



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 5:00 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.

ST. CLARE SCHOOL 632-6327
214 West Third Street, O'Fallon, IL

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From Our Pastor...

Please welcome Father Richard Tillman this weekend. Fr. Richard will celebrate and preach at all the Masses on behalf of UNBOUND, which is an organization sponsoring children and elderly in developing countries, formerly known as CFCA. Thank you Fr. Richard for the opportunity to answer the Gospel call to serve the poor.

Stewardship makes our parish strong

As our St. Clare family continues to grow, it's more and more apparent how much we rely on you, our parishioners, to graciously and generously share your time and talents. There's much to do—from ushering, singing, and serving at Mass, to assisting the poor, hungry and marginalized in our community, to mowing the grass and whacking the weeds on our extensive grounds!

Whether it's an everyday chore or an extraordinary act of outreach, know that we are aware of and APPRECIATE the many ways you serve as stewards here at St. Clare Parish.

This weekend and next in the Gathering Space, you'll find our new **Ministry Handbook**. Please be sure to pick up a copy, then take some time in the days ahead to read about the many ways there are to become more involved at St. Clare. Note that this information is also available on line at our parish website, www.stclarechurch.org/ministry. We ask you to fill out a Ministry Signup Card for you and any members of your household, to be turned in during Masses on Commitment Weekend, August 22-23.

We strongly encourage everyone to consider serving in a liturgical ministry—choir/musician, Eucharistic minister, lector, gift bearers, usher, etc.—as a way to become even more engaged with the Mass and our faith community. And be sure to look at the dozens and dozens of ministries that you, your friends and your family can join and have fun doing together, such as our gardening group, Welcome and Hospitality Committees, Youth Commission, St. Clare Seniors, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and more. There really is something for everyone!

Thank you for prayerfully considering ways to share your time and talents to serve our parish, our world, and our God. Your generous stewardship strengthens our parish and truly builds up the Body of Christ!

Recent Deaths:

Rick Lugge, Son of Mary Lugge

Kim Carroll, Son of Shirley Carroll

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

We pray for all who have died and all who are mourning the death of a loved one.



Happy Birthday!!

August 12

Robert Schmidtke
Alicia Luechtefeld
Katie Whitlow
Matthew Hosman
Evan Kreke
Colby Bedard

August 13

Virginia Leninsky
Lee Crowe
Glenna Streif
Mary Vrieswyk
Meaghan Bovich
Quinn Johnson
Chloe Smith

August 14

Susan Holdener
Amy Hughes
Erin Grider
Erin Thoman
Zoyalyn Stoll
Xander Totsch

August 15

Martha Smith
Idamay Pfeiffer
Deb Zimmerman
Matthew Wilson
Ian Jentsch
Brett Hart
Curtis Newcomb
Anna Strake
Alexander Walford

August 16

Lucy Mixen
Linda Riedel
Brad Badgley
Jeanette Nacar
Doug Pressnall
Monica Winkeler
Jeff Harris
Nicole Bow
Matthew Gorton
Melissa Kellebrew
Stephanie Sharpe
Molly Jackson
Jennifer Furrow
Lane Radloff

August 8

Diane Murphy
Jeremiah O'Connor
Chrissie White
Stuart Mauch
Kim Abalos
Jeremy Reno
Abby Preski

August 9

Babe Papproth
Vicki Flath
Kevin Kenney
Gina Clary
Kyle Jurich
Brooke Trelow
Tylor Fothem
Isabelle Day
Victoria Day
Garrett Busch
Claire Haselhorst

August 10

Mary Herbert
Doris Huller
Daniel Holloway
Marie Berry
Crystal Scallan
Nicholas Takacs
Nancy Lee
Christopher Millikin

August 11

Stan Gonzalez
Merilee Spengler
Susan Price
Patrick Kinsella
Ryan Juen
Patrick Karrigan
Andrew Pierson
Kyle Kombrink
Dorothy Way
Maya Hataway
Anjali Williams

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. George Henken

Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Ted and Patricia Gundlach
Joan Cavins
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, August 10

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
12:00 Noon Russell and Eleanor Thoman

Tuesday, August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin
7:30 a.m. Anthony Jurgensmeyer

Wednesday, August 12—No Mass

Weekday, *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

Thursday, August 13

Weekday, *Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*
12:00 Noon Dolores Harvilla

Friday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
7:30 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, August 15

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Cecil, Lorene and Bill Johnson
Hazel Lindsey and Gladys Head

Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Roberta Gainor
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Weekly Readings for August 10 - 16

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;
Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58



Next Weekend August 15/16

Cantors

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

Simone Wheeler
John Gomez
Rachel Sill

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow, Sella Roman, Walter O'Dell
Brigid Sternberg, Dennis Holdener, Jessica Kalmer
Barb Kovach, Michael DeCarpentry, Jeff & Pat Taylor*
Nancy Buttimer*, Tom Grimmig*

Sunday 8:30 am

Kathy DeVan, Mary Fleming, Percy Menzies, Sara Wise
Ken & Jeanne Smith, Kristy Turner, Judy Lemansky
Jane Holba, Leslie Goldberg*, Tina Whitlow*
Mark & Amie O'Connor*

Sunday 10:30 am

Karen Holzum, Mark Arbogast, Gina Beal, Jane Dotson
Mary Anne Burroughs, Lindsay Goldberg, Michele Taylor
Deb Torres, Steve Bovich, Tara Sill*, Tanja Ramsby*
Dominic & Rena Sabatino*

Lector

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

Tina Perschbacher & Robin Bandy
Pat Day & Tina Whitlow
Lindsay Goldberg & Mark Arbogast

Servers

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

Cassidy Lurk, Anson Smith, Stephanie Sternberg
Jordan & Jacob Nguyen, J. Treasure Basa
Sarah Dotson, Alyssa Faigal, Gabe Smoot

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Ken Kenney, Carl Lurk, Richie Meile
Lucy Mixen, Eric Sheesley, Bruce Rackers

Sunday 8:30 am

George Martychenko, Walt Leninsky, Don Proffer
Ryan Luechtefeld, Brandon Rotz, Gary Borges

Sunday 10:30 am

James Taylor, Brian Huelsmann, Matt Chambers
Paulo D'Amico, Tyler McDaniel, John Meise

Gift Bearers

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

Winnie, Heather & Anya Kenney
Pat, Daniela, Victoria, Isabelle, Isaac, Alexandra Day
Ian, Drew & Ava Taylor

Greeters

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

Dave, Stacey, Noah, Aidan & Dillon Cutter
Aileen Motowski, Babe Papproth, Judy Wylie
Jomary, Jolie, Gianna & Zaniel Chenet

Sound Board

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

Jim Colombo
Gary Borges

Bread Bakers

Shelly Mank, Jane Holba, Kathy DeVan

Children's Word

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

Peggy Gorton & Sophie Wilkerson
Krissy Greene & Hunter Barr

Nursery

Not Available



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, Joe Burroughs, Shirley Carroll, June Dean, 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, Virginia Leninsky, Abelina Leon, Vincent Lepas, Mary Lugge, John Molnar, Mary Molnar, Nona Morgan, Helen Murphy, Margaret Nettles, Katie Paulochk, Thomas Peters, Doris Prosser, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, Diane Gettis-Simmons, Pat Thompson, Jack Titterington, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

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



*A Special Note from Sr. Carolyn!
Happy Feast of St Clare,
Everyone!*

On this special occasion I thought I'd offer a quick update on me. The physical transitions have now all occurred: we sent our beloved cat, Piper, off to a very loving home; we drove my housemate Sister Catherine up to her new home in New York; we sold and emptied out our wonderful house of 16 years; and I am moved into my room at Mercy Center.

All of that was emotionally exhausting, and I have spent these last five retreat days resting and getting reenergized. I am now on my final day of retreat at a Franciscan retreat house in Dubuque, where the environs have kept Francis and Clare very much in mind. Accordingly, so have all of you been, and so I wanted to wish you a very happy feast of St Clare! Thanks again to all of you for your love and support all these many years.

Sister Carolyn



**Men's Renewal Weekend
August 22/23**

All Men of the parish are invited!

"This is a weekend that provides a unique opportunity for the men of our parish to grow closer to God and develop a deeper sense of faith, along with forming lasting friendships."

**For information contact Bryan Birchem
530-4796 or stclaremenscrhp@gmail.com.**



STUDENTS HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL?

As parents, we are always looking for the best for our children. And as they grow older, we find that we are competing for their attention along with their peers, the Internet, and other forms of media. But have you ever thought about offering them a CD they can listen to in their car or on their computer?

This CD, **The BIG Question: God Are You There?** by **Matt Fradd**, will grab their attention! With sound Catholic theology, Matt tackles the 5 fundamental questions we all seem to ask ourselves at some point in our lives:

Where did I come from?

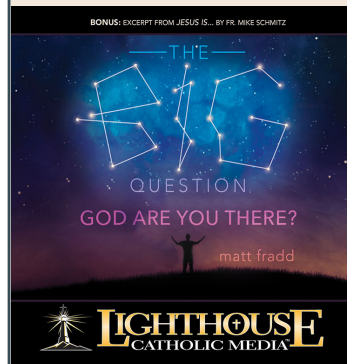
Who am I?

Why am I here?

How should I live?

Where am I going?

It just might be the 'GLUE' they need to grow in their faith this school year! (GLUE is an acronym Matt and his friends used for God, Life, the Universe, and Everything)



Matt Fradd is a bestselling, highly sought after Catholic speaker and apologist, speaking to over 50,000 teens and young adults a year. A gifted evangelist, Matt infuses his own personal stories with passion and humor, along with a great Australian accent, that engages listeners to come to know in this CD how God's existence can be grasped by reason and how everyone must wrestle

with the big question: "**God, are you there?**"

Stop by the kiosk in the Gathering Space to see titles from our new shipment of CDs, Books and Booklets! We will be adding new titles weekly! Lighthouse Catholic Media is a non-profit organization, so your donations of \$2.00 per Booklet, \$3.00 per CD and \$4.00 per Book goes directly into ordering new titles in the coming months. For more info on LCM, click on the Lighthouse link on our parish website www.stclarechurch.org.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Grade Your Marriage - Marriage is not a test that you either pass or fail. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both of you can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Marriage is not a competition in which one person wins at the expense of the other. Go to www.foryourmarriage.org to assess where you are in your marriage. This assessment can add up to a blueprint for deepening your marriage and helping you reach your full marriage potential. **Give thanks to God our Father for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love.**

PSR Registration

On line now at
www.stclarechurch.org

Registration for the 2015-16 St. Clare Parish School of Religion for children in grades K-8 is now open through Aug. 17. Visit the website to register on line or pick up a form in the parish office or gathering space.

Registration also will be available after Mass on August 8-9 and Classes begin Sunday, September 13. PSR is for children in grades K-8 who are not enrolled in St. Clare Catholic School. PSR meets from 10:30—11:40 a.m. on most Sunday mornings beginning September through April at St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd Street in O'Fallon.

Children wishing to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation must be attending weekend Masses in our parish and be students in St. Clare Catholic School, the Parish School of Religion or an approved home-school program. They also will need to participate in the parish's sacramental preparation program.

For more information, contact Jane Dotson, Director of Family Faith Formation at 632-3562.

PSR Catechists Meeting
Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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

Youth Group Schedule

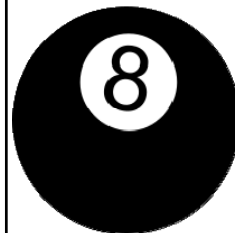
August 9 Meeting in Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.
Guest Leader Nick Fleming (a seminarian with all the answers to your questions!)

August 16 Painting youth room stuff behind Lugge Center (across from St. Clare School) 6—7:30 p.m.
Wear old clothes!!

August 23 More painting 6—7:30 p.m.

Work is in progress on our new Youth Room,
thanks to some wonderful volunteers!!
It will be awesome!!!

The Youth Room is currently in the
basement of the parish office.
High school youth and youth group alumni
are always welcome. No need to register.
Just come on out. Summer meetings are
more casual with games, food and fun!!



Crazy 8's
Next Event:
Back to School
Bash!!

August 23 from 6-8 p.m.
Youth Room & Lawn

For 7th & 8th grade youth from any parish
and any faith! Bring your friends!

Games & Prizes, Soda & Snacks!!

For more info contact

janeadotson@yahoo.com or 632-3562

Bring school supplies for kids in need!

Next event: Bonfire on Sept. 13

The Nursery Ministry needs a new leader or
two co-leaders to organize
volunteers to help in the
nursery during 8:30 and
10:30 Mass.

Please contact Jane at
632-3562
or janeadotson@yahoo.com

to help with this important ministry!



Stewardship



Share God's Gifts

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

St. Clare's fantastic annual Oktoberfest FUNdraiser celebrates an amazing anniversary this Fall—it's **our 15th year!** We're counting on EVERY parish household to pitch in and help make Oktoberfest 2015 the best ever.

Become a part of the team by joining the Oktoberfest Committee! More parish leaders are needed to guide this year's many great activities, booths and promotional efforts. We'd also love to mentor new members in preparation for many, many years to come!

Do you have a small business or civic-minded employer? By being a sponsor or donor you'll promote our parish AND promote your business, and it's tax-deductible, too! To become a sponsor or to make a donation of cash, merchandise or gift cards/certificates, please contact our parish office at 632-3562, Oktoberfest Chairman Ryan Luechtefeld at ryanluechtefeld@yahoo.com, or raffle chair Ellen Gravlin at ellen.gravlin@charter.net.

**Official Oktoberfest Kick-Off Weekend:
Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16
15th Annual St. Clare Oktoberfest:
Saturday, September 26
*Join the celebration!***

Sunday, August 2, 2015
Tithes.....\$22,601.35
New Church.....\$ 5,724.00

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

Upcoming Bridges Retreat September 2015 – May 2016

St. Nicholas Parish has been the Metro-East site for the Bridges Retreat for the past three years, a program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The Spiritual Exercises and its principles and prayer methods provide a foundation for Jesuit spirituality and outlook. Pope Francis, our first Jesuit pope, exudes the joy of knowing Jesus, and he views the Gospels in imaginative ways, both reflecting important components of the Spiritual Exercises.

If you are interested in receiving the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, please attend an information session at St. Nicholas Good Shepherd Spirituality Center at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12.

The retreat starts in mid-Sept 2015 and will meet on Wednesday evenings at St. Nicholas through early May 2016. If you cannot attend the session or would just like more information, go to www.bridgesfoundation.org or contact Cheryl at (636) 225-8433 or Cindy at 741-8075.

HOPE TAKES TEAM WORK

CONVOY OF HOPE

*Serving the Poor
in Our Midst*

Volunteers needed this week!!!

Please help us pass out 600 flyers door-to-door for the Convoy of Hope event. If you can help, please contact Jim Calandro at 257-8643 or colonelc2002@sbcglobal.net.

On August 15th at O'Fallon City Park

St. Clare is participating along with over 40 other Metro east churches. This huge undertaking will require a minimum of 750 volunteers, adults and children! For information, contact Jim Calandro at the phone number and email address listed above.

BIBLE STUDY The Tuesday night group will be studying 2 Corinthians beginning the week after 1 Corinthians ends - **August 25 from 7-8:30 p.m.**

ALTAR ANGELS August 15:

Arlene Cruz-Peele, Kathryn DeVan, Linda Riedel, Sharon Ripplinger

SENIOR MEETING Please join us **August 10** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**

For Mexican Food and our featured guest speaker will be Officer Jim Cavins of the O'Fallon Major Case Squad.



ST. CLARE SCHOOL NEWS!!

The start of the 2015-2016 school year is near! Our school enrollment has reached 416 students. We welcome back all of the students, families and faculty and look forward to meeting all of the new families and teachers.

The first official day of school for the 1st-8th grade students is **Monday, August 17**. Parents are welcome to attend *Coffee in the Café* on Monday

morning after drop off.

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, August 22 **"Welcome Back!" Party at Splash City Waterpark**, 10 Gateway Drive in Collinsville from 7:30—9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Parents and Friends for St. Clare School families and Staff. Families are asked to bring a snack to share.



St. Nicholas, Corpus Christi and St. Clare parents who may be interested in learning more about

Althoff Catholic High School

are invited to attend a reception on

Thursday, September 3 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
at St. Clare Parish, 1411 Cross Street.

Come hear from current students, alumni and administration about the wonderful things happening at Althoff.

Get your questions answered and learn about the great academic and extracurricular opportunities that await your child.

Appetizers and adult beverages will be provided.

RSVP to Jenn Lyke at jlyke@althoff.net or 235-1100 ext. 115

COSMIC BINGO

Proceeds Benefit St. Clare Youth Group!!

Saturday, August 22

Doors Open at 6 p.m. Bingo Starts at 7:30

O'Fallon KC Hall, 402 E Hwy 50

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

Price includes: Six Bingo Cards

Glow Dabber, Glow Hat

Additional bingo cards \$5 for 6

For reservations contact Jane Dotson at 632-3562

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Must be 18 yrs or older to attend!



The Encyclical letter on *Care for our Common Home* by Pope Francis is now available on our webpage **www.stclarechurch.org**.

The Earth Concerns Committee will spend some time studying this document.

All are welcome to join in.

The purpose of the study is to prayerfully understand what is written and to reflect on the impact it has in our world today.

Youth through age 199 are welcomed and encouraged to register.

Dates: August 4, 11 & 18

5:30—7:30 p.m. Cost is free.

Location provided upon registration at **pono4all@sammzz.com**