



St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville

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.

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Stephen Eros	Music and Liturgy Director
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Matt Flynn	Adult Faith and Mission

From Our Pastor...

Quiet in Church

It is hard to believe that in a few months we will celebrate our 10th Anniversary in our new church. Wow! What blessings from God we have experienced in these ten years!

As you can tell by the beautiful design of the church, much thought went into every detail to make sure it was a prayerful space with elements of simplicity and beauty that are meant to help raise one's thoughts and heart to God. We also were very clear in designing our large "Gathering Space" for people to have a place to socialize and build community before and after Mass (but not during Mass). With much input from parishioners, we wanted to make sure that the 'worship space' would be kept quiet for prayer before and after Mass, while encouraging people to visit with one another in the Gathering Space out front.

At the same time however, DURING the Mass, the Gathering Space becomes part of the prayer space for parents with upset children and should also be kept prayerful during Mass. If you are out there with an upset child, the windows and sound system allow you to still participate in the Mass.

I bring this up as a gentle reminder to keep your socializing and visiting (which is wonderful!) out in the Gathering Space before and after Mass so that the church space remains a place for quiet prayer outside of Mass. During Mass, of course, our hearts and voices are to be raised up in praise of God by singing and participating in all the prayers. The recessional hymn sends us forth from the prayer space into the world! Thank you for helping us keep the church for prayer and the Gathering Space for visiting with one another.

God's Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters

New to Our Parish? *Welcome to our newcomers!*

Been around for awhile but didn't sign up yet? Its never too late to register as a parishioner. We are delighted to have you attend Mass at St. Clare of Assisi and join our parish at any time. You will be able to receive our monthly e-newsletter and our parish newsletter and other mailings. Sign up on line at www.stclarechurch.org/join or pick up a packet from the registration table in the Gathering Space or at the monthly Coffee & Donuts. If you fill out a paper form, please return it to an usher or the parish office. Thank you and again, Welcome to St. Clare of Assisi.



July 15

Hal Harris
Mike Mennerick
Rachel McCulley
Makayla Saltmarsh
Natalie Spain
Gabe Smoot
John Pierre
Travis Tanner, Jr.

July 16

Larry Burk
Bob Johnson
Mark Strube
Mark Stogner
Vic Svec
Greg Wunder
Randy Short
Carrie Barrett
Rita Aguilar
Eduardo Berrocal
Joey Tipton
Kyle Zimmerman
Eduardo Berrocal

July 17

Lucy Ueda
Madeleine Burger
Matt Eichholz
Brian Gibson
Jose Rosario
Matthew Range
Aaron Gentile
Ann Abalos
Teagan Huber
Riley Wilson

July 18

Susan Owens
Missy Schmidtke
Amy Short
Pamela Duenas
Todd Loeffler
Nicki Simpson
Lindsay Link
Ashley Barud
Kat Rubush
Mylee Leisure

July 19

Craig Missey
Alan Strake
Megan Blair
Seth Kennedy
Dylan Hites
Kinsley Holzum

July 20

Daniel Knopps
Michael Lafferty
Jaimette McCulley
Sarah Beckett
Rachael Novack
Will Bautz
Luke Bautz
Tyson Filyaw

July 21

Yvonne Earley
Jack Hagarty
Jim Thoman
Steve Johnson
Karen Sheesley
Timohty Browning
Jon Hendricks
Alyssa Thoman
Kaine Hardy

July 22

Bob Kerin
Ginny Bekanich
Helen North
Robert Cummings
Jackie Gordon
Juan Fuentes
Beth Grapperhaus
Jack Chappel

July 23

Eric Sheesley
Elaine Wagner
Thomas Briggs
Andy Bridgeman
Jennifer Cruz
Jason Homrig

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Bill Kaiser
Bruno Gawalek

Sunday, July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jerome and Dorothy Warchol
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, July 17

Weekday

12:00 p.m. Frank Wojcik Family

Tuesday, July 18

Weekday, *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

7:30 a.m. Russell and Eleanor Thoman

Wednesday, July 19 No Mass

Weekday

Thursday, July 20

Weekday, *Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

12:00 p.m. Florian and Myrtle Beuckman

Friday, July 21

Weekday, *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 a.m. Robert and Helen Gray

Saturday, July 22

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Kayla McNamara
Wilfred and Ruth Benhoff

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. James Carroll
Robert and Clara Schachner
10:30 a.m. Bob and Marilyn Kemp

Readings of the Week July 17—23

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-
16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



Next Weekend: July 22/23



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Nancy Buttimer, Nancy Karrigan, Walter O'Dell
Len Ratajczyk, Jim and Barbara Calandro, April Leo
Stacey Cutter, Ellen Gravlin, Jessica Kalmer
Lucy Mixen, Richard Ransom, Paulette Roberg

Sunday 8:30 Ely Gillespie, Peggy Haselhorst, Frank Morski
Simone Wheeler, Gary Borges, Betty Deschesne
Diane Dodd, Mary Fleming, Jeanette Giebels
John Gomez, Maggie O'Loughlin, Caron Proffer
Tina Whitlow

Sunday 10:30 Jane Dotson, Heather Ertel, Dominic & Rena Sabatino
Margaret Andrasko, Jay Davila, Lindsay Goldberg
Krystle Hatter, Karen Holzum, Kitty Luehrs, Laura Polillo
Toni Stanton, Kathy Sjoquist

Readers

Saturday 5:00 Ann Millikin & Dennis Holdener
Sunday 8:30 Jeanne & Ken Smith
10:30 Glen Christensen & Mark Arbogast

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Jack Eberhart, Ian Ratajczyk, Lucas Ueda
8:30 Anya, Heather and Liam Kenney
10:30 Ryan Clancy, Hannah Sill, Tyler Stanton

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 Theresa Bevers, John Boysha, Noah Cutter
Don Gravlin, Hal Harris, Scott Voss

Sunday 8:30 Gary Haselhorst, Pat Jurgensmeyer, Walt Leninsky
George Martychenko, Don Proffer, Sharon Ripplinger

Sunday 10:30 Joe Ertel, Tyler McDaniel, Debbie Oitker
Blaine Phillips, Mark Stevens, Zakharie Stoll

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Bruce, Amy, Faith & Quin Rackers
Sunday 8:30 Clarence, Michelle, Sophie & Cara Reilly
10:30 James, Michele, Ava, Drew & Ian Taylor

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Brad & Ashley Kloustermeyer, Anthony & Dominic Federico
8:30 Barry, Kimberly, Blaine, Averie & Elliot Stolle
10:30 Christopher, Amy, Aiden, Grace & Nora Stapenhorst

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 David Schmitz
Sunday 8:30 Jacob Nguyen
10:30 Gary Goldberg

Bread Bakers

Kathy DeVan, Tanja Ramsby, Beth Tempus

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00
Sunday 8:30 Alicia & Madison Luechtefeld
10:30 Barb Smith & Hunter Barr

Nursery

Megan & Maddie Blair

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers:

Jennifer R. Barajas, Wray Barr, Joyce Correale, Rita Ferreri, Randy Fultz, Sharon Gage, Tom Giger, Jean Green, Hannah Grubofski, Allison Hartmire, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Jessica Holmes, Liz Klingler, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Abelina Leon, Mary Lugge, Nona Morgan, Pauline Puttmann, Dale Reeser, Grace Regutti, Megan Saldanha, Madelean Sanford, Rosa Garcia, Craig Seipp, Mary Ann Seipp, Donna Sparks, Lee Strayhorn, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Patricia Weiler, Steve Wells, Ralph Wottowa, Doris Zink

Please call the parish office if you have a family member that is homebound or in the hospital. Please pray for our military families, especially those deployed and separated from loved ones.

Catholic Men for Christ July Monthly Meeting

Men, at Mass this past weekend, Fr. Jim challenged us to look in the bulletin and sign up for one of the many options for strengthening our faith. One option is to take part in one of the many retreat opportunities in the area. This month the St. Clare Catholic Men for Christ group will have a guest speaker talking about the Cursillo retreats the Belleville Diocese provides.

The July CMFC will meet on **Saturday, July 29**. We start the meeting at 7:30 AM in the chapel and pray the Rosary. Refreshments and fellowship will be from 8:00-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall and Steve's talk will be from 8:30-10:00 AM. There will be time after the talk for Q&A and discussion. All men are invited.

Our CMFC Mission is to provide a venue for prayer, fellowship and spiritual nourishment for the men of St. Clare parish and to be a springboard into greater commitment and involvement of the life and ministries of our parish. We meet on the fourth Saturday morning of each month, parish event calendar permitting, and offer a program of guest speakers, informative/instructional Catholic videos or other Catholic Topic of the Month that won't involve any advanced preparation time for anyone that wants to attend.

Just come and be fed, both literally and spiritually!



**Works of
Mercy
Feeding the
Hungry &
Giving Drink to
the Thirsty**

**Saturday, July 22 after 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, July 23 after Masses in the Fellowship Hall**

The Works of Mercy can sometimes seem like heroic and remote events, like Mother Teresa's work in Calcutta.

Come learn how Works of Mercy can be daily activities. Parishioner, Jeanette Giebels, will give a short presentation on her experience helping provide food and drink to those in need. There will be time for discussion afterward.

July 2/3

Tithe: \$16,938.93

New Church: \$ 4,48.00

July 7/8

Tithe: \$15,541.00

New Church: \$ 2,180.00



**The Convoy of Hope Community Event
is just one week away Saturday, July 22!**

The event will be held at the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation in East St Louis. Our parish is one of almost 100 churches helping bring hope to the Metro East through free haircuts, job services, shoes for children, prayer and much more. There is also an opportunity for our guests to be connected to a local church. We expect to reach over 6,000 guests and need about 1,500 volunteers. You must complete a volunteer form on the website listed below to receive your free volunteer T-shirt.

If you volunteer, please let Jim Calandro know at colonelc2002@sbcglobal.net. If you wish to volunteer to pray with our guests as they depart the event, please contact Deacon Dennis Vander Ven at (ddvanderven@aol.com). There is a required training session for prayer volunteers on Thursday, July 20. All volunteers will need to attend the volunteer rally on Friday, Jul 21, 2017.

WEBSITE: <https://www.convoy.org/eaststlouis/>

Vocation Corner



"I learned from working in summer catechetical programs that I loved sharing the faith and that community prayer was a great source of strength. As I taught children about being open to the different vocations and God's plan for their life, I began to take this advice to heart. I soon visited a Convent and fell in love with the charism: bringing Christ to the young and the young to Christ. Through the generosity of fellow parishioners I was able to pay off my student loans before entering the convent. This is truly a blessing and their prayerful support gives me the courage to keep saying 'YES'."
Sister April Hoffman, Novice, Salesian Sisters, Newton, N.J. Columbia, "Keep the Faith Alive",

The Poor Clare Nuns of the Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy, Belleville, Illinois

Invite you to join with us in prayer
to our Seraphic Mother and Foundress during

The Solemn Novena in honor of St. Clare of Assisi
August 2—10 at the Poor Clare Monastery
300 North 60th Street, Belleville, IL



The evening schedule will include:

7:00 p.m. Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Followed by night prayers and Compline

7:30 p.m. The Novena Service

Concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

You are welcome to mail (300 North 60th St., Belleville, IL 62223) or telephone (618-235-4407) or bring the petitions you wish to be remembered during these nine days of prayer. The traditional St. Clare's Bread will be blessed on the final night of the novena and also after the Mass on our Holy Mother's Solemnity which will be offered in our chapel on Friday, August 11 at 8:00 a.m.

St. Clare of Assisi: Our Guide in the Garden of Prayer

Wednesday, August 2	<i>The Gathering of the Heart</i> (Recollection)
Thursday, August 3	<i>The Holy Spirit, the Master of the Garden</i>
Friday, August 4	<i>Words Life Kindling</i> (Vocal Prayer)
Saturday, August 5	<i>Prayer with the Word and in the Word</i> (Scriptural Prayer)
Sunday, August 6	<i>Living to Make Intercession</i> (Prayer of Petition and Intercession)
Monday, August 7	<i>Approaching the Lord with Praise and Thanksgiving</i>
Tuesday, August 8	<i>Turn Now Ten Times the More!</i> (Distractions and Prayer)
Wednesday, August 9	<i>The Prayer of Love and Silence</i> (Adoration and Contemplation)
Thursday, August 10	<i>The Fountain in the Garden</i> (The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Prayer)



Ignatian

Bridges Ignatian Spirituality Retreat

Information session on
Thursday, August 3
10:00 a.m.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Spirituality Center
625 St. Nicholas Drive, O'Fallon

Other information sessions for the retreat are offered in St. Louis on different days and at different times.



NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Gospel and Letters of John

Tuesdays, August 8—November 28

14 Sessions

7—8:30 in Church Library

To register contact the parish office
at 632-3562 by July 25

Suggested cost for materials \$20



Vacation Bible School July 17-21

Registration is full. Thanks for signing up!

Youth and adult volunteers:
Decorate the school gym and pick up your
t-shirts at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 16.
Bring emoji and "speech bubble" décor!

Upon arrival on Monday, each child will
receive a t-shirt for their age group.

PRE K - PURPLE
KINDERGARTEN - RED
1ST GRADE - DARK BLUE
2ND GRADE - YELLOW
3RD GRADE - GREEN
4TH GRADE - ORANGE
5TH GRADE - LIGHT BLUE

Please wear your VBS shirt or a shirt in the
appropriate color all week so we can quickly
identify which group you are in.

Join us Friday, July 21 at 11:40 in the school for
our Closing Celebration, featuring the songs
and dances the children have learned at VBS!



Parish School
of Religion
Registration
for Grades K-8
students not
attending a
Catholic School
or an approved
Catholic Home
School Program

Sign up on line at www.stclarechurch.org



July 16	Help decorate for VBS 5-6; Meeting 6:00
July 23	No Meeting
July 30	Youth Group Zoo Trip Carpool from Church 5-8 p.m.
August 6	Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.
August 13	Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.
August 13	Crazy 8's in Fellowship Hall
August 20	Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.
August 27	Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY FOR 5TH & 6TH GRADE
ST. CLARE SCHOOL GYM...MORE DETAILS TO COME!

CRAZY 8'S



Super Summer Splash Party!

**Sunday, July 16
from 6-8**

Fellowship Hall & East Lawn

Warning! You will get wet!!

For all incoming 7th & 8th grade students

Bring a friend from any parish or any faith!

Soda and snacks provided!



Raffle

Youth Group Summer Fun Raffle Support the Youth Group!!

A chance to win gift cards

1st prize \$425 in gift cards

2nd prize \$275 in gift cards

*Raffle tickets available after Mass or from any youth or adult
going to NCYC. Help us get to National Catholic Youth Conference!*

1 ticket \$5 5 tickets \$20 6 tickets \$25 12 tickets \$50

Drawing on August 13 at 2 p.m.

ALTAR ANGELS JULY 22: Yvonne Earley, Connie Garrett
Bobbi Schaefer, Cathy Sweeney, Carol Williamson

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Our next class will be held **Sunday, July 23 at 1:00** in the Church Library. If you are planning to have a child baptized and have not attended a class at St. Clare, please call the parish office to register or for more information.

ZUCCHINI BREAD TIME! The Altar Sodality will be selling their wonderful Zucchini Breads and other varieties of homemade breads after Mass **THIS weekend**. As always, your support is so greatly appreciated, thank you!!

BAKE SALE! Our Respect Life Committee will host a bake sale on the weekend of **July 22/23**. Please support our project to donate money to Thrive St. Louis for an ultra sound machine.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI QUILT SHOW Saturday, July 22 and Sunday July 23 from 11 –3. 2nd and Clinton Streets in Aviston, IL.

ST. JAMES SUMMER FESTIVAL, MILLSTADT IL August 5 from 3—?
Polka Mass at 4, Chicken Dinner, Cash Bingo, Raffles, Kids Games!

**Please Help
our VBS
Help Other
Kids In Need!**



School supplies for the Sister Thea Bowan School in East St. Louis and new or gently used shoes needed for St. Vincent de Paul. Join with our VBS students from St. Clare and Corpus Christi in collecting these items for students and families in need.

Backpacks and school supplies needed: pencils, 3 ring binders, glue sticks, loose leaf paper (wide), highlighters, markers, erasable pens, flash drives, ear buds, crayons, pencil pouches, colored pencils and pocket folders.

You can drop the items off this month at church. Use the baskets in the hallway by the restrooms. Thank you for your generosity!



Young Adults Summer BBQ Monday, July 31 at 7 PM

At Fr. Jim's House
205 West 3rd Street

Please bring drinks (beer, soda, wine) or dessert

RSVP to Jay Davila at
jaydavila08@gmail.com by July 24

Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

Saturday, July 29—Sunday, August 6

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate invite you to bring the crosses you bear to the altar during the **74th Annual Healing and Hope Novena**. Come and find God's healing and mercy. Join us for any or all of these evenings as we seek God's blessings through the intercession of Our Lady.



Saturday, July 29

Living with Illness
Mass will include Anointing of the Sick.

Sunday, July 30

Living through Caregiving

Monday, July 31

Living through Divorce

Tuesday, August 1

Living with Uncertainty

Wednesday, August 2

Living with Burdens

Thursday, August 3

Living with Grief

Friday, August 4

Living with Conflict

Saturday, August 5

Living with Distorted Self-Image
Feast of Our Lady of the Snows

Sunday, August 6

Living Past Your Past: Moving Forward
in Hope and Joy

Each evening of the Novena will feature special preaching, music and prayers.
Services will conclude with a candlelight rosary procession.