

From Our Pastor...

This past Monday our Parish Pastoral Council and I met to review our parish accomplishments in the past few months and to discuss highlights for 2018. Here are some summary points to share with you:

- We encourage everyone to attend Bishop Braxton's presentation on Monday night; our bishop is a great 'teacher' and was well-received in past adult education events here. See the notice in this bulletin for a full description and details of this important event.
- This year we will celebrate the Deacon Ordination of parishioner John Gomez on **May 19**. Our parish celebration will take place the next day, connected with our Pentecost Festival.
- We began discussing the pressing need to take on a building project to construct the proper, professional parish offices we so desperately need. Our present office building, a converted farmhouse, was intended to be a temporary solution 11 years ago and is in bad shape, with terrible heating and cooling costs, leaks and a host of other problems. We will have a parish "Town Hall" for everyone who wishes to be a part of the discussion on **Tuesday, March 20**. This meeting will give us a preliminary 'needs assessment' in which we receive your input about our parish 'wish list' of potential needs beyond offices.

I hope to see you this Monday night as we welcome our bishop, and please mark your calendar for our Town Hall meeting on March 20.

God's Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters



Recent Deaths:

Pat Vollmer, Wife of Gib, Mother of Debbie, Julie, Beth and Jeff

Vernon Kombrink, Husband of Mary, Father of Mike, Brian and Michele

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 20

Fr. Jim Deiters

Ryan Arbogast
Ashley Boyles
Brett Bailey
Isabel Saenz
Taylor Clay

January 21

Lyle Johnson
Julie Mongeon
Bill Boente
Maria Naegele
Scott Voss
Joshua Wilson
Amanda Kurtz
Joshua Zimmerman

January 22

Judy Bugger
Nancy Smith
Gary Adams
Robert Jordan
Bob Cullen
Machalla Holas
Philip Raumberger
Gabriel Vojak

January 23

Joe Cipfl
Andy Fitorre
Shelia Barr
Kelly Kunkle
Taylor Heimann
Logan Smoot
Dillon Pavelschak
Brandon Reed
Max Garcia
Nicholas Greene

January 24

Kathy Bridgeman
John Herzig
Megan Schwartz-
Johnson
Rhys Butler
Juanito Barragan
Connor Chapple

January 25

Bridgett Harris

January 26

Tillie Byrne
Nick Bekanich
Paul Cady
Christine Krause
Catherine Driscoll
Molly Compton
Michael Nastoff
Jacob Kazmierczak
Duke McDonald

January 27

Steve Hellmann
Belinda Whatley
David Barnes
Jennifer Matherne
Jessica Kalmer
Becky Claxton
Evan Strake
Gabriel Strohm
Ava Lutz
Luke Grubofski

January 28

Paul Bonn
Joe Gilroy
Glenda Cortez
JP Wohlgemuth
Steve Hollenkamp
Abby Ragsdale
Lauren Cooley
Joshua Huber



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Rafael and Teresa Moran
Lucy Vasquez

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Gordon Schoby
Marcel Huller

10:30 a.m. Joe Burroughs
Special Intention (iw)

Monday, January 22

Weekday, *Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*

12:00 p.m. Ferd and Martha Lampe

Tuesday, January 23

Weekday, *Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*

7:30 a.m. Tom and Doris Prosser

8:30 a.m. All School Mass in School Gym

Wednesday, January 24 (No Mass)

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

7:30 a.m. Gerry Munie

Saturday, January 27

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Judith Robb

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Elmer Bugger

10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Readings of the Week January 22-28

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the
Day of Prayer

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,
2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Next Weekend: January 27-28

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Dennis Holdener, Nancy Karrigan, Ryan & Betsy McCarty
Jim & Barbara Calandro, Jett Cates, Ricardo Cumba
Stacey Cutter, Kevin Mulheran, Len Ratajczyk
Paulette Romberg, Sella Roman

Sunday 8:30 Susan Price, Kristy Turner, Tina Whitlow, Marie Berry
Bob & Michelle Crain, Fred Favela, Jason Homrig
Frank Morski, Aimee Nieroda, Sharon Ripplinger
Simone Wheeler

Sunday 10:30 Mary Anne Burroughs, Stephanie Chambers
Leslie Goldberg, Shawnee Magparangalan
Krystle Hatter, Kitty Luehrs, Tanja Ramsby
Elizabeth Reichenbach, Anne Shambro, Michele Taylor
Chris, Tara & Hannah Sill

Readers

Saturday 5:00

Sunday 8:30

10:30 Isabella Ponciroli & Madison Luechtefeld

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Anna Flath, Faith & Quin Rackers

8:30 Javier Favela, Emerson & Josie Nieroda

10:30 Ryan Clancy, Joseph Kinsella, Ava Taylor

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 John Boysha, Hal Harris, Ken Kenney
Richie Meile, Bruce Rackers, Eric Sheesley

Sunday 8:30 Gary Borges, Gary Haselhorst, Jim Hendricks

Pat Jurgensmeyer, Robert Kirchgessner, Lonny Roberts

Sunday 10:30 Ed Lorden, John Meise, Roy Rogge

Stephen Smith, Christopher Stapenhorst, Mark Stevens

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Vivianne Herich & Carol Parker

Sunday 8:30 Ken, Jeanne & Emily Smith

10:30 Blaine & Debbie Phillips

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Yvonne Early, Jamie Eros, George & Jon Marble
Kit, Deb, Josh, Kyle, Ryan & Katie Zimmerman, Bridgette
Harris

8:30 Suzanne, Jacob & Joshua Huffines, Jim & Corrine Wright
Jermy, Kelly, Luke & Abigayle Monroe

10:30 Steve, Amanda, Joshua, Bethany, Anna, Levi, Zeke Huber
Donna Swanson

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00

Sunday 8:30 David Schmitz

10:30 Colby Mank

Bread Bakers

Sherry D'Amico, Theresa Klossler, Mary Ann Schmittling

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 Lucy Ueda & Alex Eichholz

Sunday 8:30 Alicia Luechtefeld & Meredith Blair

10:30 Mandi Huelsmann & Hunter Barr

Nursery

8:30 Sarah & Oscar Speakes

10:30 Carolyn Howk & Megan Blair

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Jennifer R. Barajas, Wray Barr, Sister Barbara Ann Bosch, Tillie Byrne, Joyce Correale, Rita Ferreri, Rose Garcia, Tom Giger, Jean Green, Allison Hartmire, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Tom and Mary Herbert, Jessica Holmes, Liz Klingler, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Abelina Leon, Mary Lugge, Nona Morgan, Pauline Puttmann, Grace Regutti, Paul Riley, Megan Saldanha, Mary Ann Seipp, Donna Sparks, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Pat Vollmer, June Wagner, Patricia Weiler, Steve Wells

Please call the parish office if you have a family member that is homebound or in the hospital.

Please pray for our military families, especially those deployed and separated from loved ones.

The Catholic Church And the Racial Divide in the United States

Presented by Bishop Edward K. Braxton
Monday, January 22 from 6:30—8:00 p.m.
St. Clare of Assisi Church



- The Bishop’s address will examine key elements contributing to the racial divide in the United States and the emergence of the Black Lives Matter Movement from the perspective of the Catholic Church.
- He will explore the reasons why only a small number of African-Americans are Catholics (2.9 million out of nearly 70 million American Catholics), the “all lives matter” vs. “Black lives matter” debate, and the negative impact of the expressions “minorities” and “minority groups.”
- He will conclude by exploring the question: what can the Catholic Church do to help bridge the racial divide?

In 2015, Bishop Braxton issued his Pastoral Letter, “The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015.” In 2016, he published the companion Pastoral Letter, “The Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter Movement: The Racial Divide Revisited.” These were followed by “Moral Leadership in Action: All Lives Really Do Matter” and “There are No Minority Voters.” Since their publication, Bishop Braxton has lectured nationally, becoming a leading voice in the Catholic Church on improving race relations. **The Bishop’s writings and addresses are intended to invite individuals and groups to enter into conversations about important and sensitive subjects without judging others in the hope of attaining greater understanding and mutual respect, and making realistic efforts to bridge the racial divide.**



HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY

Wednesday, January 31 at 2 p.m.
St. Clare Church Library

Hope For The Journey is a ministry reaching out to anyone that has experienced the loss of a loved one, recent or not. We meet for conversation, suggested reading, encouragement, prayer and to walk this journey with you.

For more information, please contact **Ken & Barb Kenney**
618-726-7587 or kj_kenney@sbcglobal.net

****We will begin offering an evening session on February 21 at 7 in addition to our regular afternoon sessions each month.**

Your Giving January 13/14

Weekly Envelope	\$13,018.00
WeShare Online	\$ 1,362.00
Total Tithe	\$14,380.00
Church Mortgage	\$ 2,890.00

Today we hear about Jonah and his call to address the people of Nineveh. By selflessly following God’s call, Jonah is able to save those souls from being destroyed.



This same selflessness is also evident in Mark’s account of the calls of Peter, Andrew, James and John. “Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mark 1, 17). They left their careers and family to do greater work. Are you called to follow in their footsteps?

Fr. Jim Presents:

**Marriage, Divorce and Annulment:
Realities and Myths**

Thursday, January 25 from 7—8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Learn about the Church's definition of "marriage", the difference between a divorce and an annulment, what is involved in the annulment process in the Church and how an annulment can bring great healing.

Young Adults

All young adults (18+) are invited to encounter Jesus through scripture in preparation for Lent. A Bible study series focusing on the Gospel of Luke, taking you on a journey through Holy week begins **Thursday, January 25 at 7:00** in the choir room. Bring a friend.

Catholic Men for Christ CMFC

All men of the parish are invited **Saturday, January 27** as Matt Flynn leads a discussion on how to talk about our faith experiences with family members, friends and other parishioners. Rosary begins at **7:30 a.m.** in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Refreshments from 8:00-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the presentation and discussion **8:30-10:00 a.m.**

Future Events:

February 3

11th Annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference
Meet in the St. Clare Church parking lot to carpool to Touhill Performing Arts Center, University of Missouri, One University Boulevard, St. Louis
Looking for spiritual rejuvenation? Contact John Burke jburkeil@sbcglobal.net to join the men of St. Clare. Visit catholicmenforchrist.org for more details.

February 24

CMFC Monthly Meeting

with guest speaker Len Ratajczyk leading a discussion on the St. Paul Street Evangelization Ministry.

March 23

Family Movie Night featuring "The Miracle Worker"
Pizza and Popcorn provided. Bring a snack or drink to share.

Just come and be fed, both literally and spiritually!

Welcome.
There is **More** to Life

**A Special Opportunity
For Women**

*Do you sense that something's
missing in your life?*

*Do you feel that if you weren't so busy
you would be happier, healthier,
more effective, more fulfilled
and maybe even a better person?*

**Come to the next women's
Welcome Weekend!**

It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Whether you want to connect with other women in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday to have fun and not have to cook or clean, you will find what you are looking for...and more!

When: February 17-18, 2018

**Where: St. Clare School
214 W. 3rd St. O'Fallon**

**Contact: Jane Dotson 632-3562
janeadotson@yahoo.com
Ellen Gravlin 531-9151
ellen.gravlin@charter.net**

**Register: www.stclarechurch.org
By February 2**

The Messenger Our Diocesan Newspaper brings you stories of real people living their faith through compassion and good works. Stay connected by reading inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in Southern Illinois! Renewal Weekend is **February 3/4**. Payments can be made in The Messenger envelope in your February monthly packet or on line at www.bellevillemessenger.org.



St. Clare Parish School of Religion
Sundays at St. Clare School 10:30—11:40

- Jan 21 PSR Class
- Jan 28 PSR Class
Kindergarten/Grade 5 Soup Kitchen
- Feb 4 PSR Class
- Feb 11 PSR Class (4th Grade Soup Kitchen)
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 18 NO PSR Presidents Day Weekend
- Feb 25 PSR Class (except grade 8)
Confirmation Class Activity 6-8 pm



- Jan 21 Youth Group 6—7:30 pm
- Jan 28 Youth Group 6—7:30 pm
- Feb 11 Dodgeball Tournament grades
7—12 St. Clare Gym 12:30
- Feb 18 No Youth Group
(Presidents Day Holiday)

Luke 18 Thank You

Thank you to Luke 18 leaders **Jen and Matt Wilson** and **Cary and Gary Sheerin**, the team of college, adult and high school leaders, the guardians and the kitchen volunteers/donors for your efforts to make the Luke 18 retreat so amazing. Thank you to our pastors, parents, parish staff members and parishioners for your prayers and support.

We appreciate Father Bill sharing his wisdom in a talk, St. Nicholas Parish for hosting us for Mass, Father Jim and Father Jim Thomas for hearing confessions and St. Clare seminarian Nick Fleming for his talk and effort in leading Eucharistic Adoration.

A special thanks to St. Clare School for the use of your facilities, H&L Builders for the use of your Dumpster and Tom's Supermarket for the use of your refrigerated trailer.

Luke 18 was so awesome. It made a big difference in our lives, and we cannot thank you enough for it.

Luke 18 participants

Confirmation Preparation Schedule

- Jan 22 Letter to Bishop Braxton requesting
Sacrament of Confirmation
- Feb 25 Confirmation Activity Night youth only
(Games to review) 6—8 pm Fellowship Hall
- Mar 18 REAP team Retreat for Youth &
Sponsors or local mentors 1—5 pm
Fellowship Hall

**Family
Trivia Night
Friday, Feb 2**

Doors open at
6:30 p.m.

St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

Bring your own snacks & drinks or purchase there!

Questions are family friendly!

Free of charge, donations accepted.

All proceeds benefit 4US to provide ultrasound machines to pregnancy resource centers.



Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee
Reservations can be made at mbflem7@gmail.com

**COAT & SHOE
DRIVE
JAN 20-21**

Bring coats in
good

condition to St. Clare to help those affected by the cold. Due to the recent extreme cold, coats for those in need are in short supply, especially men's coats in larger sizes.

The St. Nicholas 8th grade Confirmation class is collecting new and/or gently used shoes for the **Shoeman Water Project**. They need shoes in all sizes, which should be tied or rubber banded together. **Items can be dropped in marked boxes before or after all Masses at St. Clare Church this weekend.**



ALTAR ANGELS FOR JANUARY 27 Yvonne Earley, Connie Garrett
Bobbi Schaefer, Cathy Sweeney, Carol Williamson

BAPTISM CLASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 1:00 IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY This class is for parents that plan to have their child baptized at St. Clare and have not attended a previous class. Please call the parish office to register. Thank you!

VESPERS Vespers Evening Prayer Service will be held on **Sunday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be praying for peace and justice in our country regarding the ongoing racial divide. Deacon-in-formation John Gomez will be providing a reflection.

ST. CLARE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE



will be held **Sunday, January 28, from 1:30 to 3:00** at St. Clare School, 214 West Third Street, O'Fallon. During the Open House you will be able to learn more about our school, take a tour, and talk with our students and staff.

ST. CLARE SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST St. Clare School will wrap up Catholic Schools Week with a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria and gym from **9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 4.** Everyone is invited to attend the breakfast, which is hosted by St. Clare Parents and Friends. Tickets will be available at the door.

Fifth Annual Heart & Soul Gala to support Caritas Family Solutions Saturday, February 10 at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and silent auction bidding, followed by a three-course dinner complete with wine service. Tickets are \$99 per person. Cocktail attire is requested. Reservations are required by **January 30** and can be secured online at caritasfamilysolutions.org/gala or by calling 618-213-8714. Proceeds from the gala support efforts to strengthen well-being in the community through professional social services that empower individuals and families to reach their full potential. The 2018 gala is in memory of Mike Burnworth, a longtime friend and volunteer at Caritas, who passed away unexpectedly last year.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (WWME)

"For the world in its present form is passing away". If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend in Springfield, IL on March 23 – 25, 2018. The next Weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2 – 4, 2018. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

HOLY LAND ART SALE Representatives of artisans in the Holy Land will be selling hand carved wooden works of religious art in the Fellowship Hall following Masses **February 17/18.** This sale is a great way to find a piece of art to help you this Lent or to purchase an Easter, Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion gift.



BELLEVILLE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

is excited to present

OneSound Sunday

a sensory-friendly concert,
sponsored in part by Wells Fargo Advisors

Tickets are \$5 for each youth and accompanying adult. This concert is for anyone who wishes to enjoy the

symphony without being shushed or asked to leave when you are dancing in the aisles!!

Hope to see you there **Sunday, January 21 at 3 p.m. at St. Clare Church!** For Tickets go to:

www.bellevillephilharmonic.org



Friday, January 26

Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7

Knights of Columbus Hall

7132 Marine Road, Edwardsville

Proceeds benefit:

Fontebella Maternity Home in O'Fallon

\$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door

includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games,

Glow hat & glow dauber. (\$5 for 6 cards)

Go to www.kofc1143.com/globingo for tickets

Cash Bar — Bring Your Own Snacks!

Over \$1000 in Cash Prizes!

Must be 18 or older to attend!



Calling All Cooks!!

Come share your heritage by cooking food and sharing samples at the

Parish Pentecost Festival Sunday, May 20

Food booths needed to represent your ethnicity or unique region of US. Get a group of family or friends together to prepare food samples!

Call the parish office for more information!!

