

Saint Clare

Parish Web Site: saintclare.net

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.



Mass Intentions

Prior to Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy 7:50 a.m.

Come Join Us!

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 Celebrant's Intention

10:00 Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 Celebrant's Intention

11:00 Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, December 28

4:30 Marilyn Erker

Sunday, December 29 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 Lorenzo Mastrangelo

10:00 Our Parish Family

12:00 Hardy Funk



Lord, thank You for this blessed Christmas season.
Fill us with Your grace and peace, and may Your blessings of joy overflow in our lives. Shower us with Your love and may we extend love and blessings towards those around us.

Amen.

No new Mass Intentions will be taken until those already on the book are properly rescheduled. Please check the bulletin as to when the Mass Book opens for the last half of 2025.

Telephone Directory: 440-449-4242

Business Office Office of Faith Formation Lisa Gros, Business Administrator 113 Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate 119 Parish Secretary 101 Brad Jasko, Administrative Assistant 122 Gayle Jameson, Office Assistant 115 Parish Ministries Fax: 440-646-9648 St. Clare Outreach (Voicemail) 161 Caregiver Support 165 Rectory Youth Ministry 139 Fr. Stanley Klasinski 105 107 Business Office and Chapel Hours Fr. Joseph Brankatelli 2 Monday-Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mass Schedule Wednesday-Friday - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Business Office Schedule

December 24 AM Hours
December 25 Closed
December 26 AM Hours
December 31 Closed at 4 PM
January 1 Closed

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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.

Readings for the Week of December 23

Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25

Wednesday Is: 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Sunday 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/

Lk 2:41-52

Pray for Our Sick

Elizabeth Bryson, Karen Cannon, Frank Casarona,
Joseph Casarona, Laurie Casarona, Margaret Clark,
Theresa Coffey, Mary Jane De Penti, Roger De Penti,
Darlene Dula, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Lillian Khas,
Tony LaVerde, Carmella Mastandrea, Terrence Meins,
Diane Minor, Justin Montello, Bob Moravick,
Karyn Nowak, Rosemarie Paluckas, Alyssa Parino,
Agnes Parsons, Jodi Piscitello, Lauri Powaski,
Lena Salvatore, Virginia Schmitz, Bob Sheridan,
Dorothy Skiba, Regina Szabo, Arch Tunnell,
Joseph Wentzel, Donna Zenobi

Parish Support					
Capital Improvement Contributions					
Fiscal Year Beginning 07/01/2024					
Year-to-Date through 11/30/2024	\$	43,588.41			
Goal for the Year	\$	90,000.00			
Parish Support					
FOR WEEK OF December 8,	20	24			
WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL	\$1	L6,000.00			
WEEKLY AVERAGE (23 Weeks)	\$1	L5,543.47			
Weekly Envelope Offering	\$	6,242.00			
Online Weekly Offering	\$	7,485.00			
Fee Offset Donation - Weekly	\$	96.30			
Children's Offering	\$	8.00			
Loose Checks	\$	2,498.00			
Loose Cash	\$	1,224.00			
Total Weekly Offering	\$	17,553.30			
Capital Improvement	\$	414.00			
Online Capital Improvement	\$	80.00			
Saint Clare Community Outreach	\$	125.00			

Thank you for your consistent giving!

Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

December	14	Bob & Lynda Stuart	\$25
December	15	A. Halacsy	\$50
December	16	William Elicker	\$25
December	17	Ted Guzik	\$25
December	18	Rosalie Lapick	\$25
December	19	Margaret Traczyk	\$25
December	20	Dorothy Rini	\$25

Congratulations to all of our Winners!

Friday, December 27

Pray for These Priests and Seminarians

Sunday, December 22 Wednesday, December 25

Bishop Robert W. Gries, OSB Our Holy Father

All Our Seminarians Deacon James Hawkins, St. Mar

Our Holy Father Rev. Lawrence Jurcak
Deacon James Hawkins, St. Mary Rev. Thomas Weise

Deacon James Parisis

Deacon James Parisi, St. Mary

Monday, December 23 Thursday, December 26 Saturday, December 28

Rev. Jacob Bearer All Priests Rev. Jerome Lajack

Rev. Michael Matusz

Rev. Daniel Schlegel

Rev. Johnpaul Cafeiro, OFM

Deacon Christopher Cotone, St. Mary

Deacon Jeffrey Linholm, St. Mary

Deacon Brian Peters, St. Mary

Tuesday, December 24

Rev. Kevin Elbert

Rev. Patrick Schultz

Anthony Donatelli, St. Mary

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KLASINSKI

I wonder what I would have heard if I had been there that night. It is a question that annually haunts me. Would I have heard the choirs of angels singing or simply the sounds of barnyard animals shifting around? Would I have seen the star in the sky that night or simply two poor and very frightened kids? Would I have understood the hushed silence of the divine presence or simply the chill of a cold east wind? We are all left with an option, for that is God's way. Thus one person can say "It's a miracle" while another says "It's coincidence." My wish is that Christmas 2024 is a miracle for everyone who is home for the holidays at the Church of Saint Clare.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards, gifts and meals. You have made my stay at home Christmas merry. Please understand that I am unable at this time to personally acknowledge your kinds words and gestures. *May God bless us everyone!*

Christmas 2024

The Vigil of Christmas Tuesday, December 24 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

The Solemnity of Christmas Wednesday, December 25 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, January 1 9:00 a.m.

SAINT CLARE CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 P.M. LITURGY

At our 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy at the Church of Saint Clare, the young children in our parish are invited to participate in a special way by coloring a special card and saying a prayer of comfort and cheer for an elderly person. The children are to bring their cards to church only at the 4:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve and come forward during Mass to give them as gifts to Jesus at the Presentation of Gifts. These will then be distributed to those in local assisted living, and care and rehabilitation centers. Cards will be sent home through Corpus Christi Academy and PSR and they are available at the doors of the church, in the offices and online at https://saintclare.net/religious-education.



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Donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) helped make it possible for our parishes and schools to raise more than \$6.7 million in the 2023 tax year, and for a growing number of families to receive tuition assistance for their children to attend a high-quality Catholic school.

As we approach the end of the 2024 calendar year, our hope and prayer is for the number of ASF supporters to grow so that we may achieve even greater success. We encourage all Ohio taxpayers to consider making an ASF donation that may be eligible for the state tax credit when filing a 2024 Ohio tax return.

IT'S A WIN-WIN – Eligible donors receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit*, and students get scholarships! There are multiple ways to donate:



Contact the ASF office for more information on how to "Be an Angel!" 216-902-1312 / asfinfo@catholiccommunity.org / www.catholiccommunity.org/angel

*Up to \$750 for an individual or \$1,500 if married filing jointly.

This does not constitute legal or tax advice – please contact your tax professional.

Calendar Lottery

The 2025 St. Clare Calendar Lottery tickets with donations are currently being received in the business office. The drawings begin January 1. You can return the calendar stubs with your donation in the collection basket during Mass, by mail, or drop off at the business office. Call or stop in the business office for additional tickets. Proceeds go to the parish operating fund. The sooner you play, the more drawings you are eligible to win.

There will be 365 winners this year!

2024 Year-End Contributions

Any Church donations that you wish to be credited to 2024 for tax purposes, must be in the business office no later than noon on December 30. Any donations received after that date will be credited to 2025. Statements for contributions in 2024 will be **emailed** to parishioners who have contributed \$500 or more in 2024, and to all contributors who asked for their statement last year. Please make sure we have your correct email address on file. Let us know if you have no email. To request your contribution statement, call Lisa in the business office, extension 113.

Year-End Giving Opportunities

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2024, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

Questions? Contact Lisa Gros in our parish office at 440-449-4242, extension 113 or via email at stcllkg@att.net. You are also welcome to contact Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-669-6525, extension 8070 for stock or bond transfers.

Thank you so much for your consideration and for the many ways you support our parish community.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Like the Three Kings who warmly presented Jesus with their gifts at His birth, our sponsors, donors and parishioners gave their treasure in helping Saint Clare Parish. To express our gratitude, Father Brankatelli will provide a special blessing for all sponsors, donors and parishioners at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 5. Home blessing kits will be available for all with instructions and the special prayers included. Donuts and coffee will be provided following the Mass in our school's gymnasium as another small token of our appreciation and a way to celebrate your kindness and generosity.



December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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Ask a child, "Where is God?" and you'll likely receive a variety of responses: "in heaven," "in church," "everywhere" and "in my heart" are all conceivable answers from a child's lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed "in my heart" - that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is "everywhere," but because we possess sanctifying grace. Grace is divine life - God's life - and if we are "in a state of grace" (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today's Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out "in haste" to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The events of today's Gospel suggest that Jesus' presence in Mary is not *for* Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth – itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Spirit" and John the Baptist "leaped for joy." As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become "Christ-bearers" to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

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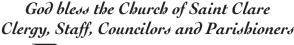
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