

Feast of St. Clare 2022

Dear Friends and Family,

Summer may have officially begun on June 21, but we here in Cincinnati have already experienced days as high as 97°F. We pray that everyone has a safe and cool (or at least “shady spot”) to enjoy the summer.

We continue to be blessed with so many of our St. John the Baptist Province Friars here in Cincinnati who are willing to celebrate liturgy with us. Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM was our celebrant for Palm Sunday. For the Triduum, we had Fr. John Quigley, OFM, for Holy Thursday; Good Friday services with Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM; and the Easter Vigil with Fr. Mark Hudak, OFM. Provincial, Fr. Mark Soehner, OFM, joined us for Easter Sunday Mass.



We continue to be saddened by the massacres taking place in Ukraine. Every day, after Midday Prayer, we say a prayer to Our Lady of Zarvaniza, asking her to intercede for the Ukraine and its people. May St. Clare intercede for all those suffering from war.



As many of you may have experienced over the past year, we do our best to “re-open” in these days of covid, but with one small “step forward,” we often find ourselves again “stepping backward.” One “step forward” in April was our “Meet Your Neighbors” gathering in our meeting room. Our neighbors from Stone Bridge at Winton Woods asked if they could come and meet us, and about 30 of our neighbors came. Sr. Vickie showed them a video about our monastery followed by a question-and-answer session and visit with the sisters. We served refreshments while we engaged them in conversation. It was a lovely gathering, and they appreciated our hospitality. It had been several years since our last “Meet the Neighbors” event.



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At the end of April our new Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Russel Murray, OFM, came for a visit. He spent a few days with us getting to know us and us getting to know him. Fr. Russel is from Holy Name Province and had never met any of us previously. It was a delightful visit.



Towards the end of May, four of our Sisters attended our Friars' jubilee celebration at St. Meinrad's Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana. They enjoyed being with the Friars and seeing Friars that they had not seen in a long time. However, a few days after their return home it was discovered that some of the Friars had developed Covid. As a result, four of our sisters were exposed. Only one of them came down with Covid. But, since the rest of us were now exposed, we decided it was best to close the monastery to the public. Because we were on our Pentecost retreat, we did not have much contact with each other, so thankfully, no other sister contracted Covid.

Our prayers have been answered! Our St. Clare Memorial Garden will finally be getting its "center piece." The Cross will be 7' tall and made of polished stone. After it arrives and is put in place, we will be able to do some landscaping in the area of the garden. We hope to have pictures for you in our Christmas letter.

The Youth group from Holy Name and Our Lady of Sorrows parishes in Middletown, Ohio came to the monastery for a presentation on Vocation and Call. A time for questions and answers followed the presentation by Sr. Ann. Afterwards, the youths joined us for Midday Prayer. Following lunch in the meeting room, and at the direction of Sr. Pia and others, the group did two hours of service work outdoors for us.

As we mentioned earlier, we were able to "step forward" in April but find that we now have to "step back" in August. We regret that, because of the ongoing Covid-19 concerns, we will not have a large public celebratory Mass or reception this year. Please be sure to let us know your prayer intentions for the Novena to St. Clare (August 2- 10). We hold you close in our hearts and prayers.

Your Poor Clare Sisters

Alma, Ann, Anna Marie, Anthony, Dianne, Doris, Luisa, Pia, Rita, and Vickie



Novena to St. Clare: O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise your Holy Name and the wonders of grace you worked in your servant, St. Clare. Through her powerful intercession, grant us the favors we ask in this Novena, above all the grace to live and die as she did in your most holy love. Amen. You can join us in praying the Novena to St. Clare through our website at:

<http://www.poorclarescincinnati.org/novena-to-st-clare>



Novena to St. Clare

Please remember the following intentions during the Novena before the Feast of St. Clare:

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