



August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“I will place
the key of the
House of David
on Eliakim’s
shoulder.”***



You might wonder why today’s reading from Isaiah is paired with today’s Gospel recounting Peter’s profession of Jesus as the Christ. It’s because Isaiah’s story of Eliakim becoming master of the palace in Jerusalem can help us understand the role that Jesus gave to Peter.

In ancient Israel, the “master of the palace” was the most important assistant to the king. Similar to a prime minister, he could rule the country in the king’s absence. He had the keys to the palace, so he had the authority and ability to open and close doors that gave access to the king (Isaiah 22:22). He was also charged with playing the role of a “father” to the people of Jerusalem, protecting and guiding and leading them in the name of the king (22:21).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives Peter the “keys to the kingdom of heaven” and makes him the “rock” upon which he would build his Church (Matthew 16:19, 18). By using the image of the keys, Jesus is making Peter the “master of the

palace” in the kingdom of God. As holder of the keys to the kingdom of God, Peter would have the authority to bind and loose—to open and close. As head of the apostles, he also would be, like Eliakim, a father to the Church—its firm foundation, leader, and guide. That’s why we often call his successor, the pope, the “Holy Father”!

Jesus didn’t leave us alone—as a Church or individually. He provided for the entire Church not only when he poured out the Holy Spirit on us but also when he made Peter and his successors the “rock,” The pope is the keeper of the teachings of the Church and a minister of God’s grace and mercy. He is also our father in faith, our guide, and our example. But most of all, he is a reflection of God’s own fatherly care for us, his children.

~~~~~ **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 Necaise**

Deacon: Charles Walden

Director of Religious Education: Dcn. Charles Walden

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

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

Parish Office: 228-467-9275

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## **Our Mission:**

*To live a Gospel way of life*

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults       | Children        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Saturday, 8/15/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 113          | 4               |
| Sunday, 8/16/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 146          | 27              |
| 8/16/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 120          | 18              |
| 8/16/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 70           | 16              |
| <b>Total—</b>                     | <b>547 =</b> | <b>484 + 63</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$5,860.00**  
**Property Insurance** **\$1,276.65**

## Upcoming Second Collections:

**Diocesan Support—August 22 & 23**  
**St. Vincent de Paul—August 29 & 30**  
**Catholic University—September 5 & 6**



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>August 24    | 8:30 am  | Elizabeth Martin +                                   |
| Tuesday,<br>August 25   | 8:30 am  | Johnny Ladner (SP)                                   |
| Wednesday,<br>August 26 | 6:00 pm  | Mark Grillo, Sr. (SP)                                |
| Thursday,<br>August 27  | 8:30 am  | Geralyn Ybos (SP)                                    |
| Friday<br>August 28     | 8:30 am  | Walter Trauth +                                      |
| Saturday,<br>August 29  | 4:00 pm  | Bill Kane +                                          |
| Sunday,<br>August 30    | 8:30 am  | Geralyn Ybos (SP)                                    |
|                         | 11:00 am | St. Clare Parishioners & the<br>Citizens of Waveland |
|                         | 5:30 pm  | Emilie Scianna +                                     |



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| August 23 | Father Peter Varghese C.M.I.                                                   |
| August 24 | Father Khoa Phi Vo                                                             |
| August 25 | Father Marcin Wiktor                                                           |
| August 26 | Deceased Popes, Bishops Joseph Howze and<br>Roger Morin                        |
| August 27 | Retired Priests, extern & deceased Priests,<br>Brothers and Deacons            |
| August 28 | Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and<br>St. Stanislaus High School |
| August 29 | Our Seminarians                                                                |



**Vicki Arnold, Beverly Emerick  
Emma Garcia, Gray Garcia  
Eric Kapusinski, Joanna Osbourn  
Hubert Richard, Tony Johnson  
Wayne McQueen, Tish Murphy  
Catherine Peterson, Bryan Kessel  
Brandon Mitchell**

## 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?

## Join Our Music Ministry on Sunday Mornings!

Are you a talented pianist with a passion for sacred music? St. Clare Catholic Church is seeking a dedicated and skilled pianist to accompany our choir every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your musical gifts, enrich our worship services, and become an integral part of our music ministry.



If you are interested, please contact Cathy Allain at 504-495-6346 or [cathyallain@gmail.com](mailto:cathyallain@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to our musical family! *Make a joyful noise—join us as our new choir pianist!*

The 5th Sunday Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held next week on Sunday, August 30 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Makes plans to join us!!



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for taking on the task of repainting the Parish Hall. We are excited to share the new look just in time for the St. Clare Drawdown. Please keep our Knights of Columbus in your prayers, as they do lots around our parish.



Knights of  
Columbus



## Faith Formation

CCD Classes begin  
Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 am  
***This includes First Communion and Confirmation classes.***

OCIA Classes begin Wednesday,  
September 16 at 6:45 p.m.

Registration for the 2026-2027 CCD & OCIA is now open. You may register on paper or online. 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. 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](http://stclarewaveland.com). Use the dropdown box Donations—Choose one time donation and then arrow the drop down box down to CCD registration.**



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**The Over 50's Group consists of individuals who are 50+. Our gatherings are interactive and provide an opportunity for fun and fellowship!**

## Over 50's Monthly Activities

- \* 1st Sunday—Left, Right Center at St. Clare beginning at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- \* 2nd Wednesday—Fellowship Luncheon at Yun Long Buffett in Waveland beginning at 11:30 am.
- \* 3rd Tuesday—BUNCO at St. Clare in the Parish Hall beginning at 1:00 pm.
- \* Last Sunday—Sunset at the Beach at the Waveland Lighthouse beginning at 5:30 pm

Janis Vezzoso is the point of contact for this group. Her contact number is 228-234-8715.

### Our next event is:

**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.



## St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society serve Hancock County neighbors as we can with utilities bills and food.

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

We have arrived at the time of the year where the number of neighbors visiting and the amount of needs processed are increasing.

### 5th Sunday Second Collection to be held August 29 & 30

#### 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

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**Wednesday, August 26th**

**6:30 p.m.**

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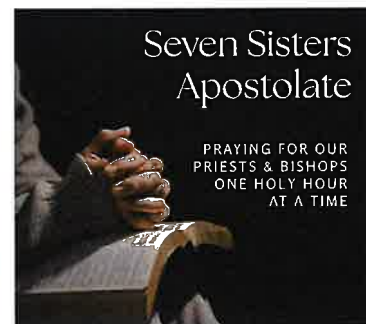
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## Praying for Priests

*The Mission of the*  
**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

**Attention ladies!!** If you are currently one of the Seven Sisters Apostolate at St. Clare, please contact Ms. Amy Lynch at 228-254-0313 or amylynch518@att.net. Please provide within the message your name, phone number, email address and the day you spend an hour praying for Fr. Braxton at Church or the Adoration Chapel.

If anyone is interested in joining the Apostolate or learning more about it, please contact Amy Lynch. All ladies are welcome!



**Draw down tickets have been mailed out. They may be returned in the collection basket, to the Parish Office or you may drop in the mailbox 'under' the church. Thank you!**



*St Clare*  
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**Saturday, September 26, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**



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# St. Gebhard II of Constance

Feast Day: August 27

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**G**ebhard was born the son of Count Udalrich VI of Bregenz in the 10th century. He received a Christian education under Bishop Conrad of Constance. When Gebhard was 30, Emperor Otto II named him Conrad's second successor as bishop, whereupon he embarked on a program of monastic reforms.

In 983, Gebhard founded the Abbey of Peterhausen, near Constance. Pope John XI sent him relics of Pope Gregory the Great, for whom the abbey was originally named. But because the building was modeled on St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, it was more commonly referred to as Peterhausen ("Peter's house"). Gebhard installed the abbot from the great abbey of Einsiedeln, hoping that Peterhausen might follow in its footsteps.

Though Peterhausen never gained the reputation for learning that Gebhard had hoped for, his legacy was perhaps even more profound. During this time, serfdom still bound the poorest peasants to the land, where they worked as slaves. When a serf died, all his possessions passed to his master, and his family had to remain on the estate. However, in an unprecedented move, Gebhard changed everything.

## A Friend to the Serfs

He gathered together the serfs from his lands and decreed that those who were able to take up a craft would be paid. As a result, the serfs became millers, shoemakers, carpenters and cooks. Furthermore, Gebhard declared that after death, their goods would pass on to their children. He was one of the first European masters to grant serfs a measure of economic freedom. The name Gebhard means "brave gift."

SON OF GOD!  
ARE THE

ARE THE

YOU



What did Peter say?

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered Jesus correctly.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.  
A = diamond, E = circle, O = triangle, U = square



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.

The kingdom  
of heaven



Write the name for each picture  
Then place the letters in boxes on the lines below

Jesus said He would give  
Peter "keys." What were  
these keys to?





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