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Monday–Thursday 9:00am–4:00pm

Friday 9:00am–1:00pm

office@saintclareparish.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

DAILY MASS

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:30am

CONFESSION

By appointment only

Call the parish office to schedule

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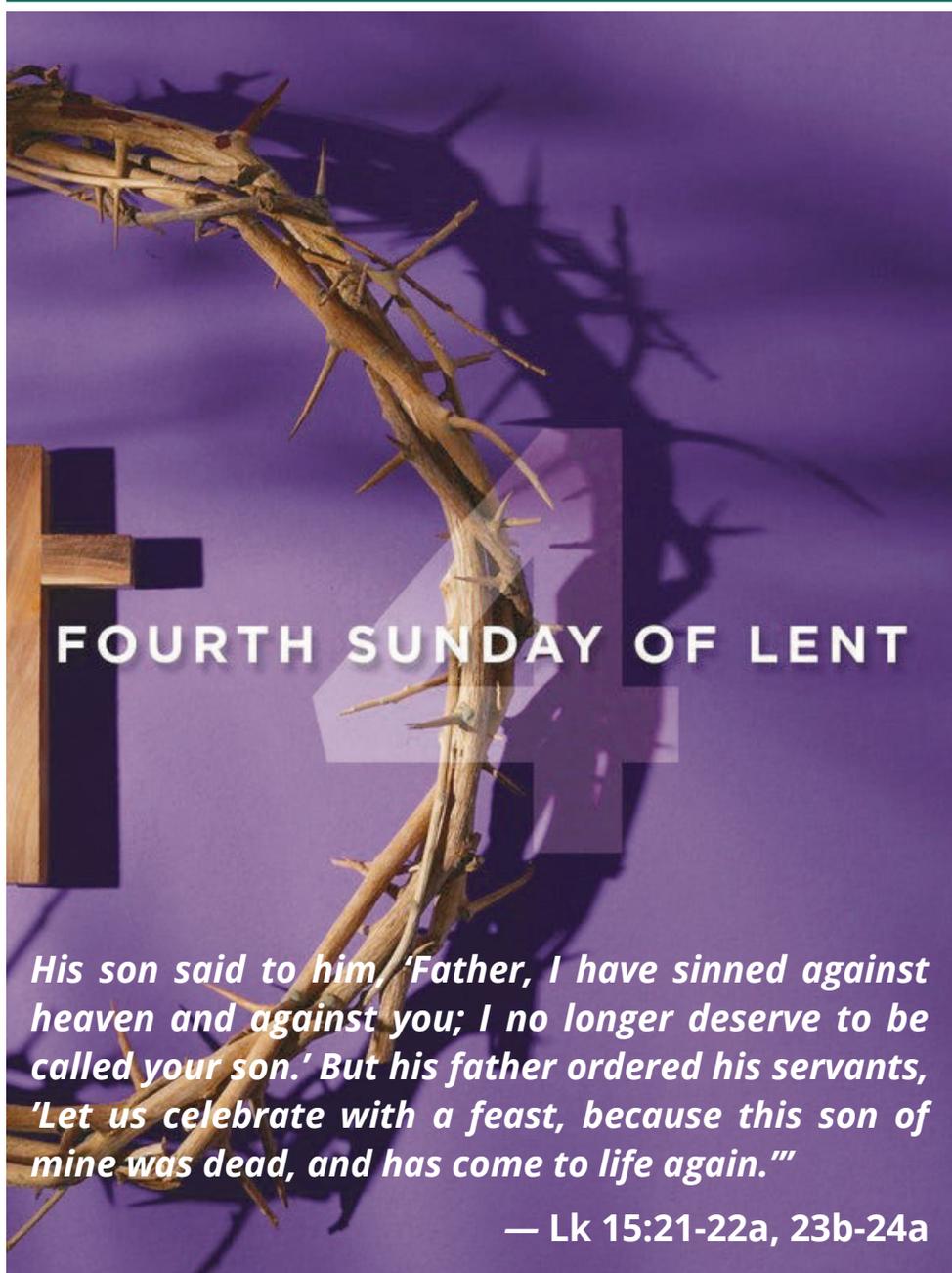
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MARCH 27, 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

— Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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| Total | \$6,702 |

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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 (option 4)

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

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Henrietta Zint.**



**MON
28**

No Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

**TUES
29**

8:30am **Jim Wellman**
Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

**WED
30**

8:30am **Mary Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

**THUR
31**

8:30am **Deceased members of the
George T. Smith family**
Readings: Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

**FRI
1**

8:30am **Barb Luken**
Readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**SAT
2**

8:30am **Ignatius Ang**
Readings: Philippians 3:8-14
Luke 12:32-34

**SAT
2**

5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Saturday
5:00pm

**Fr. George
Jeanne Groom**

Sunday
8:30am

**Fr. George
Leroy Jacquemin**

**SUN
3**

Sunday
10:30am

**Fr. Bob
Alvin Hanson**



Parish Council at St. Clare

The Purpose of the Council is to represent the people of the parish community in the process of making evaluations and recommendations that will help the pastor and the pastoral staff to make decisions and take action to improve the quality of parish services and parish life. The Council shares with the pastor the responsibility for the quality of parish life. As Beacons of Light unfolds, we will fill two positions on council with volunteers. If you are interested in being considered a candidate for Parish Council, please contact Fr. George or Kevin Redmond. Also, Fran Meyer will be stepping down as recording secretary after 17 years of service. If you might be interested in this position, contact Fr. George or Kevin Redmond.

Lenten Penance Service

St. Clare Lenten Penance Service will be held on **Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00pm.**



Join the Easter Egg Dyeing Fun!



Everyone, young and young-at-heart, is welcome! Palm Sunday, April 10, we will be dyeing Easter Eggs in the undercroft of the church after the 10:30 Mass. Just bring 2 or more dozen hard-boiled eggs and your creativity. Donate one dozen to Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly and take the rest home. We will provide the supplies, including coffee, juice and sweet treats. Have all the fun with none of the mess to clean up at home.

Early Bulletin Deadline!

Due to Holy Week & Easter, please submit articles to the parish office for the **April 10 Palm Sunday** bulletin no later than **Friday, April 1**, and the **April 17 Easter** bulletin no later than **Thursday, April 7.**



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

What's In Store for Us as Christian Shoppers?

We shop for groceries, clothing, household items, school supplies and other necessities. We shop by pushing a cart through the aisles or by clicking on-line. We can share the **Shopping** time with God, the fourth category (column four) in our Living Stewardship matrix. Of course, we should thank God for the abundance of shopping choices and ask God's blessing for those whose labor and ingenuity bring this abundance to us. We should be courteous, patient and respectful shoppers. However, a true Lenten mindset compels us to pray, think and act for a spiritual scrutiny of our shopping habits.

Such scrutiny may confront us with two of the most serious challenges to personal virtue and social justice: materialism and consumerism. Materialism is an excessive concern for stuff, be it material wealth, luxury items, status symbols, all kinds of gadgets and trinkets. Consumerism is an excessive concern for maintaining or increasing our purchasing power, that is the ability to buy more than we need, or worse, more than we can afford. We must remember that all worldly things come at a cost that may far exceed the money price we pay to own and use up material items. Materialism and consumerism cause a lot of costly damage, such as damage to our health and general well-being, damage to the environment, and damage to workers who may be abused or even enslaved. During Lent, we pray to become more responsible, more restrained shoppers. We should think about ways to get by with less so we have more to share with others. We should actively cultivate shopping habits that seek to protect the natural world, protect workers in the production process and protect ourselves from worshipping things instead of God. Jot your prayers, ideas and action items on the Living Stewardship matrix. Make them your Lenten shopping list.

DRIVEN BY A DREAM



Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Rice Bowls will be collected in a special basket during the Holy Thursday liturgy, or you may drop your offering in any collection after that. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

OUR BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS 2022

Due to the pandemic, U.S. household hunger surged in March and April 2020 as workers lost jobs and children began missing meals when schools closed. Black and Latino families suffered disproportionately. In order to truly end hunger, measures that overcome systemic racism and gender inequity must be put in place for those who struggle with hunger. Thanks to your support, Bread for the World advocated for improvements in SNAP and other safety net programs - and hunger decreased. Please pick up letters (in the back of Church), sign and return them on Holy Thursday or go to bread.org, then "Offering of Letters", then "write to congress" to send one electronically.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR MARCH 27, 2022

First Reading

After the Israelites settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), no longer was there any need for the "manna" from heaven. As the season of Lent continues, what have you been able to let go of?

Second Reading

Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God. Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

Gospel Reading

In Jesus' parable of the lost (prodigal) son, which character do you most resonate with, and why?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

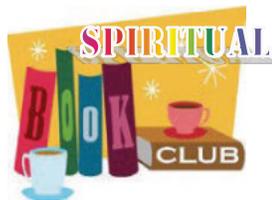
Join us as we discuss

Women of Hope

by Terry Polakovic

Monday, April 4, 7-8:30pm,

Church Conference Room



Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, in her most troubled and turbulent times, God has raised up great saints as beacons of hope in the midst of darkness. Among these great saints, the four women Doctors of the Church stand out as models of courage, wisdom, and trust. "Trust shows the way," wrote Saint Hildegard of Bingen. These words set the courageous standard by which she, Teresa of Ávila, Catherine of Siena, and Thérèse of Lisieux lived. In *Women of Hope*, Terry Polakovic introduces these amazing women and describes the troubled times in which they lived and persevered. These women remind us that God can work through anyone to bring about his purpose. They prove to us that, as Christians, we can live in confident hope, no matter the circumstances in which we find ourselves. You will need to get a copy and read it before April 4 (and yes, you can still come even if you don't finish it!).

Bible Study

Women's Bible Study:

It's Up to You!

Jump into spring/summer and refresh your spiritual life through bible study and discussion! Interested in being part of a small-group study with other women? The suggested structure would be five or six sessions over May/June/July for about an hour each session. Specific dates and time will be determined based on interest. Potential scripture studies to use are: *A Call to Justice with Amos/Hosea/Micah* (Joe Paprocki, Six Weeks with the Bible Series) **or** *Questions Jesus Asks* (Stephen Binz, Threshold Bible Study Series). If you want to participate, contact Donna in the parish office (513.541.2100 or dbooker@saintclareparish.org) with your name, email, and the day(s) of the week and time(s) you are willing and able to meet. Also let her know your preference between the two books or other suggestions you have. Those who respond will be contacted to finalize plans and dates. Please respond by April 15!



Praying and Advocating for Peace in Ukraine

◆ Wear the blue and yellow ribbon you received each time you come to church as a visible reminder that, as parish, we support Ukraine and peace in Eastern Europe. And wear it often as a reminder that what is happening in Ukraine impacts the entire world and as reminder to ourselves and others to pray constantly for the end of the conflict.

◆ **Sign a petition to Senators Brown and Portman** stating that "We are concerned about the Russian attack on Ukraine and ask that you continue to advocate for US support for Ukraine on our behalf". These will be available at the church doors.

◆ On **Tuesday evening, March 29**, the St. Clare Peace and Justice Commission invites everyone to **join together in praying the rosary** for peace in Ukraine. We will meet in church at 7:00pm. Even if you can't be present, you can join us in praying the rosary wherever you are. The children of Fatima were asked by the Blessed Mother 105 years ago to pray the rosary for peace to bring an end to World War I. We follow that example by praying the rosary for peace in Ukraine. Joining together our prayers are multiplied. If 50 people join us in praying the rosary on Thursday, that will be 2,500 Hail Marys for peace! To join us in spirit, **fill out the slip below and put it in the box marked "Rosary for Peace"** found at the front church doors. Thank you for your prayers for our sisters and brothers devastated by this war in Ukraine.



I can't be at church, but I will join in praying the rosary for peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, March 29.

Name: _____

St. Clare Parish



Saturday, April 2nd
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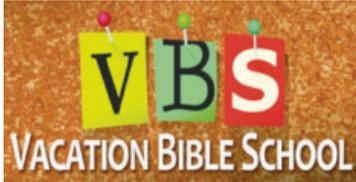
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Will Vacation Bible School (VBS) return to St. Clare this summer?



It's up to YOU! VBS has been a fun, informative, and inspiring way to bring the Good News to our young children. We've not held VBS for a few years due to the pandemic, yes, but also due to our need for one or two caring adults to step into coordinating it upon the retirement of leadership in 2019. Traditionally, we have used Concordia VBS Starter Kits to provide the materials needed to organize the activities and volunteers. They have a few choices for themes and content of VBS. The kits help coordinators make a quick start in a new ministry. Please contact Donna in the office (541-2100, dbooker@saintclareparish.org) to find out how YOU can make a difference to get VBS rolling again!

St. Clare Fish Fry is back!

**Fridays from 5:00pm — 7:30pm — Parish Center
Volunteers Needed — Will you help us this year?**

Check out **SignUpGenius** by going to the St. Clare website at www.saintclareparish.org, select Events/Fish Fry, and then click on the **SignUpGenius** button. Or you can call the parish office.

Questions: contact **Callie Hodapp** or **Carrie Clouse** at stclarefishfry@gmail.com.

High School students are encouraged to help and can receive service hours.

The Fish Fry will continue each Friday through **Friday, April 8.**
There will NOT be a Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 15.



CALENDAR

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|----------------------------|---------|--|---------------|
| Tuesday, March 29 | 7:00pm | Rosary for Peace in Ukraine | Church |
| Wednesday, March 30 | 9:00am | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach | Undercroft |
| | 7:00pm | Lenten Penance Service | Church |
| Thursday, March 31 | 10:00am | Bible Study — First Corinthians | Café |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal | Church |
| Friday, April 1 | 5:00pm | Fish Fry | Parish Center |
| Saturday, April 2 | 9:00am | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach | Undercroft |
| | 7:00pm | Trivia Night | Parish Center |
| Sunday, April 3 | 9:35am | Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John | Café |

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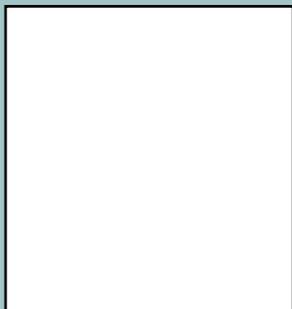
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