# Saint Clare Catholic Parish

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Askeaton-Greenleaf-Wrightstown

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Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

### THE SPIRIT WORKING AMONG US

Some time ago, when I was living in a larger city, I was asleep at night when I heard a voice say "You need to go check your property." It was as clear as could be, and yet, there wasn't anybody else in the house whose voice it was. Since I was now awake, I went ahead and walked thru the house til I could see the end of my driveway thru my dining room window. Just then, a car pulled up and stopped and two men got out and started walking up the driveway to the house. I turned on the front porch lights and the men immediately turned around and went back to the car and left. It's my belief that it was God's voice (or an angel's, maybe) that I heard, and it was God who kept me and my family safe that night.

Anonymous

Coord. Of Disciple Form.....Anne Stemper

Music & Liturgy..... Theresa Reynders

#### Submit an Article for The Spirit Working Among Us

Just go to our website—www.stclareagw.org—and click the button on the home page "Click to Submit" and your article will go anonymously to Fr. Brian. You can also email your info to bwideman@stclareagw.org, and indicate whether or not you would like your name published. Only Fr. Brian will see your submission.

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls on a Saturday, so it is not a holy day of obligation. **However,** there will be a 4:00pm Mass offered on Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary Greenleaf.



### **Communion for Homebound**

If you or a family member want to receive Holy Communion but cannot attend Mass, please contact the Parish

Office. We can make arrangements to bring Communion to the home or care facility of the affected person.



Greenleaf 54126

Wrightstown 54180

St. Clare Parish This Week and Next						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> The Holy Family	27 Parish Office Closed	28 Holy Innocents	29	30 Parish Office Closed	31	1 Mary, Mother of God
8:00 Online Mass 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR	7:40 Rosary WR 8:00 Liturgy of the Word WR	7:40 Rosary WR 8:00 Mass WR	7:40 Rosary AS <b>No 8:00 Mass</b>	7:40 Rosary WR <b>No 8:00 Mass</b>	No 8:00 Mass No Adoration or Confessions	Epiphany
	No Bible Study	No 5:30 Mass	No Adoration or Confessions	No Adoration or Confessions	Mary, Mother of God	4:00 Mass AS 5:30 Mass WR
					4:00 Mass GR	5.50 Mass WK
2 Epiphany	3 Parish Office Closed	4	5	6	7	8
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### FAITH SHARING | WORSHIP | SACRAMENTS

	MASS	TIMES	CONFESSION
Sat.	4:00pm 5:30pm	Askeaton Wrightstown	& ADORATION
Sun.	8:00am 8:00am	ONLINE at stclareagw.org Greenleaf	<i>Wednesdays</i> 8:30-9am @ Askeaton
	10:00am	Wrightstown	Thursdays
Wed.	8:00am 5:30pm 8:00am 8:00am 8:00am	Wrightstown Greenleaf Askeaton Wrightstown Greenleaf	8:30-9am @ Wrightstown <i>Fridays</i> 11:00-Noon @ Greenleaf (Confessions 11:30-Noon)

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 25 *Christmas* 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Ebert & Klister Families W	D
Sunday, December 26 *Holy Family* 8:00 am St. Clare Community <i>ONLINE</i> — stclareagw	.org R
Monday, December 278:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Communion	R
Tuesday, December 28*Holy Innocents*8:00 amW5:30 pmNO MASSG	R R
Wednesday, December 298:00 amNO MASSA	S
Thursday, December 308:00 am NO MASSW	R
Friday, December 31*Mary, Mother of God*4:00 pmStanley & Florence KabatG	R
Saturday, January 1*Epiphany*4:00 pmBilly Verbeten, Don Rietz, Ron Rietz, and Debbie StrennA5:30 pmOrville GossenW	LS R
Sunday, January 2*Epiphany*8:00 am St. Clare CommunityONLINE — stclareagw8:00 am Glenn "Red" EhnerdG10:00 am For Those Struggling with DepressionW	R

#### **Seminarian Vocation Prayer Ministry**

Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Carl & Delores Frelich

This week's	daily intentions:
Sunday:	Nicholas Vande Hey
Monday:	Nicholas Huza
Tuesday:	Brendan Keane
Wednesday:	Nicholas Klika
Thursday:	Olivier Ndorimana
Friday:	Robert Reynebeau
aturday:	Kyle Rohan
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Jan. 2-8: Laura Heimerl

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### <u>Baptism</u>

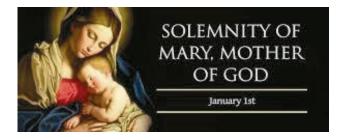
Please welcome in faith and prayer the newest member of our Catholic family, **Emory Grace Gerrits**, daughter of Breanna and Nicholas. Emory was baptized on Saturday, December 18th. Congratulations!



#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Buildings & Grounds**—Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00pm, Wrightstown

Knights of Columbus—Thursday, January 14 at 7:00pm, Greenleaf



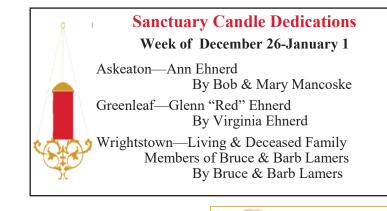
### **Greenleaf Church Cleaners Needed**

Due to health and family situations, a couple of cleaners at Greenleaf have needed to discontinue their ministry. We are in need of a few people to take their place. It would entail an hour or 2 of your time once every 7-8 weeks.



We have several families who spend time together in this important ministry. Have you or your fami-

ly considered donating your time to help clean our Churches? To learn more about volunteering, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email. Thank you!



### **ST CLARE PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**

If you need prayers for any reason, please call one of our Prayer Chain Leaders, who will then contact members of the prayer chain. Our Prayer Chain Leaders are: **Dolores Farrell**—920-864-2470, **Jane Kleineschay**—920-471-9661, **Lori Wiese**—920-609-2759, or **Lisa** @ the Parish Office—920-864-2550.



Bible Study occurs every Monday

**morning at 8:30** in the server sacristy at Wrightstown. Join Deacon Ken for insightful reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings.

### COME, FOLLOW ME!

### St. Clare Disciple Formation

This Week's Discipleship Formation Calendar

December 29 – No Sessions

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Today, December 26th, 2021, is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and

Saint Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christians families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others.

The Feast teaches us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and about each one of us and our own families is called to share and love as the Holy Family modeled for us.

### The 12 Days of Christmas

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" song was used to secretly pass on the ideology of Christianity. Each gift is said to symbolizes a different aspect of the faith.



The Partridge in the Pear Tree is **Jesus** Christ.

The 2 Turtle Doves are the two main parts of the Bible.

The 3 French hens are the three theological virtues.

The 4 Calling Birds are the **four gospels or the four evangelists.** 

The 5 Golden Rings are the **first five books of the Old Testament.** 

The 6 Geese A-laying are the six days of creation.

The 7 Swans A-swimming are the **seven gifts of the** Holy Spirit and/or the seven sacraments.

The 8 Maids A-milking are the eight beatitudes.

The 9 Ladies Dancing are the **nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.** 

The 10 Lords A-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

The 11 Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful apostles.

The 12 Drummers Drumming are the **twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.** 

### St. Clare Catholic School

### Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, well-beloved Son of the Blessed Virgin and foster Child of St. Joseph, we most fervently implore Thee,



through Mary Thine ever-blessed Mother and St. Joseph Thy foster father, take our children under Thy special charge and enclose them in the love of Thy Sacred Heart. They are the children of Thy Father in Heaven, created after His own image; they are Thy possession, for Thou hast purchased them with Thy Precious Blood; they are temples of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified them in Baptism and implanted in their hearts the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

O most loving Jesus, rule and guide them, that they may live according to the holy Catholic Faith, that they may not waver in their confidence in Thee and that they may ever remain faithful to Thy love.

O Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus, grant to our children a place in thy pure maternal heart! Spread over them thy protecting mantle when danger threatens their innocence; keep them firm when they are about to stray from the path of virtue; and should they have the misfortune of falling into mortal sin, oh, then raise them up again, reconcile them with thy Divine Son and restore them to Sanctifying Grace.

And thou, O holy foster father St. Joseph, do not abandon our children! Protect them from the assaults of the wicked enemy and deliver them from all dangers of soul and body.

O dear parents of the holy Child Jesus! Intercede for us parents also, that we may bring up our children in the love and fear of God and one day attain with them the Beatific Vision.

#### Amen.

### Christmas Break Ends January 2nd Return to school on Monday, January 3rd

School Leadership Team:	(920) 532-4833
Lea Vande Hey	stclareschool@stclareagw.org
Cathy DeGroot	cdegroot@stclareagw.org
Mary Smits	msmits@stclareagw.org

Diocesan Department of Catholic Schools:	
Todd Blahnik, Superintendent	(920) 272-8273
Jane Schueller, Associate Superintendent	(920) 272-8284

### **Liturgical Ministers**

#### Saturday, January 1, at 4:00 pm—Askeaton

Lector	Brenda Brick
Servers	Mathias Brick
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Brenda Brick
Ushers	John Rotzenberg, Rick Rotzenberg
Music	Gloria Kennedy, Lisa Kohlman
Greeter	Barb & John Rotzenberg
	Jane Steinberger

#### Saturday, January 1, at 5:30 pm—Wrightstown

Lector	Peter Van Rossum
Servers	
Distributors	Fr. Brian
Music	Theresa Reynders, Theresa Farrell
	Peter Van Rossum

#### Sunday, January 2, at 8:00 am-Greenleaf

Lectors	Bonnie Crossman (1st), Jerry Kabat (2nd)
Servers	Blake Delsman, Travis Hunt, Ben Treml
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Michelle Koltz
Ushers	Beau, Austin, or Geoff Koltz
Music	Belles Choir
Greeter	Mike McMahon
Sacristan	Anne McMahon

#### Sunday, January 2, at 10:00 am-Wrightstown

Lectors	Karmen Lemke (1st), Sarah Kinate (2nd)
Servers	Michael & Andrew Besel, Andy Kinate
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Fr. Carl
Ushers	Bill Ehnerd, Bernie Vander Heiden,
Music	
	Lisa Kohlman, Dan Verbeten
Greeters	Kathy Roebke, Betty Kabat
	Dean Swoboda

### **Scrip Sales**

Askeaton —January 1 Peggy Fritsch, Holly Brick **Greenleaf**—January 2 Angie Van Zeeland, Theresa Smits Wrightstown—January 2 Judy Ward



### **Tax Year 2021 Contribution Deadlines**

We are very grateful for your continued support of St. Clare Parish. If you plan to make donations to the parish for the 2021 tax year, those gifts must be dropped at the Parish Office on or before De-



cember 29, or placed into any of our church collection boxes no later than December 31. Mailed donations must be post marked no later than December 31. Due to tax laws, we are not allowed to make any exceptions.

**Church Cleaners** 

Askeaton—December 26

Mike & Cindy Gerrits

**Greenleaf**—January 1-2

Connie Clancy & Family

Amy & Mike Hendricks

Wrightstown—December 27

Steve & Doris Lamers & Family

Jan. 1-2: Dan & Sally Fox, Steve Lamers

Wrightstown Snow Shovelers Dec. 27-Dec. 31: Boyd Hartjes,

Happy Holidays!!

Dan & Sharon Gerrits, Ione Gerrits,

If you have questions, please call Lisa at the Parish Office.

#### **Parish Office Schedule for the Holidays**

December 27 December 28-29 December 30 January 3

Closed Open 8:30-4:30 Closed

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Beginning Tuesday, January 4, the Parish Office will return to normal hours-Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:30.

### PARISH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT — as of November 30, 2021

2021-22 Operating Budget		Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budgeted	Difference
	Offertory	251,252	244,946	6,306
μ	Tuition & Registration	150,277	149,620	657
NCOME	Fundraising (Net)	64,940	53,573	11,368
N	Other	20,493	15,995	4,498
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	486,962	464,133	22,828
	Personnel	366,019	413,035	47,016
ES	General and Office	60,048	54,232	(5,816)
N.	Buildings & Grounds / Utilities	40,741	42,167	1,426
EXPENSES	Diocesan and Other	35,731	32,345	(3,386)
ш	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	502,539	541,778	39,240
	NET OPERATING INCOME	(15,577)	(77,645)	62,068

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Deferred Maintenance & Improvement (DMI)

Funds Received To Date	One-by-One Campaign	100,508
	Ongoing DMI Collection	123,277
ReF	Other	10,000
TOTAL DMI FUNDS RCV'D To Date		233,785
TOTAL DMI FUNDS SPENT		(13,014)
BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE		220,771

#### **Ongoing Diocesan Collections Totals**

Seminarian Appeal	\$9,925
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,816
Hurricane Ida Relief	. \$1,280
World Missions	. \$1,703
World's Poor	\$150
Missionary Co-op	\$1,345
Retired Religious	\$60

SCRIP Profits

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	2021-2022	2020-2021
ovember	3,064.47	3,560.37
ear to Date, End of November	12,410.16	13,380.49

## CATHOLIC LIFE



St. Clare Knights of Columbus **Pancake and Porkie Breakfast** 

Sunday, January 23, from 8:30-Noon Wrightstown Campus

**Tell your family! Bring your friends!** 





St. Clare's Care Ministry is a bridge for those seeking to connect the compassion of Jesus to those in need.

Call the Parish Office for more information.

### Weekday Mass Intentions

We have lots of openings available in 2022 for weekday Mass Intentions.

Masses can be offered for the deceased. for the living, for special intentions... just about anything. There is a \$10 sti-

pend for each Mass intention, and this goes to help cover the cost of liturgical items like: bread, wine, altar candles, incense, and so on. If the stipend presents a hardship for you, just contact Fr. Brian.

To schedule a Mass intention or to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, please contact Lisa at the Parish Office by phone or email with your request.

### **Next NEW Homeless Shelter Meal is January 23**

Volunteers are needed to serve meals at the Homeless Shelter.

If you are unable to help serve, monetary donations toward the cost of meals are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped in the collection box at church or mailed to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your dedication to this service mission of our Parish.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Kristi Nelson at 920-309-0119 or email kristinelson34@gmail.com . Thank you. L.....



#### **SCRIP** Availability Schedule Stock up for Christmas!!

Askeaton: SCRIP—after the Saturday 4:00pm Mass Greenleaf: SCRIP—after the Sunday 8:00am Mass SCRIP-at Parish Center on Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am Wrightstown: SCRIP—after the Sunday 10:00am Mass

St. Clare School: SCRIP—on Wednesdays 8:00-11:00am

If you have questions, please call the Parish or School Office.

### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Occasionally, winter weather slows us down, even in the Church. So if the weather appears too hazardous and you wonder if Mass will go on as scheduled, please follow these guidelines:

DAILY MASS (and Monday Communion Service) - If the Wrightstown School District cancels school because of winter weather, Mass will be cancelled for that day and the Mass intention will be reassigned.

WEEKEND MASS - In the event driving conditions are deemed unsafe for travel, check your email, text messages, the parish website or Facebook page to see if any or all weekend Masses are cancelled. Again, all Mass intentions will be reassigned.

### SAVE THE DATE !!

Saturday morning, February 12, 2022

St. Clare's Sweet Stroll and Cakewalk



Looking for donations of: Candy

Cookies



Sweet Confections Fancy decorated cakes for the Cakewalk

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.



### **Monthly Prayer Intentions:**

**Pope Francis:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Bishop Ricken: That men and women of faith may be awakened by the Holy Spirit to share their relationship with Jesus Christ with others.

### Sunday Masses Available for Viewing on TV and listening on Relevant Radio



**Heart of the Nation Catholic** Mass is celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Seminary

in Milwaukee, WI every Sunday. You can watch Heart of the Nation Catholic Masses each Sunday Morning at 5:30am on WBAY-Ch 2 8:00am on WCWF-Ch 14.

Locally, Sunday Mass with Bishop David Ricken airs 7:30am on WFRV-Ch 5 or on-line at wearegreenbay.com

You can also listen to Sunday Mass at 9:00am on 1050AM Relevant Radio.



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