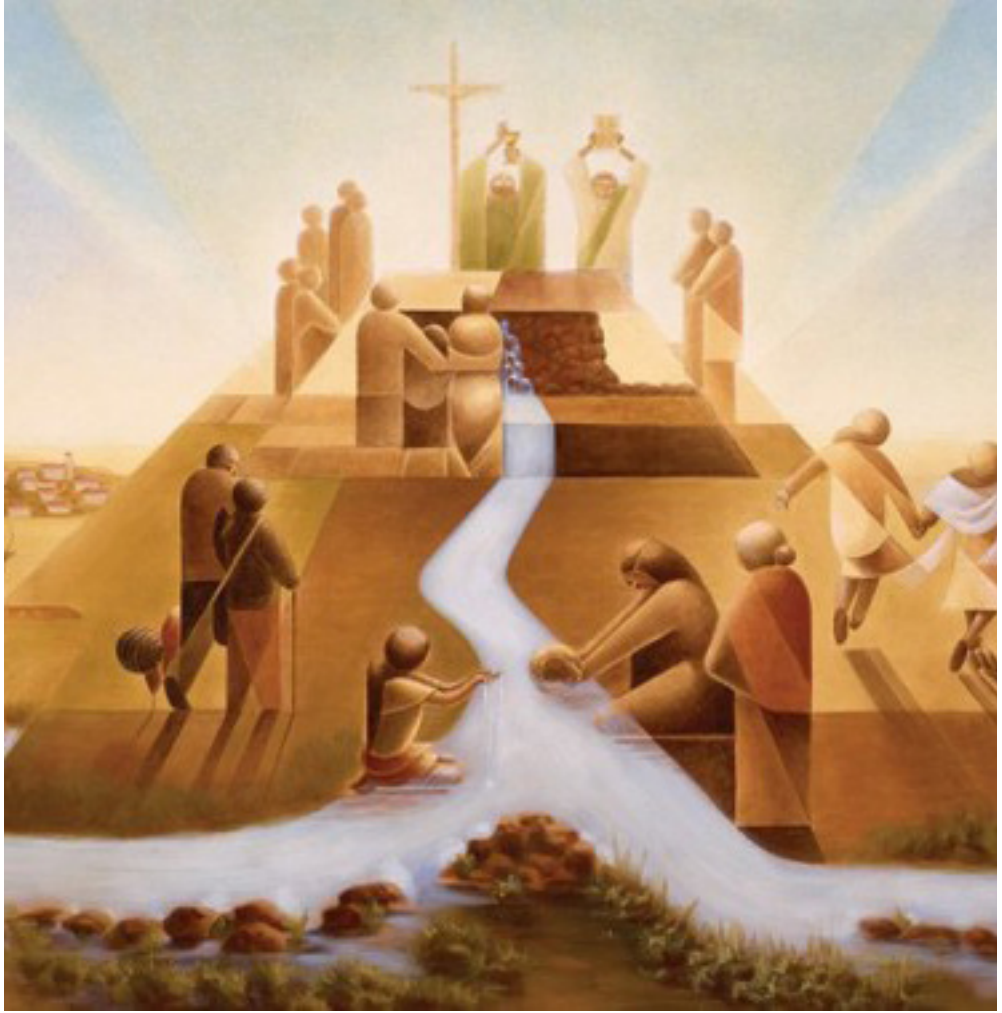


Liturgical Ministries

St. Clare of Assisi Parish



For as in one body we have many parts,
and all the parts do not have the same function,
so we, though many, are one body in Christ
and individually parts of one another.

- *Romans 12:4-5*

An Invitation...

One of the documents of the Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium* (Light of the Nations) calls the Eucharist “the source and summit of the Christian life.” The cover image depicts this quote. In parish life, every ministry we do flows (source) from our communal celebration of the Eucharist, and we continue to seek (summit) the grace offered in the Eucharist to strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

All that said, I hope you will consider taking a more active role in our parish’s liturgical life. **Using the enclosed card, select the ministries you would like to join.** Be sure to include your name and contact information in the spaces provided.

As the priest proclaims at every Mass, it is our duty and salvation to give thanks to God in this wonderful wedding of Heaven and Earth. We are privileged to take part in such a celebration!

Bring your card to church the weekend of May 26th to drop in the collection basket or turn in to the basket in the gathering space. Cards can also be turned in at the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.stclarechurch.org/ministry

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Ministry Descriptions

1 - Altar Server (Grades 5 - 12)

Boys and girls in fifth grade through high school and above assist the priest in serving the Mass. Adults and children are also needed to serve for weekday Masses. Training sessions are required for new servers.

2 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Age 16 & up)

These ministers assist in the most important aspect of our faith – distributing the Eucharist at Mass. Grow in your devotion to Jesus' presence in the Eucharist by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion!

3 - Reader (Grade 8 - Adults)

Readers proclaim the Word of God during the Mass and at other liturgical services throughout the year. Readers need a good speaking voice with the ability to project well, and a willingness to deepen their knowledge of scripture.

4 - Greeter

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors to our weekend liturgies, and for various feasts and events throughout the year. They also assist newcomers with registration forms and help them become familiar with parish facilities. **This is a ministry in which individuals or families can participate!**

5 - Usher (Grade 8 - Adults)

Ushers provide a hospitable atmosphere by greeting and seating people, taking up the collection, and responding to people's needs. Youth and adults, both male and female, are needed. **A training refresher will be required for all ushers this year.**

6 - Gift Bearer

Gift bearers represent the assembly by bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar at each weekend Mass. **This is a ministry in which individuals or families can participate!**

8 - Banner Bearer (Grade 8 - Adults)

Banner bearers add color and festivity to the processions at Mass for particular seasons and feasts. **This is a low time commitment ministry and is open to youth and adults.**

9 - Parish Choir (Grade 9 - Adults)

Through the gift of song, the parish choir enriches our prayer at Sunday Masses from September through May. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesday evenings and for 30 minutes before Mass.

10 - Treble Choir (Grades 5 - 8)

These young musicians lead our parish in sung prayer at Mass. Weekly rehearsals are held in the St. Clare School choir room on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:45. After-school care is available for St. Clare students from 3:00 to 3:45. The choir sings at a 5:00 and 8:30 Mass on average twice per month from September through May and for some feasts and special liturgies during the year. **Mindful of busy family schedules, occasional absences are permitted for rehearsals and Masses.**

11 - Cherub Choir (Grades 1 - 4)

Begin your life in music ministry at a young age! Weekly rehearsals are held in the St. Clare School choir room on Wednesdays from 3:10 to 3:40. The choir sings at the 10:30 Mass once per month from September through May and for some feasts and special liturgies during the year. **Mindful of busy family schedules, occasional absences are permitted for rehearsals and Masses.**

12 - Instrumentalist

We welcome instrumentalists (wind, string, brass, and percussion), youth and adults, for liturgies throughout the year. Practices are held as needed. Please indicate your instrument on the commitment card or the online form.

13 - Sound Board Operator (Grade 9 - Adults)

Volunteers high school age or older are needed to help the church assembly hear and be inspired by The Word in prayer, readings, and music during weekend Masses and other occasions.

14 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Leader (Age 17 & up)

Share the Gospel in a language our youngest members understand as a leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Couples or friends can even sign up together. The program follows the format of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass and explains various elements of the liturgy to the children.

15 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Helper (Ages 12-16)

Youth assist the leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. (See #14 for full description)

16- Nursery Leader (Age 17 & up)

The Parish Nursery is open for free child care for children as young as 6 months old during the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

We are looking to open the nursery during the 5:00 Mass. Leaders are in charge of child care and the overall operation of the nursery during their assigned Mass. Leaders are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins. **Working the nursery does not fulfill your obligation to attend Mass - leaders are expected to attend a different Mass time to fulfill their Sunday obligation.**

17 - Nursery Helper (Ages 12-16)

Youth assist the leader in the nursery with child care and the overall operation of the nursery. Helpers are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins. (See #16 for full description)

18 - Eucharistic Adoration Committee

In addition to organizing our monthly Eucharistic Adoration times, this committee helps to foster devotion to the Eucharist by distributing literature and encouraging adult education sessions on the Eucharist.

19 - Eucharistic Adoration Adorer

St. Clare offers monthly 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration. Let Jesus more closely guide you in life by spending an hour of prayer in His presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Those who sign up for this ministry will be kept informed of scheduled adoration times.

20 - Art & Environment

This committee is responsible for enhancing our worship space by decorating the church for each Liturgical season. Extensive help is needed at the beginning of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons.

21 - Homebound Visitation Ministry

Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners and to residents of Nursing Homes/Skilled Care Centers and Retirement Communities. This brings the parish to the sick/aged and shut ins and feeds them spiritually and emotionally. These parishioners are uplifted knowing that they are still connected with and cared for by our faith community. Ministers attend the training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and are given additional guidance on leading group communion services, and making communion visits to individuals in their homes.

22 - Rosary Leader

Rosary Leaders help the assembly draw nearer to Christ through his Mother Mary. "Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it." (Catechism 964) The rosary is prayed before 5:00 and 8:30 weekend Masses.

Training Dates & Times

Please mark these dates on your calendar **NOW** so you will be able to attend the appropriate training session(s).

All trainings are held in church unless noted otherwise.

If you have conflicts, please contact Stephen Eros
stepheneros@stclarechurch.org or 618-632-3562.

1 - Altar Server (Grades 5-12)

New Servers - September 10, 7:00p-8:30p

OR - September 19, 7:00p-8:30p

Current Servers - September 7 & 8 after Mass

2 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

(Age 16 & up)

New Ministers - September 14, 9:30a-10:45a

OR - September 15 after 10:30 Mass

Current & New Ministers - September 17, 7:00p-8:30p

3 - Reader (Grade 8 - Adults)

New Readers - September 21, 9:30a-10:45a

OR - September 22 after 10:30 Mass

Current & New Readers - September 24 from 7:00p-8:30p

4 - Greeter

September 7 or 8 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

*****Training held in the library*****

5 - Usher (Grade 8 - Adults)

New Ushers - September 29, 11:45a-1:00p

Current Ushers - October 5 & 6 after Mass (15 minutes)

*****Meeting for current ushers held in the library*****

6 - Gift Bearer

August 24 & 25 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

8 - Banner Bearer (Grade 8 - Adults)

August 31 or September 1 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

13 - Sound Board Operator (Grade 9 - Adults)

Scheduled by appointment

Gary Borges - gmb6270@charter.net

14 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Leader

(Age 17 & up)

15 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Helper

(Age 12-16)

New Leaders & Helpers - August 25, 11:45a-12:30p

*****Training held in the choir room*****

16 - Nursery Leader (Age 17 & up)

17 - Nursery Helper (Age 12-16)

Scheduled by appointment

Kim Huber - kimmyhuber@gmail.com

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