



FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR: ST. CLARE PILGRIMAGE SITE

A special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi has been proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV in honor of the 800-year anniversary of the saint's death.

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, a time for spiritual renewal in the spirit of the Poverello of Assisi, was inaugurated January 10, 2026 and runs through January 10, 2027. During this time, the faithful have the opportunity to obtain plenary indulgences - a special grace of God's mercy - under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, detachment from sin, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope, by making pilgrimage to Franciscan Church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world. Archbishop Grob has designated several Churches as pilgrimage sites within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. (Chancery NL, Vol-56)

We are blessed to have **St. Clare Parish**, designated as a place of pilgrimage. In this Jubilee Year visiting St. Clare and praying under the above conditions faithful will receive plenary indulgences. Prayer cards are available in the Narthex.

Now you might ask **what is plenary indulgence?** A plenary indulgence in the Catholic Church is the full remission (removal) of all temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It acts as a total spiritual cleansing, erasing the consequences of sin, and can be applied to oneself or to souls in purgatory.

Bishop Jeff Haines performed the inauguration of St. Clare parish as a pilgrimage site on April 24, 2026.