

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



St. Clare Catholic Church

23RD 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

Office hours: (Excluding holidays)

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**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts.”

Have you ever tried to mold a pot out of clay? Once it dries, clay is nearly impossible to work with. If you let it harden, you can't reshape it. Just as a potter needs soft clay, so our Lord needs soft hearts that he can shape into vessels of his grace and power.

Today the psalmist calls God's people to “kneels before the Lord who made us” (Psalm 95:6). Through his word, he wants to form his people into a beautiful dwelling for his Spirit. That's why he speaks through his prophets like Moses and Ezekiel, the “watchman” in our first reading (Ezekiel 33:7). He forms us through the church and through our brothers and sisters in Christ. And he molds us through the voice of his Spirit in our hearts. That's why it's important to heed the psalmist and “harden not your hearts” (95:8)!

The problem is that sin tends to harden our hearts. It makes us less pliable and less responsive to God and limits his ability to mold and shape us. So he gave us his Holy Spirit to convict us of sin, so that we would turn back to him (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit softens our hearts and fills us with hope that we can change.

What does a pliable heart, open to the Spirit, look like? Above all, it is humble before God and wants to please him by becoming his instrument in the world. A pliable heart recognizes the destructive power of sin and longs to repent and be set free. A pliable heart is peaceful because it receives God's love and trusts that God will never hurt or abandon it.

Let's cooperate with the Holy Spirit today. Imagine that you are a piece of clay being shaped by God's loving hands. Picture him molding you; let him show you any rough spots that need extra attention. Yield to him, and let him smooth them out. You - and everyone around you - will be amazed at what God can do in 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 10:00 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. The Cenacle meetings resume Friday, September 11, 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:** 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. Fall 2026 classes begin Wednesday, September 9th.

**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. Classes for Fall 2026 begin Sunday, September 13, 2026. Deacon Charles Walden is the Director of Religious Education (DRE).

**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, August 30

**Regular Offertory: \$6,800.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$943.00**



### Upcoming Second Collections

- Catholic University - September 5 & 6
- Seafarers & Truckers - September 12 & 13
- Property Insurance - September 19 & 20

### Mass Attendance - Adults/Children

Saturday, 8/29/2026 - 4 pm - 108 | 4

Sunday, 8/30/2026 - 8:30 am - 143 | 40

Sunday, 8/30/2026 - 11:00 am - 121 | 20

Sunday, 8/30/2026 - 5:30 p.m. - 62 | 21

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Total = [519] 434 | 85

## 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 7 - Fr. Godfrey Andoh

Sept 8 - Fr. Anthony Arguelles (R)

Sept 9 - Frs. Charles Arthur & Philip J Audet

Sept 10 - Fr. David Milton Maria Augustin HGN

Sept 11 - Fr. Mike Austin

Sept 12 - Frs. Sergio Balderas & Greg Barras (R)

Sept 13 - Fr. Hyginus Boboh SSJ

## Mass Intentions

Monday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 7, 2026

Diocese of Biloxi  
Seminarians

Tuesday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 8, 2026

Those who work with  
special needs children

Wednesday,  
6:00 pm  
Sept 9, 2026

Dolores Dauth +

Thursday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 10, 2026

Poor Souls in  
Purgatory

Friday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 11, 2026

Rosanne M  
Frommeyer +

Saturday,  
4:00 pm  
Sept 12, 2026

Isabelle Hill +

Sunday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 13, 2026

Erwin Laviolette, Sr. +

11:00 am

Robert "Petey" Morel +

5:30 pm

St. Clare Parishioners  
& Citizens of Waveland

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

## the RESCUE project

The Rescue Project is an immersive multi-week small group experience designed to proclaim the Catholic gospel (the Kerygma) in a compelling, comprehensive way.

Led by Fr. John Riccardo, a priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit, the project focuses on sharing the overarching story of God's love and why Jesus came to save humanity.

- We will host two sessions per week.
- Sessions will begin on
  - Tuesday, 8 Sept 2026, 9:30am and again on
  - Thursday, 10 Sept 2026, 6pm.
- We will have 9 sessions

It builds a biblical worldview by centering each weekly session around three core pillars: food, conversation, and prayer.

## the RESCUE project

## The St. Clare Draw Down is less than one month away.



We need to have all tickets returned to us as soon as possible. If you are unable to purchase or sell the ticket, that is okay. We can do that for you, but we need to have the ticket in hand. If you have misplaced the ticket, please contact the Parish Office during the week or see someone at the table in the hallway before or after Mass on the weekends. They can help you with that. Thank you!

The Church and Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2026 following the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Have a safe and blessed holiday.

**WE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
LABOR DAY**



## 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 12 - St. Mary, Gautier**  
**September 26 - St. Thomas, Long Beach**

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

## PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF THE

# *Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

September 12

Grant, we pray,  
almighty God, that,  
for all who celebrate  
the glorious Name  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
she may obtain your merciful favor.  
Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



## Saints for the Week

- **St. Teresa of Calcutta**  
Sept. 5 ~~ Mother Teresa  
Nun who dedicated her  
life to helping the  
poorest of the poor in  
India.
- **Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**  
Sept. 8 ~~ The Feast  
reminds us of Mary's  
special role in God's plan  
and her example of  
humility and faith.
- **St. Peter Claver**  
Sept. 9 ~~ Jesuit Priest  
who ministered to  
enslaved people in South  
America.
- **St. John Chrysostom**  
Sept. 13 ~~ Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
famous for his powerful  
preaching.

# Happy Birthday

Caleigh Chapman, Evan Peterson, Cathy Allain  
Katelen Pagano, Grayson Adam, Grove Alleman  
Waren Culpepper, Ava Garcia, Nancy Sandel  
Steve DiNapoli, Charles Walden

## Over 50's Monthly Activities

- Sept. 6 - (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) Left, Right, Center at St. Clare beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Sept. 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) Fellowship Luncheon at Yun Long Buffett in Waveland meet at 11:30 a.m. Dutch Treat.
- 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 5:30 p.m.

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

# SEPTEMBER

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

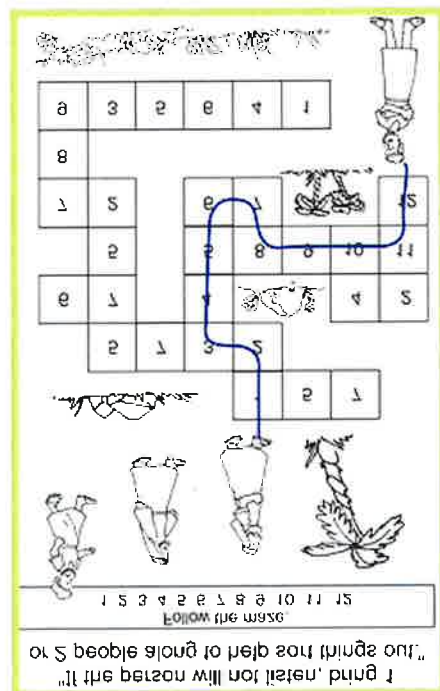
The Gift Shop at St. Clare is well visited before and after weekend Masses and during office hours throughout the week. In order to keep this shopping location open, we must have volunteers. Please prayerfully consider giving a little bit of your time on the weekends or during the week. Thank you!  
Deb Bourgeois (985-285-1625 ) is the point of contact.

## 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



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Sunday Morning Music Ministry

### PIANIST NEEDED

FOR THE 8:30 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

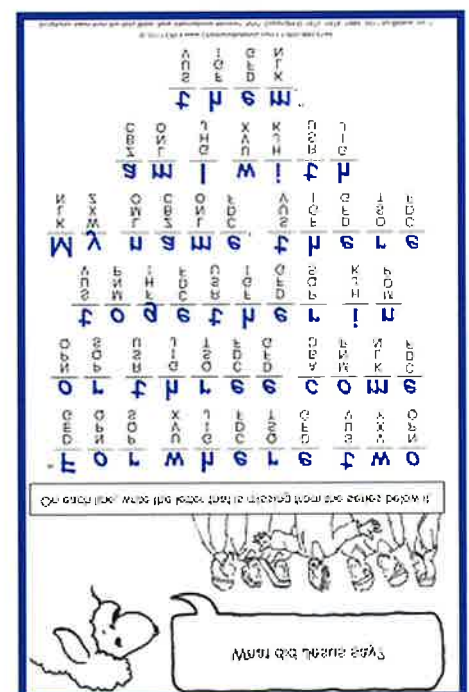
**Do you have a passion for sacred music?**

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.

**Make a joyful noise • join us!**  
Help lead our parish in prayer through music.

**INTERESTED? CONTACT CATHY ALLAIN**  
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