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MARCH 7, 2021

3rd Sunday

OF LENT

The woman said to him,
"I know that the Messiah is coming,
the one called the Christ;
when he comes, he will tell us
everything." — John 4:25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:30am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Suspended at this time

CONFESSION

By appointment only
Call the parish office to schedule

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60 Electronic Donations	\$2,485
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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

First time parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation session, preferably during the pregnancy. Please plan to attend one of these reflective and supportive sessions which are offered on the first Thursday of February, April, August, and November at 7:00pm. Contact the parish office to register.

Matrimony

Engaged couples must make an appointment with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

Any parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick should contact the parish office.

Holy Eucharist for the Sick & Homebound

Arrange for a visit or receive Holy Communion by contacting the parish office.

MEMBERSHIP & CATECHESIS

Parish Membership

If you would like to join the parish, please see Fr. George. Parishioners leaving or moving are asked to contact the parish office.

Hospitalized Parishioners

If you know of a parishioner in the hospital or have a planned hospitalization, please let the parish office know. HIPPA laws do not allow hospitals to call us.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR passes on the faith to St. Clare children in elementary school (grades 1-8) who are not attending Catholic schools. PSR meets Sunday mornings September through April. Contact the parish office to register or to learn how you can become part of this ministry.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

A process that provides instruction in the Catholic faith. Meetings are from September through Easter. Contact the parish office for information.

OUTREACH

Prayer Line

Provides prayer for those in need.

Contact the parish office: 513.541.2100

Email: prayer@saintclareparish.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Assists neighbors in need in the parish and neighborhood community.

Contact: 513.205.3046

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

TODAY'S STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a lifechanging relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Victory P. Lescano.**

Mass INTENTIONS

MON 8 **No Communion Service**
Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Luke 4:24-30

TUES 9 8:30am **Rita Jacquemin**
Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Matthew 22:34-40

WED 10 8:30am **Karen Bongiorno**
Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

THUR 11 8:30am **Suzie Milz**
Readings: Jeremiah 7:23-28
Luke 11:14-23

FRI 12 8:30am **James & Caroline Philpot**
Readings: Hosea 14:2-10
Mark 12:28-34

SAT 13 8:30am **Bob Wanstrath**
Readings: Hosea 6:1-6
Luke 18:9-14

SAT 13 4th **Sunday of Lent**
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Saturday 5:00pm **Fr. George Pat Muldoon**

SUN 14 Sunday 8:30am **Fr. George Lescano Family**

Sunday 10:30am **Fr. George Darlene Biedenbach**

JOIN US FOR
ONLINE MASS

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Even though public liturgies have resumed, the faithful are dispensed from their obligation to attend Mass.

St. Clare is livestreaming weekend and weekday liturgies. Follow this link to view:

<https://www.saintclareparish.org/livestream>

Spiritual Communion

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion during this time, you can make this prayer of Spiritual Communion, a source of grace in the midst of difficulty:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

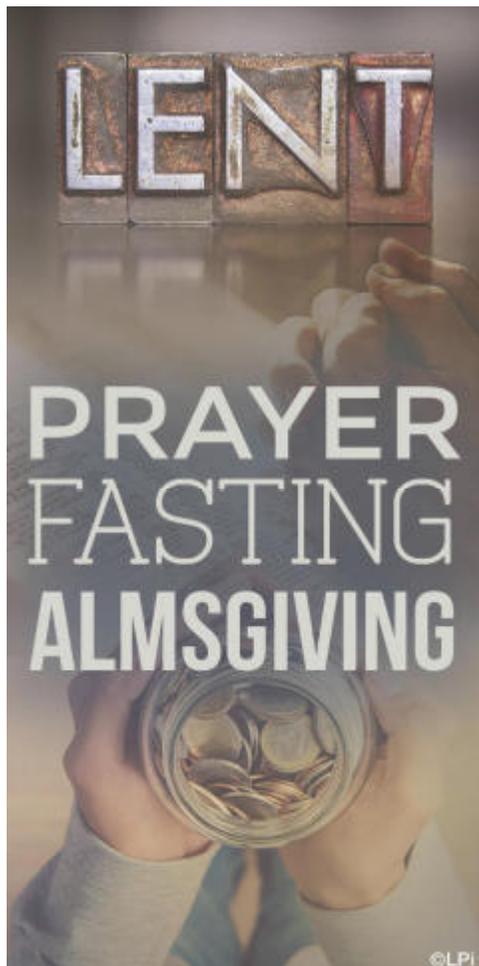


Time Changes Sunday, March 14

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 14. Be sure to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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PALMS

Wondering what to do with those old blessed palms? Drop them in the basket in back of church. We will burn them and use the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service next year.



SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR



Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood were threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world?

Visit <https://www.csricebowl.org/> to learn more.

Like a Good Neighbor . . .

**Lessons from the Bible
as selected by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti**

**“When you gather the grapes of your vineyard,
do not glean what is left;
it shall be for the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow. (Deut 24:21).**



Submitted by the Peace & Justice Commission

REFLECTING ON THE READINGS FOR MARCH 7, 2021

First Reading

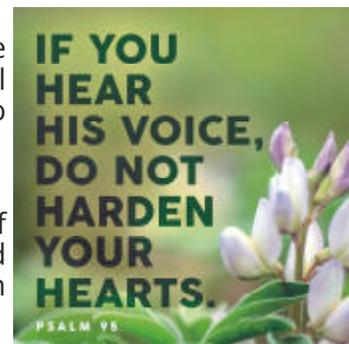
Is the Lord in our midst or not? In the Exodus reading, the Israelites grumble about their experience in the desert. Their thirst represents Israel's real question, “Why did God make us leave Egypt?” Yahweh responds graciously to the needs of the people.

Second Reading

We are at peace with God through Christ. The wonder of God's free gift of salvation in Jesus is subject of the passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans. God responds to our need with compassion and mercy. God's love is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Whoever drinks the water I give, will never thirst again. In the story of the Samaritan woman, Jesus uses water as a symbol of God's revelation and God's Spirit. The exchange between Jesus and the woman causes conversion to take place. The woman identifies Jesus several times, each time with greater understanding. First, he was a Jewish man, then a prophet, and finally she makes a comment about the Messiah.



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Does what you read feed your mind, heart and spirit?

Join us as we discuss

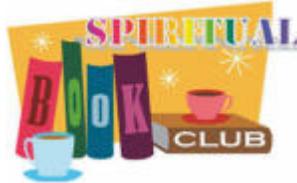
Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor

by Jana Riess

Monday, April 5

7:00-8:30pm

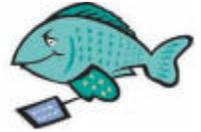
Church Conference Room.



This wry memoir tackles twelve different spiritual practices in a quest to become more saintly, including fasting, fixed-hour prayer, the Jesus Prayer, gratitude, Sabbath-keeping, and generosity. Although Riess begins with great plans for success (“Really, how hard could that be?” she asks blithely at the start of her saint-making year), she finds to her growing humiliation that she is failing—not just at some of the practices, but at every single one. What emerges is a funny yet vulnerable story of the quest for spiritual perfection and the reality of spiritual failure, which turns out to be a valuable practice in and of itself. You will need to get a copy and read it before April 5 (and yes, you can still come even if you don’t finish it!).

NO Friday Fish Frys

In light of the concerns around COVID-19, we have made the decision to not hold our annual Friday Fish Frys during Lent this year.



SHARE SOME EASTER JOY!



We will not be able to do “Pick ‘n Egg” this year as we remember those who are Sick/Homebound. Instead, we would like to ask that you share some Easter Joy by sending a card & note to one or more of them. Please contact Marge for a name & address: MargeBischoff@fuse.net or call 513.541.0699.

Conversion of the Heart

Sunday, February 21, 104 people (14 from St. Clare) participated in the zoom presentation given by Deacon Royce Winters.

Through prayer, Scripture and faith sharing we explored if “we are who we say we are”—Christians living the gospel message of “love your neighbor” as we deal with the racial tension in our society.

A follow-up presentation is being planned for Sunday, May 16. Mark your calendar now. It will be open to everyone, not just those who participated in this first one.

STAY CONNECTED

St. Clare Parish Livestreaming Roku Channel



We are happy to announce that St. Clare Parish has its very own Roku Channel!

Now you can watch our live streamed Masses, as well as our archived Masses on demand right from the comfort of your TV. (Archived Masses will take 24-48 hours to upload to our account.)

To add our channel to your Roku box or smart TV, simply go to “add channel” and type in **St Clare Parish**.

Helpful Tips:

- You do not need to type a period “.” after St
- If you select the “live” feed on the Roku channel before St. Clare is actually live, it WON'T auto start the video feed when we do go live. It isn't like a TV channel where it just works. You have to back out of the live feed and go back to the St. Clare Roku Channel's menu and try the live feed again. If you just sit on the white/black message that says “This broadcaster is currently not streaming”, it will stay like that even when we do eventually go live. **You have to restart that feed to get it to work.**
- If you miss Mass live that day, but want to watch it shortly after the missed Mass, the Roku Channel won't show the archive. Roku only updates overnight, so if you miss Sunday's live Mass, you have to wait until Monday to find the archive in the Roku Channel. So the only way to watch an archived video of Mass the same day it was live, you have to use our website to find the archive.

Additional information about ROKU:

<https://support.roku.com/article/208756388> and <https://support.roku.com/article/360007223934>

NEWS & INFORMATION



St. Clare's One Faith, One Hope, One Love Update

Thank you for your continuing generosity to the historic One Faith, One Hope, One Love capital campaign! Our parish's most recent rebates came to \$3,653.00, bringing our total share so far to \$101,758.

We wanted to share with you all the ways this campaign has directly benefited St. Clare.

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| JPII scholarships and tuition aid | WiFi system for the Undercroft |
| High School Aid | Lawn equipment |
| Asphalt repair and line striping | Refinish floor in parish center |
| Repair of church steps | Paint interior of parish center |
| Repair and service church organ | Landscaping by St. Clare sign |
| Water heater for undercroft & church | Sacristy roof repair |
| School roof diagnostics | EPIC - Adult Education |
| Church boiler repairs | Parish Center HVAC repairs |
| Plumbing upgrades in parish center | Waterproof Rectory Masonry |
| Compressor for church boiler | Isiah Study Sets - Adult Education |

Overall, across all participating parishes in the Archdiocese, the campaign has raised \$161 million in pledges! Of this amount, over \$137 million has been received in payments. More information and updates about the campaign can be found online at www.1faith1hope1love.org.

STAY CONNECTED



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. And to do this we are using a new, simple service called FLOCKNOTE. Like sending "notes" to your "flock".

Use this link to sign up for emails:

<https://saintclareparish.flocknote.com/>

This is all totally free for you to use and it's going to also make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by email updates.



St. Clare App

With the completed redesign of our parish website, we have a free app for your Apple iPhone/iPad and Android smartphone! If you currently use the old Diocesan myParish app, be sure to switch over to this app. The **"WeConnect Parish App"** gives you easy access to our bulletins, Clarions, recorded homilies and watching Mass online. It also has many other features including Mass times, push notifications for announcements, daily readings, contact information for the staff, and so much more!

Search for the **"WeConnect Parish App"** on your device's app store. If you use an Apple device, you can also text **"ParishApp1"** to 800.950.9952. Android users should text **"ParishApp2"** to 800.950.9952. If you have trouble, feel free to ask Darin for help.

NEWS & INFORMATION

Preparing for Holy Week & Easter Sunday

As we approach closer and closer to spring, we find ourselves halfway through Lent already and only a few weeks from Holy Week and the joys of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Below you will find our schedule of liturgies for Holy Week (March 27 - April 4, 2021). With the pandemic safety protocols still in place, we ask that parishioners register to attend Mass on Easter Sunday (8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on April 4) like we did for Christmas. This way, we can better anticipate the crowd and maximize our seating capacity in church safely. Look for the link to the SignUp Genius registration in future bulletin blurbs and in our March Flocknote email that will be coming soon!

We will, of course, continue to live stream all of our liturgies from our parish website (<https://www.saintclareparish.org/livestream>) for those who are unable to attend in person.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 27 - 5:00 p.m.

March 28 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

April 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

April 2 - 2:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

April 3 - 8:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4 - *8:30 a.m. & *10:30 a.m.

***Easter Sunday Mass times in red above require registering to attend through the SignUp Genius link, which will be provided in the coming weeks via the bulletin and in our March Flocknote email .**

Introducing Beacons of Light:

Pastoral Planning for our Third Century

Archbishop Schnurr has announced the next phase of pastoral planning called "Beacons of Light." The process is designed to foster vital parish life throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, leading all to radiate Christ in our homes, places of work, schools, parishes and the wider world. Sign up at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter> to receive the free Beacons of Light e-newsletter which will provide monthly prayers, reflections and planning process updates.



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