



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.

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From Our Pastor...

Welcome New Parish Pastoral Council!

A couple months ago I asked all parishioners to submit names of people they suggested to serve on our new Pastoral Council. It was a very encouraging experience for me to see the names of the people recommended since it confirmed what I already knew --- that we have an amazing parish with many great leaders and loads of talent!

Having some people serve on the Council in no way makes them any better than other parishioners nor does it say that they are the most popular. Some people who were recommended asked to not serve at this time but maybe in the future. Each year we will seek a couple new members for those whose term finishes.

The new members are: Sally Ayoob, Amber Hardy, Bruce Rackers, John Gomez, Rita Zinn, Jackie Burke, Len Ratajczyk, Jim Sabella, and Katie Szwed. Also serving as 'ad hoc' members are our two trustees, John Dempsey and Mike Crupe. Together they represent a wide variety of ages and ministries. We had our first meeting last week that had great, positive energy and we already began naming some goals and hopes for our parish's spiritual path.

On another note, I want to thank all the men who were leaders on our Men's Retreat last weekend: Bryan Birchem, John Burke, Franz Chenet, Pat Day, Tom Grimmig, Jon Harter, Steve Hellmann, Jeremy Kmetz and Ken Smith. They did an excellent job of inspiring the retreatants to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Thanks, too, for all of you who returned your Stewardship of Time and Talent Card! It is so inspiring to see you getting engaged in our parish and being faithful to God by sharing of your time for God's Church.

God's Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters

Recent Deaths:

June Dean, Mother of Christopher Dean and Andrea Hayse
Theresa Keeney, Sister of Connie Garrett
May these faithful women rest in the peace and love of Christ. We continue to pray for all who are near death, all who have died and all who are mourning the death of a loved one.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 29

Wanda Garner
Lawrence Seipp
Jesse Flores
Craig Bedard
Angel Juen
Lindsay Pierson
Andrew Fitzgerald
Anthony Federico
Emily Kunsemiller
Franki Boente

August 30

Terry Prizer
Kyle Kniepkamp
Tim Claxton
Mike Barrett
Sarah Cooley
Wesley Weinell

August 31

Pat Cates
Tricia Blazier
Jorge Avila
Jason Taylor
Lauren Palagi
Kevin Banker
Christopher Holba
Hannah Kaiser

September 1

Dale Rupright
Beth Rautio
Joe RoosEvans
Jeremy Herbert
Camilla Schwartz

September 2

Jim Luehrs
Jeff Taylor
Susan Blacharczyk
Christine Lampe
Matthew Pinson
Dominic Sanchez
Madelyn Herling
Logan Findley
Myla Avila

September 3

Jaye Smith
Stephanie Braswell
Lori RoosEvans
Bev Parker
Lona Moore
Ann Hug
Patrick Cortez
Vincent Cortez
Luke Winkelmann
Kody Turner
Joy Abalos

September 4

Marion Graminski
Caitlin Fuld
Jenna Druse
Alex LaSalvia
Sami Dunker
Carter Mattingly

September 5

Betty Deschesne
Christy Wohlgemuth
Lisa Harter
Sophia Wilkerson
Peter Fleming

September 6

Dorothy Schildroth
Kevin Boewe
Stephanie Favela
Christopher
Kazmierczak
Brady Steinkamp
Tyson Voss



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Theresa Peters

Sunday, August 30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Cletus Becherer
10:30 a.m. Dick and Norma Seipp

Monday, August 31

Weekday

12:00 Noon Paul Louis

Tuesday, September 1

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Sue Rowe
8:30 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

Wednesday, September 2—No Mass

Weekday

Thursday, September 3—Mass in School Chapel

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Leo and Irene Lickenbrock

First Friday, September 4

Weekday

7:30 a.m. John and Betty Klingelhoef

Saturday, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Norman Wright

Sunday, September 6

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. James Carroll
10:30 a.m. Rita Rehkemper
Sandi Konopelski

***Eucharistic Adoration following 10:30 Mass**

Weekly Readings for August 31 - Sept 6

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37



Next Weekend September 5/6

Cantors

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

Barb Compton
Kristine Blair
Rachel Sill

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow, Brigid Sternberg
Michael DeCarpentry, Jack & Patti Leisure, Russ Hart
Tom Grimmig, Lucy Mixen, Dennis Holdener*
Lucia Barragan*, Nancy Buttimer*, Shirley Suski*

Sunday 8:30 am

Bob & Michelle Crain, Ryan Luechtefeld, Simone Wheeler
Gary Borges, Kathy DeVan, Ely Gillespie, Jane Holba
Pat Day, Jim, Pennie & Sara Pavlisin*, Debbie Cavese*

Sunday 10:30 am

Toni Stanton, Gina Beal, Dominic & Rena Sabatino
Mary Anne Burroughs, Margaret Andrasko
Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Kathy Sjoquist, Karen Holzum*
Richard Smith*, Steve Bovich*, Tara Sill*

Lector

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

Jenny Vogt & John Jackson
Sharon Ripplinger & John Gomez
Amelia Abalos & Deb Torres

Servers

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

Stephanie Sternberg, Anna & Nicholas Flath
Liam Kenney, Sophie Wilkerson, Natalie Bak
Tyler Stanton, Joseph Kinsella, Isabelle Day

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Josh Gansauer, Eric Sheesley, John Boysha
Walter O'Dell, Richie Meile, Ken Kenney

Sunday 8:30 am

George Martychenko, Mark Huller, Don Proffer
Jim Hendricks, John Bechtoldt, Pat Jurgensmeyer

Sunday 10:30 am

Mark Stevens, Matt Chambers, Ruben Abalos
Tyler McDaniel, Brian Huelsmann, Paulo D'Amico

Gift Bearers

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

Hal & Bridgette Harris
Winnie, Heather & Anya Kenney

Greeters

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

Bo, Cyndi, Olivia & Eli Butters
Judy Wylie, Jim & Corrine Wright
Blaine, Debbie & Spencer Phillips

Sound Board

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

David Schmitz
Parker Crain
Jim Colombo

Bread Bakers

Stephanie Chambers, Michele Taylor, Dannette Kinsella

Children's Word

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

Lucy Ueda & Shophia Cherry
Pat Vollmer & Megan Blair
Krissy Greene & 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, 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, Thomas Peters, Doris Prosser, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, 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.



**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.

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.

NCYC MEETING

**August 30 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
For Youth, Parents and Chaperones
NCYC Fundraising!!**

Youth Group Schedule

August 23 Meeting 6—7:30 p.m. in Youth Room

August 30 Youth Group Meeting 6—7:30 p.m. In the FELLOWSHIP HALL. Come hear about TEC!!

September 6 No Meeting: Labor Day Weekend

September 13 Bonfire 6—7:30 on church lawn

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!!



Parent Meetings!

Pre-Confirmation

Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

For parents of students in 7th grade and any older students who would like to begin study in our parish's 2 year Confirmation program.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 17 at 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, Director of Family Faith Formation at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com for more information.

Attention College Students! If you would like to be a college leader for the upcoming Luke 18 retreat (Jan. 5-17, 2016), please contact Amber Hardy at 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.

ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION

Patron Saint of Cancer Patients

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Belleville
Mass at 8:00 a.m. with devotion following

**For more information, or to carpool, please
call our parish office at 632-3562.**

CONVOY OF HOPE

A big thanks to all of our parishioners who volunteered to help with the Convoy of Hope Event in O'Fallon on August 15th.

Fifty churches joined together to give hope to many of our brothers and sisters in the metro east area who struggle on a daily basis to feed, clothe and shelter their families. These 50 churches provided 1,128 volunteers to serve 3,040 guests of honor. Volunteers in the connections tent prayed with 2,736 (90%) of these guests. Three thousand bibles were given out, 652 guests received haircuts and 413 family portraits were taken. Nine hundred and sixty pairs of women's shoes and 1,790 pairs of children's shoes were distributed. The National Breast Cancer Foundation served 606 guests and Jobs and Career Services served 275 guests; 4,430 meals were prepared.

Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus and our parish for providing their grills for preparing the lunches and to those who transported them to the park and back and to all those who helped to deliver flyers door-to-door advertising the event.

Catholic Radio FM 90.3 and AM 1080

Programming includes Daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, live call in shows, Catholic Answers from 5—7 p.m. each week night, local programming and much more!

For a program schedule,
call (314) - 752-7000
or toll free 877-305-1234.

Before writing anything else, I want to begin by saying, *"Thank you."* My wife, Katie, and I have felt so welcomed by all of you to St. Clare Parish. We are excited about being a part of this parish as we settle in here. I do ask that you please be patient with us (especially me) as we struggle to learn and remember everyone's name. Even if we have met before, please come up to me and introduce yourself again while gently reminding me that we have, in fact, already met. I promise—I will get the point (and your names and faces) eventually.

Even amidst a sea of swirling faces, names, and stories, this past month at St. Clare has truly been an inspiring one. It is hard to believe that it has already been a month! I have had some deeply refreshing and life-giving conversations with various parishioners and parish ministry coordinators and look forward to having more in the coming weeks. I feel like I have learned so much already from these/you amazing people and yet feel like I have so much more to learn as well: this is truly a rich and fertile environment, and I can already see some of the fruits that it bears in our parish and community.

I also appreciate how open and welcoming people have been in sharing not just their ministries but also their stories, lives, and homes with me. I wish I had room enough to write about how each ministry has impressed me and why people should get involved, but I do not, so I want to highlight the **RCIA** program. Few people know this, but the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a parish wide effort. Everyone in the parish is responsible for helping bring in, welcome, form, teach, and invite new members of our Catholic community.

Maybe you are good at hospitality and would like to invite an interested inquirer into your home for a meal and conversation. Or maybe you are involved in a ministry or coordinate one and can invite a catechumen or candidate to participate with you. Maybe you pray a rosary every day and add the RCIA program and its catechists, hosts, inquirers, sponsors, catechumens, and candidates to your intentions. Maybe you like talking with people one-on-one and can commit to being a sponsor. Or maybe you see someone you haven't met yet at Mass and introduce yourself and welcome him or her, knowing that by that very simple act you make it easier for someone to feel at home in the House of God that we share.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a parish to raise a disciple, even if all you do is help provide a good example or welcome someone, making it that much easier to take their first step.

Thank you for reading, and please pray for our parish, its ministries, and especially for those who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church.

**Matthew Flynn, Director of Adult Faith
Formation and Mission**



Stewardship



Share God's Gifts

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

Many, MANY thanks to everyone who made a commitment to our parish by signing up for ministries during our **Time and Talent Commitment Weekend**. More than 250 households responded! If for any reason you could not turn in a sign-up card last weekend, it's not too late to participate! Drop your card in the regular weekend collection **by Sunday, September 6**; cards may also be brought to the parish office during regular business hours. Additional cards can be found in the Gathering Space.

Ministry leaders will be contacting and welcoming new and returning members during the month of September. If a ministry requires specific orientation (such as altar servers or Eucharistic ministers), you will also receive information about training requirements and dates.

We are so grateful for your dedication to St. Clare! May God continue to bless us and all we do in His name!

Fr. Jim and the Stewardship Committee

Oktoberfest Needs You! September 26, 2015

Be a part of St. Clare's biggest annual fundraiser!

- ◆ Our popular basket raffle requires lots and lots of assembled, complete gift baskets. Pick a theme, gather some great new items, and get creative!
- ◆ Enjoy baking? Sign up to bring desserts for the German dinner and cakes for the Cake Wheel!
- ◆ Buy and sell Big Otto and Li'l Otto raffle tickets! Sell 10 Big Otto \$100 tickets and earn a free ticket for yourself!
- ◆ Promote your business while helping our parish as an Oktoberfest sponsor!
- ◆ Commit a few hours before, during or after the Fest as a volunteer! Set up and clean up in particular require MANY workers.

Stop by the Oktoberfest table in the Gathering Space before and after Masses to learn how you can lend a hand! Your help will make it the best Fest ever!!

ALTHOFF CATHOLIC

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

St. Clare Youth Group parents are sorry we had to cancel the Cosmic Bingo due to low ticket sales.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thanks to the following donors for sponsoring us:

**Drury Inn and Suites
Wolfersberger Funeral Home
Bank of O'Fallon
Digital Management Solutions
BSA Properties
Rodan & Fields (Mary Jo Guinn)
Altar Sodality
Two Youth Families**

Watch for more on these donors, whose donations will sponsor our next event to raise funds for our trip to The National Catholic Youth Conference!

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Tithe.....\$15,487.40

New Church.....\$ 1,745.00

***"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 5: Rose Brennan, Celerena Collins
Babe Papproth and Eli Gillespie

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!!

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY Please 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. This study will begin on Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Clare. For more information, please call Kristy at 402-0885 or visit our website at www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org.

ST. CLARE LADIES SODALITY sends sincere THANKS to all who purchased and enjoyed our Zucchini Breads. This fundraiser was a huge success and the money is used to furnish the supplies needed in the celebration of the Mass. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the talented Sodality Bread Bakers. Zucchini Bread will be back again next summer.



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.



ST. CLARE SCHOOL NEWS...

The school year has begun and it is wonderful to see all of the children in the halls each morning.

The new students and teachers were recognized and welcomed at a prayer service on the first day of classes. In addition, the entire school attended Mass later in the week. The students and faculty were challenged to “shine your light for Jesus” and to live each day as Jesus would.

In athletics, the 7th and 8th grade boys’ soccer team won the St. John Neumann tournament in Maryville with a win over St. Peter and Paul. The 7th and 8th grade girls team finished third in the tournament. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches on a great start to the season!



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 transcended doctrine and became real in creation. I still work at being fully present to life and creation, but this encyclical was a gift.

--“A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature can not be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion, and concern for our fellow human beings” (Para. 91). 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.”