

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018



Saint 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.

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 - 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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Epiphany

How beautiful that each New Year begins with this great feast of Epiphany, which reminds us that God's Light is more powerful than the darkness that surrounds us. As we begin a new year, I invite each of us to think about what parts of our personal life and family life need God's healing light to shine upon. I offer two prayers below for you to use for yourself and/or with family members.

Let us make a new year commitment to turn off old dark 'tapes' of negativity in our mind, let go of dark grudges of the past, and eliminate from our lips dark words toward others.

God's Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters

Let us pray:

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that You are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with You now, one day at a time.

Another favorite to use daily:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

R/. Amen.

—St. Francis of Assisi

January 6

Shawnee Magparangalan
Crystal Hendricks
Heather Lee

January 7

Lynn Bowen
Kevin Mulheran
Amy O'Connor
Silvana Kandala
Alvin Ruckwardt
Alyssa DeBourge
Alexandria Krause
Sasha McCauley
Delaney Nieroda

January 8

Carolyn Wottowa
William Stoll
Ofelia Jozwiak
Cindy Stewart
Mia Friederich

January 9

Melinda Parker
Barbara Boyles
Lisa Hardimon
Michael Swanson
William McCarty
Shea Guinn

January 10

Linda Lee Hodges
Joseph Lepanto
LeVette McKnight
Janet Allen
Christopher Call
Andy Rodriguez
Kris Ferro
Benjamin Krenke
Jeremy Walker
Karely Gonzalez
Kelly Fleming

January 11

Richard Zagorski
Colby Mank

January 12

Brian McAnulty
Ryan Boyles
Marques Davis
Javier Favela
Carter Darnall

January 13

Jane Buechler
Diane Henson
Angel Huelsmann
Pete Pace
Kristy Turner
Jacob Hataway

January 14

Jackie Brown
Sharon Ripplinger
Donna Kloustermeyer
Barbara Bieri
John Caamal

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Wilma Meile

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Lee Strayhorn
Robert Petersen
10:30 a.m. Ted and Pat Gundlach
Robert Braswell

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord
12:00 p.m. Peggy Berens

Tuesday, January 9

Weekday
7:30 a.m. Kathleen Flynn
8:30 a.m. Mass in School Chapel

Wednesday, January 10 (No Mass)

Weekday

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

Weekday
7:30 a.m. Gene and Ann Langhauser

Saturday, January 13

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Walter and Virginia Woods
Dolores Hoher

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Robert and Clara Schachner
Jerome and Dorothy Warchol
Eugene Vassallo
10:30 a.m. James Mannix, Sr.

Readings of the Week January 8—14

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or s 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Next Weekend: January 13/14

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Tom Grimmig, Mark & Amie O'Connor, Karen Sheesley Lee & Anne Crowe, Ricardo Cumba, Ellen Gravlin Kevin Mulheran, Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow Jeff & Pat Taylor

Sunday 8:30 Kathy DeVan, Ely Gillespie, Sharon Ripplinger Denise Roberts, Fred Favela, Jeanette Giebels Peggy Haselhorst, Anthony Huginus, Andrea Picchiatti Susan Price, Alex Schillinger, Sophie & Susan Wilkerson

Sunday 10:30 Steve Bovich, Krystle Hatter, Mandi Huelsmann Betsy Weinel, Mark Arbogast, Ksana Bialick Mary Anne Burroughs, Leslie Goldberg, Ray Matherne Tanja Ramsby, Dominic & Rena Sabatino, Toni Stanton

Readers

Saturday 5:00 Sella Roman & Lucy Mixen
Sunday 8:30 Justin Alberico & Jason Homrig
10:30 Katie Szwedko & Patty Klingelhoefer

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Luke Monroe, Lyllian Smith, Natalie Spain
8:30 Ben Hug, Ethan & Ryan Schillinger
10:30 Mariah Chapple, Lexi Huber, Hannah Sill

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 Don Gravlin, Hal Harris, Ken Kenney Scott Leo, Carl Lurk, Eric Sheesley
Sunday 8:30 Gary Borges, Doug Gross, Gary Haselhorst Jim Hendricks, Frank Morski, Craig Sewell
Sunday 10:30 Paulo D'Amico, Ron Polillo, Roy Rogge Stephen Smith, Mark Stevens, Zakharia Stoll

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Dave, Stacey, Aidan, Dillon & Noah Cutter
Sunday 8:30 Clarence, Michelle, Sophie & Cara Reilly
10:30 Matt, Stephanie, Isaac, Adelaide, Xavier, Genevieve & Eleanor Chambers

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Yvonne Earley, Jamie Eros, Jeannie Haukapp Jamie Raber, Jenny Vogt, Carol Williamson
8:30 Tammy Earley, Jacob & Joshua Huffines, Mona Peach Andrea Picchiatti, Tanja Ramsby
10:30 Christopher, Amy, Grace, Nora & Aiden Stapenhorst Wade, Betsy, Clair & Wesley Weinel

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00
Sunday 8:30 Peter Timpson
10:30 Colby Mank

Bread Bakers

Betsy McCarty, Amy Short, Beth Tempus

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 Kelly Monroe & Alex Eichholz
Sunday 8:30 Judy Lemansky & Isaac Hubbard
10:30 Barb Smith & Ian Taylor

Nursery

8:30 Leader not filled Jeremy Walker
10:30 Kim Huber (No co-leader)

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.

December 30/31

Tithe: \$20,000.50
New Church: \$7,815.00

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

ONLINE GIVING

ONLINE GIVING is available for our weekly offerings, as well as other parish collections. Donating is simple, safe and secure and takes less than five minutes. Set up a one-time or recurring donation by following these easy steps:

- Go to stclarechurch.weshareonline.org
- Select Weekly Collection
- Enter your payment information

You Are Invited!

To an Intimate Relationship with Jesus

"I came so that they might have life...

...and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Faith Formation Opportunities

Formed

Merry Christmas! We hope this helps you grow closer to Jesus this Christmas and throughout the year.

Cornerstone Bible Study: Gospel of John

Wednesdays, Jan. - April, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Join us in exploring how God's Word applies to our life today. Guest day is **Jan. 10**. New members must attend this orientation. Contact Kristy Turner at 402-0885 or krisnturner@hotmail.com.

Praying the Eucharist: Connecting at Mass

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Presented by Father Jim Deiters
Ever wonder what Father is saying at the altar or what it's all about? Dive in and learn about the Eucharist Prayer. RSVP for babysitting at janeadotson@yahoo.com or 632-3562 **by Jan. 11**.

The Eucharist: Come to the Feast - Lent Soup Series

Mondays, Feb. 19 - March 19. Mass at 6:00 pm.
Meal and Presentation at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Enjoy food, fellowship, and faith formation. Each session focuses on a different aspect of the Eucharist and its implications for us.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study:

Women in the New Testament

Feb. 27 - April 17, 7 - 8:30 pm, in the Church Library
Learn what their stories can teach us about God and faith. Register at 632-3562 **by Feb. 13**. Cost is \$20.

Faith Formation Groups

Young Adults

Meets monthly

Are you a young adult looking for fellowship, faith formation, and growth? Contact Jay Davila at jaydavila08@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook: Young Adults Group of Saint Clare of Assisi - O'Fallon, IL.

2nd Saturday Mass and Men's Night

Monthly, starting with 5 pm Mass
Come for Mass, stay for food and fellowship. Features movies and conversation. Bring Your Own Beverages (beer, soda, etc.) and Bring Your Own Cash (to order pizza). Movies include *Invictus* (Jan.), *Groundhog Day* (Feb.), and *Risen* (April). Discussion on Heroic Fasting in March.

St. Clare Catholic Men for Christ

Saturday, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24, 8 - 10 am, Fellowship Hall
7:30 am Rosary

Get fed bodily and spiritually with St. Clare men. In January, Matthew Flynn will present on how to talk about our faith experiences. In February, Len Ratajczyk will share about St. Paul Street Evangelization. Group meets monthly.

Special Events

Information Night for Those Interested in Becoming Catholic

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Presented by Matthew Flynn, Director of Adult Faith Formation

Ever thought about becoming Catholic? Learn what is involved and how rewarding it can be. There will be time for questions.

The Catholic Church & the Racial Divide in the United States

Monday, Jan. 22, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Presented by Bishop Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.
Learn about key elements contributing to the racial divide in the United States, reasons why so few African-Americans are Catholic and how the Catholic Church can bridge the racial divide.

Marriage, Divorce, and Annulment: Realities and Myths

Thursday, Jan. 25, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Presented by Father Jim Deiters
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.

Movie Night: The Miracle Worker

Friday, March 23, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
All are welcome! Pizza and popcorn provided—bring a snack or drink to share. RSVP to John Burke at jburkeil@sbcglobal.net.

Retreats and Conferences

Quiet Retreat for St. Clare Men: Called by Name to Belong

Jan. 12-14, or 19-21 at King's House in Belleville
Take time for personal reflection and spiritual growth. Call 397-0584 for information or to register. Donations taken for payment.

Women's Welcome Experience

Saturday, Feb. 17, 8 am to Sunday, Feb. 18, about 3 pm
Discover what's missing in life and what to do about it. Contact Jane Dotson with questions or to register at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com. Register **by Feb. 2**.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference

Saturday, Feb. 3, Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)
Looking for spiritual rejuvenation? Join the men from St. Clare! Participants meet in the church parking lot and carpool; contact John Burke at jburkeil@sbcglobal.net. Details and registration can be found at catholicmenforchrist.org.

Catholic Women for Christ Conference

Saturday, March 10, Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)
Experience Christ, Community, and Catholicism with women from St. Clare. Details and registration at catholicwomenforchrist.org. Contact Kristy Turner at 402-0885 or krisnturner@hotmail.com to carpool.



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

- Jan 7 PSR Class (CPP Training)
- Jan 14 No PSR (Martin Luther King Day)
- Jan 21 PSR Class
- Jan 28 PSR Class
Kindergarten/Grade 5 Soup Kitchen



- Jan 7 Youth Group in Youth Room
6—7:30 pm
- Jan 12—14 Luke 18
- 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

**First Communion Parent Education Night
with Father Jim
Thursday, January 18 from 6:30—8:00 p.m.**

**Fr. Jim Presents
“Praying the Eucharist: Connecting at Mass”**
Required for all parents of students preparing for
First Communion in 2018. Everyone is welcome!
Free babysitting in church that night.

**Luke 18 Planning Meeting
Sunday, Jan 7 at 11:45
Corpus Christi Parish Hall**

For high school and college students
helping with Luke 18 retreat and adult core
team. All student leaders/guardians
asked to attend; meeting is required for
those who missed the Dec 17 meeting.
Lunch is included!

If you missed the Dec 17 meeting, this
meeting is mandatory for you to continue
participating in Luke 18. Make-up work day
meeting is 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan 6 at
St. Clare School for those who have to
miss Dec 17 & Jan 7 meetings.



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 the weekend of Jan 20/21.** Shoes
also will be collected at the Luke 18 retreat. Thank
you for helping Give Drink to the Thirsty.

**Annual Bus Trip to Washington DC
45th Annual National March for Life
January 18, 19, 20, 2018**

Contact Doug Luge
618-476-9505 or jdlugge@gmail.com
dps.diobelle.org/respectlife

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Belleville Child Protection Policy requires
background checks and training for all volunteers over 18
and out of high school and who will work with children in
St. Clare Parish, School or Scouting organizations spon-
sored by the school or parish. Volunteers who have not
attended the training in the Belleville Diocese must take
the two-hour training course once and then an online re-
freshers each year; both are free of charge. Registration is
required. School or Scout volunteers may obtain forms
from the school office, others should pick up forms at the
parish office or email janeadotson@yahoo.com. Other
training dates available at: www.diobelle.org.



ALTAR ANGELS FOR JANUARY 13 Marie Berry, Jackie Burke
Jeanette Giebels, Eleanor Henken, Judy Lemansky

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!

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS An Adult Understanding of the Four Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Judgment and Purgatory **Saturday, January 20, 10 am – 12 Noon** Cost \$20 and registration required. **Presenter:** Fr. John Mark Etensohn, OMI. In the words of St. Paul how might “the God who began a good work in you continue to bring it to completion?” As adults we can search the Scriptures, the richness of our Catholic tradition, and our understanding of the world for clues as to what we call the last things: death, heaven, hell, judgment, purgatory. For information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270. snows.org/programs.

SAINT PEREGRINE DEVOTIONS Every First Thursday of the Month at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belleville. Mass at 8 a.m. followed by devotions to the patron of cancer patients. Call our parish office for more information or to carpool.

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ST. CLARE CONNECTION is our weekly e-newsletter sent out to parishioners. If you would like to be added on to our mailing list please sign up at stclarechurch.org/enewsletter.



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)
For tickets go to
www.kofc1143.com/globingo

Cash Bar — Bring Your Own Snacks!
Over \$1000 in Cash Prizes!
Must be 18 or older to attend!



St. Clare School Open House
Sunday, January 28 from 1:30—3:00

Registration available for Kindergarten—8th Grade. Children entering K must be 5 years old before September 1, 2018. Please bring a copy of certified birth certificate and baptismal certificate. \$50 registration fee per family.

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