



St. Clare

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Waveland, MS 39576

Sunday, February 11, 2024

“A leper came to Jesus.”



Jesus’ disciples must have recoiled when they saw the man approaching. Everyone feared the dreaded disease that he was obviously suffering from. Sure, showing signs of leprosy would make someone ritually unclean (Leviticus 13:46). But it was also deadly and thought to be very contagious. That’s why the book of Leviticus had so many regulations to keep those suffering from leprosy isolated from society. No one wanted to risk contracting the disease!

So why did Jesus reach out to touch this man? Why didn’t he shrink back or turn aside? Because he was not afraid of the disease or the uncleanness. He could not be harmed or made unclean by any infirmity. Quite the opposite: Jesus had come to *heal* and *restore* all people. He could see beyond the disease and reach out to cleanse this beloved child of God. And by healing him, Jesus brought the man back into society.

Jesus isn’t afraid to reach out to us, either. While we might not be afflicted with leprosy, there is something that can cut us off from God and isolate us from other people: our sin. But on the cross, Jesus took on himself our sins and those of the whole world. By his resurrection, he destroyed the power of sin and death. Sin has no hold on him, and he does not fear it. Each time we come to him in repentance, seeking healing and restoration, he replies to us as he did to the man with leprosy: “I do will it. Be made clean” (Mark 1:41).

So come to Jesus with your sins. Bring to him your isolation and suffering. He won’t pull away from you. He is the pure One who removes all of your impurity. He is the holy One who takes on your sin and strips it of its power over you. Like the man suffering from leprosy, don’t be afraid to approach Jesus. Let him bring you restoration and healing!

~ The Word Among Us

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ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Church Office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents should also attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Paul Pitts, Jr. for more information (228) 216-0091.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (228) 342-4117/stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

There is still time to drop off blessed palms to be burned and used for Ash Wednesday. A box is on the pew outside of the Church Office to drop them off.



The Lenten Fish Fry Volunteer sign-up sheets are available on a table in the hallway! We always need volunteers to set-up, take orders, fill orders, run the orders over to the cooking section, clean up and more!

**OVER
50'S
GROUP**



- ♥ Luncheon Thursday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Yun Long Buffet. *Note this is a change of day due to Ash Wednesday on February 14.*
- ♥ BUNCO—Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Clare.



T-Shirts are available for purchase for the Eucharistic Revival. The cost is \$20.00. The Diocese of Biloxi is sponsoring this sale for the upcoming Pilgrimage activities from June 10—14, 2024.

Second Collections

Churches in Eastern Europe & Africa

Ash Wednesday—February 14, 2024

Black and Indian Missions

February 17—18

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help with serving families in their time of need for the funeral for a loved one.

Ways you can help include: bring a dish to be served, help set up and accept dishes being brought in, serve food and help clean up. Janis Vezosso and Janet Saxer oversee the committee. The goal is to have teams that rotate, therefore are not expected to cook/work every funeral. There have been some changes in our current committee rosters, which is why we need to reform our committees. Contact Janis 228-324-8715 to volunteer. Thank you for your consideration!

Senior Friends Luncheon

Thursday, February 15 at 12:00 Noon

Put on your thinking caps for a brain game. Beef-lo-mein as the entrée, mixed vegetables and dessert.

Happy Birthday!!!!

Sandy Rutherford

John Sposato

Ashlynn Lassiter

Oliver Lassiter

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR - TUESDAY, MARCH 19



Preparation plans for St. Clare St. Joseph Altar are beginning. There are many opportunities to be part of making the altar beautiful. For example: helping bake cakes, decorating cakes, the initial setup of tables and table cloths, selling candles after Masses, cleanup after the closing of the altar, purchasing items like vegetables and fruit, even baking items at home and bringing them. If you are interested in volunteering in any way or need more information, please call or text Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

St. Clare Grief Support Series continues on Monday, 2/12 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Classroom.



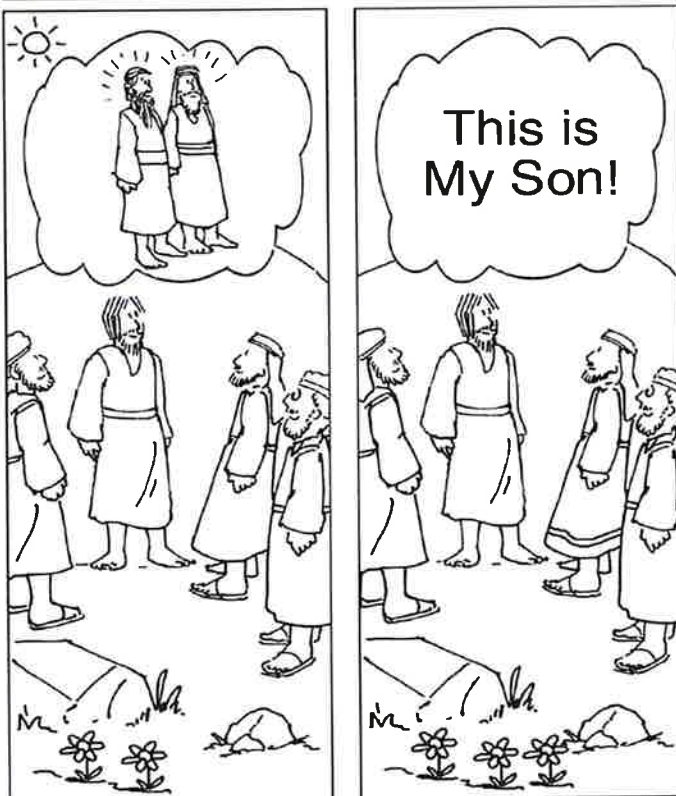
We will meet weekly for a total of 9 sessions. February 12th marks session 3. Please share with anyone who needs or wants support on the often lonely journey of grief. Points of contact are Sherry Ponder 228-332-0256 or Suzan Cox at 601-209-6811.



Letter of annual donations for tax purposes are available by request. All requests should be emailed to finance@stclare-catholic.com.

A cloud covered the mountain.
A voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, Whom I love. Listen to Him!"

Find 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

February 11, 2024 • Mark 9:2-9

The Transfiguration

Jesus took some of the disciples on a special trip. What happened?

Figure out the answer to each problem. Find the words below that fit some of the answers. Write those words in the boxes. Read from bottom to top.

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|----------|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 1 = they | 9 = and | 4 = high | 12 = mountain | 7 = were |
| 8 = led | 3 = up | 11 = a | 6 = Jesus | 14 = all |
| 2 = John | 10 = Peter | 5 = alone | 13 = James | |

Math problems in the grid:

- 25-20
- 8+6, 29+4
- 35-1, 3+4
- 21-20, 16+16
- 15-3, 35-4
- 16-12, 18+7
- 11+11, 15-4
- 9-6, 13+13, 26-6
- 7+8, 4-2, 21+9
- 20-11, 25-7, 18-2
- 25+4, 7+6, 17+11
- 5+5, 4x4, 10+7
- 3x7, 20+3, 4+4
- 30-6, 2x3, 20+7



Lenten
Dinners

LENT DINNER MENU-DRIVE THRU ONLY

St Clare Church-236 S Beach Blvd. -Waveland, MS

February 16, 2024-- 5 until 7:00pm

Plates- \$12- includes 1 Entrée, 2 Sides, Hushpuppies and Dessert

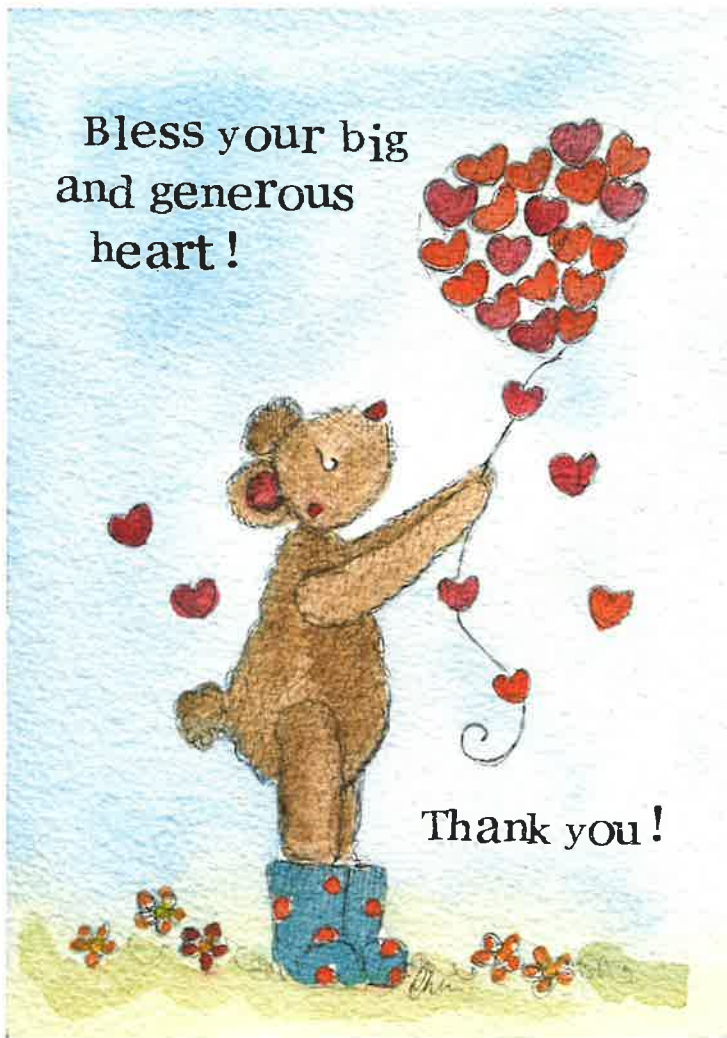
Entrees- Choose 1

Fried Catfish
Fried Shrimp
Shrimp Alfredo
Seafood Gumbo

Sides- Choose 2

French Fries
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Vegetarian Baked Beans

Seafood Gumbo \$7 * Hot Baked or Frozen Shrimp Stuffed Potato \$7



St. Vincent de Paul of St. Clare would like to extend a big thank you to all who have volunteered their time, donated goods and/or been a financial supporter of our Society! The 5th Sunday 2nd collection in December and recent donors have provided us with the means to assist our many neighbors who come to us for help. Recently a donation was received in memory of a loved one who was a huge supporter of St. Vincent de Paul in his home parish. His final wish was donations be made to St. Vincent de Paul rather than flowers. God bless his family for honoring his final wishes.

Thank you, for being so generous to the Safe Haven Baby Box to be installed at the Waveland Fire Department. Your generosity resulted in a donation of \$4,266.00 towards the installation and upfront funds needed to make the SHBB a reality in Hancock County! If you were unable to participate in the second collection and want to make a donation, please use the QR Code below. Accepting the check is Monica Ladner, who has worked with the City of Waveland to make this very important and life saving opportunity to become a reality in the near future!! Thank you, Monica, for being a voice for our babies and to the mothers who feel they have no choice!



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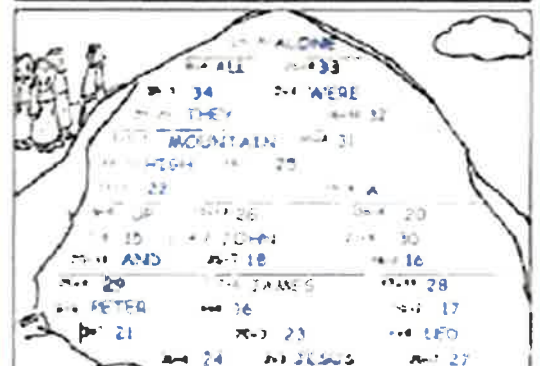
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5 - John	10 - Peter	2 - down	12 - James	





Each time you receive the Eucharist, Jesus gives you extraordinary gifts to help you live the life you were made for. Here is a short list of some of the fruits and gifts that flow into your soul each time you receive the Eucharist: Friendship with Jesus. Desire to know and do the Will of God. Cleansing of venial sin. Hunger for virtue. Grace to avoid sin in the future. A heart that listens to the Holy Spirit. Desire to know and love God."

~~ Matthew Kelly [Thirty Three Days to Eucharistic Glory]

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church every Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00 PM and in the Adoration Chapel 10:00 – 3:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Wisdom of the Saints—365 Days of Inspiration

February 11—"He who labors as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands." ~ *St. Benedict*

February 12—"It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain." ~ *St. John Henry Newman*

February 13—"Attribute to God every good that you have received. If you take credit for something that does not belong to you, you will be guilty of theft." ~ *St. Anthony of Padua*

February 14—"When a young man or woman recognizes that authentic love is a precious treasure, they are also enabled to live their sexuality in accordance with the

divine plan, rejecting the false modes which are, unfortunately, all too frequently publicized and very widespread." ~ *St. John Paul the Great*

February 15—"Luck is when an opportunity comes along and you've prepared for it." ~ *St. Patrick*

February 16—"It can only be disgraceful for some Christians to snore while other Christians are in peril." ~ *St. Thomas More*

February 17—"Abstinence is the mother of health. A few ounces of going without is an excellent recipe for any ailment." ~ *Bl. Anthony Grassi*

Ladies Weekend—February 15—18, 2024

Contact Shelby Miserendino at samiserendino22@gmail.com.

Men's Weekend—April 25—28, 2024**

Contact Charles Walden at cwaldensr1@gmail.com.



Do you want to experience your faith more deeply and live it in your daily life? To enrich your relationship with God, no matter how strong it may be right now? Are you looking for a faith journey? Do you want to become more confident in and enthusiastic about your faith and in sharing it in the secular world? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Cursillo is for you. Applications are available on the table in the hallway.

The April dates have changed since the original publication in the 2/4/2024 bulletin.

Saint

Of the Week

St. Veridiana

Sister of the Third Order

Feast Day: February 16

Veridiana was the daughter of an impoverished nobleman. As a young girl, she often went hungry. Taken into the house of rich relatives as a housekeeper, Veridiana soon gained a reputation for her charity to the poor. One time during a local famine, she took a plate of food intended for her master and gave it to some starving peasants. Her master was outraged by her actions. Veridiana prayed all night, and in the morning the dish was filled with food.

Recognizing her sanctity, Veridiana's relations allowed her to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James de Compostella, on condition she return to their service. She did return, but the young woman was so moved by her experience that she became determined to spend the rest of her life in devotion to the Lord.

A Holy Recluse

After taking holy orders, Veridiana longed to increase her separation from the world. So the young woman moved into a 10-by-4-foot hut that was furnished only with a stone bench. She lived there for some 34 years. Each day her meager meals were passed through a small window in the wall.

Veridiana asked God to allow her to share the suffering of those saints who had been tormented by demons. Soon, two snakes crawled in through the window, and despite her revulsion, she lived with them for years as a further penance. Francis of Assisi himself visited her in 1221 and admitted her to his Third Order. Having received a vision of her impending death, Veridiana was heard reciting penitential Psalms, and her body was found in an attitude of prayer.



PSALM 51

A Prayer of Repentance

Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
4 Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak, a|
And blameless when You judge.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”



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