



July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”



Have you ever watched the sequel to a movie without having seen the original? It could be a great, exciting story. But if you haven't seen the original movie, you probably won't understand everything that's going on because you don't know what came before.

Understanding the kingdom of God is a little like that. We can't fully understand who Jesus is and what he came to do unless we see “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). To get the full picture, we need to see Jesus' teachings and his acts of healing and mercy in the light of God's centuries-long covenant relationship with the people of Israel.

That's why Matthew so often points out how Jesus has fulfilled promises from the Old Testament. In his infancy narrative, Matthew quotes Micah 5:2 as a prophecy of the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem (2:6). In chapter eight, when he describes Jesus healing and

delivering so many people, he connects it to Isaiah's suffering servant, who bears our pain (Isaiah 53:4). And when Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, Matthew reminds us that Zechariah 9:9 promises a king and savior coming to us riding on a donkey.

Christianity didn't come from nowhere. It is a living outgrowth of everything that came before in God's relationship with mankind, especially with Israel. If you want to see the richness of God's plan, pay attention to the Old Testament! Matthew's Gospel is a great resource. Keep your eyes open for the times when Jesus fulfills something that has been promised. Spend time praying with those passages. And become like a “scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven” by putting together the old and the new (Matthew 13:52).

~~~~ **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.**

## **Parochial Administrator: Fr. Braxton Necaie**

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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**\*With Humility**

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

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults       | Children  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Saturday, 7/18/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 130          | 10        |
| Sunday, 7/19/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 162          | 26        |
| 7/19/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 145          | 16        |
| 7/19/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 69           | 9         |
| <b>Total— 559 =</b>               | <b>498 +</b> | <b>61</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$6,385.00**

**St. Clare Building Fund** **\$1,264.05**

### Upcoming Second Collections:

St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul—July 25 & 26  
Extension Society—August 1 & 2  
Church Property Insurance—August 8 & 9



This weekend's flowers are memory of  
**Emilie Scianna.**

May she rest in the Eternal Peace of Christ.

**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>July 27    | 8:30 am  | Golden Fairconnetue +                                 |
| Tuesday,<br>July 28   | 8:30 am  | Fr. Fintan Kilmurray +                                |
| Wednesday,<br>July 29 | 6:00 pm  | Fr. Antone Lynch +                                    |
| Thursday,<br>July 30  | 8:30 am  | Dot Kersanac +                                        |
| Friday<br>July 31     | 8:30 am  | Billy Williams (SP)                                   |
| Saturday,<br>August 1 | 4:00 pm  | Shirley Piazza (SP)                                   |
| Sunday,<br>August 2   | 8:30 am  | Bill Kane +                                           |
|                       | 11:00 am | Parishioners of St. Clare &<br>the people of Waveland |
|                       | 5:30 pm  | Brenda Scianna (SP)                                   |



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| July 26  | Our deceased Popes and Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin                 |
| July 27  | Retired, extern & deceased Priests, Brothers & Deacons                      |
| July 28  | Priests and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School |
| July 29  | Our Seminarists                                                             |
| July 30  | Our Deacons and those discerning                                            |
| July 31  | Fr. Braxton Necaize                                                         |
| August 1 | Pray for an increase in Vocations                                           |



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**Ian Richard**  
**Liz Ferrell**  
**Karen Edmonson**  
**Marcy Morreale**  
**Brian Corr**  
**AnnaClaire Rupp**

## 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](mailto: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:** ([stclaresvp1@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresvp1@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](mailto:lwalden855@gmail.com).

Did you know ?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?

## Blessing of the Back Packs St. Clare Catholic Church



**Save the date and grab your backpack!**

Fr. Braxton will bless the back packs of all grade levels including college. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 2nd, 8:30 AM Mass. What a perfect way to give our children and young adults a blessing as the school year begins! Don't forget to bring your backpacks to Mass!!



### The St. Clare Altar Society, what do they do?

The next Altar Society Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They are always recruiting new members. The annual membership dues are \$10.00. All are invited to join at the meeting. The Altar Society is an integral part of St. Clare and does much for our priest and parish family.

The Altar Society does so much for our parish. The best way to learn about this very important ministry is to attend one of their meetings. They meet every Tuesday of the even months at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.



**Friday, July 31—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE**

**(Daily Mass is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.)**

**Saturday, August 1—8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**PAYMENTS OF CASH, CHECK  
OR CARD ACCEPTED**

Set-up for the Rummage Sale will begin Monday, July 27th at 11:00 a.m. We welcome any and all volunteers to help set-up tables, relocated donated items to the Parish Center, organize and begin pricing. All items must be in place and priced by the end of the work day on Thursday, July 30th.

- ♦ We will accept donations until Wednesday, July 29th at 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ Contact the Parish Office for more information at 228-467-9275. Thank you!



Bishop Kihneman has authorized the implementation of a new Diaconate Formation Class (Class of 2032).

It will be open to both English and Hispanic applicants. Recruitment is soon to begin! Information sessions will last from 8:30 a.m. until noon on these dates:

**August 22—St. Thomas, Hattiesburg**

**September 12—St. Mary, Gautier**

**September 26—St. Thomas, Long Beach**

Questions? Please reach out to Deacon Mike Harris at 228-342-1536





# Faith Formation

Registration for the 2026-2027 CCD & OCIA is now open. You may register on paper or online.

Early registration is highly encouraged so that we may have enough supplies for all.

Our youth programs range from grades P-K through 12th grade.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The first part of the program is designed to answer questions about our faith. The second part of the program is the preparation to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Deacon Charles is the Director of Religious Education and point of contact.

**Please note there is now a \$10 fee to offset the cost of training materials. This may be paid via cash, check, Venmo or through the Church QR code or website at [stclarewaveland.com](https://stclarewaveland.com). Use the dropdown box Donations—Choose one time donation and then arrow the drop down box down to CCD registration.**



## Over 50's Monthly Activities!

**August 2 (First Sunday) Left, Right, Center** at St. Clare Parish Hall. We meet at 1:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon. You will need \$5 in quarters to play. Bring a snack to share and your drink.

**August 12 (Second Wednesday) Lunch at Yun Long Buffet** Join us for a Dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. It is a great time to fellowship and enjoy a meal together.

**August 18 (Third Tuesday) 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.

**August 30 (Last 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.



## Diocese of Biloxi 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update as of July 23rd.

Currently we have reached the 30% mark to our financial goal!!! We are far from the participation goal. There is no amount is too small to count towards our goal of 100% participation. Any amount received above the goal amount is returned to the parish for their use.

**\$26,387.00**

**GOAL**

Participation

Goal is **300** families. As of July 14th **40** families have

**\$8,150.00**





# *St Clare*

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## **\$10,000 DRAWDOWN**

**Saturday, September 26, 2026  
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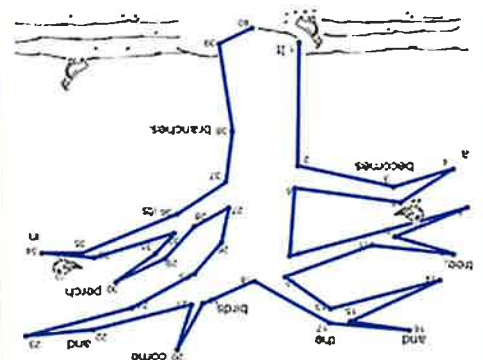
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