



# St. Clare Parish

May 1, 2022

*A Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit  
to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning*

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**Sacraments** - Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) for more information on sacramental preparation.

### Weekend & Daily Mass:

Saturday - 5pm  
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am  
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am  
As of Mar. 12, 2022, masks are optional in the church and social distancing is no longer available.  
Visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) to view pre-recorded Sunday Mass.

**Reconciliation** Saturdays from 4pm - 4:30pm in the church or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

**Matrimony** Six month preparation required. Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

**Baptism for Infants** Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults, Teens & Children** Contact Kim Zea.

## A Warm Welcome To All Who Worship with Us

Whether you are a long-time parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the information below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

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**Weekly Reflection**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 May 1, 2022

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me? ©LPi

**Fr. Don's Musings . . .**

Last weekend, we had 16 of our high school students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Peter Smith at our 10:45 Mass. This week we have about 30 of our younger parishioners receiving their First Holy Communion. These students received their First Reconciliation back in February and now they are receiving Holy Communion. I'm proud of them.

Do you remember what the seven Sacraments are? Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. Sacraments are visible signs, instituted by God, that give us invisible grace. God gives us grace in LOTS of ways but the Sacraments are special ways that God gives us grace.

In Holy Communion (Eucharist), the visible sign is receiving the bread and wine that has become the Body and Blood of Christ. God instituted it at the Last Supper, and it gives us the grace of union with God. As we eat the Body of Christ, together we become the Body of Christ. Our job is to be the Body of Christ to those around us, to bring Christ's goodness to our world. As St. Augustine said, "we become what we receive."

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion recipients this weekend. May they always experience the closeness of Jesus in their lives as they continue to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. ~ Fr. Don

**Week-at-a-Glance**

<b>Saturday, Apr. 30 1st Communion Weekend</b>		
5:00pm	Vigil Mass	Church
<b>Sunday, May 1</b>		
8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass	Church
<b>Monday, May 2</b>		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
<b>Wednesday, May 4</b>		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
<b>Thursday, May 5</b>		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
<b>Friday, May 6</b>		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
<b>Saturday, May 7</b>		
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass	Church
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>		
8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass	Church



Saturday, May 7 2-4pm  
 Come and spend a few minutes with the Lord in prayer.  
 Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

**Scripture Readings**

**4th Sunday of Easter**  
 May 8, 2022

Reading 1 - Acts 13:14, 43-52  
 Psalms - PS 100:1-2, 3, 5  
 Reading 2 - REV 7:9, 14b-17  
 Gospel - JN 10:27-30

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



**Attention: Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick**

If you have any unused pyxes at home after taking communion to the homebound, please return them to the Sacristy. Thank you.



## Deacon Bill Goes to the Movies . . .



I had the chance last Tuesday to head to Bridgeport Village to catch the new movie, called *Father Stu*. The movie has an R-rating and is not for kids because of language and excessive violence, but that was what *Stu Long* was all about until he settled down and let God into his life. It is based on a true story about Father *Stu Long* who was ordained a priest after being formed at Mount Angel Seminary here in Oregon right down the road from us.

The movie depicted a life changing story of a person searching for a meaning in this life and only finding it in God and then still staying connected to God even after contracting a disease that would cause loss of mobility and eventually an early death. There were many good Christian themes depicted in *Father Stu's* story such as forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation and acceptance of suffering.

*Father Stu* is a 2 hour and 4 minute movie. I, for one, judge a movie by looking at the time to see how much longer it will be until the end. Even though I knew the story before hand, I never checked my watch once to see how much time was left.

Mark Wahlberg who starred, produced, and put his own money into the picture, took on this six year project, because as he stated, "this really resonated with me." Just for that fact alone, to advocate for a Christian-based movie, it is well worth going to see.



Thursday, May 5

Many thanks to all who contribute!			
Weekly Offertory Report			
	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.17.22	\$9,023	\$8,654	\$369
April Total	\$31,184	\$25,962	\$5,222
Fiscal Year 21-22	\$380,510	\$363,468	\$17,042
Goal for FY 21-22: \$8,654 needed weekly to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.			
Easter Collection (not included in above totals) = \$9,816.10			

## Pastoral Council



### PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS OUR HELP!

It is time to select qualified parishioners, who are committed to the faith and its work, to membership on the Pastoral Council which helps our pastor to shepherd our community.

Do you know a member of St. Clare Parish who has the passion and care for the mission of the church and for the care of God's people? Nominate them. Nominate yourself if you feel called. Nominations will begin May 7-8 and continue through May 21-22.

Watch for a detailed flyer next weekend for ways to discern your nominees and on how to nominate them. In July of this year, when we start the new fiscal year, we will welcome new members to the Pastoral Council.

Let's pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to come upon us.

## Community Life



Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, May 7  
9:30-11am Clare Room  
(downstairs at the parish office)

Sisters in the Spirit is the informal women's ministry of St. Clare Parish. Women of all ages are invited and welcome to join us as we return to our meetings on the first Saturday of each month. Come meet other parish women for prayer, sharing, connection and, of course, coffee or tea! Questions? Please contact Sheila at [petermcullen@comcast.net](mailto:petermcullen@comcast.net).



# *First Holy Communion*

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Matilda, Mikayla, Zara, Claire, Keelan, Kinley, Maren, Marilyn, Jill, Luca,  
Luke, Alexandria, Felix, Hathaway, James, Jack, Charlotte, Lauren,  
Claire, Andrew, Angus, Avery, Miguel, Colin, Theresa, Penelope, Tate,  
Henry, Owen, Liam, Oscar and Fiona



to our New Catholics who received the Easter Sacraments  
at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 16, 2022!

Shannon Clune Shawn Downey Carrie Smith Juliete Uwamahoro





## Adult Faith Formation

### ***Small Group Study: The Holy Spirit***

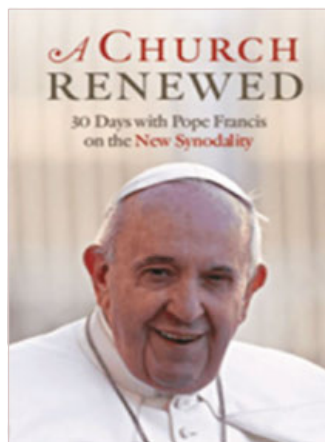
*Begins on Thursday, May 5 9:15 - 10:30am*

*Clare Room downstairs at the Parish Office*

*So, who is the Holy Spirit in your life and what does he mean to you?* The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God and Jesus, will not come into our lives without an invitation. He wants to live within us, to comfort us and to teach us. He wants to help us on our journey, but we must ask him to guide us and direct us.

Throughout Lent, a group of St. Clare parishioners gathered each week for fellowship, learning and reflection. This is a lively group always excited to discuss with each other many different topics of the church and their faith. On Thursday, May 5, we will begin a new series focused on the Holy Spirit in our lives. All are invited to come and are welcome to join us whenever available.

This new study will include a series called, *Wild Goose*. “Wild Goose” was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This 14-part series features Fr. Dave Pivonka, a Franciscan priest from the University of Steubenville. The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter or renewed encounter with the Holy Spirit.



During the second part of each session, there will be a discussion on the book, *A Church Renewed* by Pope Francis. Our focus for this series is: *What is it that the Holy Spirit is calling us to do in this current time in the church?*

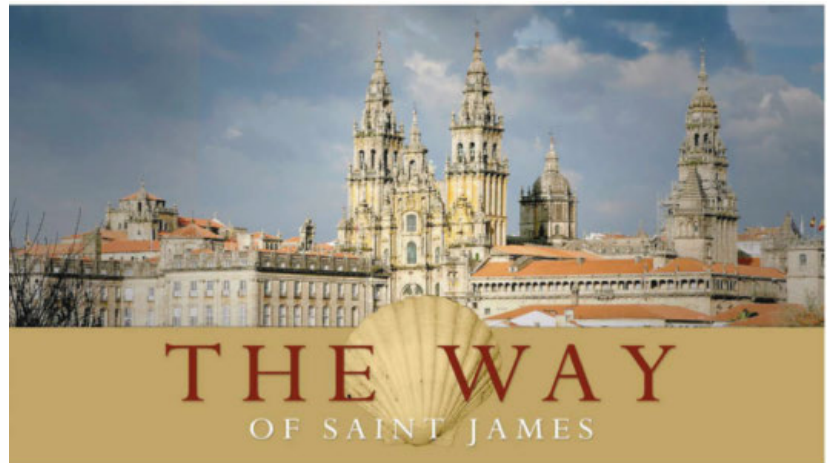
For more information or questions, please contact [kim@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:kim@saintclarechurch.org).

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WATCH

### THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



The  
**ACTS OF THE  
APOSTLES**



### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

LEARN

LISTEN

### REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



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