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.



Mass Intentions

Prior to Daily Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy, 7:50 a.m. Come Join Us!

Monday, December 4 ~ Saint John Damascene

8:30 Angelo and Theresa Ciarlillo

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 Clarence and Catherine Bucaro

Wednesday, December 6 ~ Saint Nicholas

8:30 Celebrant's Intention

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

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

Thursday, December 7 ~ Saint Ambrose

8:30 Michael Manocchio

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Friday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Academy Mass

7:00 Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, December 9 ~ Saint Juan Diego

4:30 Frances and Domenic Nardolillo

Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Celebrant's Intention

10:00 Our Parish Family

12:00 Celebrant's Intention

This Week at Saint Clare

Tuesday, December 5

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

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

Avilas, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Church Breakfast with Saints, 9:00-10:15 a.m. (HR)



Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

> Holyday Friday

Masses, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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Readings for the Week of December 4

Monday Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1 5a, 6-8

Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

Pray for Our Sick



Elizabeth Bryson, Frank Casarona, Joseph Casarona,
Laurie Casarona, Sally Chervenak, Joe Covay,
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Roger De Penti, Darlene Dula, Elizabeth Ferenczi,
Marie Fiore, Crissy Horacek, Joseph Kollar,
Tony LaVerde, Tommy Lewis, Carmella Mastrandrea,
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Capital Improvement Contributions Fiscal year Beginning 07/01/23

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Parish Support

FOR WEEK OF November 19,2023					
WEEKLY OFFERTORY GOAL	\$1	6,000.00			
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Weekly Offertory Contribution	\$	6,010.00			
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Loose Cash	\$	647.00			
Total Weekly Offering	\$1	13,601.57			
Capital Improvement	\$	635.00			
Online Capital Improvement	\$	270.00			

Thank you for your consistent giving!

Saint Clare Community Outreach

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

Saint Clare Calendar Lottery

November 25	Mark Johns	\$25
November 26	Al and Herme Boger	\$50
November 27	Sandra Arth	\$25
November 28	Erich and Sylvia Gliebe	\$25
November 29	Vince Malatesta	\$50
November 30	Vince Ruggieri	\$25
December 1	Kevin Brennan	\$25

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Sunday, December 3

Bishop Edward C. Malesic All Priests

Monday, December 4

Rev. Damian Ference Rev. Michael McClandess Damoe LaPolla, Saint Mary

Tuesday, December 5

Rev. Dismas Byarugaba Rev. Donald Snyder William Reed, Saint Mary

Pray for These Priests and Seminarians

Wednesday, December 6

Rev. James Winings Rev. Stephen Dohner Joseph Rohan, Saint Mary

Thursday, December 7

Rev. Joseph Callahan Joshua Stecz, Saint Mary

Friday, December 8

All Priests

Craig Ziobert, Saint Mary

Saturday, December 9

Rev. Donald Ewulu Rev. Johnpaul Cafiero Johannes Benninghoff Saint Mary



PEACE ON EARTH

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS 2023 CHURCH OF SAINT CLARE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Confession Wednesdays 12:00 – 1:00 PM Saturdays 3:30 – 4:00 PM

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 7 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Friday, December 8 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday December 23 4:30PM Mass Sunday, December 24 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 24 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 12:00 AM (Midnight) Masses

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 25 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Not a Holyday of Obligation in 2024 Monday, January 1 9:00 AM Mass



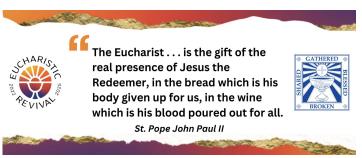
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ADVENT: A TIME OF PREPARING WITH DR. GEORGE MATEJKA

For Christians, the season of Advent should be a time of reflection, of waiting and watching for our Savior's miraculous birth. But the secular world is full of distractions, with Christmas displays appearing in early fall. Secular celebrations and commercialism often whip us into a frenzy of shopping, decorating, baking, and scheduling encounters with Santa. Our faith beckons us to a gentler way, one focused on the divine and the coming of Jesus Christ.

Before Advent is over, spend time with Dr. George Matejka as he guides us in <u>Preparing to Receive the Lord</u>, on Monday, December 11, 2023:

Church of Saint Clare: 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Followed by lunch: Sandwiches, chips and a drink
Talk and Lunch: In the Harvest Room

Please RSVP to Christine Davis 856-287-2216; crdavis730@gmail.com on or before December 7, 2023. We will kindly collect a nominal freewill offering towards lunch costs.

Saint Paschal Baylon Church: 6:30-8:30 p.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Presentation in the Church Followed by refreshments served in the Eymard Room Provided by the Welcoming Committee

For any questions about this speaker series, please contact, Rosalie Lewis (440-227-8718) or Christine Davis (856-287-2116).

Thank You to the Parishioners of Saint Clare

Boy Scout Troop 433 would like to thank each and every parishioner for helping make this year's fundraiser a success for the Church of Saint Clare's Outreach Ministry by supporting our pancake breakfast. It was a huge success. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus, because, without their donations and support, we would not be able to give back so much to Saint Clare. On behalf of every Scout in Troop 433 —THANK YOU!!

Calendar Lottery

The 2024 Saint 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 got to the parish operating fund. The sooner you play the more drawings you are eligible to win. There will be 366 winners this year.

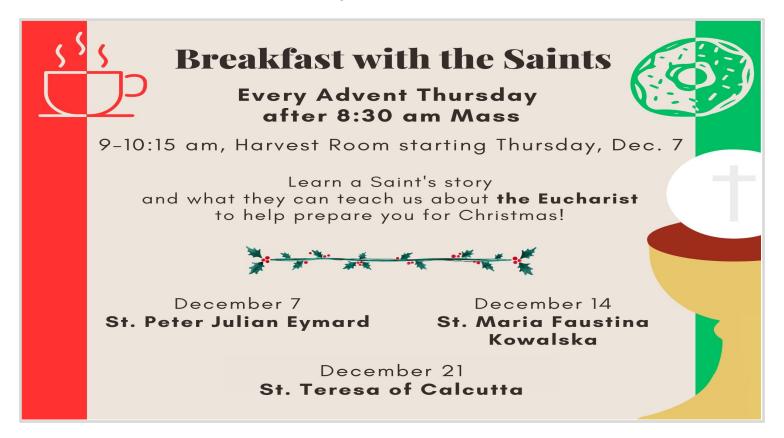
Thank You!

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to every Facilitator and Participant completing the recent Spiritual Faith Formation Fall 2023 Semester, *The Eucharist in Scripture*. Your passion and commitment to faith and community helped all of us grow a deeper understanding of our Bible, the Eucharist and Tenets of our Faith.

Have you ever desired to have deeper meaning and understanding of your Faith in your life? Do you wish to grow your love for Jesus beyond attending Mass? Do you want to grow or strengthen your Catholic community through meaningful conversations and fellowship? If you answered Yes to any of these, a Small Faith Sharing Group is for you!

Spiritual Faith Formation will be announcing its next session of classes in this bulletin for Lenten Season 2024. Be on the lookout for registration information, class dates and topic. We hope you will join this vibrant community! Classes are offered on weekdays with options in the morning, afternoon and evening.

May God bless you abundantly in the coming weeks! Rosalie Lewis and Christine Davis



NEW PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT



MARISA & LUKA MATIC

Marisa and Luka Matic became members of the Church of Saint Clare in February of this year. The couple is relatively new to Lyndhurst and initially chose the parish based on proximity to their home. After several months, they could not be happier with their choice! Marisa and Luka absolutely love being part of the Saint Clare community. "Father Brankatelli and Father Klasinski welcomed us with open arms and have since made us feel so at home." As they have become more involved with the parish, they feel blessed to be surrounded by so many caring people.

Since joining Saint Clare, Marisa has received Confirmation. The couple also worked with Fr. Brankatelli on their marriage preparation for their overseas wedding in July 2023.

Luka works in the wealth management industry as a financial planner and Marisa works in human resources at a nearby university. Together, they enjoy spending their free time with friends, family and their golden retriever. They are also seeking any opportunities to become more involved in the Catholic community. Marisa and Luka are high school sweethearts and look forward to many blessed years as a married couple. Welcome to the Church of Saint Clare Marisa and Luka!







NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Ohioans can now receive a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$750 for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total).

Donations to the Angel Scholarship
Fund are awarded as scholarships for
elementary and high school students in
the Diocese of Cleveland. This is a great
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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Ohio's new Scholarship Tax-Credit Program?

In 2021, the Ohio General Assembly established a new program whereby Ohioans can receive a 100% tax credit against Ohio income tax liability for contributions to certified organizations that grant scholarships to students, including those attending Catholic schools. The maximum credit amount is currently \$750. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total).

Who benefits from this Scholarship Tax-Credit Program?

The program benefits Ohio Catholic schools and students by prioritizing scholarships for low-income families that seek higher-quality education opportunities for their children. It also offers taxpayers the ability to reduce their Ohio state tax liability by making a contribution to Scholarship Granting Organizations such as the Scholarship Granting Organization of the Catholic Community Foundation ("Angel Scholarship Fund"). This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against your tax liability, or the tax you owe to the State of Ohio.

What is the Angel Scholarship Fund?

The Catholic Community Foundation has established The Angel Scholarship Fund as a Scholarship Granting Organization to support our Catholic schools and students in the Diocese of Cleveland. This fund makes it is possible to "turn tax dollars into tuition" by making a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund that may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on the donor's State of Ohio income tax return.

Can I designate my contribution?

Yes. Donors have the option of making an undesignated contribution that supports schools and students across the Diocese of Cleveland based on financial need, or a contribution that is designated to benefit students at a specific Catholic school.

May I designate my payment to a specific student?

No. The Angel Scholarship Fund does not accept contributions that are designated for specific students. However, you may direct your contribution to students of one or more Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland. You can find a list of schools at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/schools.

Who can contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund?

Anyone can contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Ohio taxpayers, single or married, with an Ohio tax liability are eligible to claim the state tax credit.

Is the amount I claim a tax deduction?

No. Angel Scholarship Fund donors are eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit, which is different from a tax deduction. Tax deductions reduce your taxable income. This program offers a dollar-for-dollar credit against the taxes paid to the State of Ohio. The funds are directed to the Angel Scholarship Fund rather than to the state.

How can I learn more about the Angel Scholarship Fund?

Please call 216-902-1312 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel for more information about this exciting initiative!

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Help support our Youth Group's trip to England!

SUNDAY

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December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

SING People, look east. The time is near / Of the crowning of the year. / Make your house fair as you are able, / Trim the hearth and set the table. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the guest, is on the way.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Mark 13:33

To which time is our Lord referring? He is referring to the time of His coming. But it must be understood that even though He came to us once in the flesh long ago, and though He will return again in the flesh to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, He never ceases to come to us day and night by the transforming gift of grace. Are you attentive to this coming? Or, do you miss out on the countless blessings of God's grace that He wants to bestow upon you every day, all day?

The world has many distractions. We are distracted by the lure of riches, the indulgence of our appetites, and the constant noise of modern media, electronic gadgets and the like. These and many other daily distractions make it very difficult to be constantly "watchful" and "alert." This is because our attention span is limited. Though some may learn to "multi-task" to a certain extent, no one can continually divide their attention between the presence of God and the distractions of the world. Some may argue that it is necessary to engage in the world today. It is not possible to continually pray and think only about God. But those who would be tempted to think this do not understand the attentiveness and watchfulness to which we are called.

Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things.



Saint Aloysius

Items needed most are: sweaters, sweats, gloves, socks — Men: M, LG. IX

Ladies: sweaters, sweats, gloves, socks S, M, LG, XLG

Children — Boys: S, M, LG; Girls: S, M, LG

Flannel pajamas for kids, teens, and women.

Also needed are stuffed animals, toys, games, coloring books and crayons (ages infants to 12 years old)

Gift cards: Master Card or Visa

No wrapping, please.

Please clip this tag and attach securely to your gift. Gifts will be collected during Masses the weekend of **December 9 and 10.**



Saint Augustine

They can use socks, pajamas, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and shirts (men, women and children — all sizes);

gifts for children ages 5-17 years old (toys, games, music CDs);

Pampers — all sizes, and Similac baby formula.

Food cards and gift cards
are also items that are needed.

Wrapping items is fine. Please label everything as boy or girl with the size and/or age level.

Please clip this tag and attach securely to your gift. Gifts will be collected during Masses the weekend of **December 9 and 10.**



Saint Malachi Center

They can use jumpropes, Nerf balls (small), playground balls, children's coloring books, gel and glitter pens,

watercolor pencils, and word searches
(a mix, not just Christmas), large floor puzzles,
Family-size shampoo, conditioner lotion, body wash,
deodorant, small containers of laundry detergent,
household cleaner, sponges, kitchen towels, dishcloths,
liquid hand soap, large fabric shopping bags
that are reused for shopping.

Men's and women's gloves, hats, and men's T-shirts (L, XL, XXL).

No wrapping, please.

Please clip this tag and attach securely to your gift.

Gifts will be collected during Masses the weekend of

December 9 and 10.



Saint Martin de Porres

They can use baby clothes (infants to size 5 toddlers) and children's clothes (sizes 6-14/16), crayons, coloring books, toys (ages infants to 12 years old), storybooks (ages 5 to 12), and items befitting 13 to 15 year-olds, such as gloves, skullcaps, socks, sweaters or sweatshirts. For 17 to 18 year-olds, tech items, basketballs, footballs. Clothing: adult S-XXXL, sports jerseys, coats, socks, underwear, gloves, hats. Scarves, purses, earrings, and perfumed hand lotion.

Lego sets for ages 5 to 17 years.

Also needed are disposable diapers, sizes S, M, L, and Similac baby formula.

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