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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 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.

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.

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

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Emergency Assistance

From Our Pastor...

A few weeks ago the Parish Finance Council and I sent a letter to all contributing parishioners with an overview of the new year's budget: 1 July, 2016 - 30 June, 2017. We thanked everyone for their contributions that keep us in a strong financial position each year. We also wanted to be transparent about the increases in this year's budget that will require extra financial support from our parishioners. Since that letter, a couple good questions were asked by some parishioners that I thought would be helpful to answer for everyone.

1. What is the difference between the operating budget and the funds we collected for our capital campaign?

The operating budget is for the day to day expenses of running the parish: school subsidy, utilities, salaries, insurance, etc. The campaign was for our debt (monthly mortgage payment) on the new church. In our letter we acknowledged the recent successful campaign for our mortgage, but also wanted you to know about the increase in the monthly operating costs of our parish. For our diocese and our own financial planning we must keep these expenses in separate budgets and thus the campaign does not cover any increases on operating costs.

2. What were the increases in our expenses?

We mentioned in the letter that the primary increases were in the areas of school subsidy, utilities, and insurance. As our parish has grown in size, we are blessed with more students attending our school and thus an increase in the subsidy. At the same time, our staff has done a great job at cutting other expenses.

Whatever extra giving you can make each week/month to help us reach our \$8,000/month increase in this year's budget is greatly appreciated!

The great success of our Oktoberfest each year allows us to put extra money toward our debt reduction. Thanks to all of you who helped generously with your time and donations which is a big help toward our mortgage on the church!

The other very helpful thing toward reducing our debt is through those who remember the parish in their will and estate planning. Please remember to include St. Clare Parish in your own will that will bless the Church for many decades to come!

Your generosity inspires me...and gives glory to God!
Fr. Jim Deiters

Recent Deaths:

Thelma LaSalvia, Mother of Joe (Roberta, Alex & Allison LaSalvia)
Susan Jurgensmeyer, Sister of Pat (Gail) Jurgensmeyer
Pat Cates, Wife of Jett and St. Clare parishioner

May they now rest in the peace and love of Christ.
We pray for all who are mourning the death of a loved one.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 1

Katie Feger
Joni Kennedy
Shirley Suski
Dominic Sabatino
Cindy Zidarevich
Dan Richter
Bonnie Brave
John Knapik
Tom Reid
Jennifer De-
Bourge
Melissa Alblinger
Jeff Cooley
Gregory Mertens
Natalie Bade
Ryan Richter
Kyle Gomez
Sarah Pavlisin
Emily Cerbie
Emily Raynor
Braden Henson
Bella Scire
Zachary Alblinger
Skylar Voss

October 2

Sandy Gross
John Burke
Greg Maggi
Michael Mayden
Michelle Crain
Anna Kimball
Matthew Lauber
Jenevieve Tavares
Esther Crippen

October 3

Mary Martychenko
Paulette Roberg
Blaine Phillips
Shawn Kueker
Morgan Novack
Henry Mojzis
Gabriel Sill

October 4

Frank Thomas
Stacey Hawkins
Hurley Thurston
Dannielle Hammes
-Wade
Collin Holton

October 5

Gary Matt
Linda Britton
Matthew Fox
Laura Rademacher
Taylor Haerter
Anna Turner
McKenna Spilker
Allyson Siville

October 6

Walt Leninsky
Paul Mast
Kameron Vrieswyk
Mariah Chapple
Violet Tempus

October 7

Cheryl Mennerick
Joseph Jorn
Kim Larcom
Eric Trias
Sean Hayden
Nicole Findley
Amy Stapenhorst
Katrina Graham
Billy Pauli
Cole Grapperhaus
Hannah Sill

October 8

Quinn Graham
Gene Meyer
Ely Gillespie
Rita Swettenham
Paula Muschler
Tony Signore
Rich Witt
Christina Gansauer
Jesus Tavares
Jennifer Keim
Emily Takacs
Evan Fleming

October 9

Rick Blanchard
Diane Kimble
Donna Meyers
Mary Jo Guinn
Richard Baker
Jaime Cotto
Laura Baker
Jakob Thomas

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 p.m. Raymond, Barbara and RJ Boos

Sunday, October 2

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. Lawrence and Helen Bild
Special Intention (jeb)

10:30 a.m. For Our Parish
Eucharistic Adoration following Mass

Monday, October 3

Weekday

12:00 p.m. Special Intention (ph)

Tuesday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

7:30 a.m. John and Pat Chamberland

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

Wednesday, October 5 No Mass

Weekday

Thursday, October 6

Weekday, *Saint Bruno, Priest*

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

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

Friday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 a.m. Deceased of Gilroy & Iorio Families

Saturday, October 8

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. John and Eunice Beck

Sunday, October 2

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. Clara Schachner

10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Weekday Readings October 3—9

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19



Next Weekend October 8/9



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Lee & Anne Crowe, Tom Grimmig, Jessica Kalmer
Maggie O'Loughlin, Richard Ransom, Leonard Ratajczyk
Brigid & Katelyn & Stephanie Sternberg, Shirley Suski
Jeff & Pat Taylor

Sunday 8:30 Gary Borges, Bob & Michelle Crain, Betty Deschesne
Fred Favela, Jeanette Giebels, Ely Gillespie
Lindsay Goldberg, Mark & Donna Meyers, Susan Price
Caron Proffer

Sunday 10:30 Margaret Andrasko, Mary Anne Burroughs
Stephanie Chambers, Karen Holzum, Mandi Huelsmann
Patty Klingelhoef, Tanja Ramsby, Betsy Weinl
Dominic & Rena Sabatino
Christopher, Hanna & Tara Sill

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 Jenny Vogt & Tina Perschbacher
Sunday 8:30 Simone Wheeler & Kristine Blair
10:30 Tara & Dan Ashbaker

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Ian Ratajczyk, Anna & Nicholas Flath
8:30 Anya Kenney, Ben & Olivia Harris
10:30 Isabella Ponciroli, Connor Chapple, Ryan Clancy

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 Su Holmes, Richie Meile, Walter O'Dell
Bruce Rackers, Eric Sheesley, John Winkelmann
Sunday 8:30 Dennis Collins, Gary Haselhorst, Walt Leninsky
George Martychenko, Don Proffer
Sunday 10:30 Paulo D'Amico, Tyler McDaniel, John Meise
Blaine Phillips, Christopher Stapenhorst, Mark Stevens

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Hal & Bridgett Harris
Sunday 8:30 Nick, Peggy, Madeline & Lucas Snyder
10:30 TJ, Samantha, Nolan, Gabriel & Ava Vojak

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Matt, Tracy & Alex Eichholz
8:30 Jeff, Susan, Evan, Marin & Lauren Price
10:30 Drew Ferguson, Abby & Mandi Huelsmann
Wade, Betsy, Claire & Wes Weinl

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 David Schmitz
Sunday 8:30 Parker Crain
10:30 Jim Colombo

Bread Bakers

Kathy DeVan, Shelley Mank, Amy Short

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 Lucy Ueda & Sophie Ratajczyk
Sunday 8:30 Andrea Harris & Madison Luechtefeld
10:30 Megan Bovich & Hunter Barr


Nursery

Megan Bovich & Kim Huber

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, Shirley Carroll, Linda Cipfl, Yasuko Estabrooks, Rita Ferreri, Mildred Gerardi, Tom Giger, Jean Green, Hannah Grubofski, Raymond Haselhorst, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Dee Hochoer, Jessica Holmes, Emil Kirchgessner, Liz Klingler, Ami Kovach, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Abelina Leon, Mary Lugge, Matthew MacAinsh, Shawnee Magparangalan, Nona Morgan, Doris Prosser, Dale Reeser, Pat Reeser, Megan Saldana, Madelean Sanford, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, Mary Ann Seipp, Richard Smith, Betty Stogner, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Patricia Weiler, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

**If you have a family member that is homebound due to illness or hospitalized, please call the parish office.
Please pray for our military men and women, especially those separated from loved ones by deployment.**



Eucharistic Adoration
24 Hours of Adoration
Sunday, October 2
after 10:30 Mass
Through
Monday, October 3
Benediction at 11:40 and Mass at Noon
 Sign up sheets are on the table in the Gathering Space

Saint Peregrine Devotions
 Every First Thursday of the Month at Our Lady Queen of Peace
 Mass at 8 a.m. Devotions to the patron of cancer patients follows.
 Call our parish office to carpool or for more information.



Showing Gratitude through Prayer
Deepening our understanding of the Mass
Thursday, October 6
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
This session is for people of all ages,
at all stages of their faith journey!

Are you...


- ...disengaged during Mass?
- ...not getting anything out of Mass?
- ...unsure about how to connect to certain parts of the Mass?

Stephen Eros, Director of Liturgy and Music, and John Gomez, a Deacon-in formation, will give insight on ways to make your prayer at Mass more engaged. Grandparents and parents will learn how to explain the different parts of the Mass to their children. Teens and youth will have a chance to connect to the many fascinating rituals we celebrate in each Mass.



Curious About Catholicism?
Interested in
Becoming Catholic?
Contact Matt Flynn at 632-3562
or matthewflynn5@gmail.com

If you have been thinking of becoming Catholic, contact Matt to find out how. *You are always welcome!*



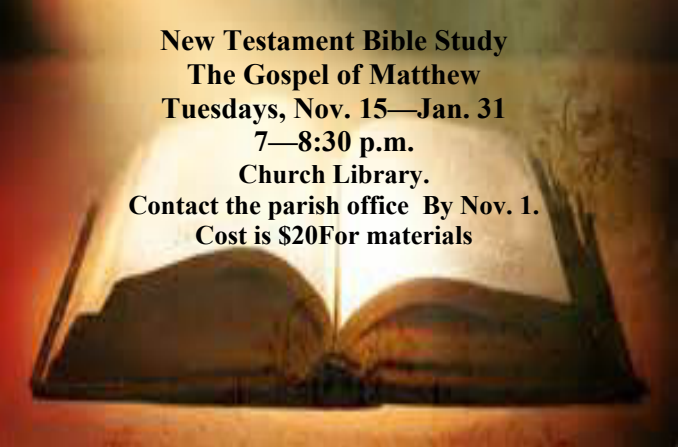
2016 LIFE CHAIN
 Please join our prayerful witness
Sunday, October 2
2—3:00 p.m.
 We will join in silent prayer
 with millions across the nation
 for the sanctity of life.
 Our location is the corner of Hwy 159 & Hwy 50
 across from The Associated Bank.

The St. Louis Archdiocese is sponsoring their
40th Annual Respect Life Convention
Sunday, October 16 at the
St. Charles Convention Center

The keynote speaker is Sr. Grace Dominic, from the Sisters of Life. Registration can be done online at STLRespectLife.org or by calling 314-792-7555. For carpooling information, please notify Mary Fleming at mbflem@sbcglobal.net or 977-1544.



Mystery & intrigue!
 Fontebella Maternity Home
 is sponsoring a
Murder Mystery Dinner
 at *The Grille at the Mansion*
 in O'Fallon
Friday, October 14 at 6 p.m.
 Tickets are \$50 person and can be purchased
 online at www.fontebella.org.
 Click on "Events".



New Testament Bible Study
The Gospel of Matthew
Tuesdays, Nov. 15—Jan. 31
7—8:30 p.m.
Church Library.
Contact the parish office By Nov. 1.
Cost is \$20 For materials

RESPECT LIFE CORNER Moved by Mercy – As we mark the month of October as Respect Life Month and today, celebrate Respect Life Sunday, let us remember *"We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us."* **Pope Francis Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** We have all sinned against each other. But God expresses His love for each of us through His limitless mercy, revealed in Jesus' death on the Cross. Our care for one another is care for Jesus Himself. The Lord has given us a roadmap with the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Are we following His direction?

Connecting Music to Mass
October 4, 2016

Today's readings are found at #1172 in the hymnal.

Today's readings lead us to reflect on the trust and loyalty we have for God, which points ultimately to our faith in Him, and how we serve Him because of that faith.

The first reading is divided into two parts: the plea of the prophet, and the response of God. The plea is lengthy, colorful, and dramatic – obviously there are serious concerns to address! Rather than trusting God, he is convinced that the Lord is choosing to ignore the plea. The lesson here can be found in the last sentence of the Lord's response – "The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, **because of his faith**, shall live."

Moving to the gospel, the apostles say to Jesus, "Increase our faith!" Jesus' answer leads to examining the **quality** of our faith rather than the **quantity**. In other words, praying often is great – but if our prayer is focused on frivolous or material desires rather than, for instance, our desire to know God, then the quality (not the quantity) of our prayer is lacking.

The opening hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (#688) is a paraphrase of Psalm 90 by 18th century text writer Isaac Watts (Watts also penned the beloved Christmas carol "Joy to the World").

The psalms are a great tool for prayer – King David knew how to turn even misery and anger into pray, and he gives 150 keys to unlock all human emotions to prayer.

In this paraphrase of Psalm 90, we praise God *in faith* because He is our protector and guide – the constant in our life. Trust and have faith – check. Now, St. Paul gives the second part of the equation – "...but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." He encourages us to pray to the Holy Spirit – whom we have received through baptism and confirmation – in our service to the Church.

Trust, have faith, **and** serve willingly and generously. We capture the element of mission in the Eucharist as we sing "Here I Am, Lord" (#777) during the communion procession. A reminder that the Eucharist is not only for personal gain; it nourishes us to be messengers of the Word to others. And as St. Paul points us to the Holy Spirit, we sing "God, whose purpose is to kindle, now ignite us with your fire...with your passion us inspire." (#813) The next line of the text battles the "sin of indifference" that Fr. Jim reminded us of last week – "overcome our sinful **calmness**." This spirit-filled text sends us out into the world to proclaim Christ to all – to serve willingly and generously. The final lines of stanza 3 remind us that faith guides our service – "Lift the smallness of our vision by your own abundant life!"

Stephen Eros
Director of Liturgy & Music

Oktoberfest 2016 Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, sponsors, donors and guests for making our 16th annual Oktoberfest a huge success. This event is such a tribute to our parish and a great family evening for our community! Of course, it helped to have the power of prayer from the Poor Clare Nuns and others who pray daily for us and for good weather. We are still tallying receipts and expenses, but we expect to have a final profit figure to share with you soon. The Oktoberfest proceeds go to the Capital Development Fund for the reduction of the debt on our church building.

As always, there are a number of people to thank, including all of you who worked behind the scenes and those who donated items. Every person who donated at least an hour of their time helped make a huge difference during such a busy weekend. And every donation—whether a prize, food or drink—helped keep our expenses to a minimum.

A special thanks goes to our lead team members:

Judy Bugger, Alicia Luechtefeld, Bill & Ann Millikin, Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Darrell Raynor, Roy Rogge, Carl & Dawn Lurk, Jim Collins, Dennis Holdener, Chris & Lea Bautz, Fred Favela, Derek Averick, Don & Ellen Gravlin, Alex Schillinger, Kathy Sjoquist, Jane Dotson, John & Joanie Burke, Rita Zinn, Leslie Golberg, Mark & Mary Huller, Randy & Meg Hardtner, Don Proffer, Nick & Peggy Snyder, Pat Kinsella, Bruce Rackers, Ruth Holdener, Dave & Stacey Cutter, Nick & Angie Leonelli, Shirley Seipp, Joanna Theismann, Dave Richey and Pat Jurgensmeyer. We are already thinking about next year, and you are welcome to join the team Oktoberfest!

Ryan Luechtefeld, Oktoberfest Chairman

September 24/25, 2016

Title
\$16,849.72

New Church
\$2,655.00

"For it is in giving that we receive."

Saint Francis of Assisi

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time "Increase our faith."

This request of the apostles is ours as well. We want more faith. I want more faith. One would think Jesus would surely comply – here it is, more faith. But, no, today He talks of mustard seed faith. Less about thoughtful prayer or silent meditation, important as they are. More about action, more about waiting tables, more about attending to other's needs first.

- How can my prayer and meditation prepare me to serve?
- Whom shall I wait on, whom shall I serve?
- In what little ways can I act?

PSR

Parish School of Religion

St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd Street, O'Fallon

Calendar

- Oct 2.....Class 10:30—11:40
Soup Kitchen 3rd Grade
- Oct 2.....WALK FOR THE POOR
Grades 5-8 at 1:00 at St. Nicholas
- Oct 9.....No PSR Columbus Day Weekend
- Oct 16.....Class 10:30—11:40
- Oct 20.....1st Communion/Reconciliation
Parent Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Oct 23.....Class 10:30—11:40
- Oct 30.....Class 10:30—11:40
- Oct 30.....Confirmation Sponsors Meeting
1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Registration still available
Contact Jane at janeadotson@yahoo.com
or 632-3562 for more information.

First Reconciliation

Parent Education Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall with Fr. Jim

Youth

Youth Group meets in the Youth Room lower level of St. Clare School

- Oct 2 Youth Group Meeting 6—7:30 p.m.
Painting Crosses for Respect Life Committee (wear old clothes) XLT has been postponed til Nov 6
- Oct 9 No Youth Group
- Oct 16 Youth Group Meeting 6—7:30 p.m.
- Oct 23 How Safe are you in Cyber Space? Det. Carl Walker
- Oct 30 "A Night in the Mortuary" Come tour Wolfersberger Funeral Home and hear Kim Sabella explain Catholic Funerals. Parents welcome, refreshments served.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Sunday, October 2 from 1—2 p.m.

Walk for the Poor at St. Nicholas Church for all students grades 5-8, their parents and Confirmation sponsors. Bring \$5 per person to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Wear a yellow or orange shirt.

Sunday, October 2 from 2—3 p.m.

Participate in the Life Chain Event
Meet at Associated Bank parking lot in Fairview Heights

Thursday, October 20 from 6:45—8:30 p.m.

Babysitting children in the nursery while parents attend the First Reconciliation parent meeting. Contact Jane at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com to sign up to help.



Coming Soon...Luke 18!! January 13—15, 2017

Bringing fun & faith together for an awesome weekend retreat.
Watch the bulletin and website for more details!

She IS
CLOTHED
in Strength
& DIGNITY &
SHE Laughs
WITHOUT FEAR
of the FUTURE
PROVERBS 31:25

Girls Group Meets 6—7:30 p.m.

Open to all high school girls from any parish and any faith.
We meet in the youth room on the lower level of St. Clare School

- Oct 11.....Taco Tuesday at Knights of Columbus Hall
- Oct 25.....Let's talk about the Day of the Dead AKA *All Saints Day*
- Nov 8.....Pray and Relax; Yoga Session!
- Nov 22.....No Meeting
- Dec 6.....Bracelets and prayers for our female friends in Guatemala
- Dec 20.....Christmas Party

For more information, please contact Alex Garza
830-708-8800 or a_garza1022@yahoo.com



"KIDS HELPING KIDS" (Niños Ayudando a Niños)

The Guatemala Committee is sponsoring a
"Kids Helping Kids" Benefit Talent Show

October 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets on Sale this weekend

\$5 per person or \$20 per family

Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall

ALTAR ANGELS OCTOBER 8: Marie Berry, Jackie Burke, Jeanette Giebels, Eleanor Henken, Judy Lemansky

THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS The Franciscan Friars of East St. Louis invite you to join them in a special prayer service celebrating the "Transitus" the death of St. Francis on **Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Augustine of Hippo Church in East St. Louis. Light refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall following the service.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 1 PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY For Parents that have not attended class.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY Saturday, October 15 at Noon Our rally will be one of over 15,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the Fatima miracle of the sun. The intention for our Rosary Crusade is to beg God and Our Lady to save America from today's immorality and secularism. *Come pray with us!* The rally will take place at 202 Marilyn Drive (Hwy 50 near South Lincoln) in O'Fallon, Contact Mary at 416-1616 for more information. Sponsored by America Needs Fatima.

SAINT CLARE SENIORS are going to visit the Amish Country in Arthur, Illinois on **Tuesday, October 18**. We will leave St. Clare Church parking lot at 10:00 am so that we arrive for our 12: noon, Family Style (all you can eat) meal in the home of Doris Yoder. We will have time for sightseeing and shopping. If interested please call Pat Musser, 632-2332

VOTING WITH A CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE: The Issues. Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. Presented by members of the Social Justice Team and Adult Faith Formation Committee, this event focuses on the Church's teachings on moral principles that relate to key political, social and economic issues in the upcoming elections.



Bring your furry, fuzzy, feathered pets that bring so much love and blessings to your life!

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 2:00 PM
St. Clare Church East Lawn



SAVE THE DATE!! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
TRUNK OR TREAT

