



April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Easter

***“They were
cut to the
heart.”***



Peter’s preaching about Jesus on Pentecost powerfully affected the people who heard his message. They were “cut to the heart,” and three thousand of them turned to the Lord that day (Acts 2:37).

The Greek word used here for “cut” is *katanussó*, literally means “to pierce” or “to prick.” Peter’s words acted as a sword, piercing the hearts of the people with the truth that they had sinned in rejecting Jesus and calling for him to be crucified. Imagine their pain and sorrow when they realized this—and the joy they must have felt when they repented and were baptized in his name! Washed clean and filled with his love, they began to live in an entirely new way.

You might say that the people in Jerusalem that day were like the sheep Jesus spoke about in the Gospel. He is the Good Shepherd who called them “by name” and beckoned them to follow him (John 10:3). “Cut to the heart,” they decided to give their hearts to him. What an appropriate story for Good Shepherd Sunday!

However we first came to follow Jesus, we have all been cut to the heart at one time or another by the truths of the gospel—especially when we’ve been convicted of our sins. But we aren’t the only ones who have experienced the pain and sorrow that sin causes. Jesus, our Shepherd, laid down his life for us to save us from our sin (John 10:11). Even now, his heart is pierced because so many of his sheep are mission out on the mercy he has to offer them. That’s why he will leave the ninety-nine to go after the one (Matthew 18:12). He longs for everyone to know him and follow him.

Today, thank Jesus for piercing your heart and filling you with his love. Rejoice that the good news of his salvation has the power to change hearts even now. Then pray for all the people you know who have yet to follow Jesus. Pray that they will be “cut to the heart” and find in that sorrow the greatest joy they could ever know.

~~~~~ **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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Parish Email: [stclarecatholic@yahoo.com](mailto:stclarecatholic@yahoo.com)

Parish Website: <https://stclarewaveland.com>

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## **Our Mission:**

*To live a Gospel way of life*

**\*Simply**

**\*With Humility**

**\*Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults       | Children  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Saturday, 4/18/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 93           | 1         |
| Sunday, 4/19/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 100          | 9         |
| 4/19/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 104          | 17        |
| 4/19/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 39           | 6         |
| <b>Total— 369 =</b>               | <b>336 +</b> | <b>33</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$3,633.00**  
**Diocesan Support \$584.00**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**Catholic Home Missions Appeal—April 25 & 26**  
**Diocesan Support—May 2 & 3**  
**St. Clare Building Fund—May 9 & 10**



**The Altar Flowers this week  
are in memory of Andy Deidrich  
by Gayle Deidrich Probus.**

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor and remember loved ones. The recommended donation for a flower arrangement for a week is \$45.00. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church or in the Gift Shop. If you have questions, you may contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY.** As a friendly reminder, please do not leave vehicles parked in the driveway area. Many of our parishioners use this driveway as a means to drop off individuals to use the elevator. Blocking the driveway also poses a hazard in the event emergency vehicles are required. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this request.



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|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday,<br>April 27    | 8:30 am                       | Gene Lytell +            |
| Tuesday,<br>April 28   | 8:30 am                       | Fr. Michael J Costello + |
| Wednesday,<br>April 29 | Time Change<br><b>8:30 am</b> | Judy Yarborough (SP)     |
| Thursday,<br>April 30  | 8:30 am                       | Mary San Fillippo +      |
| Friday<br>May 1        | 8:30 am                       | Poor Souls in Purgatory  |
| Saturday,<br>May 2     | 4:00 pm                       | Jack Shornick +          |
| Sunday,<br>May 3       | 8:30 am                       | Marshall Scriver +       |
|                        | 11:00 am                      | Linda Fayard +           |
|                        | 5:30 pm                       | St. Clare Parish family  |



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| April 26 | Our Seminarians                                                             |
| April 27 | Retired Priests, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers & Deacons              |
| April 28 | Our Deceased Popes, Bishops, Joseph Howze and Roger Morin                   |
| April 29 | Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School |
| April 30 | Father Charles Arthur                                                       |
| May 1    | Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihneman, III                                |
| May 2    | For an increase in vocations                                                |



**Charlotte McKeon  
Leslie Sackett  
Maddison Alleman  
Joey Cunningham**

## 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. **ON SUMMER BREAK MAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2026.**

**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:** For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

Did you know ?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?



Friday, May 1, 2026 following the 8:30 am Mass. Fr. Charles will be available for confession until 11:45. Please join us!



The Mass time for Wednesday, April 29th is being changed to 8:30 a.m. There will not be an evening Mass. Please plan accordingly and share this information.



First Communion will be held Sunday, May 10th on Mother's Day at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please keep our First Communion students and teacher, Mary Ann Pucheu, in your prayers.

We will also honor the Blessed Mother Mary during this Mass by adorning her with flowers.



On Sunday, May 17th we will celebrate our graduating St. Clare parishioners at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Please submit the names of your graduate to the Parish Office no later than Monday, May 11th to [stclarecatholic@yahoo.com](mailto:stclarecatholic@yahoo.com). Please indicate the student's name along with the school they are graduating from. College graduates please indicate the degree you are obtaining and the college name.



## ALPHA FILM SERIES

**Begins Thursday, May 7, 2026 and continues each Thursday until August 20 2026 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks provided in the Parish Hall.**

## Over 50's Monthly Activities!

### April 26 (Last Sunday) - Sunset at the Beach

At the Waveland Lighthouse, meet at 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and plan for a relaxing afternoon!

### May 3 (1st Sunday) - Left, Right, Center

At St. Clare in the Parish Center at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters.

### May 13 (2nd Wednesday)—Lunch at Yun Long Buffett

Join us for a 'Dutch treat' lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.

### May 19 (Third Tuesday) BUNCO

At St. Clare in the Parish Center, meet at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and plan for great fun!

# ST CLARE ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL



SILVER SLIPPER

**MAY 22 THRU MAY 24, 2026**

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**FRIDAY-**

Hours- 5 til 10pm

Tribute to Military -5 PM  
Wreath Presentations  
The Epic Band -  
7 til 10 PM

**SATURDAY**

Hours- 11am til 10 pm

Classic Car Show 8-2 pm  
Joni Compretta and  
Baytown Groove 11 til 1  
Kings of Neon 7 til 10pm

**SUNDAY**

Hours Noon til 10pm

Jeepin by the Beach Bash 1 til 4  
Assumed Rick 1 til 5  
Dragos 5 til  
Foret Tradition 7 til 10pm

**Fireworks!**

**ARTS & CRAFTS, CARNIVAL RIDES, GREAT FOOD AND MUSIC!**



**PINCHERS**

*Thank you to all of our Sponsors!*

**The deadline to order a festival t-shirt is Sunday, May 3, 2026. Ordering may be done at one of the tables in the hallway.**



We are seeking new items for the Silent Auction. Some ideas would be Gift Certificates, Gift Baskets, Art, Home Décor, Outdoor/Sport items, or Memorabilia. Please include the value and description of the item (s) when donating. A form will be provided.

Garage sale items will not be accepted.

## Blood Donations Needed



### REPLACEMENT BLOOD DRIVE FOR CASEY PIAZZA

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For every unit of blood collected, Casey will receive a financial donation to help offset expenses incurred during this challenging time

In October 2025, Casey was diagnosed with Glioblastoma, an aggressive and devastating form of brain cancer. He has devoted his life to serving our Country, Hancock County, and the citizens of Waveland. Casey served in the United States Marine Corps and is a deputy with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, as well as assistant Fire Chief with the Waveland Fire Department.

Most people are unaware that Cancer Patients use 25% of the Nation's Blood Supply. This is because Cancer Treatment typically destroys healthy blood cells along with unhealthy cells. Patients must receive blood transfusions in order to continue treatment. Your donation will help patients continue their lifesaving treatments. Your one donation could save as many as three lives.

**ST CLARE CHURCH PARISH HALL  
236 SOUTH BEACH STREET, WAVELAND**



**SUNDAY, MAY 3rd  
8:00am – 12:00pm**

SCAN QR code for your time slot  
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Completing the FastLane will help to keep wait times down and shorten your donation time  
Speed up your donation by filling out your medical questionnaire using FastLane before you arrive!



## Altar Society Raffle Solar Sacred Heart Statue

Ticket cost is  
**\$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6 tickets.**  
Ticket purchase available before and after all weekend Masses.

**Drawing to be held May 24, 2026.**

## KCLA Annual Liquor Basket Raffle



**Raffle tickets available before and after all weekend Masses.**



# SAVE THE DATE

May 1, 2026 | 7:00-10:00 PM

St. Clare Catholic Church

Live Auction | Silent Auction

Tuition Raffle | \$1 Raffle

Local Cuisine | Cash Bar

Live music by Joni Compretta

& Baytown Groove

SCAN TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS & RAFFLES!



## Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the sponsorship of cameras.

The High-Definition cameras that are being installed provide an extra security to the interior and exterior of our Church. Sponsorship of these cameras allows us to 'look' beyond the building area. This will be very helpful during the festival and other big events.

The cost of each camera and the installation is \$250.00. Please contact the parish office for more information or to setup camera sponsorship. Thank you for your contributions and consideration.



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Tuesday, May 12, 2026  
10am-1pm



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Important Health Information for  
**SENIORS & THEIR CAREGIVERS**



Lunch Served 11:00 AM

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Ken Conrad @ 228-342-8121  
Arlene Johnson @ 228-467-9292



# Scholarships

## \$500.00 Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary are showing our gratitude to our parishioners by offering for the first time a \$500.00 scholarship to a St. Clare high school graduate.

The graduate must be an active parishioner of St. Clare. The scholarship may be used for any type of higher education and any type of educational need.

Applications are available on the round table in the hallway or you may contact Janis Vezzoso at 228-324-8715.

# Saint of the Week

## St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort

Feast Day: April 28 ~~ Patron of Preachers and great devotion to Mary



**L**ouis Marie Grignion came from a poor hard-working family in France. He was an unusually spiritual child with such great devotion of Our Lady that he took the name Marie (Mary) at his confirmation. After several years of schooling with the Jesuits at Rennes, he decided to study for the priesthood in Paris.

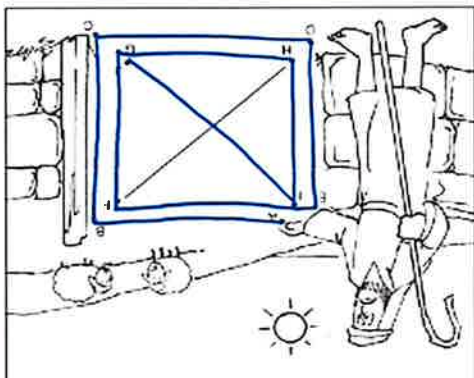
Louis wanted to surrender to God's love, so in 1692 he walked 130 miles to Paris, giving his money to the poor, exchanging his new clothes for a beggar's rags and sleeping in haystacks and under bridges along the way. As a student, he lacked the money to board in the Sulpician seminary, so he stayed in hostels where the conditions were so horrid that he became gravely ill and had to be hospitalized. Louis was finally ordained a priest in 1700.

### *A Struggling Ministry*

Not always well liked, Louis struggled with his ministry. He worked at hospitals for the poor in Poitiers and Paris, but the authorities opposed his reforms and asked him to resign. Then he began to preach successful missions around Poitiers where his flamboyant style aroused such hostility among the conservative clergy that the bishop made him stop. Finally, Louis went to Rome for the Pope's advice.

### *Apostolic Missionary*

Pope Clement XI was impressed by Louis's enthusiasm and sent him back to France with the title "apostolic missionary." Despite criticism, Louis preached in the churches, town squares and poorhouses, urging people to recite the Rosary. He also wrote a popular book, *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, and founded two religious congregations: the Company of Mary to do missionary work and the Daughters of Wisdom to run schools for the poor. Today, both groups carry on his inspirational work of evangelizing.



Connect the dots: A B C D E F G H I J

The shepherd enters by the gate.

The Good Shepherd

Ages 3+ April 26, 2025 • John 10:1-10

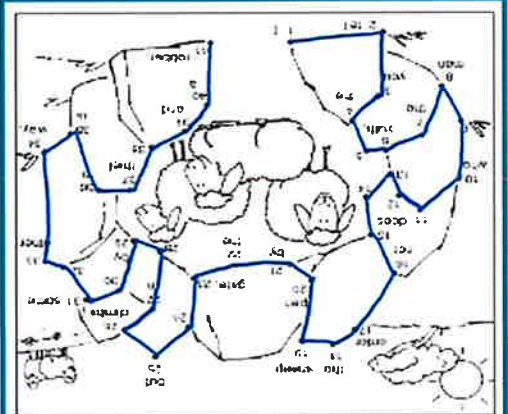
Children's Worship Bulletin



New Parishioner

Are you new to St. Clare?

St. Clare welcomes all new families and visitors. Parish registration forms are available on the round table in the hallway. The form may be dropped off in the collection basket, at the office, or sent via email or regular mail. Addresses provided on the registration form.



Connect the dots and read part of the story.

Jesus told His followers a story.

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