Church of Saint Clare

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



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.

CHURCH OF SAINT CLARE

LYNDHURST, OHIO



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 6 8:30 Mary Greulich

- Tuesday, November 7 8:30 Wilburt McCarthy
- Wednesday, November 8

8:30 Academy Mass 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 12:00-1:00 p.m. Confessions

Thursday, November $9 \sim$ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 R. J. Nowinski

Friday, November 10 \sim Saint Leo the Great 8:30 Antonetta Sapanaro

Saturday, November 11 ~ Saint Martin of Tours 4:30 William and Pauline Fioritto

Sunday, November $12 \sim \text{Thirty-second Sunday}$ in Ordinary Time

8:00 Our Parish Family

Rectory

- 10:00 Celebrant's Intention
- 12:00 Celebrant's Intention

Telephone Directory: 440-449-4242 **Business** Office **Office of Faith Formation** Lisa Gros, Business Administrator ¹¹³ Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate 119 Barbara Dokar, Parish Secretary 101 Brad Jasko, Administrative Assistant 122 Janet Homa, Accounting 114 Gayle Jameson, Office Assistant ¹¹⁵ Parish Ministries St. Clare Outreach (Voicemail) 161 Fax: 440-646-9648 Caregiver Support 165 Youth Ministry, SCYGA 139 105 Business Office and Chapel Hours Fr. Stanlev Klasinski 107 Monday-Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Fr. Joseph Brankatelli Mass Schedule

2 Wednesday-Friday - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week at Saint Clare

Tuesday, November 7 Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle, 9:00-10:15 a.m. (Ch) RCIA, 6:00-8:30 p.m. (HR)

Wednesday, November 8 Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Confessions, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Gym)



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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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of November 6				
Monday	Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14			
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24			
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33			
Thursday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22			
Friday	Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8			
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15			
Sunday	Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13			

Pray for Our Sick



Elizabeth Bryson, Frank Casarona, Joseph Casarona, Laurie Casarona, Sally Chervenak, Joe Covay,
Nicholas Covelli, Ken Cudnik, Mary Jane De Penti, Roger De Penti, Darlene Dula, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Marie Fiore, Crissy Horacek, Joseph Kollar,
Tony LaVerde, Tommy Lewis, Carmella Mastrandrea, 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 D'Aveta

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

 Year-to-Date through 9/30/2023
 \$17,937.00

 Goal for the Year
 \$90,000.00

Parish Support FOR WEEK OF October 22,2023				
WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL	\$16,000.00			
WEEKLY AVERAGE (17 Weeks)	\$13,591.76			
Weekly Offertory Contribution	\$ 4,645.00			
Online Weekly Offering	\$ 5,949.00			
Fee Offset Donation	\$ 24.00			
Children's Offering	\$ 0.50			

Loose Checks Ś 752.00 856.00 Loose Cash Ś Total Weekly Offering \$12,226.50 Capital Improvement 640.00 Ś Online Capital Improvement 540.00 \$ \$ 134.66 Saint Clare Community Outreach

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

Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

October 28	Ronald Fornaro	\$25
October 29	Tom O'Neill	\$50
October 30	Elissa Cuva	\$25
October 31	Thomas Toomey	\$25
November 1	Rosanne & Phil Anderson	\$25
November 2	Mary Sholtis	\$25
November 3	Ken & Kim Lakota	\$25

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Sunday, November 5

Bishop Edward C. Malesic Those Discerning God's Call

Monday, November 6

Rev. Conrad Wald, OSB Rev. John Manning Lucas Torres, Borromeo

Tuesday, November 7

Rev. Clyde Foster Rev. David McCarthy Deacon Kevin Bertleff, Saint Mary

Pray for These Priests and Seminarians

Wednesday, November 8 Rev. Erich Orzech Rev. Peter Colletti Deacon Michael Garvin, Saint Mary

Thursday, November 9

Rev. G. Michael Williamson Rev. Raymond Guiao, SJ Deacon William Wainio, Saint Mary

Friday, November 10

Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ Rev. Lawrence Jurcak Ryan Arto, Saint Mary

Saturday, November 11

Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB Rev. Matthew Cortnik Christopher Cotone, Saint Mary

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR AND PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

We begin by thanking you, our Saint Clare Parish family, for your ongoing support of our Godgiven mission. We would like to take this opportunity to share our perspective on current parish finances. If you read the financial report published in the bulletin a few weeks ago, you would see that as of our fiscal year end, June 30, 2023, Saint Clare is in stable financial condition. We are truly grateful and blessed for this, yet there is room for concern going forward based on the following factors:

Saint Clare reported a positive bottom line these last few years largely due to the generosity of parishioners' special bequests. These are gifts to the parish by a deceased parishioner through their will or a contribution made in memory of a deceased parishioner. We also had certain one-time revenue sharing opportunities with the diocese whereby Saint Clare received a portion of campaign funds, most recently the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign, which is winding down. Without these extraordinary/one-time receipts, it would have been difficult to fully meet our ongoing parish operating expenses. Our goal is to meet these expenses with our weekly offertory collections since we cannot plan on bequests or diocesan campaigns on a consistent basis.

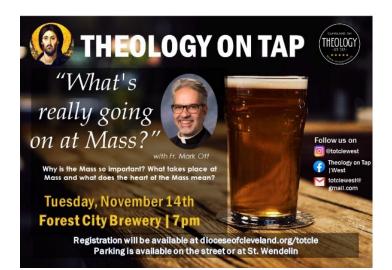
Simply stated, our weekly offertory has not kept pace with rising expenses and inflation. Our offertory collections have trended downward the last few years and expenses, although well managed, have been impacted by inflation and are currently outpacing collections. If not for the extraordinary receipts these past few years, we would have had to draw down on our modest reserves to cover expenses. Drawing down from savings to fund operations is not sustainable in the long term for any parish, especially Saint Clare.

It is vital that Saint Clare remain financially stable. This enables all of us, *the Body of Christ*, to carry out the mission of Saint Clare: to celebrate our Faith and cultivate lives of service and stewardship. This update today is for your awareness. We believe that being fully transparent with you is crucial to increased understanding and accountability for all of us as stewards of the parish.

We continue to evaluate the need for a more formal Offertory Enhancement Appeal in the second quarter of 2024. However, if you are able to increase your weekly giving **NOW**, it will be truly appreciated. We will continue to monitor our financial results and provide a mid-year update in early 2024 as to our progress.

Lastly, we cannot stress enough the importance of **Online Giving**. This provides greater consistency when projecting revenue for planning and budgeting purposes each year. Be assured we will continue to focus on strong fiscal management, increased weekly giving and fundraising events to maintain Saint Clare's financial well-being.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Church of Saint Clare. May God bless you and those you love.



Registration is available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle or You may pay at the door (\$5). Parking is available at St. Wendelin or on the street. For questions, please contact totclewest@gmail.com

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:

- November 5, 3:00 p.m. Cemetery Sunday Masses
- November 19 Free Monthly Grief Support 3:00-4:00 p.m. In-office; 5:00-6:00 p.m. Virtual
- November 20, 3:00 p.m. Graveside Prayer for Deceased Priests Holy Cross, Brook Park <u>https://am1260therockcom/event/graveside-prayers-for-deceased-priests-2/</u>

For details, visit: <u>https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx</u>.

Cemetery Sunday Mass

Join us in the celebration of Mass. Cemetery Sunday Mass is scheduled for November 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the following cemetery locations: All Saints; All Souls; Calvary (Miles Avenue); Calvary, Lorain; Holy Cross, Akron; Holy Cross, Brook Park; Saint Joseph, Avon; Saint Mary, Cuyahoga Heights.

For more information, please email Rhonda Abrahams at <u>rabams@clecem.org</u> or call 216-930-4866.



Hello again to all of our families and friends at Corpus Christi Academy. The first quarter is over, and we had an amazing turnout for our All Saints Day Living Museum. Thank you to everyone who joined us and truly made it a community event! As we look forward to the coming weeks, we have Discover Catholic Schools Week starting November 13, followed by our Afternoon of Thanksgiving on November 17. Thanksgiving Break November 18-26, as well as #We GiveCatholic and our Lunch with a Loved One on November 28. Before we know it, the Christmas season will be upon us. We will continue to pray for all of you; please keep us in your prayers.

As we grow and build our school community with the support of our students, families, faculty, and staff, remember, we always to try to "Do Better," achieve small victories, and 1% gains every day inspired by our Root Beliefs:

- Jesus is the Model
- We are All Learners
- Communication and Collaboration Unite

Let's continue to INSPIRE, EXCEL, and SERVE our families, friends, and community! Have a truly blessed day.



Thanksgiving Food and Clothing Drive All Masses November 18 and 19

Food will be collected the weekend before Thanksgiving for the Saint Augustine Food Pantry on West 14 Street, and for those within our parish area. If food can be shared with you, please contact our Outreach members through the parish business office at 440-449-4242, extension 161.

Please bring your food items to Room 12 in the school hallway near the Saint Clare Statue. In order to show respect to those being assisted, please make sure nonperishable food items have "best by" or "use by" dates of November 2023 and future dates. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Because of lack of refrigerator space, <u>meat-type products</u> will only be accepted on Sunday, November 19. The Saint Augustine staff members will promptly pick up the food at 1:00 p.m. that day. Check contributions should be made payable to Church of Saint Clare. On the memo line, please show: "For Saint Augustine."

This same weekend, we are also seeking men's *gently used* winter-type clothing for the Father Wittman Ozanam Center at the former Saint Philomena Church. Items such as jeans, sweatshirts, boots, shoes, sweaters, flannel shirts, winter jackets and coats would be helpful. These clothing items can be brought to the hallway near the Saint Clare Statue. Clean and dry plastic grocery bags will once again be collected.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly for your kind generosity.

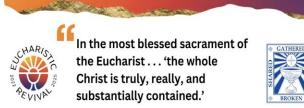


Saint Clare Community Outreach

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 <u>dioceseofcleveland.org/50th</u>.

Holiday Flea Market Light of Hearts Villa 283 Union Street, Bedford, Ohio November 16-17 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) November 18 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)







Boy Scout Troop 433

Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 12 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Corpus Christi Academy Gym

> Pancakes: Plain Blueberry Chocolate Chip

Sausage, orange juice, coffee & tea \$6 Adult meal ~ 3 pancakes, 2 sausages \$5 Senior meal ~ 3 pancakes, 2 sausages \$4 Children's meal ~ 2 pancakes, 1 sausage Beverages are included with all meals.

The Pancake Breakfast is made possible with support from the Knights of Columbus, Gilmour Council #310. ALL proceeds will be donated to the Church of Saint Clare Outreach program!

All are welcome to attend, parishioners and nonparishioners alike! For more information, call the business office at 440-449-4242, ext. 101.



November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12

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

We all want to feel special and be noticed. We see it in Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in the garden after the snake promises "your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods." (Gen 3:5) The scribes and the Pharisees in today's Gospel certainly appear to fall into this category of wanting to be noticed: "All their works are performed to be seen," Jesus says. To be clear, we ARE each unique children of God: chosen by him and called by name. We are "wonderfully made" by the Lord (Ps 139:14), and that alone makes us valuable beyond measure. The problem arises when we begin to see our value as something we are responsible for on our own. We no longer give glory to God and acknowledge him as the fount of all good things. Instead, we are tempted to take credit for ourselves – that was the error of the scribes and the Pharisees, and it is one against which we should guard ourselves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's readings are instructive and, frankly, a good reminder that as God's beloved children baptized into Christ, we are called to a higher standard. What is this higher standard? First, it entails "[giving] thanks to God unceasingly," as St. Paul said in today's reading. It also involves practicing what we preach in a way the Pharisees do not. At the heart of Jesus' message today is telling us, his followers, how we are meant to live. We are to follow Jesus' words and strive to imitate his actions with humility and love. Does this mean loving unconditionally? It does. Does this mean not seeking places of honor but rather having a servant's attitude? It does. Are these postures and attitudes that come naturally to us as human beings? As descendants of Adam and Eve? Perhaps not. But if we wish to make Jesus the master of our lives, let us discern where we can be serving others better and putting our energy into the work of building God's kingdom.

PRAY The *Catechism* calls humility the "foundation of prayer." (*ccc 2559*) Let us pray this week for the humility to do God's will without any praise or recognition. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know what the Lord wants from us and to joyfully fulfill that call even if it means working in the shadows where no one will notice.

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The greatest among you must be your servant."

(Mt 23:11)



