpus Christi Academy).

#### Winter Sports Offerings:

**Basketball - Boys and Girls:**

**Swoosh Basketball - 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - need a minimum of 5 players to form a team, and a coach.

**3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade CYO Basketball** - need minimum of 7 players to form a team, and a coach.

**Cheer - Girls: 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

#### Fees:

Swoosh Basketball - \$75.00 per player

CYO Basketball - \$115.00 per player

Cheer - \$100

Uniform Deposit - \$75.00 - will be collected when uniforms are distributed.

Registration closes **October 14**.

Any questions can be emailed to [Boosters@corpuschristiacad.org](mailto:Boosters@corpuschristiacad.org).

### **All Souls Cemetery—Preplanning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a one-hour preplanning education seminar on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to All Souls Cemetery, 10366 Chardon Road, Chardon, 216-641-7575, extension 4, or email [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

### **Catholic Cemeteries Association**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. Upcoming support/gatherings:

October 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ~ Free Monthly Grief Support

November 5, 3:00 p.m. ~ Cemetery Sunday Mass

### **Catholic Cemeteries Association Grief Support October 15 “In-Office” at 3:00 p.m. and Virtual 5:00 p.m.**

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats. In-Office (3:00 p.m.) at six cemetery offices and Virtually (5:00 p.m.) via Zoom. We meet the third Sunday of every month except where a holiday falls on the third Sunday, then we meet on the fourth Sunday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The October 15 topics are “All Saints and All Souls’ Days” and “Children’s Grief Awareness.” We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

**The 3:00 p.m. in-office Grief Support groups** meet in the main office building at each of the following five cemetery locations: All Saints, Northfield; All Souls, Chardon; Calvary, Cleveland; Holy Cross, Brook Park; Saint Joseph, Avon.

**The 5:00 p.m. Virtual Grief Support Group** meets for an hour via Zoom and follows the same monthly topic discussion as the in-office groups. Contact Rhonda for additional information at 216-930-4866.

### **Catholic Cemeteries Association Sunday Mass—November 5, 3:00 p.m.**

Mass will be celebrated at all eight cemeteries. For more information, please email Rhonda Abrams at: [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or call 216-930-4866.

### **Protecting God’s Children**

The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).





October 15, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God’s love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or gad about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

**ACTION** When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.



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216-883-1526

## CICERO TEAM

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