

Saint Clare CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Love God, serve God, everything is in that”



January 23rd, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor

Deacon TJ Wild

Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Prayer Chain Contacts

Joyce Willis 629-2573 or

Sherry Reed 629-7535

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.

*If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon.
For your convenience, we have blue “Let Us Know” cards in back of church.*

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)



PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)



SECOND READING

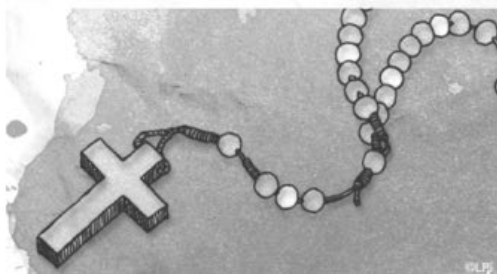
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)



GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're Invited!

Congregation Messengers of Fatima, located at 150 Hwy WW (just behind the VFW), invites everyone in the parish to join them to celebrate the Vietnamese New Year and the 2nd order of vows to be taken by three of the Brothers. Celebration will begin on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 6pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Rivituso. After Mass, dinner will be served and games played to celebrate their New Year. No need to RSVP as ALL are welcomed.



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

— Lk 4:18a, 19

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LIVE THE LITURGY **Inspiration for the week**

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
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- What do you call a sad cup of coffee? Depresso.
- What did the shy rock wish for? To be a little bolder.

Everyday Stewardship

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



World Marriage Day

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on **February 13, 2022 at 2:30 pm**. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family—the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life.

World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 13th.

Catholic Services Food Pantry

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month
 3 - 5 pm



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon	1/24	8:00 am	Mass
Tues	1/25	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	1/26	8:00 am	Mass
Thurs	1/27	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	1/28	8:00 am	Mass
Sat	1/29	3:30 - 4:15 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
Sun	1/30	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

Readings For The Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41



January 22nd — January 30th

WEEKEND, JANUARY 22ND & 23RD

SAT. 4:30 PM † POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
 SUN. 8:00 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH
 10:30 AM † FRANCIS OVERSCHMIDT

MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH

8:00 AM † CHARLENE SUNTRUP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH

8:00 AM † REV. ROBERT E. LAMPERT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

8:00 AM † JAMES ED HAYNES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH

8:00 AM † JAMES G. SCAMMELL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28TH

8:00 AM † LEGION OF MARY

WEEKEND, JANUARY 29TH & 30TH

SAT. 4:30 PM † MAE VEASMAN
 SUN. 8:00 AM † MARY ALICE BRUEGGEMANN
 10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - JANUARY 29TH & 30TH

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
1/29 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Jenny Via	—
1/30 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Ava Horton	—
1/30 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Volunteers	—	Dan McLaughlin	—

1/30 Collection Counters: — Betty Hinson, Joyce Willis, Nicole Hinson, Michele Geatley



WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

May God Provide Health and Comfort to:

January

Charley Garthoeffner, Jason Byerley, Jeremy Hopkins, Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter) John Wilinski, Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer, James Charboneau, Sandi Stahl, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett, Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister, Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.

December

Tom Osterkamp, Nathan Chase, John Vogelgesang, Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Rachael Putnam, Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna, Larry Perkins, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks, Rodney Bryan, Patti Smith, Pauline Ware Scheer, John Evans and Dalton Via.

November

Coach Perry, Bernard Unnerstall, Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor, Mary Suntrup, Hugo Vaden, Carol Krassing, Andrea Moore, Loraine Shaw, Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel:



Captain Gionna Casatelli — Us Army,
SGT Ian Ives — US Army,
SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy,
Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF,
Jason Burton — US Navy,
Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF,
SGT Cameron Earley — US Army,
SGT Tyler Earley — US Army,
Clay Fisher — US Marines,
James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army,
Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF,
Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy.
MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” —(NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

STEWARDSHIP

Week of January 16th

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,913.00
Loose Collection	64.05
Total Money For Operating Capital	\$ 2,977.05

Restricted Funds

St. Clare Catholic Services	270.40
Initial Offering	15.00
Cemetery Care	420.00
St. Louis Review	245.00
Parish Improvements	70.00
Total	\$ 1020.40

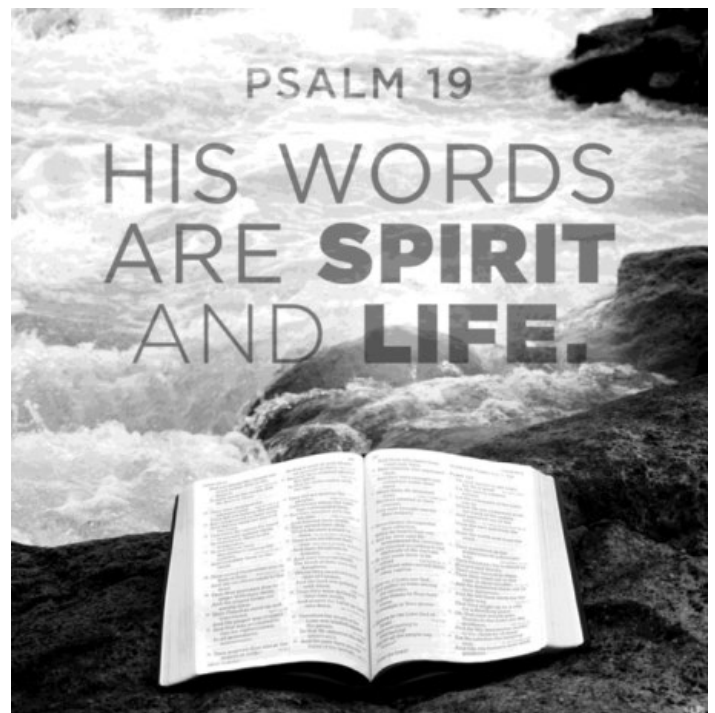
Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 9,548.05

January Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! — Study

In today’s Gospel we hear from St. Luke who is writing about Jesus and His teachings so that he can get to know Jesus better and help to share His message. We can’t give what we don’t have, and we can’t grow closer in our relationship with Jesus unless we communicate with Him and study His teachings and His life. We can do this through Scripture, through the saints, and through each other. “Please, Holy Spirit, inspire all of us to hunger for increased knowledge of Christ. Amen.”



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