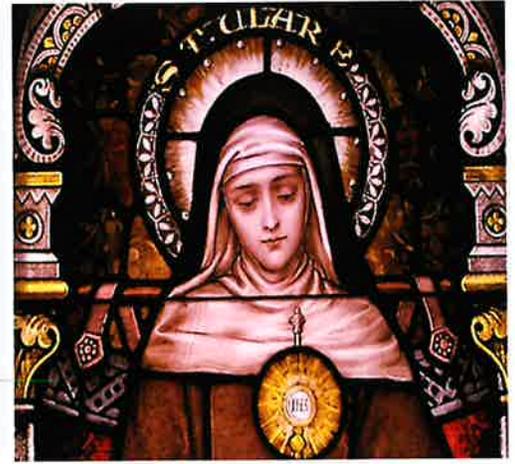




February 1, 2026
The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“God chose
the lowly.”**



In today’s second reading, St. Paul addresses the Corinthians, who were fighting among themselves. One faction favored the apostle Peter, another preferred Paul, and still another followed Apollos. But Paul rebukes them for their rivalries and reminds them that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord. Quite the opposite: God delights in choosing “the lowly” (1 Corinthians 1:28).

Jesus tells his disciples something similar in the Gospel for today: “Blessed are the poor in spirit” (Matthew 5:3). This probably surprises them, because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God’s blessing. But Jesus turns them upside down. Humility is the path to blessing. That’s because when we are poor in spirit, we recognize that God is the source of all that we have and are. Everything is a gift from him. So when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him

to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, and his grace.

Why did Jesus preach this beatitude? One reason is that it keeps us humble. No matter how gifted we may be, we can’t boast about our accomplishments or think of ourselves as superior to anyone else because of them. There is no pecking order with God!

Second, when we are poor in spirit, we *are* blessed! Our hearts are more free and more open to God. We trust in him to fulfill our needs rather than trying to prove ourselves or rely on our own resources. We are at peace with who we are and the way God made us. And our lives are more fruitful because we are “lowly” enough to ask him to guide us and to bless our efforts.

Today at Mass, come before the Lord poor in spirit and knowing that you are loved by God. Open your heart to him and allow him to fill you!

~~~~~ **The Word Among Us**

# *St. Clare Catholic Church*

236 S. Beach Boulevard ~ Waveland, MS 39576

## **Mass and Confession times:**

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday at 3:00–3:45 p.m.  
or by appointment.

The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

## **Pastor: Fr. Charles Arthur**

Deacon: Charles Walden  
Director of Religious Education: Dcn. Charles Walden  
Secretary: Michelle Fleming

## **Office Hours: Monday–Friday 10 am–3 pm**

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults     | Children    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Saturday, 1/24/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 72         | 4           |
| Sunday, 1/25/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 99         | 13          |
| 1/25/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 58         | 7           |
| 1/25/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 36         | 9           |
| <b>Total— 298 =</b>               | <b>265</b> | <b>+ 33</b> |

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**Last week's collection was:**

**Regular Offertory:**

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**Upcoming second collection:**

*Mass*  
**INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions can be for a special intention, such as a birthday or anniversary. They are also for remembering those who have passed away.

The recommended donation per Mass is \$10.00. A card can be sent when requested. Contact Michelle in the Parish Office to arrange Masses or for questions.

**Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers are a great way to celebrate a loved one. Flowers are a beautiful gift for the deceased as well as for those celebrating a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion. You may call the Parish Office to get in contact with Gayle Probus, our floral person, or make a request on one of the flower envelopes in the back of the church with a recommended donation of \$40.00 or more.

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|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday, February 2    | 8:30 am   | Suzie Surbeck (SP)      |
| Tuesday, February 3   | 8:30 am   | Maria Barrett (SP)      |
| Wednesday, February 4 | 6:00 p.m. | James Ferry (SP)        |
| Thursday, February 5  | 8:30 am   | Tara H. Williams +      |
| Friday, February 6    | 8:30 am   | Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday, February 7  | 4:00 pm   | Fr. Michael Costello +  |
| Sunday, February 8    | 8:30 am   | Donna Martin +          |
|                       | 11:00 am  | St. Clare Parish family |
|                       | 5:30 pm   | Msgr. James McGough +   |



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|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| February 1 | Pope Leo XIV                                 |
| February 2 | Monsignor John McGrath                       |
| February 3 | Father Joseph Mensah                         |
| February 4 | Father Paddy Mockler & Everardo Mora-Tores   |
| February 5 | Father George Murphy (Retired)               |
| February 6 | Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihneman, III |
| February 7 | Please pray for an increase in vocations     |



**Linda Gavagnie  
Huntleigh Manieri  
Tiffany Butcher  
Nona Mumme  
Maureen Farris  
Daren Reinhart  
Earline Thomas**

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$10.00 membership. Meet the 1st Tuesday of each even month.

**BAPTISM:** To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the parish office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:** Meetings are held on Fridays beginning at 10:00 a.m., but will not meet on First Fridays. : 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 Deacon Charles Walden for more information (985) 285-2997.

**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:** (stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry.

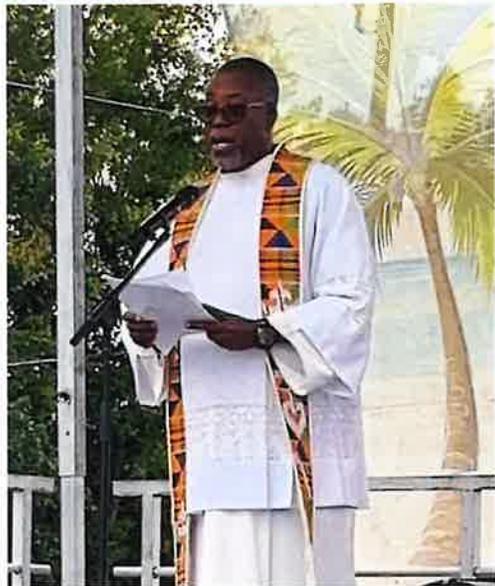
**In-person interviews Wednesday (only) 10 am-1 pm.**

**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.

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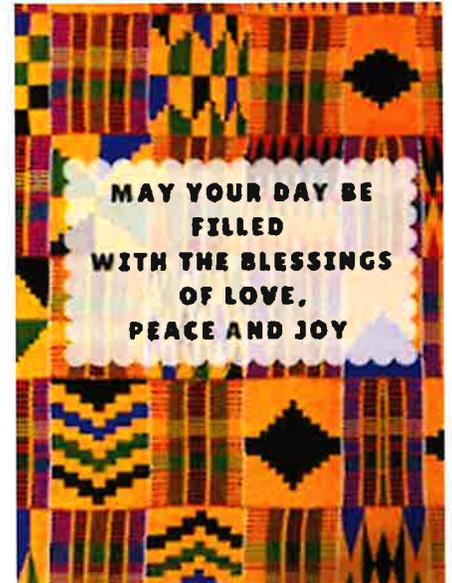
# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?



*Happy Birthday,  
Fr. Charles!!*

*Wishing  
you  
great  
happiness  
and  
bountiful  
blessings.*



## **We will not have a first Friday Adoration in February.**

On Friday, February 6, 2026 we will celebrate the life of William "Bill" Kane. Bill served as our groundskeeper for many years. He was involved in lots of other ways also. This celebration will begin with a visitation from 11 a.m. until 12 noon. The Mass of Christian burial will begin at 12 noon. A reception will be held following the Mass in the Parish Center.

Next Sunday is the final day to drop off your blessed palms. Thank you to all who have brought theirs in.



## *St. Clare Altar Society Meeting* **Tuesday, February 3rd—6:00 p.m.** **in the Parish Center.**

- ⇒ Upcoming event to be discussed is the St. Joseph Altar.
- ⇒ Many volunteers will be needed for this event, so please make every effort to join us.
- ⇒ For fun and optional, anyone who brings in a cake mix, frosting, or a donation towards the cakes needed for the altar will have their name entered into a drawing.



## **Lent begins February 18, 2026**

**Ash Wednesday Feb. 18 Mass times are:**

- ✠ 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross dates and times are:**

- ✠ Friday, Feb. 20 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✠ Friday, Feb. 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✠ Friday, Mar. 6 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✠ Friday, Mar. 13 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✠ Friday, March 20 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✠ Friday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.

**Parish Penance Service date and time:**

**Tuesday, March 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

## St. Clare is currently in the process of upgrades to the technology. Provided below is a breakdown of what we are doing.

- ◆ Installation of Fortinet Firewall for Cybersecurity and enhanced WiFi coverage and cybersecurity throughout the campus.
- ◆ Partnering with an Internet provider and phone system, which will lower total monthly costs while giving us more features and faster Internet speed.
- ◆ Facebook live feeds will benefit from faster Internet speed.
- ◆ The existing network wiring has been reworked and cleaned up, which will simplify growth in the future.
- ◆ Five High-Definition cameras along with a video server on the network that will support more cameras in the future.
- ◆ Clean up and tune the existing sound system to include moving/repurposing underutilized speakers and adding them to the entrance/main hall of the church
- ◆ Additionally, there will be a clean-up/refurbishing of the sound system under the church building. The two systems upstairs and downstairs will be linked together.

The cost of each camera and the installation is \$250.00. There will be an opportunity to sponsor one or more cameras. In the future cameras will be installed on the exterior of our building also.

The front view of the camera in the entry hallway.



A view of what the camera is able to capture in the entry hallway.



### St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### Volunteer help needed

**Description:** Interviewers for helping neighbors with utilities and food.

**When:** Wednesdays—10 am to 1 pm flexible weekly schedules.

**Qualification:** Good hearted, good listener, compassionate, informative, and good steward of finances.

OVER  
50<sup>+'s</sup>  
GROUP

FEBRUARY

#### Over 50's Group

- ☺ Sunday, February 1st—Beginning at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center join us for a game of Left, Right Center. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters.
- ☺ Tuesday, February 10th—BUNCO will be a week earlier this month, due to the Mardi Gras Day conflict. Meet in the Parish Center at 1:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and your drink.
- ☺ Wednesday, February 11th—Luncheon at Yun Long Buffet beginning at 11:30 am. Join us for a 'Dutch Treat' Fellowship luncheon.



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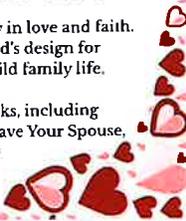
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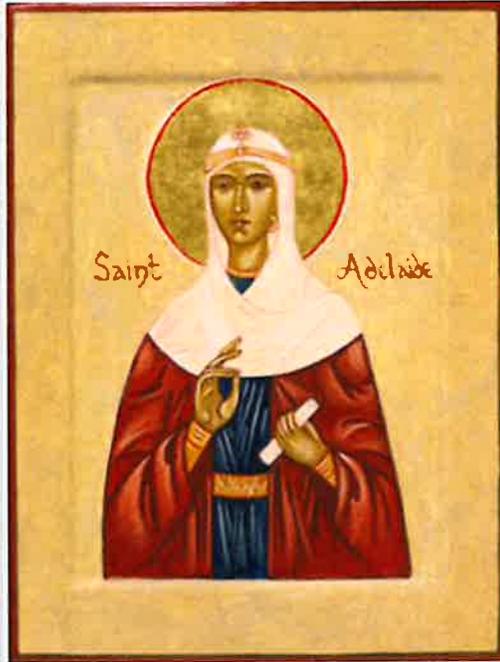
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# Saint of the Week

## St. Adelaide of Vilich

### Feast Day: February 5th

### Patroness of Eye Diseases



Adelaide, or Adelheid, was born around 960. Her father, German Count Megengose of Guelder, was most likely responsible for preparing his daughter for a life dedicated to serving Christ. The count established the convent of Vilich, located on the Rhine River near Cologne, and also St. Mary's in the city itself. Adelaide became abbess of both convents in her lifetime.

Adelaid was about 40 years old when she introduced the Rule of St. Benedict to the convent of Vilich. The Rule was based on the belief that prayer, hard work, fasting and service to the community were the basis of serving God. Adelaide was so venerated for bringing this Rule to her Order that she is most often pictured with a book representing the Rule of St. Benedict.

### Valued Adviser

The pious abbess became a respected adviser to the Church in both the religious and political arenas. Heribert, the archbishop of Cologne and Imperial Chancellor, held her in such high regard he consulted with her about events in the diocese as well as political issues of the day.

Adelaide was a great leader as well as adviser. She felt it was important that her nuns be fluent in Latin so they could follow the choir offices properly, so she taught them the language. She was also praised for having made heroic efforts to help those living in poverty during a famine.

Buried in Vilich, Adelaide is still invoked against eye problem, probably because a healing spring flowed at the place where her tomb once stood. Her cult was finally confirmed 1966.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is ..."

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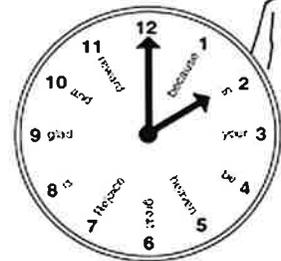
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