



***St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!***

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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**  
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## From Our Pastor...

This week the priests of our diocese will be meeting in St. Louis for our annual convocation.

This is an important time for prayer, continuing education, and social time among us priests with our bishop. I am the chair of this convocation each year that takes a lot of planning and coordinating as you can imagine. This year we are focusing on two things: our own priestly identity and spirituality as well as how our parishes can do better at promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will hear from five different speakers, lay and religious, who specialize in these areas. Our six seminarians for the diocese will also be present at the first session on Monday to share with us their vocation story and have time to talk to the priests about their ministry.

Please keep us in your prayers as I will be doing for you as well. I encourage you to send a note of encouragement to our own three seminarians from our parish as they begin their new semester. Below are their addresses:

### Joel Seipp

Sacred Heart School Theology and Seminary  
P.O. Box 429  
Hales Corners, WI 53130-0429

### Nicholas Fleming

Kennrich-Glennon College Seminary  
5200 Glennon Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63119

### Brother Rinju Chenet

Institute of the Incarnate Word  
3706 Rhode Island Avenue  
Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

God's Peace,  
**Fr. Jim Deiters**

### Recent Deaths

**Jack Titterington**, Husband of Wanda,  
Father of Sue, Gaye and Lisa;

**Denise Donato Hendricks**, Daughter of Bill and Pat Donato;

**Thomas Peters**, Father of Kathy (Jeff) Sjoquist.

May they rest in the peace and love of Christ.

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



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### September 12

Vernon Kombrink  
Jane Dotson  
Sarah Mattingly  
Matthew Blomberg  
Becky Brown  
John Winkler  
Kevin Johnson  
Erin Prest  
Liberty Mergen

### September 13

Jan Pavao  
Gayle Leveling  
Jennifer Cipfl  
Maria Prozinski  
Gwen Hites  
Hanna Ertel  
Katie Short

### September 14

Walter Wright  
Stacie Hoover  
Jennifer Compton  
Lindsay Goldberg  
Victoria Call  
Emma Koory  
Bella Hataway

### September 15

Dan Magparangalan  
Mary Ann Winans  
Pat Vollmer  
Ed Bugger  
Matilde Cotto  
Frank Blacharczyk  
David Pierson  
Pamela Billhartz  
Elena McCauley  
Kimberly Dull  
Roman Meduga  
Austin Kortkamp

### September 16

Keith Rautio  
Rose Hatley  
LeAnne Kniepkamp  
Stephanie Bedard  
Christopher Konze  
Nellie Dwyer  
Elizabeth Pierre

### September 17

Darvin Huller  
Harold Newingham  
Douglas McDaniel  
Ron Trelow  
Arlene Cerbie  
Elaine Brown  
Tanja Ramsby  
Joe Ertel  
Charles Sizemore  
Nick Bauder  
Quinten Spilker

### September 18

Patti Leisure  
Dan Ashbaker  
Nancy Gourley  
Leah Wilson  
Eric Brown  
Summer Gentile  
Amy Forbeck  
Drew Bridgeman  
Anne Britton  
Athena Fernandez  
Dylan Minor  
Sophia Ryan  
Audrey Skipworth  
Avery Gansauer  
Peter Walker

### September 19

Jim Hicks  
Don Henson  
Kimberly Nolan  
Emily Rautio  
Jacob Huffines  
Wyatt Mayden  
Phoebe Dalman  
Cecelia Wehrell

### September 20

Lucas Ueda  
Joseph Johnson  
Gerald Parker  
Bert Whitlow  
Gina Chorma  
Christopher Guinn  
Keith Hardy  
Steve Gorom  
Nathan Koch  
Nicholas Lampe  
Alexander Greene  
Adelle Freebairn

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Charles William Johnson

### Sunday, September 13

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Peggy Berens

Frank and Caroline Furmanek

10:30 a.m. Roland Frierdich

### Monday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:00 Funeral Mass for Thomas Peters

12:00 Noon No Mass—Priests Convocation

### Tuesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 a.m. No Mass—Priests Convocation

8:30 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

### Wednesday, September 16—No Mass

Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

### Thursday, September 17—Mass in School Chapel

Weekday, St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

### Friday, September 18

Weekday

7:30 a.m. John Gass

### Saturday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Theresa Kenney

### Sunday, September 20

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

65th Wedding Anniversary of Walter & Virginia Woods

10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

## Weekly Readings for September 14—20

**Monday:** Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or,  
for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass  
"For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos.  
907-911

**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab;  
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;  
Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;  
Mk 8:27-35



## Next Weekend September 19/20

### Cantors

Saturday 5:00 pm

Kristine Blair

Sunday 8:30 am

John Gomez

10:30 am

Amber Harris

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Jack & Patti Leisure, Tom Grimmig, Ellen Gravlin  
Brigid Sternberg, Nancy Karrigan, Nancy Buttimer  
Robin Bandy\*, April Leo\*, Lucia Barragan\*, Russ Hart\*

Sunday 8:30 am

Debbie Cavese, Kevin & Linda Rademacher  
Mary Fleming, Bob & Michelle Crain, Marie Berry  
Simone Wheeler, Jane Holba, John Gomez\*  
Jim, Pennie & Sarah Pavlisin\*

Sunday 10:30 am

Michele Taylor, Karen Holzum, Toni Stanton  
Mary Anne Burroughs, Kitty Luehrs, Mark Arbogast  
Gina Beal, Lea Bautz\*, Dan & Tara Ashbaker\*  
Patty Klingelhoefer\*

### Lector

Saturday 5:00 pm

Barbara Calandro & Tina Perschbacher

Sunday 8:30 am

Percy Menzies & Leslie Goldberg

Sunday 10:30 am

Lindsay Goldberg & Kathy Sjoquist

### Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Milton Saltmarsh, Kyle & Josh Zimmerman

8:30 am

Natalie Bak, John & Charlie Moore

10:30 am

Alyssa Faigal, Drew & Ava Taylor

### Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Scott Leo, Walter O'Dell, Don Gravlin  
Lucy Mixen, Carl Lurk, Eric Sheesley

Sunday 8:30 am

Walt Leninsky, Ryan Luechtefeld, Gary Borges  
Pat Jurgensmeyer, Jim Hendricks

Sunday 10:30 am

James Taylor, John Meise, Paulo D'Amico  
Ruben Abalos, Brian Huelsmann

### Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Ken, Jeanne & Emily Smith

Blaine, Debbie & Spencer Phillips

### Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Erin Prest, Carol Williamson, Rose Brennan  
Babe Papproth, George & Mona Peach  
Jomary, Jolie, Gianna & Zamiel Chenet

### Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Parker Crain

Jim Colombo

### Bread Bakers

Kathy Devan, Jane Holba, Sarah Mattingly

### Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Lucy Ueda & Sophia Cherry

Alicia Luechtefeld & Megan Blair



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, 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, 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.



**Parish School of Religion  
begins Sunday, September 13  
St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd St.  
Enter through door near gym**

Thanks for registering for the 2015/16 Parish School of Religion. If you missed registration, contact Jane Dotson at 632-3562 or at [janeadotson@yahoo.com](mailto:janeadotson@yahoo.com).

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.

**First day (Sept. 13 only) will have graduated start times** by grade level for students & parents to meet the teachers:

- 7th and 8th - 10:30 a.m.
- 1st and 2nd - 10:45 a.m.
- 3rd and 4th - 11:00 a.m.
- 5th and 6th - 11:15 a.m.
- Kindergarten 11:30 a.m.

On September 13, parents and students stay in the classroom for the first 10-15 minutes and receive important PSR information. Then students continue in class until 11:40 a.m. The cafeteria will be open for parents and kids who need to wait for the start of another grade level, but babysitting is not provided.

**Normal PSR time for K-8 is 10:30-11:40 a.m. on Sundays, beginning Sept. 20.**

## Youth Group Schedule

**September 13** Bonfire 6—8:00 Garden/Pavilion

**September 20** First Meeting in new Youth Room 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Clare School

**September 26** Work snow cones, cotton candy, face painting and other booths at Oktoberfest 4pm

**September 27** Recover from Oktoberfest in the new Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.  
**St. Nicholas Walk for the Poor (grade 7-8)**

**New Youth Room is on lower level of St. Clare School. Enter through middle front doors. Special blessing of the youth Room will be in Oct.**



**Bake Sale  
Saturday, September 19  
and September 20  
to benefit youth NCYC.**



### Parent Meetings!

**Confirmation Parent Meeting**

Thursday, September 17  
7 p.m. Fellowship Hall

For parents of students starting the 2nd year of our two-year Confirmation program (8th grade)

**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](mailto:janeadotson@yahoo.com) for more information.*

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### Crazy 8's Bonfire on Sept. 13

6-8 p.m. St. Clare Church Pavilion/Garden and Lawn For all 7th & 8th Grade Youth  
Hot dogs, s'mores, games. Soda and snacks served, too! Bring your friends from anywhere.

### Confirmation Service Opportunities

Saturday, Sept. 26 Oktoberfest Games  
Work one hour or more in kids games!  
Sign up after Mass today!

Sunday, Sept. 27 Walk for the Poor  
St. Nicholas 1 p.m.

**Attention College Students!** If you would like to be a college leader for the upcoming Luke 18 retreat (Jan. 15-17, 2016), please contact Amber Hardy at [love2sing85@hotmail.com](mailto:love2sing85@hotmail.com) or 530-0870 or **by Sept. 15**. College leaders are required to attend *at least* 1 prep meeting (dates tbd in November, December, and January) and be committed to the entire weekend. Numbers are limited and all leaders must be Child Protection compliant through the diocese by the retreat date in order to participate.

Please mark your calendars for a two-part series

**Tuesdays October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

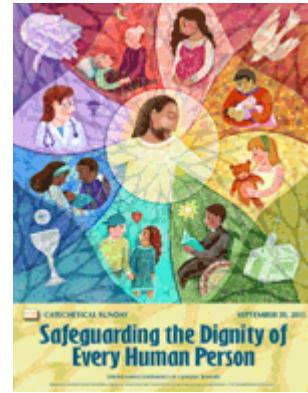
The title of his two-part presentation is  
***Compassion: Channel to the Ocean of Life***

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 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY  
2015: *Safeguarding the Dignity  
of Every Human Person***

St. Clare Parish is celebrating Catechetical Sunday a day early – at 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 19 – in order to celebrate and commission our catechists from St. Clare School and St. Clare Parish School of Religion and Adult Faith Formation programs. We thank them for making a difference in so many lives as their share the Gospel message with children and adults.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

## Respect Life Corner

**Forgiveness: Healing the Hurts in Marriage** - One of the graces present in the sacrament of marriage is the grace of healing and forgiveness. When we come to marriage we each bring our histories – healed or broken, reflected upon or repressed – to our life together. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Our vocation is to help each other become fully human. This means finding a way to share hurts, to risk allowing the other person to know us so intimately that we are willing to open up old wounds and allow God to heal them through each other. One of the best parts of being forgiven is the freedom it brings. Jesus taught us to ask for forgiveness when he taught us to pray. *“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”* invites God to forgive us as we forgive.

## 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.



# Stewardship



## Share God's Gifts

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

### Get involved!

Still looking for a way to be more active in our parish? Volunteer for Oktoberfest! No long-term commitment required! But we bet you'll have fun, meet lots of great folks, and make it an annual tradition! Please stop by the Oktoberfest tables before or after Mass to see where help is needed.

There's a special need for families or youth in junior high and up to help run our many kids' activities and games. Contact Bruce Rackers at 628-2348 if you'd like to work a shift. Oktoberfest set-up begins on Friday, September 25, and tear-down starts after 11:00 pm Saturday, September 26, then continues all day Sunday. You, your tools, and your trucks all are welcome! Please contact Carl Lurk at 624-8191 to sign up.

## Oktoberfest Needs You! September 26, 2015

Register NOW for Oktoberfest 5K! St. Clare's Oktoberfest gets off to a running start every year with our 5K Rennen & Weg. Register now using the form available in the church gathering space, or on line at [www.stclarechurch.org/5krun](http://www.stclarechurch.org/5krun). Register by September 14 for reduced fees and guaranteed, highly coveted official race t-shirts! Remember that there's a fun run for kids immediately following the competitive 5K—what a great way to start an evening of family fun! The race starts and finishes at St. Clare School, putting you at the heart of the Oktoberfest action! For information see the website or email [alicialuechtefeld@yahoo.com](mailto:alicialuechtefeld@yahoo.com).

Be a winner! *Start spreadin' the news...* there's a weekend in New York City up for grabs, as well as a trip to the original Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany! Buy and sell \$100 Big Otto raffle tickets to support St. Clare and have a chance at BOTH of these great trips, PLUS be entered in all 15 Li'l Otto prize drawings. Remember, if you sell 10 Big Ottos, you'll get one free—that's an extra chance for an amazing array of prizes! Extra \$100 Big Otto and \$10 Li'l Otto tickets are available in the Gathering Space or at the parish office. Contact Ellen Gravlin at 531-9151 for more information.



## THE CORNERSTONE

Catholic Scripture Study

Wednesday, September 23

9:30 a.m.

You are welcome to join us as we begin our study of

### The Gospel of Luke

which is sometimes referred to as

### "The Gospel of Prayer"

due to the many beautiful prayers included within it.

For more information, please call Kristy at 402-0885 or visit our website at [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org).

### Sunday, September 13, 2015

Tithe.....\$22,662.86

New Church.....\$ 4,188.00

### Month of August

SVDP.....\$2,807.83

Guatemala (including scholarship fund)\$2,294.57

Assumption.....\$1,150.00

Peters Pence.....\$ 250.00

Mount Calvary Cemetery.....\$ 556.00

Children.....\$ 18.91

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

**ALTAR ANGELS September 19:** Arlene Cruz-Peel, Kathy DeVan, Linda Riedel, Sharon Ripplinger

**SAINT CLARE SENIORS MEETING Monday, September 14** in the Fellowship Hall. Sandwiches and salad will be served. Bring all your “stuff” for our Scavenger Hunt!!

**ALTAR SODALITY** will kick off another year with our annual potluck dinner on **Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us, especially if you recently signed up during the Time and Talent Commitment. Please bring a side dish to share, fried chicken and desserts will be provided. We hope to see you there!!

**PINOCHLE PLAYERS AND SUBS NEEDED!** Fourth Monday of each month starting in September through April in the school cafeteria. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Amy Peifer at 530-4997 or Michelle DeBose at 977-3234.

**MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2016/16 BUILDING TRADES HOME** is available for purchase. The home floor plans are completed and ground breaking will begin soon on the 1,700 square foot house. Please contact Mater Dei office if interested or for more information at 526-7216.

**MARRIAGE CHALLENGES? RETROUVAILLE** (a French word meaning *rediscovery*) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems and crises, even some couples who are separated and/or divorced. The next Retrouvaille program begins the **weekend of SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2015**. For further information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

***The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...accept the challenge...***

Did you know that your gift to The 2015 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on “Giving to the Diocese”. It’s that simple. Through your prayers and generous help we can fulfill the vision of our Holy Father Pope Francis to serve, protect and bring hope to our brothers and sisters in need throughout southern Illinois. Thank you!

The Earth Concerns Committee sponsored a 4 week study on Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Care for our Common Home, *Laudato Si’*. The group was very moved by the document and felt called to change and action in solidarity with all creation. Listed here are some of the individual comments.



*--Pope Francis's new encyclical, *Laudato Si* shows his deep faith, love, and hope. Most encyclicals are somewhat dense and difficult to read. This one is written in more ordinary language and is quite inspiring. This should be essential reading for all Catholics in today's world.*

*--Laudato Si forced me to view the world from a different perspective which previously had not crossed my mind:*

- *Integral ecology—everything is connected*
- *Conviction—we are one single family*
- *Global consensus—essential to solve our problems*
- *Local groups and individuals—make a difference*
- *Need for change—lifestyle, consumption, production*

*--Through a thorough reading and then the small group study of the encyclical my belief in the preciousness of all life was strengthened. These relationships in all of creation I came to see as an act of love strengthened by the Eucharist. This encyclical was a gift.*

*--“Pope Francis reiterates throughout his encyclical how all of creation is connected. He exhorts each of us that: “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (Para 217). *Laudato Si’* is a must read, not just for Catholics, but for all who share “our common home.”*

**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](http://stclarechurch.org) or just scan the code!

