St. Clare Parish
Aug. 30, 2020
A Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit
to proclaim Christ’s love in worship, service and life-long learning

Church
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

Weekend & Daily Mass:
Saturday - 5pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 9:15am & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
All Masses limited to 50 people each.
Visit www.saintclarechurch.org for mandatory sign-up at weekend Masses and to view pre-recorded Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation Saturdays with Fr. Don Gutmann from 4pm - 4:30pm in the church. Social distancing will be practiced.

Matrimony Six month preparation required. Contact Deacon Bill McNamara
Baptism for Infants Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults, Youth and Children Contact Pia de Leon.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US
Whether you are a long-time parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the information below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: ___________________________ Phone: (     ) ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: ____________

☐ New Parishioner ☐ Returning Catholic ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
☐ New Phone Number ☐ New Address ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes
Weekly Reflection
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug. 30, 2020
Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don’t know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.
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Week-at-a-Glance
Saturday, Aug. 29
4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass +Patricio P. Díaz
Church

Sunday, Aug. 30
8:00 am Mass +Beatrice Rasciniti
Church
9:15 am Mass
Church
10:45 am Mass For the People
Church

Monday, Aug. 31
8:30 am Daily Mass +Harvey Osborn
Church

Wednesday, Sept. 2
8:30 am Daily Mass Nick Greve
Church

Thursday, Sept. 3
8:30 am Daily Mass +Rose Hartmangruber
Church

Friday, Sept. 4
8:30 am Daily Mass Laurie Briggs
Church

Saturday, Sept. 5
4:00 pm Confession
Church
5:00 pm Mass +James Digregorio
Church

Sunday, Sept. 6
8:30 am Mass For the People
Church
10:45 am Mass Stacey Saint-Marc
Church

Monday, Sept. 7 Labor Day Holiday
NO Daily Mass/Parish Office Closed

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

Today, I want to write about one of our long time, beloved church members whose funeral was this past week, Eleanor Larson. She was 101 years old and died two weeks ago after having a stroke. She and her husband Dan joined St. Clare Church in 1945, before we even had our current church or school buildings. When they joined the church, it was a wood two-story building (in what is now the school parking lot) with the church on the top floor, school on the main floor and social hall in the basement. She and her husband helped raise money to build our current church and then our current school building. Their two daughters attended school here.

Eleanor was our school secretary for 8 years and she would often ride her bike to work from their house on Falcon St. The students nicknamed her the “Bicycle Secretary.” Besides being the secretary, she was active in a huge variety of parish events through the years. If I tried to list all the volunteer work she did here, it would pretty much be a list everything that happened at our church. Her smile and friendliness were always present. She was a prayerful woman and considered St. Clare to be her home away from home. Almost every day of her life she started her day with this prayer: Oh my God, I offer thee this day, all that I may do or say, uniting all with what was done on earth by Jesus Christ, your son. She lived that prayer, dedicating her time and efforts to serving God through her family and her church.

Eleanor Larson is one of the many saints that are part of our St. Clare Church family. We’ve been blessed to have her a part of our church for 76 years. She has set a good example for us to imitate, and now she is praying for us from her new home with Jesus in Heaven.

Let’s all keep praying for one another, and let’s all strive to be saints! ~ Fr. Don

Sunday Mass Schedule Change
On Sept. 6, the Sunday Mass schedule returns to 8:30am and 10:45am Mass.

Scripture Readings
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sept. 6, 2020
Reading 1 - EZ 33:7-9
Psalms - PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2 - ROM 13:8-10
Gospel - MT 18:15-20

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
Introduction to the Celebration:
God, we gather in the shadow of your loving protection, and we devotedly place our hope in you.

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the Church, that it may hold on to the mercy of God when it suffers hardships, persecution and conflict . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our public officials, that they will strive to work for accessibility of healthcare, fair and truthful education, adequate housing, and equal opportunities for all people, but especially for the most needy . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all workers across the world who have lost their jobs, been furloughed or are overworked, that they may find solutions that will bring them and their families to a safer, healthier and sustainable condition . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our community at St. Clare, that we may resist the temptation to be hopeless, depressed or apathetic because of all the challenges brought about by the pandemic, the political unrest and the economic downturn; may we cling always to God’s compassion . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all teachers, administrators, school staff, students and parents at beginning of this new school year, especially those of our St. Clare School . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all our brothers and sisters in California affected by wild fires, and those from Texas and Louisiana endangered by Hurricane Laura, that they know God’s continued care and protection for them through the helping hands and hearts of people . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all who are in need in this community, especially the sick and the dying . . . we pray to the Lord.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then Jesus said to his Disciples, ‘Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.’” Matthew 16:24

Our St. Clare school is famous for its mascot, the dragon. Throughout the archdiocese in all the sports, we are known as the St. Clare Dragons. I noticed that most children at our school Masses wear their dragon sweatshirts. It is so good to show support for your school. I remember when my children were young, I used to go to all their school functions – sports and music and drama presentations. I was always there to support them. There were parent teacher meetings and various school activities including taking time off from work to be the class dad on the school trips. I made it a point to do everything possible to be part of my children’s school activities. I am sure that these are the same things that your parents also do for you.

It wasn’t easy to attend all of these events. Sometimes, it required sacrifice. Sometimes, your parents have to make a difficult choice, as I did, between doing something we need or want to do or attending a function that is important to our children. Commitment often requires sacrifice.

That is what Jesus explains to His disciples today. He tells them about some difficult situations he will be facing in His life. He will choose to suffer and die on the cross, so that all of us can go to heaven. It is a love-choice, a Jesus choice. Remember, the easy choice, the popular choice or the choice that is the most fun is not always THE JESUS WAY.

Surely, Jesus does not expect us to carry a heavy cross around and die like He did. But, we are reminded of what He did for us by the sign of the cross. We are signed with the cross at our baptisms. We bless ourselves with the cross when we start a prayer, when we come into church and as Fr. Don leads us at the start of Mass. Jesus does want us to follow HIS WAY.

You can choose THE JESUS WAY by trying to be a loving and unselfish person just like Jesus. You can choose THE JESUS WAY by trying to help other people who need your help.

Trying to be popular with a certain group of kids by doing things that are wrong is not the Jesus way. Being a winner by cheating to win is not the Jesus way. Spending all your time focusing on fun things and forgetting about God is not the Jesus way. Helping a friend who is hurting IS THE JESUS WAY!

Helping your mom and dad around the house, even just asking to help, IS THE JESUS WAY!

Sending a note to or phoning a grandparent, aunt or uncle IS THE JESUS WAY!

Let us pray: Loving God, thank you for Jesus taking up the cross and showing us his love for us. Help us to share that love with others by THE JESUS WAY. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD
Today and Always

In the midst of these challenging times, our life with Christ does not take a pause. We continue to learn about God, worship Him, and serve Him through creative and inspiring ways, ever new with hope.

Parish Life Fall 2020

Liturgy
• Beginning September 6, we are going back to 2 Masses on Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:45 am. We will continue to have a 50 person limit and we will continue using the website for signups.
• Our One Mass, One Family gathering will be live streamed on September 13th at 10:45 am.
• Infant Baptism and Marriage Prep will be handled by Deacon Bill McNamara.
• We thank all the volunteers who have been helping with reading and the safety protocols for the Masses so that we may be able to continue with our limited worship gathering.

Adult Formation
• RCIA Virtual sessions will meet 2x per month, starting on Saturday, September 19th. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or knowing more about the faith, join us in this special spiritual journey.
• Adult Education resources including online bulletin inserts, videos, and scripture reflection will be available also on the Parish website in September.
• Small Faith Sharing groups will be available via ZOOM.

Children & Youth Formation
• With the help of our new ECHO apprentice, Lexie Wasinger, we will be providing resources for our families to help guide our children. Monthly packets of resources will be available to parents interested.
• Youth Group will continue to meet virtually on Sunday evenings.
• Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and Communion will be moved to early next year.
Evangelizing through Peace and Justice

The Gospel Lived Out

The St. Clare's Peace and Justice Committee is now established. We are looking for parishioners who are passionate, patient, and persevering in the work of Peace and Justice to help serve as a co-chair or participate as members.

- After two successful Parking Lot Vespers for Peace and Justice, we are going to have the next one on September 18th, led by the Youth of the Parish. This One Prayer, One Family activity is a part of our annual One Mass, One Family event. Attendance will be limited to 50 people, but the event will be live streamed.
- The fight against racism continues through education and advocacy work.
- We seek to understand citizenship from the lens of our Faith by studying the faithful citizenship document of the church in preparation for the upcoming elections.
- The next drive-up donation for Warm Springs Reservation will be announced soon.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to serve our local community
- Resources and Call to Action can be found in the bulletin and on the website.

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THANK YOU!!!

- a follow-up report on our parish event for Warm Springs -

Our parish drive-up donation event on August 13th for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was a tremendous success!

With your donations and support, we filled two U-Haul trucks and a flatbed trailer with over 20,000lbs of drinking water, food, and toiletries!

All donations were driven and delivered to Warm Springs that evening. We also collected several monetary donations, totaling $2,445!

We hope to host another event in the future, but in the meantime, you can make a monetary donation by dropping off or mailing a check at/to the parish office. Checks should be made payable to "St. Clare Church" with "Warm Springs" noted on the memo line.

Many, many thanks to each and everyone of you who participated from near and far, and a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the event.

We are so blessed by our community and surrounding area. We appreciate all of you!
WHAT TO WATCH THIS MONTH

August

Discover the best Catholic content all in one place. Entertaining movies, programs, talks, audio dramas, and e-books — just a click away!

Sign up for free at formed.org/signup
First Time User? Enter Parish Code: J7N7CD

Outreach

The St. Clare Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry Needs

As summer winds down, demand for the SVdP food pantry continues. Donations are needed of:

- All Canned Foods (except corn)
- Any Boxed Foods (except dried spaghetti)
- Assorted Snacks like Cookies & Chips

Please share your favorites!

Donations may be placed in the food basket on the front porch of the parish office. Thank you!

*Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.*

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Goal for FY 19-20: $8,481 needed weekly to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.

Reminder: Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. Interested in Online Giving? Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org and click the Online Giving link. Thank you!