



St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

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...



Meaning of Incense at Mass

Last year I wrote a short summary about the importance incense has in our Catholic liturgy. Since we are using it during the Lent and Easter Seasons I want to review that again with you. I try to be sensitive to the fact that some people struggle with the incense due to asthma or other health issues, but it is also a significant part of our scripture, history and liturgy.

The use of incense is an expression of prayer, and it is in fact very scriptural. There is a recipe for incense in Exodus 30: 34-36, and incense is associated with divinity and reserved for God in Ex: 30: 37-38. Also in Psalm 141 we pray *"Let my prayer rise before you like incense O Lord."*

During the Mass we incense both things (Gospel Book, Altar, Crucifix, etc.) and people. Burning of incense is a prayer in itself; a prayer in action. That action becomes ever more present through the visual and sensual experience of incense.

Not only does the smoke symbolize the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven, incense is also meant to create the ambiance of heaven. The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly worship as follows: "The angel took his place at the altar and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. The smoke of the incense went up before God and with it the prayers of God's people." Hence, incense connects us to God's altar in heaven and allows us to utilize all of our senses in our prayer.

The usage of incense adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass which links heaven with earth, and allows us to enter into the presence of God. It helps us to understand that at Mass we enter another world and are united with the worship offered God in Heaven by His Angels and Saints. Try and visualize your own prayers being raised to heaven when you see the incense rising!

God's Peace,
Fr. Jim Deiters

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, March 1 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 11:45 a.m. on Monday. Please remember that Mondays during Lent we have Mass at 6:00 p.m. instead of Noon.

Lent is a perfect time to spend extra, quiet prayer time with Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration. We pray for the needs of the world, for our own needs, and during this Year of the Consecrated Life, we pray for our priests, religious, our seminarians and for an increase in vocations.

Recent Deaths:

Arsenia Manalo, Mother of Merly, Melba, Medy, Melissa, Mariquit and Marlon Manalo

Dick Seipp, Father of Steve, Craig, Mark, Barb and Robert Seipp

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



February 28

Sharon Busch
Rowel Canda
Brandon Church
Hayden Spencer
Abigail Frazier

February 29

John Boysha
Brendan Girard

March 1

Miguel Cotto
Juliette JnBaptisle
Kevin O'Neill
Jay Johnson
KC Riedle
Taylor Klingelhoef
Meagan O'Neil
Seth Kueker

March 2

Andy Molnar
Susan Hosman
Michael Busch
Christine Goss
Andrew Huber
Vicky Birchem
Ian Ratajczyk

March 3

Linda Rademacher
Nancy Protocollo
Kerstin Geiger
Tracy Pace
Monique Spencer
Juan Barragan
Nick Ashbaker
Lanie Gravlin
Nolan Gavin
Stosh Porzukowiak

March 4

Judy Gavin
Ruth Ann Britt
John Risavy
Anette Hagarty
Ernesto DeLos Reyes
Gabriella Sabatino
Paul Owens
Kali Dolson
Claire Huhmann
Anderson Harris
Brady Johnson

March 5

Darrell Raynor
Giselle Russell
Haley Hardimon
Ellie Scheldt
Lauren Price
Alexa Coates

March 6

Donna Mezel
Kathleen Duckworth
Jeff Muckensturm
Craig Coffey
George Fender
Brooklyn Artime

March 7

Mary Koch
Jan Butler
Diana Hart
John Hataway
Steve Wehrell
Alyssa Ferro

March 8

Elaine Nastoff
Elizabeth Semko
Jack Glennon
Austin Fletcher
Joshua Huffiness
Alexis Reeser
Chase Cooley
Kyle Cooley
Kaitlyn Walford

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Ted, Stephanie and James Bohnak



Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Augustine Abalos

10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

11:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration begins until

11:45 a.m. on Monday

Monday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. Paul and Esther Range

Tuesday, March 3

Lenten Weekday, *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

7:30 a.m. Special Intention

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

Wednesday, March 4

Lenten Weekday, *Saint Casimir*

No Mass

Thursday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Prayer Space

First Friday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. Phillip and Rita Gooley

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Russell McDermott

Terrance Crupe

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. For Our Parish

10:30 a.m. Henry and Lorene Hemker

Weekly Readings for March 2—8

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,

15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Next Weekend March 7/8

Cantors

Saturday 5:00 pm

Mike Lampe

Sunday 8:30 am

Simone Wheeler

10:30 am

Amber Hardy



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sella Roman, Steve Bovich, April Leo, Eduardo Barragan
Tom Grimmig, Julie Hicks, Jessica Kalmer, Robin Bandy
Makayla Saltmarsh, Shirley Suski*, Ellen Gravlin*
Dennis Holdener*, Carl Lurk*

Sunday 8:30 am

Kevin & Linda Rademacher, Russ Hart, John Gomez
Jim, Pennie & Sarah Pavlisin, Betty Deschesne
Leslie Goldberg*, Bob & Michelle Crain*, Marie Berry*

Sunday 10:30 am

Mandi Huelsmann, Patty Klingelhofer, Laura Jines
James Hopper, Margaret Andrasko, Gina Beal
Jane Dotson, Lindsay Goldberg, Kathy Sjoquist
Tanja Ramsby*, Kitty Luehrs*, Stephanie Chambers*
Deb Torres*

Saturday 5:00 pm

Tina Perschbacher & Scott Brown

Sunday 8:30 am

Pat Day & Judy Menzies

Sunday 10:30 am

Dan & Tara Ashbaker

Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Eli & Olivia Butters, Liam Kenney

Sunday 8:30 am

J. Treasure Basa, Tyler Stanton, Lindsey Berry

10:30 am

Allison & Alex LaSalvia, Joseph Kinsella

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Josh Gansauer, Ken Kenney, Richie Meile

John Winkelmann, Hal Harris, Zakharie Stoll

Sunday 8:30 am

John Bechtoldt, Mark Huller, Pat Jurgensmeyer

Walt Leninsky, Ryan Luechtefeld

Sunday 10:30 am

Jason Holzum, Tyler McDaniel, Ruben Abalos
John Meise, Mark Stevens

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Jim & Barbara Calandro

Sunday 8:30 am

Ken, Jeanne & Emily Smith

10:30 am

Paulo & Sherry D'Amico

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm

Carol Williamson, Pat Reeser, Lucy Mixen

Sunday 8:30 am

Lee Strayhorn, Judy Lemansky, Babe Papproth

10:30 am

Anne Shambro and Grandchildren

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm

David Schmitz

8:30 am

Parker Crain

10:30 am

Jim Colombo

Bread Bakers

Scott Brown, Beth Tempus, Stephanie Chambers

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 pm

Debbie Zimmerman & Anson Smith

Sunday 8:30 am

Pat Vollmer & Megan Blair

10:30 am

Heather Ertel & Hunter Barr

Nursery

Rose Tanner

If you or a family member is ill or facing hospitalization, please inform the parish office. Thank you.

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, George Covington, Lori Dalton, June Dean, Dennis & Delores Dumstorff, Yasuko Estabrooks, Rita Ferreri, Mildred Gerardi, Mike and Linda Gilkerson, Hannah Grubofski, Patricia Gundlach, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Jessica Holmes, Boston Johnson, Rosemarie Jones, Pauline Keller, Dan Kimutis, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Thelma LaSalvia, Virginia Leninsky, Abelina Leon, Vincent Lepes, Mary Lugge, John Molnar, Mary Molnar, Nona Morgan, Helen Murphy, Margaret Nettles, Katie Paulochk, Thomas Peters, Doris Prosser, Lynn Robke Crutcher, Roy Rogge, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Craig Seipp, Diane Gettis-Simmons, Betty & Jean Stogner, Michelle Strube, Pat Thompson, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Pat Weiler, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

Please pray for all our military families, especially those separated by deployment.

Adult Formation Survey – March 2015

Please indicate which of the following topics would be of greatest interest to you. Check all that apply.

Bible Study

- ☐ General overview of the Bible and Salvation History
- ☐ In-depth Bible Study of (book or books)_____ or theme:_____

Liturgy

- ☐ Liturgical Year ☐ Liturgical Music ☐ Funeral Rites

☐ Sacraments

☐ Saints

☐ Church History

☐ Prayer/Spirituality

☐ Popular Piety/Devotions

☐ Classic Literary Works of Spirituality (Story of a Soul, Seven Story Mountain etc.)

☐ Christian Art & Architecture (perhaps with visits to local churches, monasteries, shrines within a 3 hr. radius)

☐ Catechism of the Catholic Church

☐ Documents of Vatican II

☐ What Makes us Catholic?

☐ Who Is God? (Theology of God)

☐ What is the Church? (Ecclesiology)

☐ Catholic Social Teaching

☐ JustFaith (a 30 week in-depth study of Justice issues)

☐ Understanding Other Religions (which ones?)_____

☐ Contemporary Moral Issues (which ones?)_____

☐ Challenges of Caregiving

☐ Financial Planning

☐ Mid-Life Issues

☐ Parenting Strategies

 Young children_____

 Middle School_____

 Teens/Young Adults_____

☐ Other:_____

☐ Nationally known speaker

Best meeting times:

☐ Daytime (which day and time?)_____

☐ Evening (which day?)_____

☐ Saturdays

☐ Coffee chat between Sunday Masses

Duration:

☐ Weekly series over several weeks

☐ One-day workshop

☐ Evening

☐ Speaker Suggestion and topic:_____

Name (optional)_____ **Phone**_____ **Email**_____

PSR

Parish School of Religion

www.stclarechurch.org

CLASSES MEET

10:30—11:40 on Sundays

St. Clare School, 214 West Third Street

March 1 PSR Class (except 8th grade)
1st grade soup kitchen

March 1 Confirmation REAP 1—5 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

March 8 PSR Class

March 15 PSR Class



Crazy 8's Lucky Bingo



March 15 from 5—7 p.m.

St. Clare Fellowship Hall

For all 7th & 8th Graders

Bring a friend from any parish or faith!

Parents invited to help or donate a snack.

Contact Jane at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com

Hoyelton Mission Trip—June 21—26 for high school (incoming freshmen through 2015 graduates) and youth group alumni. Help with landscaping, painting, clean-up and fix-up at Holyeton Children's Home and interact with the children living there. It's five days you will never forget!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus Council 4239 has six \$500 scholarships and four \$500 scholarships available for graduating high school seniors. Eligibility requirements: Graduating senior, daughter or son of KC member in good standing.



Two (2) \$500 scholarships are available for currently enrolled college students. Eligibility requirements continuing student at an accredited technical school or 2 or 4 year college, university and daughter or son of KC member in good standing. **Deadline is March 19 at 7 p.m.**

Youth Group Schedule



Feb 27 Youth presents Living Stations
6 p.m.

March 1 Eucharistic Adoration at 6 in Church
Youth Group Meeting to follow

March 8 Youth Group in Youth Room 6-7:30 p.m.

March 15 Youth Group in Youth Room 6-7:30 p.m.
Crazy 8's Lucky Bingo in Fellowship Hall
5—7 p.m.

March 29-30 DYC in Collinsville

*Youth Room in Basement of Parish Office
All are welcome any time. No registration needed!*

The Event of a Lifetime!



National Catholic Youth Conference
November 19-22, 2015 in Indianapolis

**All Parish Youth in grades 9-12
next fall are invited to join us
at this amazing event!!**

If you missed the informational
Meeting and want to know more,
please contact Youth Leader
Karen Jalbert at 610-9149 Or
Jane Dotson at the parish office
Or janeadotson@yahoo.com.

Confirmation Schedule:



March 1 REAP Retreat for students and
Sponsors 1—5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

April 18 Students Mass and Dinner with Fr. Jim
5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

April 26 Confirmation Rehearsal at 11:45 a.m.
In Church

April 27 Confirmation with Bishop Braxton
7:00 p.m. in Church

Stewardship



Share God's Gifts

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

The stewardship committee would like to thank everyone who turned in their tithing commitment cards last weekend. The number of parishioners who walked their cards to the altar during Masses was an awe-inspiring demonstration of the strength of our parish community and our commitment to gratefully offer up the fruits of our gifts. If you need more time to reflect on your tithing commitment, please know that you can turn the stewardship cards in by placing them in the collection basket on Sundays or the parish office at any time. Blank cards will be available in the gathering space through this weekend and available in the parish office after Sunday.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Blessing Cup Retreat so special for our First Holy Communion Class this year. It was a wonderful afternoon. It took lots of helpers, including leaders of key areas:

Blessing Cups **Lisa Murphy**

Tasting Bread and Wine **Scott Brown**

Prayer Time and MC **Father Jim**

Teachers **Julie Hicks and Diane Overmann**

Thanks to our parents and office volunteers who printed and sorted letters: **Jen Schillinger, Colleen Walsh, Ryan Luechtefeld, Nancy Buttmer and Mary Birchem.**

Thanks to our wonderful set-up crew, third-grade parents **Karen Truran, Winnie Kenney and Tammy Wayne,** and our hard-working kitchen crew: **Alice Kaufman, Dannette Kinsella, Kelsey Radloff, Vincent Garcia, Gavin Easton, Sam McAnulty and Milton Saltmarsh.**

Thanks to Confirmation students who served as babysitters, **Matthew Hosman, Hannah Ertel, Emily Steinkamp, Gabby Kniepkamp, Jessica Kuca, Anson Smith and Emma Ryan,** and to the third-grade parents and Confirmation students who donated food for the event. Thanks also to St. Clare School for the use of the facility for our very large class.

Youth Hoyelton Mission Trip June 21-26

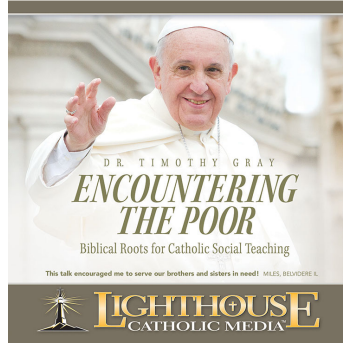
Adult chaperones needed, must be CPP certified. Leaving at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and returning at 4 p.m. on Friday. Our youth (incoming freshmen through 2015 grads and youth group alumni) will help with landscaping, painting, clean up and fix up at the Children's Home plus interacting with the kids who live there. Please contact Jane Dotson at the parish office if you would be able to volunteer.



Jesus Calls Us to Be Light and Salt

In *Encountering the Poor: Biblical Roots for Catholic Social Teaching*, Dr. Timothy Gray gives us an eye opening look into Jesus' call for us to be Light and Salt for the world; to have a greater spirit of generosity. "Catholic Social Justice isn't one of many things that Scripture tells us to do; it is THE HEART of evangelization," says Dr. Gray. Drawing from Old Testament books of Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Tobit, and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount discourse in the Gospel of Matthew, Dr. Gray leads us through God's plan for us to turn from our fear and anxiety about our future, which impede our ability to give, even what little we may have. Using the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity which infuse our soul and help us to be capable of living as God's children, Dr. Gray reminds us that Pope John Paul II was the pope of Hope, Pope Benedict XVI was the pope of Faith, and Pope Francis is the pope of Charity who is not trying to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. The gifts that God has given us are not for us to keep...we are to give them away so that God can give us more. The antidote to our fear and anxiety is to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

"If our giving doesn't cost us, it doesn't change us." Dr. Timothy Gray



Dr. Timothy Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well-known scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With his eloquent style and polished delivery, Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of sacred scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle but instead really frames the entire mosaic of scripture.

Please check our kiosk in the Gathering Space for many new CD and book titles for Lent. Great for youth and adults, and you can't find this caliber of CDs and Books at these prices anywhere else!

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Tithe.....\$19,118.33

New Church.....\$2,435.50

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

ALTAR ANGELS March 7: Rose Brennan, Celerina Collins, Babe Papproth

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT LENT Eucharistic Adoration is this Sunday after the 10:30 Mass until Monday at Monday nights of Lent, Fr. Jim leads Lectio Divina Prayer at 5:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel located behind the main altar of church. This is followed by Mass at 6 p.m. Our Soup and Speaker series follows in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross is every Friday night at 6 p.m.

MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY Please remove any flowers/decorations by March 1. They will be removed by the Sexton after that date. Thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS Tuesday, March 10 from 7—9 p.m. in Church Please call the parish office to register.

INTERESTED IN BEING A LECTOR? If you would like to serve as a lector for Mass, and were not here when training was offered in the fall, please let Sister Carolyn know **this week** - 632-3562; scmcw2001@yahoo.com. If we have a few people interested, we will try to arrange some training sessions.

UCM Prayer Breakfast Gods Heartbeat: *Our Rhythm for Justice* is the theme of a prayer breakfast sponsored by United Congregations of Metro-East on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church, 625 St. Nicholas Dr., O'Fallon. The speaker will be Rev. David Gerth, an O'Fallon native and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Rev. Gerth is presently Executive Director of Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU). MCU was thrust into Ferguson work in 2014, helping to organize clergy and safe spaces.

United Congregations of Metro-East is an organization of faith-based congregations in the Metro-East that transforms our communities. UCM has consistently been awarded large national grants from the U.S. Catholic Bishops through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development because of its work to address the root causes of systemic injustice. Current issues on which UCM is working include keeping our O'Fallon water system in public control, access to jobs for all people, care for creation, improving educational opportunities for children in low-income areas, and a second chance for those returning to our communities after prison. Breakfast includes hot food and is free of charge. Participants will be invited to invest in the work of UCM. Reservations for tables of 8 and individuals are now being accepted. Contact the UCM office at 451-1458 or ucmetroeast@gmail.com, or Sister Carolyn at scmcw2001@yahoo.com for reservations.

Finally, the aesthetic value of creation cannot be overlooked. Our very contact with nature has a deep restorative power; contemplation of its magnificence imparts peace and serenity. The Bible speaks again and again of the goodness and beauty of creation, which is called to glorify God.

(cf. Gen 1:4ff; Ps 8:2; 104:1ff; Wis 13:3-5; Sir 39:16, 33; 43:1, 9).

More difficult perhaps, but no less profound, is the contemplation of the works of human ingenuity. Even cities can have a beauty all their own, one that ought to motivate people to care for their surroundings. Good urban planning is an important part of environmental protection, and respect for the natural contours of the land is an indispensable prerequisite for ecologically sound development. The relationship between a good aesthetic education and the maintenance of a healthy environment cannot be overlooked.
(#14, Pope John Paul II, World Day of Peace Message 1990)



SAVE THE DATE!

**Quarter Auction to
Benefit Youth Activities**

Friday, April 17

St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

We need donations of prizes.

If you or your business can donate something, contact Jackie Gross at jgross933@gmail.com (660-4467)

Or Jane Dotson at janeadotson@yahoo.com.



ST. CLARE SCHOOL NEWS!!

The Faith Formation Committee organized an activity led by parent volunteers to remind the students of the importance of Lent. Each class was given bread dough and toothpicks. The dough was braided and sculpted to look like a crown. The students were then asked to place six toothpicks, which signified thorns, into the crown while deciding what they should work on to be more Christ like during the six weeks of Lent. The students talked about changing their hearts and developing good habits that model Jesus. They will remove the thorns weekly to symbolize freedom of bad habits.