

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



St. Clare Catholic Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Monday: 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.

Thursday: 8:30 A.M.

Friday: 8:30 A.M.

Times may vary on Holy Days of
Obligation, Feast Days and Solemnities.

Confession: Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Braxton J Necaise

Deacon:

Charles Walden

Director of Religious Education:

Charles Walden

Secretary:

Michelle Fleming

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Monday - Friday 10 am to 3 pm

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Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

“Remember your last days, set enmity aside.”

You've probably heard it said that no one on their deathbed wishes that they had spent more time at work. No, they wish for more time with their loved ones or one more chance to reconcile with an estranged friend. So considering Sirach's sobering words from today's first reading, do you think that anyone on their deathbed would wish they had held just a few more grudges? Or that they had just one more chance to prove themselves right or someone else wrong? Of course not!

That's why this reading resonates with us: *remember your last days; turn from enmity, anger, and faultfinding*. Knowing that God has forgiven us should move us to be more forgiving toward one another. But when we refuse to show mercy, when we hold onto anger or vengeance, we are closing our eyes to the mercy God has shown us. The truth is, compared to the heavenly glory that God offers us, our grudges and resentments can appear as quite petty. So let's not nourish them. Let's not hang onto unforgiveness.

Sirach's warning may remind you of what the master in today's Gospel parable tells his unforgiving servant: "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" (Matthew 18:33). Jesus instructs us to mirror God's mercy and forgive one another not just seven times but "seventy-seven times" (18:22). In other words, without limit.

These are strong words. But if they make you feel discouraged, know that Jesus stands ready to give you the strength to forgive. He can release you from habits of resentment. He is offering you a life free from the negativity that brings you down. So turn to him today, and ask for his grace to open your heart in compassion. Receive his mercy, and go and show it to the people around you.

~~~The Word Among Us~~~

# 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 at 6:00 pm. President - Mikelle Williamson

**BAPTISM:** To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call Sabrina Moore at (601) 408-4037. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:** Meetings are held on Fridays beginning at 9:30 am. 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:** Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—7:00 pm meeting. The Assembly meets on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. Grand Knight - Ricky Manieri, Sr.

**LADIES AUXILIARY (Knights of Columbus) KCLA:** meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. President - Janis Vezzoso

**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 six (6) months in advance.

## **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):**

Those wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith are invited to attend an OCIA meeting on Wednesdays beginning at 6:45 pm. Deacon Charles Walden is the point of contact at (985) 285-2997.

**OVER 50'S GROUP:** All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). We have an activity on the first, second, third and last week of each month. Call Janis Vezzoso for details (228) 324-8715.

**Religious Education (Pre-K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Meets on Sundays from 9:45 am until 10:45 am. Deacon Charles Walden is the Director of Religious Education (DRE). This includes Confirmation and First Communion.

**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!

## **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. Walk-ins only, first come, first served.**

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** The point of contact is Michelle Fleming at 228-467-9275  
Michelle@stclare-catholic.com.

## Collections for Sunday, September 6

**Regular Offertory: \$5,575.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$860.00**



- Seafarers & Truckers - September 12 & 13
- Property Insurance - September 19 & 20
- Building Fund - September 26 & 27

### Mass Attendance - Adults/Children

Saturday, 9/5/2026 - 4 pm - 156 | 10

Sunday, 9/6/2026 - 8:30 am - 151 | 45

Sunday, 9/6/2026 - 11:00 am - 194 | 20

Sunday, 9/6/2026 - 5:30 p.m. - 82 | 24

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Total = [682] 583 | 99

## Altar Flowers

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.



Sept 14 - Fr. Tommy Conway

Sept 15 - Frs. Ruben Covos & Joe Dilettuso (R)

Sept 16 - Fr. Adam Frey

Sept 17 - Msgr. Dominick Fullam

Sept 18 - Fr. Tomaz Golab & Fr. Martin Gillespie +

Sept 19 - Fr. Martin Herrera, SVD

Sept 20 - Fr. Robert Higginbotham (R)

## Mass Intentions

Monday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 14, 2026

Bill Kane +  
Fr. Martin Gillespie +

Tuesday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 15, 2026

Ava Hirstius (SP)

Wednesday,  
6:00 pm  
Sept 16, 2026

Gene Jackson +

Thursday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 17, 2026

Fr. Cuddy O'Connell  
(SP)

Friday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 18, 2026

Dillon Roddy +

Saturday,  
4:00 pm  
Sept 19, 2026

Geralyn Ybos (SP)

Sunday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 20, 2026

Chad LaFontaine +  
St. Clare Parishioners  
& Citizens of Waveland

11:00 am

Dot Kersanac +

5:30 pm

Bubbie Sonier +

Contact the Parish Office to request a Mass intention. Recommended donation is \$10.

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:

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

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

**The Drawdown is just two weeks away on Saturday, September 26th.**

## **DRAWDOWN RAFFLE**

- If you still have a ticket, please return it now.
- It may be a sold or unsold ticket.
- If you have misplaced your ticket please let us know.
- We are selling 300 tickets only.
- We greatly appreciate all who have turned in their tickets!

## **Over 50's Monthly Activities**

- Sept. 15 - (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) BUNCO at St. Clare beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Sept. 27 (Last Sunday - Sunset at the Beach at the Waveland Lighthouse beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is the final Sunset at the Beach for 2026.

# SEPTEMBER



**ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Sunday Morning Music Ministry

## **PIANIST NEEDED**

**FOR THE 8:30 A.M. SUNDAY MASS**

### **Do you have a passion for sacred music?**

St. Clare Catholic Church is seeking a dedicated and skilled pianist to accompany our choir each Sunday morning at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your musical gifts, enrich our worship, and become an integral part of our welcoming music ministry.

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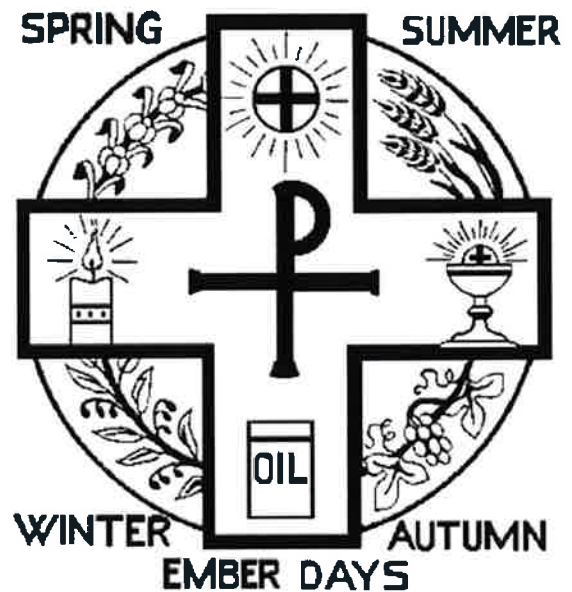


# Ember Days

The Church celebrates Ember Days four times each year. They are tied to the changing of the seasons, but also to the liturgical cycles of the Church.

The dates for the Ember days are the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following:

- † The feast of St. Lucy
- † Ash Wednesday
- † Pentecost Sunday
- † Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Ember days are observed with fasting (1 regular meal + 2 smaller meals, no food between meals) and partial abstinence, meaning that meat is allowed at one meal per day. Complete abstinence from meat is required on Ember Friday. As always such an observance has a greater purpose:

- † To thank God for the gifts he gives us through nature
- † To pray and fast for the conversion of sinners
- † To pray for Priests and vocations to the Priesthood
- † To petition God to do great things during the new season that we are beginning
- † To fast and pray for the forgiveness of our own sins and for our own conversion

## AUTUMN 2026 EMBER DAYS SEPTEMBER 16, 18 & 19

Happy Birthday

Beth Kessel, Blade Caudill  
Robert Gavagnie

Gerard Frommeyer, Autumn Garcia  
Becky Starita, Mike Starita,  
Dianne Sterling, Rhonda LeBlanc

**Children's Worship Bulletin**

September 13, 2026 • Matthew 18:21-35

Ages 7+

**The Servant Who Would Not Forgive**

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" How did Jesus answer?

Add and subtract vowels to find out

1. pend = pen + end

2. aligator + amp = tell

3. arm + ing + ing = you

4. un + ing + ing + ing + ing = seventy seven

5. ing + ing + ing + ing + ing = times

**Children's Worship Bulletin**

September 13, 2026 • Matthew 18:21-35

Ages 5-6

**The Servant Who Would Not Forgive**

A king was collecting what was owed him. One man could not pay. The king forgave him his debt.

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