



The Bridge Newsletter

January 2018

Our Mission:

**To Love God
Love Others
and Make
Disciples**

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A Message From Fr. Brian



Dear Friends in Christ,

January is so often a time for looking back, and also looking forward. As we look back to 2017, we saw it was a fruitful year. Our youth group came back from the Steubenville conference on fire with the faith, and the group still meets every other week to spend time in prayer and fellowship together. A good number of our youth also helped decorate cookies (see inside) for delivery at Christmastime.

Over the Summer of 2017, we were blessed to have Deacon José López with us. We benefited from his homilies, his ministry, and his uplifting presence. Last Spring we adopted a new 5-Year pastoral plan. And last Fall we added an additional weekend Mass time. Mass attendance continues to increase, and your sacrificial giving has also increased. We also hired two new very gifted women to serve St. Clare: Mrs. Lisa Gruber as our School Principal, and Ms. Noelle Veverka as our Coordinator of Music & Liturgy.

2017 was a good year for us at Saint Clare. And 2018 looks promising, too. We're getting used to our new Gather hymnals with success (thank you to all who donated toward them!). Some significant movements will be made regarding our churches. And the spiritual growth of parishioners continues to be made a priority.

When it comes to life, we can either choose to let life happen to us...or we can choose to be proactive in the shape of our life. And the same goes for us as a community of faith. As we stand here in the cold of January and look forward to 2018, God inspires us not only to be recipients of faith, but also people who actively respond to faith. What kind of life does 2018 hold for Saint Clare Parish? So much of that answer depends on you.

As 2018 unfolds, may God inspire us to be intentional disciples of Jesus Christ—for our own good, the good of our neighbors, and for his glory.

Blessings and Peace!

Fr. Brian



The Seasons of Life

One advantage of living in Wisconsin is experiencing the four distinct seasons of Mother Nature. Each season is unique in the beauty it provides us. This cycle is very much like the seasons of our own lives.

We are born into new life much like Spring, with its explosion of flowers and tree buds which burst into leaves as the earth warms and the snow slowly melts away. Mother Nature's Summer is filled with continued growth along with warm and sometimes humid temperatures. The cooling breezes of Fall signal Mother Nature to wind down and slowly prepare for the long, cold sleep ahead. Then there is Winter, which has its own barren beauty; we can experience this after a snowfall when the snow clings to the trees and covers the ground producing a winter wonderland.

When I look at nature and its seasons, I am reminded of the seasons of my own life. I was born into Spring, lived and prospered in Summer, and have now begun the fall of my life. These seasonal life changes are also true of my family – my siblings and my parents.

Dad passed away twenty years ago and my Mother is now in her late eighties, the Winter of her life. Mother was very active in parish life and always willing to share her time and talents. However, aging and health concerns now find her homebound with little outside contact, other than that of her children. It is hard when one so active has now slowed to a crawl in the winter of their life.

However, St. Clare Parish is fortunate to have a very compassionate and experienced Care Ministry program. We have twenty-four trained Care Ministers who are each assigned a Care Receiver, like my Mother, whom they visit weekly. This weekly visit provides Mother with a connection to St. Clare Parish through the Care Minister. Many kind and caring friendships have been formed thanks to our Care Ministry.

For Mother, the experience has been very rewarding. She looks forward to her weekly visits with her Care Minister, as it adds a different prospective to her life. Mother is able to share her feelings, whether they be happy or frustrating, with her Care Minister. At times, these conversations may be ones she would not share with her own family. Because of these weekly visits, Mother now does not feel forgotten by the St. Clare Parish Community.

If you know of a parish member who would benefit from the St. Clare Care Ministry program by receiving a weekly visit from a trained Care Minister, please contact the Parish Office.

If you would like to join the Care Ministry program as a Care Minister or would like more information about the program, please contact the Parish Office.





Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28—February 3



I have completed over six months here at St. Clare school! I have really enjoyed being the principal here. The parents, teachers, students and Parish staff have been very welcoming. St. Clare school offers many opportunities for students to learn about Jesus and have a relationship with Him. Faith is integrated into the whole school day as well as students having a formal religion class. Students participate in weekly Mass, reconciliation, prayer services, Adoration, Stations of the Cross and rosary. It is a blessing to be able to offer these faith opportunities during the school day.

Our school continues to use Math Expressions for our math program. *“Math Expressions is research-based. Math Expressions combines elements of standards-based instruction with the best traditional approaches. Through drawings, conceptual language, inquiry, and real-world examples, it helps students make sense of mathematics.”*

For reading, the Fountas and Pinnell Assessment System was purchased last year and is being implemented this year. *“The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System provides teachers with precise tools and texts to observe and quantify specific reading behaviors, and then interpret and use that data to plan meaningful instruction.”* Students are assessed and the teacher can then teach them at their level. This system of assessment is ongoing and therefore allows for flexible groupings in reading. Students move to higher levels quickly.

Einstein kits are being used in a greater number this year in grades K-8. These kits, that are rented from the Einstein Project, provide hands-on learning in science. The students and teachers enjoy this much more than reading from a textbook to learn science concepts!

The technology available to St. Clare students and teachers is greater than I have seen in many schools. There are SMART TVs, SMART boards, laptops and Chromebooks available for all students to use. We are very privileged to have the SMART board projectors mounted on the wall! That isn't something you see in some other Catholic schools.

As we look forward to the future, there are many positive aspects of St. Clare school. Our current enrollment for 3K-8 is 113 students. We have a graduating class of 18! That will have an impact on next year's enrollment, however, we look forward to a growing Early Childhood program.

Some new programs I would like to implement are Discipline with Purpose and SuperKids reading program. Discipline with Purpose is a faith based program that teaches 15 self-discipline skills that are used as a framework for making decisions about a person's growth in self-discipline. It allows teachers to use common language and skills to teach self discipline. *“The Superkids® Reading program is a core literacy curriculum for kindergarten through second grade that teaches all aspects of reading seamlessly integrated with the language arts. Built on scientific research and proven pedagogy, it combines rigorous instruction with highly motivating materials.”* Students follow the characters as they grow from Kindergarten to grade 2 in the stories. The program provides consistency from Kindergarten to grade 2 and includes spelling, phonics, writing and reading while also having an early literacy program for 4K.

You can find more information on any of these programs on their web sites: **Discipline with Purpose:** <http://www.selfdisciplinedwp.com/> and **Superkids Reading program:** <http://www.superkidsreading.org/>.

“A school culture doesn't exist because of a program. It exists because of the people within the building. That includes aides, secretary, food service, teachers, administrators, parents and most importantly students.” Todd Whitaker

Although we do use programs to help us teach, it is not about the program as much as it is about the people who implement them. St. Clare school appreciates the support of all the parishioners. Having great programs and faculty/staff does take great financial support and sacrifice from the parish. We thank each and every one of you for your support. Please continue to pray for St. Clare School.

God bless,
Mrs. Lisa Gruber
Principal

Lent and Holy Week Schedules

PRAYER Opportunities at St. Clare Parish during Lent

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm at Greenleaf
 Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30am at Askeaton
 Thursdays, 8:45-9:45am at Wrightstown

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Cross, Kaukauna: March 1 @ 6:00pm
 Holy Spirit, Kimberly: March 13 @ 1:30pm
 St. John, Little Chute: March 21 @ 7:00pm

Individual Confession times at St. Clare (for Lent):

Mondays, 12:00-1:00pm @ Wrightstown
 Mondays, 7:00-7:45pm @ Greenleaf
 Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30pm @ Wrightstown
 Wednesdays, 7:00-7:40am @ Askeaton
 Saturdays, 3:00-3:40pm @ Askeaton

Stations of the Cross

Ash Wednesday 9:00am @ Askeaton
 Other Wednesdays 8:30am @ Askeaton
 Fridays 7:00pm @ Greenleaf
 Good Friday 7:00pm @ AS,GR,WR
 Mondays 1:00pm @ Wrightstown

Shadow Stations Wed., March 28: 1:30 & 6:00pm
 Prepared by St. Clare Students
 in the Wrightstown church

Taize Prayer

Quiet, reflective experience of prayer involving meditative
 chants, silence, readings, and prayers.
 Thursday evenings, 6:30.
 February 15 & March 8 at Askeaton
 February 22 & March 15 at Greenleaf
 March 1 & March 22 at Wrightstown

“Little Black Books”

Available in the back of church, these books offer reflec-
 tions on the daily readings. Use them to enhance your per-
 sonal prayers and reflections.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Meet weekly to learn, discuss, and pray together as we focus
 on our relationship with Christ, and how we live our
 discipleship. Contact the Parish Center 864-2550.

Bible Study Groups

Led by Sr. Jo Ann Dold, OP, the groups meet every
 Monday at the Wrightstown Campus (Servers’ Sacristy)
 at 8:45am and 6:30pm.

Mass Schedule during Lent

Daily Masses

Tuesdays, 5:30pm @ Wrightstown
 Wednesdays, 8:00am @ Askeaton
 Thursdays, 8:05 @ Wrightstown
 Fridays, 8:00am @ Greenleaf
 Fridays (**LENT SPECIAL**), 5:30pm @
 Wrightstown

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

At all Masses the weekend of March 17-18.
 Come and pray with those who are seeking
 God’s healing through this sacrament of his
 grace.

Ash Wednesday Masses

8:00am Askeaton
 2:00pm Wrightstown (w/School)
 5:30pm Wrightstown
 7:00pm Greenleaf

Sacred Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer (WR)
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (WR)
 8:30-10:00pm (WR, GR, AS)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

8:00am Morning Prayer (GR)
 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s
 Passion (WR)
 4-8pm Churches open for silent
 prayer before the Cross
 (WR, GR, AS)
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 (WR, GR, AS)

Holy Saturday

8:00am Morning Prayer (AS)
 8:30pm Easter Vigil (WR)

Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass at Greenleaf
 9:00am Mass at Askeaton
 10:00am Mass at Wrightstown



Since the last newsletter, the **St. Clare Prayer Shawl Ministry** has been very busy. In addition to making shawls for every occasion, they are now making baby blankets for Baptisms, white shawls for Weddings and Pocket Prayer Shawls to be kept with you at all times to remind you of God's LOVE!! Shawls may be picked up and signed out in the Sacristy at any of the sites. Pocket Prayer shawls are in a basket in the back of church for pick up at any time. Wedding Shawls and Baptism blankets are in the Parish Office for pick up there or contact the Office at [920-864-2550](tel:920-864-2550) or by email: office@stclareagw.org. Please note that at the present time, shawls for Baptisms and Weddings are very limited. They will be given to registered members of St. Clare Parish for Weddings and Baptisms first. If you would like to give a shawl for a Baptism or Wedding outside the Parish, please call the Office at least two weeks ahead of the time needed and we will make you one, if a shawl is not available.

Our members pray for the recipients as they make the shawls and then shawls are blessed monthly at a Mass at rotating sites. (On February 11th, Shawls will be blessed at the Greenleaf site.) We have a small number of dedicated members, but are in need of more to help share their talents to spread God's Love. We are presently exploring the possibility of making quilted shawls and are in need of quilters, too. If you can knit, crochet or quilt and feel called to use your talents to spread God's love, please come join us. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm at the Parish Office in Greenleaf. If you are unable to make the meetings, please call Kay Arndt at 864-2550 or email her at bizmgr@stclareagw.org. She will help you get both yarn and patterns. If you are seeking more information, pick up a flyer in the back of church next to the pocket prayer shawls.

Shawls are always free, but donations to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for yarn and supplies are always welcome.

2018 Steubenville Youth Conference

We will have two opportunities this year; the Pilgrimage will be July 25th – 31st and a Conference only option is also being offered July 27th-29th. Both groups are heading to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Pre-registrations forms can be found on the parish website or by contacting Anne Stemper (864-2586).

Pre-registration and deposits are due by Thursday, March 1st.

We also will be looking for at least two chaperones for attend the pilgrimage. Please contact Anne for more information about this opportunity.



This year about 35 youth from the parish decorated over 650 cookies. Cookie plates were assembled using decorated cut-out cookies and other treats donated by several parish members. The cookie plates were then delivered to over senior parish members.



Feasting for Funds

Keep these Upcoming Dates
on your Calendar:

Wednesday, February 21st, 4-8 PM
Van Abel's of Hollandtown

A percentage of the sales will be donated
8108 County Road D, Kaukauna

All 4 Sundays in March, 1-4 PM
Mally's Spare Time

10% of Bowling Sales (including food & drinks for bowlers)
1681 Day Street, Greenleaf

What is a St Vincent De Paul Conference?



Green Bay St. Vincent de Paul Story

Founded in Paris, France, in 1833, the Society of SVDP is an international organization which began when six young college students, led by Frederic Ozanam, were challenged by other college students to prove that the poor were being helped by Catholics. St. Vincent de Paul was chosen as the patron because his name was synonymous with charity. The Church has called him “the Apostle of Charity” and “Father of the Poor”.

The Society of SVDP in the United States was founded in 1845, is represented in over 150 countries, and is the only organization to make home visits.

Parish Conferences are small groups of dedicated women and men (Vincentians) making a difference. Vincentians grow spiritually by imitating the ways Christ treated the poor. By drawing closer to the poor, they draw closer to God. Vincentians have the opportunity to experience this, every time they make a home visit.



St. Vincent de Paul

The Green Bay Society of SVDP was re-established July, 1964, and functions around Three Core Elements: Spirituality, Service, Friendship.

To prepare for a home visit, two Vincentians ask for Christ’s guidance. Since each Vincentian represents Christ, they try to think and act like Christ would when assessing the needs of our “friends in need”. This service becomes an act of love and a prayer of thanks.

Dear St. Clare Parishioners:

January 2018

A St. Clare’s St. Vincent de Paul conference has been formed and is now fully active. The purpose of the conference is to assist individuals/families within the St. Clare Parish boundaries. The conference assists in obtaining clothing, household items, furniture, emergency rent and other support as determined. St. Vincent de Paul efforts toward systemic change are through a scholarship program which provides assistance for individuals to attend local technical schools.

Current members:

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| Brock Christensen | Jane Steinberger | Mary Ann & Richard Sharkey |
| Diane Baenen | James Cotter | Sue Frank |

Also thank you to Leroy and Diane Rukamp for their assistance in helping to establish the St. Clare conference.

When you hear God’s calling to serve the St. Clare SVDP conference please contact:

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| Brock Christensen
920-737-2585
E-mail: bjchristensen2003@yahoo.com | Jane Steinberger
920-371-6861
E-mail: janiegirl149@aol.com |
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If you are not called to serve at this time, we need your spiritual and financial support.

Individual/families needing assistance are to call the Parish Office at 920-864-2550 Monday-Thursday 8am to 4:30 pm.

Thank you,

St. Clare SVDP Conference Members

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Note: Tuesdays Masses are @ 5:30pm				
4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 Mass GR 10:00 Mass WR 11:30 Spanish Mass WR	5 8:15 Liturgy/Word WR 8:45 & 6:30 Bible Study WR 6:30 SHC Practice WR 7:00 Adoration GR 7:30 Youth Group GR	6 4:30 Conf. WR 5:30 Mass WR	7 6:30 Adoration & Benediction AS 7:00 Conf. AS 8:00 Mass AS	8 8:05 Mass WR 8:45 Adoration WR 1:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting GR	9 8:00 Mass GR 8:45 Catholicism DVD Series GR	10 4:00 Mass AS 6:00 Mass WR
11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 Mass GR "Blessing of Prayer Shawls" @ 8am Mass WR 10:00 Mass WR	12 8:15 Liturgy/Word WR 8:45 & 6:30 Bible Study WR 6:30 SHC Practice WR 7:00 Adoration GR	13 4:30 Conf. WR 5:30 Mass WR 6:30 Cemetery Meeting GR	14 Ash Wednesday 6:30 Adoration & Benediction AS 7:00 Conf. AS 8:00 Mass AS 9:00 Stations of the Cross AS 2:00 Mass WR 5:30 Mass WR 7:00 Mass GR	15 8:05 Mass WR 8:45 Adoration & Benediction WR 6:30 Taize Prayer AS	16 8:00 Mass GR 5:30 Mass (Lent) WR 7:00 Stations of the Cross GR	17 3:00 Conf. AS 4:00 Mass AS 6:00 Mass WR
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St. Clare Parish
2218 Day Street
Greenleaf, WI 54126

Return Service Requested

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Getting ready for a Super Bowl Party or just looking to warm up with a hot bowl of delicious Booyah? Come to the



Souper Bowl of Booyah being held once again on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 at our Askeaton campus.

Only Carry-Out service will be available beginning at 2:00pm Saturday until all of the Booyah is gone.

Bring your own containers. Cost is \$3.00 per bowl. Fresh homemade pies & desserts will also be for sale in the church hall.

Donations of pies and any other baked items are appreciated. Please drop off at the Askeaton Church hall Friday morning, February 2nd, any time between 9:00-11:00am, as well as Saturday morning, February 3rd, before 9:00am.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare vegetables for the Booyah on Friday, February 2nd, starting at 9:00am in the Askeaton church hall.



Diocesan 150th Jubilee: 1868 - 2018
Disciples on the Way

Bishop David L. Ricken invites the faithful from across the Diocese to come together in thanks-giving to God during the 150th Jubilee by participating in a series of special liturgical celebrations at the Mother Church of the Diocese, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay. Each liturgy will be followed by a special reception and gift for all participants. Complimentary tickets required. Please click below to register. Limited number of tickets available. Go to: **www.gbdioc.org/jubilee** for more information.

150th Anniversary History Books are available for purchase at the Parish Office. The hardcover sells for \$35.00, and the softcover for \$15.00.

