



June 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Do not be afraid;
you are worth
more than many
sparrows.”***



What’s the opposite of fear? We might think it’s courage. And it is. But for Christians, courage is rooted in trust in a loving God. As Jesus reminds us in today’s Gospel, we “are worth more than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:31). In fact, our heavenly Father cares for us so much that he has counted every hair on our heads (10:30)! We can place our trust in him. Even when danger strikes, we are safe in his loving arms.

Surely Jesus’ words sustained the apostles whenever they faced persecution and the threat of martyrdom. But Jesus’ words are meant for us as well. He knows that there are plenty of dangers in this world that can make us afraid.

So how can we counter our fears? By making a conscious decision to trust in the Lord—and to remember how trustworthy he is! You can trust him...

- Because while you were still a sinner, he sent his Son to die for you (Romans 5:8).

- Because he gave you his Spirit to be your comforter, consoler, and guide (John 14:16; 16:13).
- Because Jesus is always with you, dwelling in your heart and present in the Eucharist (Matthew 28:20); John 6:48).
- Because his grace is always available to you. It flows into your heart every time you turn to him (Romans 5:20).
- Above all, because he promises that one day you will be united with him forever in heavenly glory (John 14:4).

Take Jesus’ words to heart today: *You are worth more than many sparrows.* Let them fill you with the fortitude to trust God and walk in his ways. He care for you. He won’t eliminate every trial or danger in this life, but he will safeguard your soul so that you can live eternally with him in heaven, (Matthew 10:28). And in heaven, you will never be afraid again!

~~~~ **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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## **Our Mission:**

*To live a Gospel way of life*

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults       | Children        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Saturday, 6/13/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 78           | 7               |
| Sunday, 6/14/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 110          | 22              |
| 6/14/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 102          | 9               |
| 6/14/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 49           | 3               |
| <b>Total—</b>                     | <b>380 =</b> | <b>339 + 41</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$3,712.00**  
**St. Clare Property Insurance \$1,077.00**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**Father's Day Collection—June 20 & 21**  
**Peter's Pence—June 27 & 28**



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.

**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.

**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>June 22    | 8:30 am  | Marian O'Connor +         |
| Tuesday,<br>June 23   | 8:30 am  | Cayce Seal +              |
| Wednesday,<br>June 24 | 6:00 pm  | Tammy Peterson +          |
| Thursday,<br>June 25  | 8:30 am  | Carville family (SP)      |
| Friday<br>June 26     | 8:30 am  | Father Patrick E. Hayes + |
| Saturday,<br>June 27  | 4:00 pm  | Tommy Hayes, III +        |
| Sunday,<br>June 28    | 8:30 am  | Dalton family (SP)        |
|                       | 11:00 am | Norman Sonier +           |
|                       | 5:30 pm  | St. Clare Parish family   |



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|---------|-------------------------------|
| June 21 | Father Adam Urbaniak          |
| June 22 | Father Peter Varghese, C.M.I. |
| June 23 | Father Khoa Phi Vo            |
| June 24 | Father Marcin Wiktor          |
| June 25 | Deacons and those discerning  |
| June 26 | Seminarians                   |
| June 27 | Father Charles Arthur         |



**Emersyn O'Gwin, Tillie Sullivan  
Barbara Perez, Dillon Kenny  
Angela Ingram, Dinah Kloor  
Danny Reinhart, Alana Rutledge**

## 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 FROM 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?

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council #16433 are hosting a CPR and AED training session on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Dorothy Ladner will teach the class.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the round table. This is a free class, but we must have an accurate count of how many plan to attend the class.

Janis Vezzoso is the point of contact.  
228-324-8715



## Over 50's Monthly Activities!

**June 28 (Last Sunday) Sunset on the Beach** at the Waveland Lighthouse. Bring a chair, a snack, something to drink and enjoy the relaxing afternoon. We gather at 5:30 p.m.

**July 5 (First Sunday) Left, Right and Center** at the St. Clare Parish Hall. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters to a fun afternoon.

**July 8 (Second Wednesday) Lunch at Yun Long Buffett** in Waveland. Join us at 11:30 for a 'Dutch treat' luncheon and fellowship.

**July 21 (Third Sunday) BUNCO** at St. Clare Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and plan to have a great time with the group! The cost is \$2.00 to play.

**July 26 (Fourth Sunday) Sunset on the Beach** at the Waveland Lighthouse. We meet around 5:30 p.m. for a relaxing afternoon. Bring a snack, your drinks, chairs and enjoy the company of others.

SUMMER FUN



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

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society assists Hancock County neighbors who are in need.

Our office hours are Wednesdays from 10 am until 1 pm. We are a walk-in office with a first-come, first-served policy. Our office may assist with utilities and we have a small food pantry. A copy of the utility bill and a photo ID are needed for the visit.

### 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.

### We currently have a need for the following grocery items:

Peanut Butter & jelly  
Pancake mix & syrup  
instant mashed potatoes  
one-pound boxes or bags of sugar



# FAREWELL, FATHER CHARLES

*Nyame Nhyira Wo*  
(God Bless You)



With gratitude and love, we bid farewell to Father Charles and thank him for his faithful service to our parish family.



**Receptions will be held after each Mass this weekend**



**Luncheon following the 11:00 AM Mass**

Please join us as we celebrate Father Charles, offer our prayers, and express our appreciation for his years of ministry and dedication.



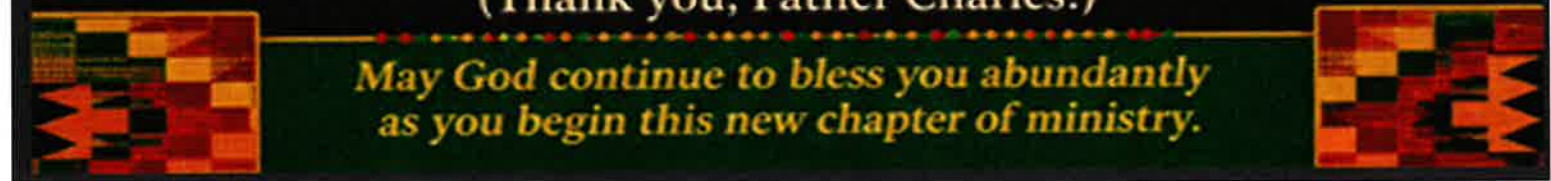
Cards, notes, and donations for his sendoff to **St Francis Xavier Parish in Wiggins** are gratefully appreciated.



NYAME NTI  
(By God's Grace)

*Yedaase, Father Charles!*  
(Thank you, Father Charles!)

*May God continue to bless you abundantly  
as you begin this new chapter of ministry.*



*Save the Date*

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**October 4, 2026, 2:00 pm**

*Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

We invite all married couples celebrating special anniversaries to register and join us for Mass and receive a blessing from Bishop Kihneman, with a reception to follow.

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# Annual Census

It is time for the Annual Diocesan Census update of information. St. Clare works to keep all of our information up-to-date, but on occasion miss someone. If there have been changes in your household members during the last year or if you are new to St. Clare and have not completed a parish registration form, please complete a census form. If you are unsure if you are registered, please call Michelle in the office Monday—Friday 10 am to 3 pm and she will check your status. Thank you!

To be able to serve you and your family in the best way possible, we are asking for your help with an important task—filling out our parish census. By filling out the census, you're helping us keep track of our parish's needs and making sure no one is ever overlooked. Just follow these three steps:

- Pick up a census form
- Fill it out (One per family, unless you have special circumstances. If you have children over the age of 18, they can be listed under the family but also fill out their own census)
- Call the parish office, if you have any questions! 228-467-9275
- Turn it in, all forms due by **June 28, 2026.**

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

**ABIDE**

**A WOMEN'S RETREAT  
INSPIRED BY SAINT THÉRÈSE  
OF LISIEUX**

**AUGUST 21-23**

**SACRED HEART  
DEDEAUX**

**21 & UP**

# Saint of the Week

## St. Etheldreda (Audrey)

Feast Day: June 23

Patroness of Throat & Neck Ailments, Chasity and Widows



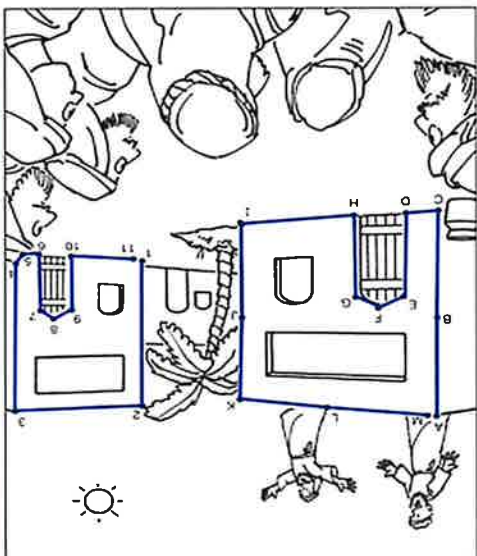
**E**theldreda (also known as Audrey) was a Saxon princess. Her mother, three of her sisters, and at least one aunt were all future saints. Her father, King Anna of East Angles, wedded his daughter to Prince Tonbert, who presented Etheldreda with the Island of Ely. The Prince, who was content to respect Etheldreda's vow of virginity, died three years after the wedding.

Afterward, Etheldreda pursued a life of prayer and contemplation at Ely for five years until her father once again compelled her to marry for political reasons. This time her husband was a boy of 14 or 15, Prince Egfrid, heir to King Oswy. He, too, respected her virginity at first, but as he grew to manhood he changed his mind. Etheldreda fled, accompanied by two servants and pursued by Egfrid.

### Divine Intervention

As the story goes, a miraculous high tide then separated the two, causing Egfrid to give up the chase. Next, he tried bribing Wilfrid, Archbishop of York, to force his wife to yield, but Wilfrid annulled the marriage instead and allowed Etheldreda to take the veil. A furious Egfrid responded by banishing Wilfrid for a time.

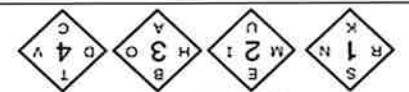
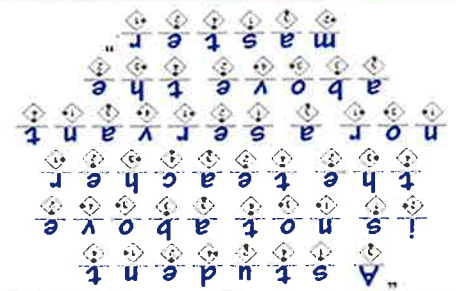
Meanwhile, Etheldreda retired to Ely, where she founded an abbey where Ely Cathedral now stands. Rejecting the luxury customary among great ladies, even in convents, she wore homespun wool, ate only one a day and prayed far into the night. After seven years she died of an unsightly neck tumor, which she accepted as divine punishment for wearing costly necklaces in her youth. Later, her sister, Sexburga, interred Etheldreda's relics in a shrine, which became a favorite destination of pilgrims in medieval times.



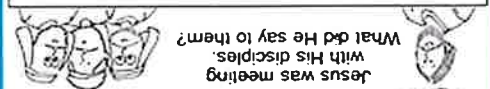
Are you new to St. Clare?

New Parishioner

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.



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