



***St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!***

**St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church**  
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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, Sept. 26 (Oktoberfest) 4:00 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.

**ST. CLARE SCHOOL 632-6327**  
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## From Our Pastor...

### ***Oktoberfest is Here!***

This is the week when we need everyone to put in extra effort and time to help make our Oktoberfest successful.

- ◆ Make that extra call/email/personal contact to sell your raffle tickets! Every ticket sold truly makes a big difference so go out of your way to help your parish sell these. Think of each ticket as a donation to help pay off our building debt.
- ◆ Send out an email/facebook invite to all your friends and family to join us on Saturday night!
- ◆ Volunteer—Stop by this weekend at the Oktoberfest table to see where they still need help or donations. Think about volunteering with your spouse, child or friend. Below is a short witness from Carl Lurk how volunteering with his son has blessed their relationship.

*“For me, the event is a way to give some of my time and talent back to God. For the last 13 years I knew exactly what I would be doing the last weekend in September - helping with the set-up and clean-up of this wonderful event.*

*In the early years, my son was too little to help, but as soon as he could he was out there helping. He could not wait for Friday to come and for his momma to pick him up from school and drop him off to help set up our event. Certainly in the early years he slowed me down as I had to watch him (as best I could), but through the years he learned many of the tasks that needed to be done and he was good at it. We bonded through the years with this event and I will forever cherish the time we had together.*

*Each year before the event I get nervous that we are not going to have enough help to set up and clean up our event, but God always provides. I am inviting a couple parents to consider making this event a bonding experience with their kids and get involved with the set-up, clean-up or both not only this year, but future years as well. Whether you can give an hour, a day or all weekend don't pass up this opportunity, because before you know it your children will be off to college or on their own.*

*Does it take time? Absolutely!! Some of my best friends have come from being involved in this event year after year and my life has been rewarded and enriched well beyond the time I have put in. **Please consider signing up for the set-up or clean-up or both.**”*

May God bless our efforts so they may bear fruit for His Kingdom,  
Fr. Jim Deiters

Our entire family wishes to express sincere gratitude to everyone who helped support us during Dad's lengthy illness and recent passing. Special thanks to all involved with the beautiful liturgy and wonderful luncheon. We could not ask for a kinder, more loving parish home.  
**God bless you all! --The Sjoquist and Peters Families**



#### **September 19**

Jim Hicks  
Don Henson  
Kimberly Nolan  
Emily Rautio  
Jacob Huffines  
Wyatt Mayden  
Phoebe Dalman  
Cecelia Wehrell

#### **September 20**

Lucas Ueda  
Joseph Johnson  
Gerald Parker  
Bert Whitlow  
Gina Chorma  
Christopher Guinn  
Keith Hardy  
Steve Gorom  
Nathan Koch  
Nicholas Lampe  
Alexander Greene  
Adelle Freebairn

#### **September 21**

Colleen Richter  
Marcia Bedard  
Bob Wilson  
Walter Sheehan  
Rob White  
Brian Earley  
Joshua Hopper  
Austin Maraia  
Scarlett Gonzalez

#### **September 22**

Rick Hess  
Kris Kimutis  
Rita Zinn  
Teresa Ratermann  
Jennifer Fischer  
Allen Rutledge  
Russell Talbott  
Angel Cavazos  
Sophia Cherry  
K. Chelsea Basa  
Isaac Chambers

#### **September 23**

Michael Ueda  
Marcia Fischer  
David Guebert  
Sara Mayden  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Katie Missey

#### **September 24**

Peter Glennon  
Larry Henken  
Samar Heimann  
Lou Siville  
Sam Walker  
Amanda Fender  
Chad Garcia  
Christopher Currier  
Kelly Masterson

#### **September 25**

Clark Wells  
Donald Gendron  
Lisa Kortkamp  
Dess Fix  
Peggy Snyder  
Margaret Durnford  
Matthew Howk

#### **September 26**

Cheryl Raynor  
Cheryl Druse  
Holden Chapple

#### **September 27**

Kevin Sweeney  
Jan Hellmann  
Bob Holba  
Heather Ertel  
Katie Schad  
Milton Saltmarsh



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, September 19**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**5:00 p.m.** Theresa Kenney

### **Sunday, September 20**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**8:30 a.m.** Mass of Thanksgiving  
**65th Wedding Anniversary of Walter & Virginia Woods**  
**10:30 a.m.** For Our Parish

### **Monday, September 21**

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
**12:00 Noon** Al Warchol

### **Tuesday, September 22**

Weekday  
**7:30 a.m.** Dick and Norma Seipp  
**8:30 a.m.** All School Mass in the Gym

### **Wednesday, September 23—No Mass**

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

### **Thursday, September 24—Mass in School Chapel**

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

### **Friday, September 25**

Weekday  
**7:30 a.m.** Ed Kloustermeyer

### **Saturday, September 26**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**4:00 p.m.** Sylvia Ritzel

### **Sunday, September 27**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**8:30 a.m.** Cletus Becherer  
**10:30 a.m.** For Our Parish

## **Weekly Readings for September 21—27**

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;  
Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefgh, 7-8;  
Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;  
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## **Next Weekend September 26/27**

### **Cantors**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Katie Szwedo
Sunday 8:30 am	Barb Compton
10:30 am	Simone Wheeler

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Brigid Sternberg, Michael DeCarpentry, Julie Hicks Scott Brown, Steve Bovich, Tom Grimmig Jack & Patti Leisure, Walter O'Dell, Sella Roman* Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow*, Eduardo Barragan*
Sunday 8:30 am	Jim, Pennie & Sarah Pavlisin, Sara Wise, Kristy Turner Betty Deschesne, Pat Day, Judy Lemansky Percy Menzies, Bob & Michelle Crain*, Mary Fleming* Jeanette Giebels*
Sunday 10:30 am	Mandi Huelsmann, Dominic & Rena Sabatino Gina Beal, Richard Smith, Michele Taylor Tanja Ramsby, Tara Sill*, Mary Anne Burroughs* Lindsay Goldberg*

### **Lector**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Ellen Gravlin & Lucy Mixen
Sunday 8:30 am	Diane Dodd & David Leisure
Sunday 10:30 am	Mark Arbogast & Amelia Abalos

### **Servers**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Curt Stutsman, Thomas Jackson, Faith Rackers
8:30 am	Peter & Kelly Fleming, Olivia Harris
10:30 am	Victoria & Isabelle Day, Joseph Kinsella

### **Ushers**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Carl Lurk, Josh Gansauer, Eric Sheesley Richie Meile, John Boysha, Ken Kenney
Sunday 8:30 am	George Martychenko, Don Proffer, Mark Huller Pat Jurgensmeyer, John Bechtoldt
Sunday 10:30 am	Jason Holzum, Mark Stevens, Ruben Abalos Debbie Oitker, John Meise, James Taylor

### **Gift Bearers**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Doug, Vicki, Anna, Elyse & Nicholas Flath
Sunday 8:30 am	Pat, Daniela, Isaac & Alexandra Day
10:30 am	Patrick, Dannette, Joseph, William & Lydia Kinsella

### **Greeters**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Dave, Stacey, Noah, Aidan & Dillon Cutter
Sunday 8:30 am	Jay, Megan, CJ, Connor, Camden, Carson & Chloe Smith
10:30 am	Blaine, Debbie & Spencer Phillips

### **Sound Board**

Saturday 4:00 pm	David Schmitz
8:30 am	Gary Borges
10:30 am	Jim Colombo

### **Bread Bakers**

Dave Pierson, Scott Brown & Sharon Ripplinger

### **Children's Word**

Saturday 4:00 pm	Elsa Boysha & Ian Ratajczyk
Sunday 8:30 am	Ely Gillespie & Sophie Wilkerson
10:30 am	Barb Smith & 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, Doris Prosser, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, Betty & John Stogner, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

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

# PSR

Parish School of Religion  
Sunday Mornings 10:30—11:40  
St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd St.  
Enter through door near gym

- Sept 20 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.  
Sept 27 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.  
Sept 27 Walk for the Poor Grades 7-8  
St. Nicholas Church 1:00 p.m.  
Oct 4 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.  
8th Grade Soup Kitchen  
Oct 11 No PSR Columbus Day Holiday  
Oct 18 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.  
Oct 25 PSR Class 10:30—11:40 a.m.  
Kindergarten & 5th Grade  
Soup Kitchen

Registration is still available.

Contact Jane Dotson at  
janeadotson@yahoo.com or 632-3562  
for more information

## Youth Group Schedule

- September 20 First Meeting in new Youth Room  
6-7:30 p.m. at St. Clare School  
September 26 Work snow cones, cotton candy,  
face painting and other booths at Oktoberfest 4pm  
September 27 Recover from Oktoberfest in the  
new Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.  
St. Nicholas Walk for the Poor (grade 7-8)  
October 4 Youth Group in Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.  
New Youth Room is on lower level of St. Clare School.  
Enter through middle front doors.  
Special blessing of the youth Room will be in Oct.

### October 25

#### A NIGHT AT THE MORTUARY!!

At Wolfersberger Funeral Home  
102 West Washington St.  
Corner of Lincoln & Washington

Sunday, October 25  
5—7:00 p.m.

Come tour the funeral home and hear  
Kim Sabella explain Catholic funerals.  
Refreshments served

Parents are welcome to join us and learn more!



### Parent Meetings!

#### 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 at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com for  
more information.*

### MONDAY MOMS!



Faith Based Study & Prayer  
Support Group, Play Time

St. Clare Church Nursery 9:30—11 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Mondays each Month

For more information, call Stephanie  
573-424-6733

### Confirmation Service Opportunities

Saturday, Sept. 26 Oktoberfest Games  
Work one hour or more in kids games!  
Sign up after Mass today!

Sunday, Sept. 27 Walk for the Poor  
St. Nicholas 1 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT, OCT. 23**

**ST. CLARE CHURCH PARKING LOT**



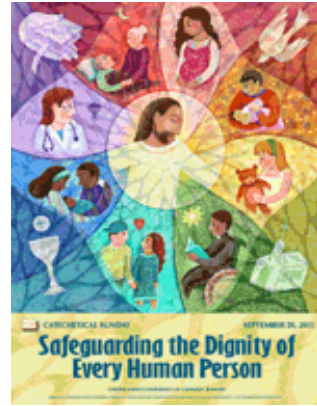
## 2015 LIFE CHAIN...

PLEASE JOIN US

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 FROM 2—3:00

We will join in silent prayer with millions  
across the nation for the sanctity of life.

Our location is  
the corner of Hwy 159 and Hwy 50  
in front of the Associated Bank.



### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2015: *"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person"*

St. Clare Parish is celebrating Catechetical Sunday a day early – Saturday, September 19 at 5 p.m. Mass – in order to celebrate and commission our catechists from St. Clare School and St. Clare Parish School of Religion and Adult Faith Formation programs. We thank them for making a difference in so many lives as they share the Gospel message with children and adults.

*Please mark your calendars for a two-part series*

**Tuesdays October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Dr. Paul Coutinho,**  
Author and International Scholar  
At St. Nicholas Church

The title of his two-part presentation is  
***Compassion: Channel to the Ocean of Life***

As our nation welcomes Pope Francis who will this December inaugurate **A Year of Mercy**, Dr. Coutinho will reflect on an Eastern approach to Compassion, that God's Essence is Compassion, and that the Ultimate Goal of Love is Compassion.

Dr. Paul Coutinho is a recognized international scholar and speaker who blends Spirituality and Psychology and brings an Eastern influence on Western spirituality. He is the author of several books to include *How Big Is Your God?* and *Just as You Are*. His latest book is entitled: *Sacred Darkness: Encountering Divine Love in Life's Darkest Places*.

Doors to the St. Nicholas Activity Center open at 6:30 pm and our presentation begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and child care is available by calling our parish office at 632-1797 no later than Monday morning, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

As always we encourage you to bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>!

### **Our Diocese prepares for The Year of Mercy**

By welcoming

**The Relic of the Body of St. Maria Goretti**  
*"The Little Saint of Great Mercy"*

**Monday, October 19**

**7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**At the Cathedral of Saint Peter  
Belleville, Illinois**

Pope Francis has asked that the relics of St. Maria Goretti, the youngest saint ever canonized by the Church, come to the United States as a witness of MERCY. Many Catholics know the story of young Maria's purity, but this "Pilgrimage" emphasizes her practice of mercy: On her deathbed, she forgave her attacker and her forgiveness led to his conversion.

A visit to the "Pilgrimage of Mercy" is free. This is an experience of prayer and faith that millions of pilgrims in Italy have experienced over the decades. Now the people of Southern Illinois have the opportunity to make the Pilgrimage here!

**For more info, go to [mariagoretti.com](http://mariagoretti.com).**

# Stewardship



## Share God's Gifts

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

### Get involved!

Still looking for a way to be more active in our parish? Volunteer for Oktoberfest! No long-term commitment required! But we bet you'll have fun, meet lots of great folks, and make it an annual tradition! Please stop by the Oktoberfest tables before or after Mass to see where help is needed.

There's a special need for families or youth in junior high and up to help run our many kids' activities and games. Contact Bruce Rackers at 628-2348 if you'd like to work a shift. Oktoberfest set-up begins on Friday, September 25, and tear-down starts after 11:00 pm Saturday, September 26, then continues all day Sunday. You, your tools, and your trucks all are welcome! Please contact Carl Lurk at 624-8191 to sign up.

## Oktoberfest Needs You!

### September 26, 2015

**Register NOW for Oktoberfest 5K!** St. Clare's Oktoberfest gets off to a running start every year with our 5K Rennen & Weg. Register now using the form available in the church gathering space, or on line at [www.stclarechurch.org/5krun](http://www.stclarechurch.org/5krun). Register by September 14 for reduced fees and guaranteed, highly coveted official race t-shirts! Remember that there's a fun run for kids immediately following the competitive 5K—what a great way to start an evening of family fun! The race starts and finishes at St. Clare School, putting you at the heart of the Oktoberfest action! For information see the website or email [alicialuechtefeld@yahoo.com](mailto:alicialuechtefeld@yahoo.com).

**Be a winner! Start spreadin' the news...** there's a weekend in New York City up for grabs, as well as a trip to the original Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany! Buy and sell \$100 Big Otto raffle tickets to support St. Clare and have a chance at BOTH of these great trips, PLUS be entered in all 15 Li'l Otto prize drawings. Remember, if you sell 10 Big Ottos, you'll get one free—that's an extra chance for an amazing array of prizes! Extra \$100 Big Otto and \$10 Li'l Otto tickets are available in the Gathering Space or at the parish office. Contact Ellen Gravlin at 531-9151 for more information.



## THE CORNERSTONE

*Catholic Scripture Study*

### Wednesday, September 23

### 9:30 a.m.

*You are welcome to 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.*

For more information, please call Kristy at 402-0885 or visit our website at [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org).

**The Tuesday night Bible Study  
will start on October 6.**

***Please join us every Tuesday night from 7-8:30  
In the Church Library as we study***

## ***The Gospel of Luke***

**Cost will be \$15-20 for materials.**

**Please contact the parish office to register.**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

**Tithe.....\$14,007.00**

**New Church.....\$ 3,180.00**

***"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 26:** Connie Garrett, Cathy Sweeney  
Carol Williamson, Bobbi Schaefer

**ALTAR SODALITY** will kick off another year with our annual potluck dinner on **Monday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us, especially if you recently signed up during the Time and Talent Commitment. Please bring a side dish to share, fried chicken and desserts will be provided. We hope to see you there!!

**MESSENGER NEWSPAPER PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY OBSERVANCE** In observance of Priesthood Sunday, *The Messenger*, the Belleville Diocesan Catholic newspaper, will publish a special section in the **October 22** issue to recognize our priests and sacramental ministers. This is an opportunity to tell us briefly some of your pastor's and sacramental minister's best qualities. Please email your remarks to [cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org), fax 235-9605 or mail to: The Messenger Newspaper, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221. **Deadline on or before September 30.**

***The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...accept the challenge...***

Did you know that your gift to The 2015 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on "Giving to the Diocese". It's that simple. Through your prayers and generous help we can fulfill the vision of our Holy Father Pope Francis to serve, protect and bring hope to our brothers and sisters in need throughout southern Illinois.  
Thank you!



**ST. CLARE SCHOOL NEWS...**

The 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society have begun collecting items honoring the feast of St. Vincent DePaul. School families in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are asked to donate nonperishable food items, paper products or toiletries. The items collected will be donated to the O'Fallon Food Pantry.

The raffle ticket fundraiser was a huge success with the school selling 2,500 tickets! The top ticket sellers were: Alyssa Thoman with 70 tickets, Sabrina Hardy with 42 tickets and Christopher Toennies with 26 tickets. Congratulations to the students on their hard work!



**Bake Sale**  
Stop by after Mass  
This weekend and support  
Our Youth attending  
**NCYC**

Saturday Night Mass next weekend,  
September 26 will be at 4:00 p.m.  
instead of 5:00 p.m. for Oktoberfest!



**STEWARDSHIP** is made easier than ever with our new online giving system, **WeShare**. A simple click on our parish home page will lead you step-by-step through giving via credit card, debit, checking or savings account. With **WeShare** you can donate to any collection, make a one-time gift, or set up recurring draws such as a weekly or monthly tithing.

**To start giving online today go to:**

[stclarechurchweshareonline.org](http://stclarechurchweshareonline.org) and click any collection; Select your donation amount and frequency; enter in your account and payment information.

**SIGN UP TO STAY IN TOUCH!**

Are you getting our monthly e-newsletter St. Clare Connection?

If not...sign up is quick and easy. You can go to the link on our homepage at [stclarechurch.org](http://stclarechurch.org) or just scan the code!

