

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2018**



**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 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.

Saint Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

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From Our Pastor, Fr. Jim...

Building Project Update

On Wednesday this week, we met with our architects to further conversation about our parish needs. With great technology, we are able to have most of our meetings via 'Skype'/Internet to save on costs since our architects (BCDM) are in Omaha. I'm trying to keep you completely informed of the process and progress so that we are "in this together."

If you remember, this past spring I hosted a 'town hall' meeting and invited all parishioners to share their questions and ideas. It was unanimous from the group that we definitely need new offices since the little red brick house we are now in is falling apart.


The other main issue that came up in the town hall was the need for a larger Fellowship Hall and kitchen. In the past couple months the architects have been looking at cost effective ways to meet these needs. The first thing they are having us do is to get clear on how much space we really want and need, and that began with clarifying the space needed just for storage (always a shortage of that!)

The parish staff has begun reviewing a draft plan for offices that we drew up about 10 years ago to see what our needs are today, including the need for a couple more meeting rooms. This week our committee looked at some sample spaces that the architects presented and based on our comments will keep re-working the plans to best meet our needs. We hope to have some draft drawings ready to present by January or early February.

Meanwhile, keep praying and saving for the 2019 campaign, for the Spirit to guide us in our decision-making.

St. Clare of Assisi...pray for us!

Advent Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters



Christmas Mass Schedule
Monday, December 24
4:30 and 11:00 PM
Tuesday, December 25
10:00 AM

Join us early for one half hour of prelude music before each Mass!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 15

Carol Burk
Renee Ignatz
Mike Hollenkamp
Kathy Newcomb
Tom Fergus
Gerald Spencer
Arnelle Davis
Xavier Romero
Ben Cullen
Eli Garcia

December 16

Lilia Levrault
Chuck Currier
Jacqueline Teeling
Natalia Melendez
Danielle Schnable
Doug Mennerick
Drew Wise
Alissa Wieman
Katelyn Sternberg
Reynaldo Tavares

December 17

Russ Thoman
Ellen Gravlin
Christopher Neiman
Amber Borges
Joshua Bevers
Alexis Schillinger
Vincent Garcia
Connor Guttman

December 18

Cameron Jackson
Ken Gass
Brad Joseph
Laura Michelfelder
Christine Barttelbort
Karen Raybourn
Ruth Schaefer-Louison
Grace Huntz
Teza Simunyola
Colleen PAVelschak
Tyler Tiemann
Tylor Fergus
Madison Dunham
Jack Stewart

December 19

Billy Findley
Josh Gansauer
Fred Vrieswyk
Tom Gravlin
Lindsey Berry
Jaquelyn Whyte
Vincent Morgan

December 20

John Vassen
Darcy Benway
David Atilano
Terry Jordan
Kyle Sternberg
Dylan Schiefelbein

December 21

Pauline Puttmann
Allen Medford
Jean Coveleskie
Shelia Cope
Jerry Glaze
John Geis
Jon Friederich
Chelsea Corpuz
Gabrielle Kennedy
Haley Garcia
Emma Ratermann
Hayden Schulte
Jack Dawson

December 22

Katie Szwedo
Sally Tipton
Bob Braswell, Jr.
Colt Schiefelbein
Gwen Phillips
Sophia Ratajczyk
Ashley Walker
Jake Hug

December 23

Nancy Buttmer
Martin Benoit
Elizabeth LeChien
Erin Dunn
Erin Klaus
Carter Spellman

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Clete Schwaegel
Bill Munie

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Ed Kloustermeyer
Cy and Lucy Weissert
10:30 a.m. Mary Mennerick
Eric Jines

Monday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

12:00 p.m. Tom and Bette Awerkamp
Alvin Newburg Family

Tuesday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. Gerald Blum
8:30 a.m. Mass in School Chapel

Wednesday, December 19 - No Mass

Late Advent Weekday

Thursday, December 20—No Mass

Late Advent Weekday

Friday, December 21

Late Advent Weekday, *Saint Peter Canisius Priest and
Doctor of the Church*

7:30 a.m. Gene and Dolores Elliott

Saturday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Vernon Kombrink
Russell V. Thoman, Sr.

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Robert and Clara Schachner
Cletus Becherer
10:30 a.m. Mary Lou Ott
Albert and Viola Eros

Readings of the Week December 18—23

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-
6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Next Weekend: December 22/23

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Nancy Buttimer, Dennis Holdener, Jessica Kalmer
Kevin Mulheran, Lee & Anne Crowe, Stacey Cutter
Jim Edwards, Ellen Gravlin, Tom Grimmig, Karen Sheesley
Jeff & Pat Taylor

Sunday 8:30 Bob & Michelle Crain, Caron Proffer, Sharon Ripplinger
Marie Berry, Adrian Bracamonte, Mary Fleming, Ely Gillespie
Aimee Nieroda, Jim & Pennie Pavlisin, Susan Price
Simone Wheeler

10:30 Lindsay Goldberg, Dominic & Rena Sabatino, Susan Wilkerson
Margaret Andrasko, Mary Anne Burroughs, Karen Holzum
Mandi Huelsmann, Suzanne Huffines, Joe LaSalvia
Kevin Martinez, Tanja Ramsby, Toni Stanton

Readers

Saturday 5:00 Jamie Eros & Margaret Andrasko

Sunday 8:30 Peggy Haselhorst & David Leisure

10:30 Zeke Huber & Amanda Huber

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Josh, Ryan & Katie Zimmerman

8:30 Jordan Nguyen, Gregory Timpson, Delaney & Emerson Nieroda

10:30 Connor Chapple, Ryan Clancy, Levi Huber, Xavier Romero

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 Theresa Bevers, Don Gravlin, Ken Kenney

Richie Meile, Bruce Rackers, Eric Sheesley

Sunday 8:30 John Bechtoldt, Gary Borges, Gary Haselhorst

Jim Hendricks, Mark Huller, Craig Sewell

Sunday 10:30 Paulo D'Amico, Jason Holzum, Brian Huelsman

Carlos Mariles, Blaine Phillips, Mark Stevens

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Vivianne Herich & Carol Parker

Sunday 8:30 Erin, Shawn II, Shawn III & Wesley Dunn

10:30 James, Michele, Ava, Drew & Ian Taylor

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Dave, Stacey & Dillon Cutter, Su Holmes, Kit & Deb Zimmerman

8:30 Muriel Barber, Babe Papproth, Barry Stolle Family

Jim & Corrine Wright, Gib Vollmer

10:30 Sharon, Garrett & Braden Busch, Thomas Hickey, Donna Swanson

Gustavo, Alexis, Sofia & Gabriela Cotto, Beth Reichenbach

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 Jett Cates

Sunday 8:30 Peter Timpson

10:30 Gary Goldberg

Bread Bakers

Sherry D'Amico, Joe & Lona Moore, Vonda Walker

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00

Sunday 8:30 Megan & Maddie Blair

10:30 Mandi Huelsman & Isabella Ponciroli

Nursery 8:30 Sarah & Oscar Speakes

10:30 Melissa Lewis & Beth Ruckwardt

Choir

5:00 Treble Choir

8:30 Men's Schola

10:30 SATB Choir

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Bill Bettorf, Mike Carroll, Claudene Chunn, Dianne Clark, Joyce Correale, David Dempsey, Tom Dernbach, Theresa Gilreath, Jean Green, Andy Harris, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Tom and Mary Herbert, Kennah Hiestand, Susan Isaak-Lolis, Liz Klingler, Ami Kovach, Babe Papproth, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Pennie Pavlisin, George Peach, Paul Riley, Megan Saldanha, Mary Ann Seipp, Ken Sternberg, John Tiemann, Patricia Weiler

Please call the parish office or email marciafix@yahoo.com if you have a family member that is homebound or in the hospital and would like their name included in the bulletin.



Thank you for your generous contributions to St. Vincent de Paul!

If you are interested in getting involved with St. Vincent de Paul after hearing our speakers at Mass last weekend, please contact them at 632-4270 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Blankets and Coats!

St. Vincent de Paul Society desperately needs blankets and coats to distribute to those in need. Gently used or new coats and blankets of all types in all sizes are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the SVDP office at #13 Vieux Carre Drive, Suite 2, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area, immediately off Route 157 across from the Save-A-Lot grocery) or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm—check your closets and donate a coat or blanket today!



Reception into the Catholic Church

This Sunday at the 8:30 Mass, **Katie Kastler** will be received into the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Katie is engaged to Greg Takacs, and they will be married in the summer. Her sponsor is Paul Takacs, Greg’s father.

She has chosen Saint Therese of Lisieux as her Confirmation Name. Please welcome Katie and pray for her and Greg as they prepare for Marriage.

“The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste and humble; it is unreserved love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the church which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity.”



St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984



Guatemala Corner
We are visiting our Sister Parish, Our Lord of Esquipulas in Guastatoya
January 2—9, 2019

While there, we will be visiting villages and parishioners, praying and worshipping together, sharing about our parishes, and seeing some of their parish ministries in action, like their medical clinic and newly trained medical screening volunteers, the scholarship recipients and committee, their faith formation groups, their outreach to the sick and elderly and their youth ministry. Please pray for them and for our trip!

Your Giving

December 8/9

Weekly Envelope	\$ 15,830.00
WeShare	\$ 3,672.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 5,195.00
Total Tithe	\$24,397.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,750.00
Church Mortgage	\$ 8,735.00

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please remember your parish as you consider making extra “end of the year” contributions.



Re-Gifting with a Purpose!

Like all college students, **seminarians** can benefit from an occasional “Care Package”.

Please consider donating a **Gift Card**, new or a “re-gifted” card you are unable to use.

All Cards Are Appreciated:

*Department Stores Gas Stations
Restaurants Cash Cards*

**You may send the cards to the parish office or mail to
Office of Vocations, 2620 Lebanon Ave.,
Belleville 62221**



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***Are you looking for the perfect gift
for your mom, wife, sister or friend?***

Give her a priceless gift!

***The Women's
Welcome Experience Weekend
February 16/17, 2019***

For all women of the parish 18 and older.



Pick up your "gift bag" after Mass this weekend!!

New Year's Eve Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, December 31

From 11:00 PM until 12:30 AM

Mass on New Years Day at 10:00 AM

Ring in the New Year in the silence of Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. On this holy day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we pray for peace in our families, communities and for our world, for the Church, the sanctity of all life and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Deacon Dennis will lead communal prayer from 11:50 pm - 12:10 am

Our next monthly 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration will be January 13/14.





St. Clare Parish
School of Religion

Dec 16 PSR Class
 Dec 23 No PSR (Christmas Break)
 Dec 30 No PSR (Christmas Break)
 Jan 6 PSR Class CPP Training for all students
 Jan 13 PSR Class
 Jan 18-20 Luke 18 Retreat Grade 8
 Jan 20 NO PSR
 Jan 24 First Communion Parent Education Meeting 6:30—8 Fellowship Hall
 Jan 27 PSR Class

First Communion Parent Education Night with Fr. Jim is Thursday, January 24 from 6:30—8 p.m.
 All parents of First Communion Students must attend.



Dec 15-16 Pick up study bags after Mass
 Dec 16 No Meeting...Study for finals
 Dec 16 Luke 18 meeting at St. Nicholas
 Dec 23 & 30 No Youth Group Meetings
 Jan 6 Youth attend Epiphany Concert
 Jan 13 Meeting 6—7:30 p.m.
 Jan 20 No Youth Group Meeting
 Jan 27 Ice Skating at Steinberg Ice Rink
 Feb 3 Super Bowl Party
 Feb 10 Dodgeball Tournament

*Youth Room is located on the bottom floor of St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd Street
 Enter through the middle doors, go downstairs.*

Luke 18



Bringing fun and faith together for an awesome weekend retreat.
January 18—20, 2019 at St. Clare School

High school students: Thanks to our students that applied to be Luke 18 Leaders. The application period has ended. You will be notified by email and postcard if your application is accepted. All high school leaders must attend these 2 planning meetings:

Dec. 16 (grades 9-12) 10:30 Mass at St. Nicholas, meeting after.
 Jan. 6 (grades 9-12) 11:45 a.m. meeting at Corpus Christi Parish Hall

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Annual Way of Lights Christmas Display

This breathtaking display focuses on the birth of Christ, the one true light of the world.

Way of Lights Hours: Indoor Activities and Outdoor Light Display 5—9 p.m. nightly
 Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day
 (outdoor light display will remain open)

Family Night Tuesdays...to avoid large crowds and enjoy discounts on activities such as carriage rides and camel rides! **Family Night Discounts:**

- ◆ Kettle Corn 50 cents off any size
- ◆ Camel and Pony Rides \$1.00 off
- Buy one, get one free on carrots to feed the animals
- Lego Bricks Display \$1.00 off adult and children

As always, enjoy the beauty of the Way of Lights, visit the Christmas Tree Room, Wreaths, Children's Christmas Cove and listen to choirs...free.

New!! Food Trucks available on the church parking lot.

Visit Snows.org/WOL



ALTAR ANGELS DECEMBER 22

Yvonne Earley, Connie Garrett, Beth Ruckwardt
Bobbi Schaefer, Cathy Sweeney, Carol Williamson

****BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 in the Church Library *Please note the date change!!**

THE ALTAR SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be **Monday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift which we will use for bingo prizes. If you would like to make a donation of dish towels, dish cloths, pot-holders or calendars to be used in St. Vincent de Paul welcome baskets for those transitioning out of shelters to living on their own, please bring them that night. Please do not wrap these items. All women of the parish are invited to join us!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE The Rotary Club of O'Fallon will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, December 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the St. Clare School Cafeteria, 214 West 3rd Street. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment, and enter sponsor code RotaryOfallon. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring current photo Id.



**Crusaders of St. Jude
Charity Christmas Tree Lot
406 West Highway 50 in O'Fallon**

**Monday through Friday 5–9 p.m.
Saturday 10–6 p.m. & Sunday Noon–6**



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. CLARE SCHOOL

**Sunday, January 27
1:30—3:00**

Please join us for the Clare School Open House. You will enjoy a tour of the school and have any questions answered about enrolling in the 2019/2020. Registration will be available for Kindergarten - 8th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old before September 1, 2019. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate and baptismal certificate to registration. There is a \$50.00 registration fee for new families.

Families may apply for scholarships at <https://empowerillinois.org/students/> starting on January 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

**Catholic Schools Week
Sunday, January 27—Saturday, February 2**

ST. CLARE WOMEN!

Discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it! Plan to attend our Women's Welcome Weekend Experience on Saturday & Sunday, February 16/17, 2019. Details coming on how to sign up for this life changing retreat!