



St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
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Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville

We, the people of St. Clare Catholic Parish, In the Diocese of Belleville, are called by God in baptism to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist, and strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we strive to live the Gospel and further the reign of God. We do this by creating a vibrant faith community, by actively promoting justice and evangelization, and by using our gifts in the service of God’s people, to give God glory and reverence all of Creation.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 26 (Oktoberfest) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Nursery service during the 10:30 Mass.

BAPTISM—Preparation classes for parents are offered every other month for infant baptism. Call the Parish Office to sign up. Adults wishing to be baptized should also call the Office.

RECONCILIATION—Saturdays 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Community celebrations are also offered every Advent and Lent.

MATRIMONY—Contact Pastor a year prior.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—Communal celebrations twice a year, or by appointment.

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214 West Third Street, O’Fallon, IL

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From Our Pastor...

Happy Anniversary!

I like how our Oktoberfest celebration is always held on the weekend closest to the anniversary of the dedication of our new church, which took place September 30, 2007. For those who are new to St. Clare Parish, this marks our eighth year of worshipping, meeting, studying and celebrating in this space. We couldn't be more excited about all the great things that have happened at St. Clare during these blessed years, and eagerly look forward to many, many years of faith and growth to come!

While our Oktoberfest is truly a wonderful event for the whole O'Fallon/Shiloh/Belleville community, it is also a bold testimony to all the generous people of St. Clare. It is inspiring to me as your pastor to see so many of you pitching in to support this important cause. Because Oktoberfest is our main fundraiser dedicated exclusively to helping with our debt on the new church, your donations of time, materials, and money truly make a difference and are so greatly appreciated by your fellow parishioners and me!

In two years we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of our new church...AND the 150th anniversary of the founding of our parish! Wouldn't it be great to have our church debt paid off by then?!!

God's Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters

World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, Your Son and our Savior, You have made us Your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May Your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek Your truth and live in Your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Special Thanks...

We would like to express our gratitude to Fr. Jim Deiters for his consoling words and beautiful funeral service and extend a special thanks to the St. Clare Altar Sodality and to all of those who prepared and sent food for the lovely funeral meal.

May God bless all of you in the parish for your prayers for our family in our time of greatest need.

Family of Denise Donato Hendricks

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 26

Cheryl Raynor
Cheryl Druse
Holden Chapple

September 27

Kevin Sweeney
Jan Hellmann
Bob Holba
Heather Ertel
Katie Schad
Milton Saltmarsh

September 28

Pat Thompson
Pat Sherbert
Amanda Smoot
Susan Gonzalez
Mikaela Mongeon
Xavier Gourdine
Isaac Hubbard
Jake Haselhorst

September 29

Vance Huller
Richie Meile
Robert Cherry
Don Gravlin
Cathleen Browning
Katie Jurgena
Lynda Lang
Joseph Lampe
Andrew McDonald
Sara Ferrara
Tyler Stanton
Max Wietlisbach

September 30

Kurt Kalmer
Thomas Levrault
Lynn Joseph
Mark Arbogast
Michael Ryan
Aubrey Mister
Catherine Gross

October 1

Suzanne Rupright
Katie Feger
Joni Kennedy
Shirley Suski
Dominic Sabatino
Cindy Zidarevich
Dan Richter
Bonnie Brave
John Knapik
Tom Reid
Jennifer DeBourge
Chris Sebora
Jeff Cooley
Julie Lynch
Gregory Mertens
Elizabeth Lampe
Natalie Bade
Kyle Gomez
Sarah Pavlisin
Emily Raynor
Emily Cerbie
Bella Scire
Braden Henson
Easton Walter
Skylar Voss

October 2

Sandy Gross
John Burke
Michael Mayden
Michelle Crain
Anna Kimball
Matthew Lauber
J.P. Durford
Sierra Mendez
Esther Crippen

October 3

Mary Martychenko
Paulette Roberg
Blaine Phillips
Shawn Kueker
Josh Brown
Morgan Novack
Henry Mojziz
Gabriel Sill

October 4

Cheryl Sommer
Stacey Hawkins
Danneille Hammes-Wade
Collin Holton
Alyssa Faigal
Dylan Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Sylvia Ritzel

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Cletus Becherer
Dr. Larry McBride
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
12:00 Noon Paul Masterson

Tuesday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
7:30 a.m. Charlotte, Sharon & Steve Sandheinrich
8:30 a.m. All School Mass in the Gym

Wednesday, September 30—No Mass

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, October 1—Mass in School Chapel

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

Friday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
7:30 a.m. Dorothy Lizama

Saturday, October 3

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Charleen Vernier
Dick and Norma Seipp
10:30 a.m. Leslie Chenet
Sandi Konopelski

Weekly Readings for Sept 28—Oct 4

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Next Weekend October 3/4

Cantors

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:30 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Eduardo & Lucia Barragan, Jeff & Pat Taylor
Jessica Kalmer, Dennis Holdener, Shirley Suski
April Leo, Carl Lurk, Jack & Patti Leisure*
Ellen Gravlin*, Nancy Karrigan*
Sunday 8:30 am Gary Borges, John Gomez, Sara Wise
Leslie Goldberg, Sharon Ripplinger, Betty Deschesne
Jim, Pennie & Sarah Pavlisin, Marie Berry*
Kevin & Linda Rademacher*, Ryan Luechtefeld*
Sunday 10:30 am Toni Stanton, Patty Klingelhofer, Lindsay Goldberg
Mary Anne Burroughs, Dominic & Rena Sabatino
Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Karen Holzum*, Kitty Luehrs*
Lea Bautz*, Laura Pacatte*

Lector

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday 10:30 am

Jere & Nancy Buttimer
Sandy Gross & Joe Motowski
Margaret Andrasko & Mark Arbogast

Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm
8:30 am
10:30 am

Quin Rackers, Eddie & Matt Barragan
Donald O'Connor, Jordan & Jacob Nguyen
Mary Jines, Tyler Stanton, Sarah Dotson

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday 10:30 am

Bruce Rackers, Don Gravlin, John Boysha
Hal Harris, Zakharie Stoll
Mark Huller, Walt Leninsky
Jim Hendricks, John Bechtoldt
Darrell Raynor, Debbie Oitker, John Meise
Matt Chambers, Tyler McDaniel, Mark Stevens

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:30 am

Lee & Anne Crowe
Jeff, Susan, Evan, Marin & Lauren Price
Paulo & Sherry D'Amico

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:30 am

Rosemarie Jones, Jeannie Haukapp, Yvonne Earley
Judy Lemansky, Lee Strayhorn, Judy Wylie
Patrick, Dannette, Joseph, William & Lydia Kinsella

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm
8:30 am
10:30 am

Jim Colombo
Gary Borges

Bread Bakers

Amy Short, Sherry D'Amico, Tanja Ramsby

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:30 am

Lucy Ueda & Faith Rackers
Alicia Luechtefeld & Sophie Wilkerson
Barb Smith & Hunter Barr



Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers; may they never lose sight of the love of God...

Jennifer R. Barajas, Wray Barr, Shirley Carroll, Yasuko Estabrooks, Rita Ferreri, Mildred Gerardi, Mike and Linda Gilkerson, Hannah Grubofski, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Jessica Holmes, Elnora Hostetler, Boston Johnson, Pauline Keller, Dan Kimutis, Keith Klein, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Thelma LaSalvia, Abelina Leon, Vincent Lepas, Mary Lugge, John Molnar, Mary Molnar, Nona Morgan, Jenifer Morris, Helen Murphy, Margaret Nettles, Katie Paulochk, Doris Prosser, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, Betty & John Stogner, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

Please pray for all our military families, especially those separated by deployment.

PSR

Parish School of Religion
Sunday Mornings 10:30—11:40
St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd St.
Enter through door near gym

- Sept 20 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.
Sept 27 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.
Sept 27 Walk for the Poor Grades 7-8
St. Nicholas Church 1:00 p.m.
Oct 4 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.
8th Grade Soup Kitchen
Oct 11 No PSR Columbus Day Holiday
Oct 18 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.
Oct 25 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.
Kindergarten & 5th Grade
Soup Kitchen

Registration is still available.
Contact Jane Dotson at
janeadotson@yahoo.com or 632-3562
for more information

Youth Group Schedule

- September 27 Recover from Oktoberfest in the
new Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.
St. Nicholas Walk for the Poor (grade 7-8)
October 4 Youth Group work on bead project for
NETwork Against Malaria in Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.
October 11 Youth Group in New Youth Room
October 18 Work on bead project for NETwork
Against Malaria 6—7:30 p.m.
October 25 Open House and Blessing of New Youth
Room 5:30—7:30 p.m.
New Youth Room is on lower level of St. Clare School.
Enter through middle front doors.

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October 25
CRAZY 8'S

A NIGHT AT THE MORTUARY!!

At Wolfersberger Funeral Home
102 West Washington St.
Corner of Lincoln & Washington

Sunday, October 25
5—7:00 p.m.

Come tour the funeral home and hear
Kim Sabella explain Catholic funerals.

Refreshments served

Parents are welcome to join us and learn more!



Parent Meetings!

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall

For parents of students preparing
for 1st Communion and 1st Reconciliation
during this school year!!

*Parents of students who are new to our parish and seeking
Confirmation or First Holy Communion should contact
Jane Dotson at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com for
more information.*

MONDAY MOMS!



Faith Based Study & Prayer
Support Group, Play Time

St. Clare Church Nursery 9:30—11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Mondays each Month

For more information, call Stephanie
573-424-6733

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Sunday, Sept. 27 Walk for the Poor
St. Nicholas 1 p.m. (\$5 per person donation)

October 4 & 18: Work on bead project for NETwork
against malaria with high school youth group 6—7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE!
TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY NIGHT, OCT. 23

ST. CLARE CHURCH PARKING LOT



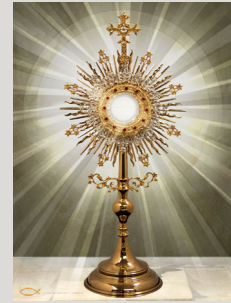
2015 LIFE CHAIN...

PLEASE JOIN US

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 FROM 2—3:00

We will join in silent prayer with millions across the nation for the sanctity of life.

Our location is
the corner of Hwy 159 and Hwy 50
in front of the Associated Bank.



Eucharistic Adoration Next Weekend

Sunday, October 4
after 10:30 Mass
until 11:40 a.m. Monday, October 5
Followed by Benediction and Mass

We have a special need for people to commit to the nighttime house, especially between 2 and 4 a.m. If you can commit to a holy hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during these 24 hours, please sign up on the sheets on the round table in the Gathering Space.

“There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration.”

St. Pope John XXIII

Please mark your calendars for a two-part series

Tuesdays October 6th and 13th

Dr. Paul Coutinho,
Author and International Scholar
At St. Nicholas Church

The title of his two-part presentation is
Compassion: Channel to the Ocean of Life

As our nation welcomes Pope Francis who will this December inaugurate **A Year of Mercy**, Dr. Coutinho will reflect on an Eastern approach to Compassion, that God's Essence is Compassion, and that the Ultimate Goal of Love is Compassion.

Dr. Paul Coutinho is a recognized international scholar and speaker who blends Spirituality and Psychology and brings an Eastern influence on Western spirituality. He is the author of several books to include *How Big Is Your God?* and *Just as You Are*. His latest book is entitled: *Sacred Darkness: Encountering Divine Love in Life's Darkest Places*.

Doors to the St. Nicholas Activity Center open at 6:30 pm and our presentation begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and child care is available by calling our parish office at 632-1797 no later than Monday morning, October 5th.

As always we encourage you to bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you October 6th and 13th!

Our Diocese prepares for The Year of Mercy

By welcoming
The Relic of the Body of St. Maria Goretti
“The Little Saint of Great Mercy”

Monday, October 19
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
At the Cathedral of Saint Peter
Belleville, Illinois

Pope Francis has asked that the relics of St. Maria Goretti, the youngest saint ever canonized by the Church, come to the United States as a witness of MERCY. Many Catholics know the story of young Maria's purity, but this “Pilgrimage” emphasizes her practice of mercy: On her deathbed, she forgave her attacker and her forgiveness led to his conversion.

A visit to the “Pilgrimage of Mercy” is free. This is an experience of prayer and faith that millions of pilgrims in Italy have experienced over the decades. Now the people of Southern Illinois have the opportunity to make the Pilgrimage here!

For more info, go to mariagoretti.com.

Stewardship



Share God's Gifts

You have been given wonderful gifts from God...
Will you share them?

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND WORK OF HUMAN HANDS

The fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate that you purchase through the ministry creates a ripple of opportunities throughout the world. Fair trade crops are grown by small-scale family farmers in remote locations in countries like Guatemala, Ethiopia, South Africa and India. As members of fair trade co-ops are linked directly to importers that guarantee a minimum price for their crop. This relationship creates long-term stability and the means to earn a better income. Also, it allows the farmers to keep their land to pass on to family members.

Closer to home, the profits from our sales are donated to the Santa Clara Scholarship Fund for students in Guatemala and Holy Angels Shelter in East St. Louis. The Santa Clara Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 to help the youth in El Naranjo continue their education. The Holy Angels Shelter helps men, women and children caught in temporary poverty or homelessness.

The next Fair Trade Coffee Sale will be after Mass on the **weekend of October 10th**. If you have questions about the ministry or would like to volunteer, please email Steve Hughes at smhughes44@hotmail.com.

The members of the ministry thank you for your generous support.

Sunday , September 20, 2015

Tithe.....\$14,050.25

New Church.....\$ 2,915.00

***"One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
Another withholds what he should give,
and only suffers want." Proverbs 11:24***

When I was studying abroad in Chile, I volunteered at a home for homeless men and women with mild to moderate psychological and mental problems. One of my volunteer days was on my birthday. I think I shocked the volunteer coordinator when I told her that one of my work days fell on my birthday and that I would like to host a birthday party for the residents (I think she was expecting me to ask for the day off). So she agreed to have the dining room set aside, and I bought a couple of cakes and a lot of Chilean soda and brought them with me.

When I showed up, I found out that she had leaked the secret. All the residents had made me cards and had decorated the room and had prepared skits and songs for the occasion. It was one of the happiest and deeply gratifying moments of my life.

I write all of this because Oktoberfest is this weekend, and it is a feast and celebration, two things that Jesus loved--so much so that He was criticized for being a drunkard (which He wasn't). Jesus even said that the Kingdom of God is like a feast, where all are invited from the highways and the byways.

In the Kingdom of God, we are fed and satisfied, not just with food, but with each other's company and love, all while enjoying the love and presence of our always gracious host, God the Father Almighty. This is our destiny--what God wants for us--and our Oktoberfest might have been a foretaste of that for you, through joy, gratitude, hospitality, love, volunteerism, or something else. That is what made my birthday celebration so special--it was a taste of the heavenly banquet here on earth in the midst of my ordinary day--and it happened simply because people wanted to love and celebrate each other. So I pray that the joy and companionship of Oktoberfest can be an occasion for us to grow closer to that vision in which we live, love, and celebrate more fully with those who have not yet taken their place at the table. We can open our arms and say to those who are absent or excluded, "God loves you, welcome, take the place prepared for you by our Heavenly Father."

Matthew Flynn

Director of Adult Faith Formation and Mission

RESPECT LIFE CORNER **Every Life is Worth Living** - It can be very difficult and painful when the Lord doesn't answer our prayers the way we hope. We may have many doubts and questions, wondering why we face the challenges that we do. Yet even though our suffering is often shrouded in a sense of mystery, we believe that the Lord loves us with great tenderness and compassion that is beyond our imagination. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Today, pray the Rosary, or even just a decade, for someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and ask for the grace to forgive that person.

ALTAR ANGELS October 3: Rose Brennan, Celerina Collins
Eli Gillespie, Babe Papproth, Judy Wylie

BAKE SALE THANKS!! Thanks to our wonderful parishioners and guests last weekend! We raised \$904 in our Youth Group Bake Sale. Special thanks to our parents and to the choir members who donated items. We are getting closer to our goal so we can attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. Watch for another bake sale and some pumpkin sales coming in October!!

MASTERWORKS CONCERT Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Clare Catholic Church! A marvelous program of joyous, uplifting American classics: spirituals, folksongs, and choral masterworks by distinguished American composers. Plus, the *world premiere* of Stephen Mager's choral ballet, **Land of Rest**, performed with regional professional dancers in tandem with Metro-East's premiere choral ensemble. Season tickets are \$50 for five concerts. Individual concert ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for adults; \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door for students and current military. Tickets are available from chorus members, by mail or by phone (618) 304-9094. Groups of 10 or more receive a 20% discount on tickets ordered in advance.

KC LADIES AUXILIARY will meet **Thursday, October 22** at 7:00 p.m. at the KC Hall in O'Fallon. Please join us and wear your witches' hat if you have one! Call Barb Armstrong at 406-3765 for more information.

MESSENGER NEWSPAPER PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY OBSERVANCE In observance of Priesthood Sunday, *The Messenger*, the Belleville Diocesan Catholic newspaper, will publish a special section in the **October 22** issue to recognize our priests and sacramental ministers. This is an opportunity to tell us briefly some of your pastor's and sacramental minister's best qualities. Please email your remarks to cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org, fax 235-9605 or mail to: The Messenger Newspaper, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221. **Deadline on or before September 30.**



*****SAVE THE DATE*****
St. Clare School Alumni Reception
Friday, November 27, 2015
Knights of Columbus Hall, O'Fallon
More details will be available soon.

Thank You!

Thanks everyone who signed up for one or more ministries in our parish. Ministry leaders are contacting their members by phone, email or letter. Please watch for them to contact you and respond when asked. If you missed signing up for one or more ministries, pick up a pink card in church and return it in the collection basket or to the parish office.



STEWARDSHIP is made easier than ever with our new online giving system, **WeShare**. A simple click on our parish home page will lead you step-by-step through giving via credit card, debit, checking or savings account. With **WeShare** you can donate to any collection, make a one-time gift, or set up recurring draws such as a weekly or monthly tithe.

To start giving online today go to:

stclarechurchweshareonline.org and click any collection; Select your donation amount and frequency; enter in your account and payment information.

SIGN UP TO STAY IN TOUCH!

Are you getting our monthly e-newsletter St. Clare Connection?

If not...sign up is quick and easy. You can go to the link on our homepage at stclarechurch.org or just scan the code!

