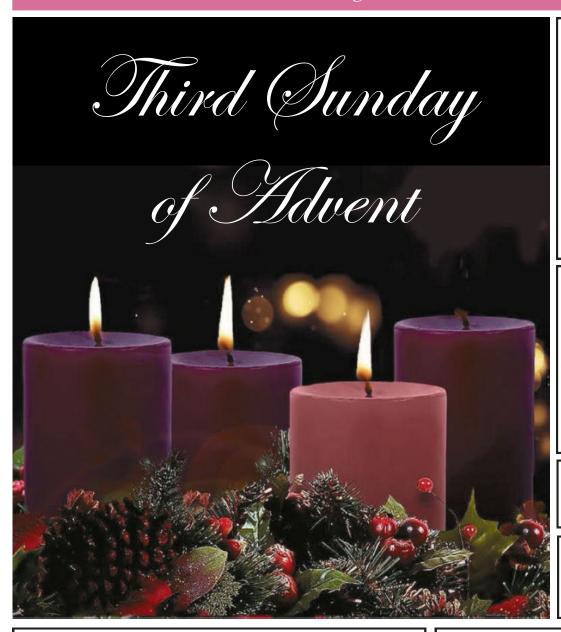
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Mass Times

Sat. 4:00pm Askeaton 5:30pm Wrightstown

Sun. 8:00am ONLINE at stclareagw.org

8:00am Greenleaf 10:00am Wrightstown

Tues. 8:00am Wrightstown

5:30pm Greenleaf Wed. 8:00am Askeaton

Thur. 8:05am Wrightstown

Fri. 8:00am Greenleaf

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Wednesdays 8:30-9:00 @ Askeaton

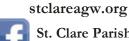
1st & 3rd Thursdays 8:30-9:00 @ Wrightstown

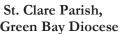
Fridays

11:00-Noon @ Greenleaf (Confessions 11:30-Noon)

CHURCHES OPEN

Wrightstown M-Sat 7:30-4 Greenleaf M-Th 8:30-4





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PARISH HAPPENINGS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, DEC. 19 6:30pm @ Wrightstown

Upcoming Meetings:

School Advisory Board:

Tuesday, December 17 at 5:15 pm Wrightstown

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm Greenleaf

Finance Council:

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm Greenleaf



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31 6:30pm Mass @ Wrightstown

Wednesday, January 1

4:00pm Mass @ Greenleaf

Bible Study

You're invited to join Deacon Ken and the Bible study group every Monday morning at 8:30 in the Wrightstown

server sacristy for insightful reflections on the Sunday Scripture readings.

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St. Clare Parish This Week and Next						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Third Sunday of Advent	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00 Mass online 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR	7:40 Rosary WR 8:00 Liturgy of the Word WR 8:30 Bible Study WR	7:40 Rosary WR 8:00 Mass WR 5:15 School Adv Board WR	7:40 Rosary AS 8:00 Mass AS 8:30 Adoration & Confessions AS	7:40 Rosary WR 8:05 Mass WR 8:30 Adoration & WR Confessions WR	7:40 Rosary GR 8:00 Mass GR 11 Adoration GR 11:30 Confessions GR	
	6:00 Taize Service GR	5:30 Mass GR 6:00 Mixed Choir Practice WR 6:30 Charismatic Prayer Gp GR	6:00 Finance Council GR	6:30 Advent Penance Service WR		Fourth Sunday of Advent 4:00 Mass AS 5:30 Mass WR
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	23	24	25 Christmas	26 St. Stephen	27 St. John	28 Holy Innocents
8:00 Mass online 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR	7:40 Rosary WR 8:00 Liturgy of the Word WR 8:30 Bible Study WR	7:40 Rosary WR 8:00 NO Mass WR Parish Office Closed	8:40 Rosary AS 9:00 Mass WR Parish Office Closed	7:40 Rosary WR 8:05 Mass WR NO Ador/Conf WR	7:40 Rosary GR 8:00 Mass GR 11 Adoration GR 11:30 Confessions GR	
	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	Holy Family
		Christmas Eve Masses 4:00 Mass WR 5:30 Mass AS 10:00p Mass GR	No Flame of Love Rosary	6:00 Holy Hour WR		4:00 Mass AS 5:30 Mass WR

ST. CLARE SCHOOL & DISCIPLE FORMATION



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425 Main St., Wrightstown, 54180 920-532-4833 stclarek8.org

St. Clare Disciple Formation Program

2218 Day St., Greenleaf, 54126 stclareagw.org/dfhome

Wed. Dec. 18 — Grades 9-12 — 6:30-8 PM in GR

This Week's Disciple Formation Calendar

Important Upcoming Dates at St. Clare School:

- December 23-January 1 No School: Christmas Vacation
- January 17 Early Dismissal and End of 2nd Quarter
- January 27-31 Catholic Schools Week

Wrightstown Area Food Pantry

Items needed: Rice, Pasta (egg noodles/spaghetti) Spaghetti sauce, Juice, Peanut Butter & Jelly.



Red envelopes are located in the back of church marked "Food Pantry." Please put these in the collection boxes.

Please make checks payable to Wrightstown Area Food Pantry.

We are searching for sponsors to help pay for the eggs each month. If you have questions regarding the cost of the eggs, please contact Peggy at (920) 428-5457 or Theresa at (920) 371-7411.

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, **Lori Wiese**—920-609-2759, or **Elaina** @ the Parish Office—920-864-2550

December Prayer Intentions:

Pope Francis: FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

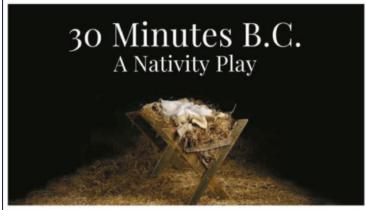
Bishop Ricken: FOR A SEASON OF HOPE: May the promise of the Lord's infinite love and mercy be for us a beacon of hope to a world filled with darkness, so as to transform us to walk as people of light.

Steubenville Youth Conference: July 11-13 in Rochester, MN. We currently have two openings for youth to

We currently have two openings for youth to join us for the trip and are in need of a male chaperone.

Please contact Anne for more information or to sign up.





30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

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Next NEW Homeless Shelter Meal is December 22

Volunteers are needed to serve meals at the Homeless Shelter. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding ministry!

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 by email at kristinelson34@ gmail.com.



TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 21	at 4:00 pm—Askeaton
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Lector	Lori Schiegg
Servers	Abigail and Venna Schiegg
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Deacon, Peggy Fritsch
Ushers	Brad Schiegg, Mark Cleven
	Theresa Farrell, Gloria Kennedy
Greeters	Peggy Fritsch, Allison Koehn
Sacristan	Donna Wall
Advent Candle	Matt & Holly Brick Family

Saturday, December 21 at 5:30 pm—Wrightstown

Lector	Shawn Puzen
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Deacon, Barb Lamers
Music	Ann Vanden Wymelenberg, Lisa Kohlman
Sacristan	Barb Lamers

Sunday, December 22 at 8:00 am—Greenleaf

Lector	Peggy Hohenstein
Server	Benjamin Treml
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Deacon, Susan Klister
	Will Zemple, Steve Cohen
Music	Adult Choir
Greeter	Jerry Kabat
	Peggy Hohenstein

Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 am—Wrightstown

Sunday, December 2	2 at 10:00 am—wrightstown
Lectors	Diane Roundy
Servers	Landon Sprangers
Distributors	Fr. Brian, Fr. Carl, Deacon, Diane Roundy
Ushers	Pat Van De Hey, Gary Vander Heiden,
	Ken Vander Heiden, Volunteer Needed
Music	Mixed Choir, Theresa Reynders
GreetersDic	k & Mary Ann Sharkey, Bryn Romenesko
Sacristan	Deacon
Advent Candle	Randy Lemke Family

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Parish Support - Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

November 18-November 24, 2024

November 10 November 24, 2024		
Description	Amount	
Envelopes	\$ 6,186	
Loose Collection	\$ 487	
Children's	\$ 55	
Online/ACH Giving	\$ 1,214	
TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION	\$ 7,942	
TOTAL BUDGETED WEEKLY NEEDED	\$ 13,724	
YTD BUDGETED NEED	\$ 244,962	
YTD ACTUAL COLLECTION	\$ 202,245	
Fiscal YTD Surplus/Deficit	\$ (42,717)	
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Scrip Sales

Askeaton-December 21 Holly Brick Peggy Fritsch

Greenleaf-December 22Courtney Wranosky

Wrightstown-December 22 Judy Ward

Church Cleaners

Askeaton-January 5Wiegert Family
Brenda Brick

Greenleaf–December 28-29
Cathy Stenzel & Family

Wrightstown–December 23
Jerry & Lois Gremore
Pam Martin Family

Snow Plowers and Shovelers

GR December 2-29: Ron Fritsch

WR December 16-20: Boyd Hartjes, Mark Uitenbroek, Randy Lemke

December 21-22: Cory DeCleene, Dave Farrell **December 23-27:** Dave Van De Hey/Sons

December 28-29: Gary Vander Heiden, Jeff Vander Heiden



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TAX YEAR 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINES

Your continued financial support of St. Clare Parish is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!! If you plan to make donations to the parish for the 2024 tax year, they must be dropped at the Parish Office on or before December 30, 2024, or placed into any of our church collections boxes no later than December 31, 2024. Any mailed donations must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2024. Due to tax laws, we are not allowed to make any exceptions. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office and ask for Kyle or Kelly.

Thank you again for your continued support!

FAITH SHARING | WORSHIP | SACRAMENTS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14 4:00 pm †Henry & Dorothy Prasnicki 5:30 pm †Jim Coenen	AS WR
Sunday, December 15 8:00 am St. Clare Parish Community 8:00 am †Donald Gussert 10:00 am †Aggie Paider	stclareagw.org GR WR
Monday, December 16 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word with Commun	nion WR
Tuesday, December 17 8:00 am †Anna Mae and Dan Micke 5:30 pm †Leroy Rukamp	WR GR
Wednesday, December 18 8:00 am †Jerry Wall and Gary Wall	AS
Thursday, December 19 8:05 am Living & Deceased Members of the Paul Van De Hey Family	e WR
Friday, December 20 8:00 am †Delores Bergs	GR
Saturday, December 21 4:00 pm †Robert & Margaret Kozlovsky 5:30 pm †Betsy Theunis-Martin and Bill & Ruth Theunis	AS WR
Sunday, December 22 8:00 am St. Clare Parish Community 8:00 am †Melvin Bastian	stclareagw.org GR

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - December 15, 2024 "Rejoice in the Lord always." (Philippians 4:4)

10:00 am †Jim & Bernice Boylan, Charlene Kocian,

and Roger Boylan

Help your children recognize the joy that comes from God's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life. This joy can signal a calling to share His love with others.

Discuss this joy as a family and reach out to our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Mark Mleziva at gbvocations.org.

Seminarian Vocation Prayer Ministry

December 15-21:

Bud Bowers/Josh & Katie Berg

This week's daily intentions:

Sunday: Matthew Schumacher Monday: Benedict Wood Tuesday: **David Martens** Wednesday: Benjamin Erickson Thursday: Samuel Kurth Friday: Charles Maternoski Saturday: Jacob Mongan

December 22-28:

Joe & Leanne Bowers/Joe & Leslie Durocher

ADVENT IN THE HOME

The prayer below goes with the lighting of three candles on your home Advent wreath: two purple candles and the pink one. The prayer takes just a minute, but it helps us stay focused on this season of preparation and hopeful waiting.



The first two purple can-

dles and the pink one are lit and we pray: O God, as we light these candles, we pray that the joy which filled the Virgin Mary at the coming birth of Jesus, would fill our hearts and minds as well. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In next week's bulletin, there will be a different prayer for lighting the Advent candles.

Baptism



Please welcome in faith and prayer the newest member of our Catholic family:

Cecilia Lynn Feldkamp

daughter of Bethany & Steven Feldkamp, was baptized Sunday, December 8, 2024 in Wrightstown

Congratulations!



WR

Save the Date! Women of Worth's next gathering is on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 6:30-8PM at the Parish Center Hall. Wife, mother, active community and parish member Karmen Lemke will be sharing a talk on Renewed in Hope - Jubilee Year 2025. Join in on the joyful conversation and faithfilled fellowship!

gbvocations.org

The Flame of Love Rosary

Will not be prayed this month with Christmas falling on the 4th Wednesday.

Sanctuary Candle Dedications December 22-28:



Askeaton—In Memory of Michael Clark

By—Gary and Jacky Clark

Greenleaf—Jim & Bernice Boylan

By-Janet Blauert

Wrightstown—Robert & Margaret Kozlovsky

By—Chris Ehnerd

CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST. CLARE



Christmas Flower Memorials

Are you looking for a special way to remember departed loved ones this Christmas season? Consider donating in their name toward the beautiful poinsettias that grace our churches every year. Their names will be printed in the Christmas Eve/Day bulletin insert.

The donation deadline is December 18. There are

four ways to make a donation in memory of a loved one:

- Place your donation in an envelope labeled "Christmas Flowers and Decorations" along with your name and the name of the person(s) you're remembering. Place the envelope in the collection basket.
- Your envelope packet includes a green envelope for this donation: place it in the collection basket, as usual.
- Donate online to the "Flowers" fund. This can be done either through stclareagw.org or our school website: stclarek8.org.
- Visit the Parish Office and make your donation in person.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office: office@stclareagw.org or (920) 864-2550

Christmas 2024

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24

4:00pm @ Wrightstown* 5:30pm @ Askeaton

10:00pm @ Greenleaf

Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25 9:00am @ Wrightstown

*There will be a single 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass this year; however, folks will be able to gather in both the church and the church hall at the same time.



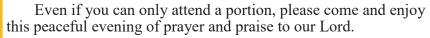


Mon., Dec. 16, 6pm at Greenleaf

Come for an evening of quietly prayerful singing and silence, surrounded by candles as we await the coming of our Savior.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR DISCIPLES ON THE WAY Thursday, December 26 6:00pm (new time) — Wrightstown

This is a beautiful opportunity offering scripture readings, Adoration, prayer, reflection time, and a little singing—all in an hour.





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In the Hospital?

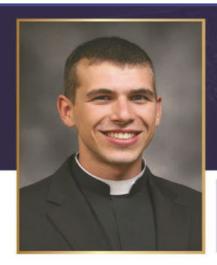
If you or a loved one is staying at the hospital, please let the Parish Office know.

With privacy laws, hospitals may or may not let us know you are with them (even if you ask the hospital to contact us), nor are hospitals free to give the Parish information about you as a patient (even if we ask).

If you'd like the Parish Office to know of your situation, please contact us directly at (920) 864-2550.

2024-25 DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS

Each Sunday we'll highlight a different seminarian. Please pray for them!



Nathan Budde Seminary

St. Francis de Sales Seminary 3257 S. Lake Drive St. Francis, WI 53235-3702 Year Configuration III

Parish St. Mary Parish, Ledgeview Birthday March 6

Contact nbudde@sfs.edu



Which saint should people invoke for your vocation?

St. Thérèse of Lisieux. I recently read "Story of a Soul" and found her words and experiences nourishing for my spiritual life.

Coffee or tea?

Coffee. I prefer its taste and enjoy the many different kinds of drinks that can be made with it.

If Jesus drove a vehicle during his public ministry, what would it be?

In his ministry, Jesus was poor and humble yet traveled with his disciples to society's margins. I think his car would reflect that: used, reliable, able to carry passengers, and handle rough terrain. While I am hesitant to name a specific car, this might describe a black 2012 Toyota Rav4.

What is your ideal way to spend the Lord's Day?

I would start my day by sleeping in a little later than usual followed by praying a Holy Hour and attending Mass. Then, I would take my time drinking coffee and preparing a large brunch for my friends or family. The rest of the day would be spent in solitude outside, such as fly fishing for trout or hiking.

If you could celebrate Mass anywhere in the world, where would you and why?

I would celebrate Mass in the Sistine Chapel. During my first year of theology studies, I was privileged to be able to travel to Rome with other theologians at St. Francis de Sales Seminary and visit the Sistine Chapel after hours. The beauty of the chapel's paintings and architectural design were amplified by the silence and our ability to slow down to pray with its artwork. If I could celebrate Mass anywhere, I would do so in that beautiful, historic chapel.

What spiritual book or author has most influenced your journey of discipleship?

I have read "Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul," on and off many times throughout my journey of discipleship from high school to this present moment. As I reflect back on my spiritual life, I can see how St. Faustina's description of her relationship with Jesus has shaped my understanding of prayer as being a conversation. In her diary, St. Faustina records many conversations she has with Jesus.

Many of these include regular visions of Jesus and audible words of his. Other times, she describes hearing Christ as a voice in her soul. For her, prayer was a conversation in which she shared all of her thoughts, feelings, and desires with her spouse, Jesus, and he spoke back. While I am in no way comparing my spiritual life to that of a saint, her writings did inform my own way of praying in a way that is more conversational and honest with Jesus.

How is the Eucharist meant to foster unity in the Church?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "You become what you eat?" Usually someone says this in reference to one's diet: if I eat food that is good for me, filled with vitamins, minerals, and proteins, my body will become strong and healthy; if I eat food filled with sugar, fats, and salt, my body will become unhealthy and weak. We are formed by what we eat. Just as our bodies are formed by the physical food we eat, so too, our souls are conformed to the spiritual food we eat. The Eucharist is the spiritual food by which each of us is united to Jesus Christ and conformed to his heart. Jesus offers himself as food so that we can become like him.

In each and every Mass, Catholics consume the same body and blood of Jesus Christ. We are not just unified by the fact that we partake in the same external ritual. Rather, we are united because each of us are becoming more closely conformed to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through our reception of the Eucharist. The Eucharist unifies the Church because by partaking in the Lord's Supper, we become what we eat.



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