

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 31

8:30 Angelo Monaco

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 ~ Octave of the Nativity

9:00 Celebrant's Intention11:00 Celebrant's Intention

### Saturday, January 4

4:30 Anthony lammarino

Sunday, January 5 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Carmine DiFranco10:00 Our Parish Family12:00 The Dailey Family1:00 Baptism

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

### Church of Saint Clare Telephone Directory: 440-449-4242

Business Office Lisa Gros, Business Administrator Parish Secretary Gayle Jameson, Office Assistant	113 101 115	Office of Faith Formation Lori Mascia, Pastoral Associate Brad Jasko, Administrative Assistant	119 122
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Rectory Fr. Stanley Klasinski Fr. Joseph Brankatelli Mass Schedule	105 107 2	Parish Ministries St. Clare Outreach (Voicemail) Caregiver Support Youth Ministry	161 165 139
		Business Office and Chapel Hou Monday-Tuesday - 9:00 a.m5:0 Wednesday-Friday - 9:00 a.m4:0 Saturday - 9:00 a.m12:0	0 p.m. 0 p.m.

# Feast of The Holy Family December 29



**Prayer to The Holy Family** 

**Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,** in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

**Holy Family of Nazareth,** grant that our families too may be places of Communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection, and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

# Holiday Business Office Schedule

December 31 Closes at 4 PM January 1 Closed

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Matthew Tabar, Principal	117
Loretta Pilla, Admissions Coordinator	102
Regina Matthews, Secretary	118
Cara Mia Duncan	
Pre-K Director/Teacher	129
Phone: 440-449-4244	
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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.

Saturday

Sunday

Readings for the Week of December 30	
Monday	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Friday	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

### Pray for Our Sick

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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,
Rev. Stanley Klasinski, 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 15,	2024	
WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL	\$16,000.00	
WEEKLY AVERAGE (24 Weeks)	\$15,547.91	
Weekly Envelope Offering	\$ 6,552.00	
Online Weekly Offering	\$ 6,530.74	
Fee Offset Donation - Weekly	\$ 103.56	
Children's Offering	\$ 6.50	
Loose Checks	\$ 1,525.00	
Loose Cash	\$ 932.28	
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Saint Clare Community Outreach	\$ 101.10	
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Saint Clare Calendar Lottery	
December 21 Lucille Hrdlicka	\$ 25
December 22 Patricia Minor	\$ 50
December 23 Jerry Parrino	\$ 25
December 24 Jesse Carlton	\$ 25
December 25 Lisa Scaffide	\$200
December 26 Jessica Federico	\$ 25
December 27 Jonathan Ule	\$ 25
Congratulations to all of our Winners!	

Special Bequests Donations by Gina Fioritto-Lever and George and Sandy Opacich In Memory Of Mary Lou Weber

### Pray for These Priests and Seminarians

### Monday, December 30 Rev. Frank G. Godic Rev. Joseph A. Warner Deacon Kyle Rosser - St. Mary

# Tuesday, December 31 Bishop Martin Amos Rev. James Kulway Deacon Travis Seagraves - St. Mary

I hursday, January 2
Our Holy Father
William Martzaklis - St. Mary
John Scantling - St. Mary

Friday, January 3
Rev. Neil G. Walters
Rev. Robert Ramser
Christopher Villarreal - St. Mary

Saturday, January 4
Rev. Richard A. Evans
Rev. Richard Bona
Gregory Hovan - St. Mary

Sunday, January 6
Rev. Joseph H. Kraker
Rev. Timothy W. Gareau
Connor Trout - St. Mary

Monday, January 7
Rev. Charles J. Ryba
Rev. Gregory Hyde SJ
Those Discerning God's Call

Please Welcome Fr. Stephen Ntui and Fr. William Bouhall who will be assisting at our weekend Masses for several months!



**Fr. Stephen Ntui** is from Nigeria and was ordained on October 21, 2017. Father has concluded his status as an international student and has been granted permission to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. Father is currently the chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic.



Fr. Bill Bouhall was ordained on May 28, 1994. Father serves at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio, as House Spiritual Director to the seminarians helping to develop and deepen relationships with God. He previously was pastor of St. Thomas More in Brooklyn, Ohio.





Contact the ASF office for more information on how to "Be an Angel!" 216-902-1312 / <a href="mailto:asfinfo@catholiccommunity.org">asfinfo@catholiccommunity.org</a> / <a href="mailto:www.catholiccommunity.org/angel">www.catholiccommunity.org/angel</a> Under Parish Affiliation select St. Clare - Lyndhurst - #279

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Try your luck by bidding on our fabulous raffle baskets! Each bid not only gives you a chance to win some amazing goodies but also supports a great cause: to build a playground for the CCA students!

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Here is a sample listing of our raffle baskets: Cleveland Sports Pint Glasses, Family Game Night, Beauty Essentials, Fashionably Adorned, Charcuterie Time, It's Movie Time, and 5 O'clock Somewhere

### 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.

# Is the Bible relevant today? Is there more to life than this? Do you ever pray? Who was Jesus? What does faith mean to you?

Join Alpha, starting January 27, 6:30pm Alpha meets 10 weeks, once per week

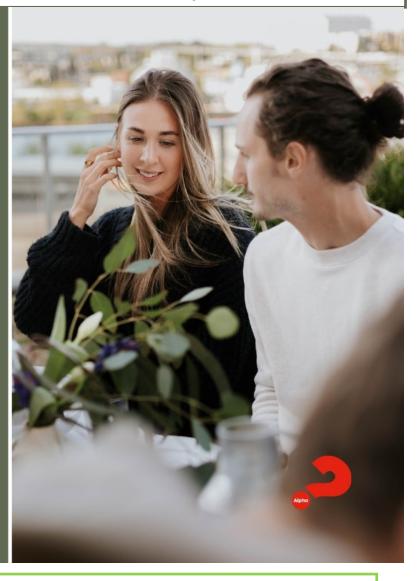
# there's a seat for **YOU** at the table

### **Curious about faith?**

At Alpha, you can ask anything—it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome.

Saint Francis of Assisi—Gates Mills StFrancisGM.org Questions? Email Dan Fogarty at DLouisFogarty@gmail.com

AlphaUSA.org



### January 5, 2025 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS

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.

### **Creation is Tiring**

God spoke with one of His angels. He said, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created 24 hours of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel said, "Yes, but what will you do now?" God said, "I think I'll call it a day."

### **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 stellkg@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.

### 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!



December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Lk 2:41-52

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These are the attributes Paul instructs the Colossians in today's reading to "put on" or to "clothe" themselves with. It's quite a list, isn't it? Paul goes on to talk about the virtues of the Christian family, which is fitting for today's Feast of the Holy Family. It is reasonable to expect, then, that the Gospel passage would follow through by expounding on the virtues of the perfect family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Instead, in Luke's Gospel, we have the only story in all of Scripture of Jesus' childhood. The only one that shows the specific interactions of them as a family – it tells the story of Jesus at age 12 who stays in Jerusalem without Mary and Joseph knowing and who are unable to find him for days. Prayerfully reflecting on this unique glimpse of the Holy Family working through misunderstandings, fear, and hurt helps us relate even more to the true humanness of Jesus and the Holy Family.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Holy Family, we see a model of relationship in human form. We are part of a holy family as well: we are children of God. And like Mary and Joseph, our family is enriched and strengthened when we are attentive to the presence of Jesus in our lives. Luke writes: "[Mary] kept all these things in her heart." Like Mary, let us strive to hold Jesus' words and commandments in our hearts so we can focus on God's divine plan for our lives. In the next line of Paul's letter offering us the "tools" for loving relationships (compassion ... patience) he adds, "bearing with one another and forgiving one another." In other words: love. We must put Jesus, who is love, at the center of our relationships and do everything in his name. Then our family, and our lives, will be holy indeed.

### SING

Mary, mother of faithful love;

Joseph, gentle and humble man of God;

Jesus, Son of Mary,

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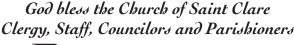
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