

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
1411 Cross Street O'Fallon, IL 62269
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From Our Pastor, Fr. Jim...

Blessed Feast of the Holy Family

As we celebrate this feast of God choosing to become a part of a human family, we ask Jesus to bless each of our families with grace through our daily journey toward holiness. Whatever definition of 'family' you live, each of us is called to help one another stay on the path toward heaven as faithful disciples of the selfless service of others that Jesus modeled for us.

While I am blessed with a loving family with its share of 'mess' and challenges, I will forever be grateful for the way my parents taught us to pray, help others, work together, and 'welcome the stranger' into our home...all centered around the Sunday Mass and the Eucharist.

Here in the parish, you are truly my family as well. In the midst of being your pastor, I also see you as my brothers and sisters in Christ, working together in our common desire for God's peace, joy, love, and mercy in our parish family life. The community aspect of parish life is about making the time to get to know one another and be truly concerned for each other's needs. Thanks to those of you who go out of your way to meet new parishioners, visit the sick, check in on each other after Mass, and volunteer in our ministries – all of these creating a sense of family life here at St. Clare!

Thanks for the privilege of being a part of your family. And may the prayers of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help each of us be more patient and gentle with each other.

Christmas Peace,
Fr. Jim Deiters

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

December 29

DeAnn Winkeler
Bret Huber
Kevin Santiago
Zulmarie Santiago
Samantha Katzer
Michael O'Neill
Kyle Rademacher
Mason Konze
Luke Claxton
Elise White
Emily White

December 30

Rollie Brave
Leo Milo
Nick Smoot
Calista Pavelschak
Brandi Kombrink
Brady Luechtefeld

December 31

Guy Cooley
Andrea Harris
Owen Hubbard
William Morgan

January 1

Eileen Banker
Len Ratajczyk
Chris Simpson
Greg Wisnasky
Jack Schottel
Will Theismann

January 2

Ken Burns
Lori Cherry
Ryan Young
Hudson Todd

January 3

Mary Kombrink
Jeanne Silverstrini
Jamie Wiggins
Aaron Hohm
Ryan Schmidtke
Anna Strohm
Marianne Massie

January 4

Diane Lutfy-
Friedrich
Connie O'Donnell
Kevin Allison
Kim Distler
Roselyn Miglioni
Katerina Borgren

January 5

Lonny Roberts
Todd Kortkamp
Arlene Cruz-Peel
Lisa Mojzis
Derrick Jansen
Breanna Blacharczyk
Patrick Hayden

January 6

Phillip Shea
Shawnee
Magparangalan
Heather Lee

○ STAIR OF WONDER!

AN EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 6 — 6:00pm in church

**A family-centered evening of audience carols and
seasonal music sung by our parish choirs.**

Reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:00 p.m. Jeanne Kenney

Sunday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:30 a.m. Joan Cavins
Philip Ripplinger
10:30 a.m. Joe Burroughs

Monday, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
12:00 p.m. Rita Duncan

Tuesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
10:00 a.m. Lee Strayhorn Family

Wednesday, January 2 - No Mass

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Thursday, January 3—No Mass

Christmas Weekday

First Friday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
7:30 a.m. Dick, Norma and Craig Seipp

Saturday, January 5

The Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Ted, Stephanie & James Bohnak

Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 a.m. James Papproth
Cy and Lucy Weissert
10:30 a.m. Norberta Espada
Annie Medina

Readings of the Week Dec 31—Jan 6

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5;
Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Next Weekend: January 5/6

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Barbara Calandro, Ellen Gravlin, Jack & Patti Leisure
Erin Anthony, Andrea Legg, Ryan & Betsy McCarty
Mark & Amie O'Connor, Brigid, Katelyn & Stephanie Sternberg
Sunday 8:30 Bob & Michelle Crain, Ely Gillespie, Matt Joost, Ann Hug
Jeanette Giebels, Jim & Pennie Pavlisin, Linda Rademacher
Len Ratajczyk, Katerina & Peter Timpson
10:30 Mandi Huelsmann, Dan & Kris Kimutis, Kevin Martinez
Steve Bovich, Lindsay Goldberg, Karen Holzum, Joe LaSalvia
Kitty Luehrs, Beth Reichenbach, Toni Stanton, Sophie Wilkerson

Readers

Saturday 5:00 Sella Roman & Dennis Holdener
Sunday 8:30 Judy & Percy Menzies
10:30 Jim Collins & Joe Motowski

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Laura Pierre, Kyle Sternberg, Will Theismann
8:30 Phillip Timpson, Anson Smith, Colin & Evan Fleming
10:30 Xavier Romero, Drew Ferguson, Robbie Greene, Olivia Meduga

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 Mike Crupe, Ricardo Cumba, Josh Gansauer
Hal Harris, Ken Kenney, John Winkelmann
Sunday 8:30 Dennis Collins, Jim Hendricks, Su Holmes
Mike Lafferty, Walt Leninsky, George Martychenko
Sunday 10:30 Gustavo Cotto, Paulo D'Amico, Brian Huelsmann
Tyler McDaniel, Ron Polillo, Roy Rogge

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Lucy Mixen & Jenny Vogt
Sunday 8:30 Jake, Aimee, Emerson & Josie Nieroda
10:30 Jaycee & Krissy Greene

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Rose Brennan, Matt & Stephanie Chambers Family
Jeanne Haukapp, Erin Prest, Pat Reeser
8:30 Muriel Barber, Audra Driscoll, Eileen Motowski, Babe Papproth
Sharon Ripplinger, Leah Wilson
10:30 Sharon, Braden & Garret Busch, Tammy Earley, Thomas Hickey
Beth Reichenbach, Nancy Smith

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00
Sunday 8:30 Gregory Timpson
10:30 Gary Goldberg

Bread Bakers

Shelley Mank, Betsy McCarty, Kim Wirth

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 Kelly Monroe & Sophie Cherry
Sunday 8:30 Judy Lemansky & Meredith Blair
10:30 Barb Smith & Hunter Barr

Nursery

8:30 Beth Ruckwardt & Jeremy Walker
10:30 Alexis Cotto & Kim Huber

Choir

5:00
8:30 Cherub Choir & Treble Choir
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, Peter Dernbach, Theresa Gilreath, Jean Green, Andy Harris, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Tom and Mary Herbert, Kennah Hiestand, Tim Jorn, Susan Isaak-Lolis, Liz Klingler, Ami Kovach, 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.

Please pray for our military families, especially those deployed and separated from loved ones.

You Are Invited!

To an Intimate Relationship with Jesus

"All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat! Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life." (Isaiah 55: 1ab, 3a)

Faith Formation Opportunities

Formed

Access year-round, free faith formation resources, including animated children's videos, ebooks, recorded talks, movies, scripture studies and more. See cover for details.

Cornerstone Bible Study: The Book of Revelation

Wednesdays, Jan. - April, 9:30-11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Join our exciting journey through spectacular visions of heaven. New members must attend Guest Day on Jan. 16. Contact Kristy Turner at 402-0885 or krisnturner@hotmail.com.

The Eucharist: Our Daily Bread

Thursday, Jan. 24, 6:30-8 pm, Fellowship Hall

Presented by Father Jim Deiters

Deepen your connection to the Eucharist and learn how it can transform our lives. RSVP for babysitting at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com **by Jan. 17.**

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesdays, starting Feb. 12, 7:00-8:30 pm, Library

Enrich your faith and knowledge of Scripture. Register by **Jan. 29.** Cost \$20. Contact the parish office at 632-3562.

Lent Soup & Speaker Series

Mondays, March 11-April 8, Mass at 6 pm

Meal and Presentation at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Enjoy food and fellowship as we journey through Lent preparing to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter.

Special Events

Information Night on Becoming Catholic

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 6:30 pm in the Library

Presented by Matt Flynn, Adult Faith Formation Director

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Learn what is involved and how rewarding it can be. Time for questions provided.

Marriage, Divorce & Annulment: Realities & Myths

Thursday, Jan. 17, 6:30-8 pm, Fellowship Hall

Presented by Father Jim Deiters

Learn about the Church's definition of "marriage," the difference between a divorce and an annulment, what is involved in the annulment process in the Church and how an annulment can bring great healing.

Marriage Enrichment Night

Saturday, Feb. 2, 6:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Explore how to keep growing in your marriage. Good for couples married 8 days or 80 years. Details about food, RSVPs and babysitting will be in the January parish emails and bulletins.

Faith Communities

Moms' Group

Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am in the Church Nursery

Monthly socials, dates and times TBD

Come for community, parenting conversations and spiritual growth. All moms are welcome! Contact Cheyenne Langford at crbecker53@gmail.com for more information.

2nd Saturday Men's Group

2nd Saturdays, after 5 pm Mass, in the Library

Relax with food, fellowship, movies and conversation. Bring your own beverages (beer, soda, etc.) and money for pizza/delivery. Contact Mike Howk at mike.howk@gmail.com with questions.

Retreats and Conferences

Quiet Retreat for St. Clare Men: Christ Be Our Light

Jan. 4-6 at King's House in Belleville

Take time for personal reflection and spiritual growth. Call 397-0584 for information or to register. Donations taken for payment.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference

Saturday, Feb. 2 (Doors open 8 am, Vigil Mass 4 pm)

Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)

Renew your role as spiritual leader of your home and community with men from St. Clare! Details and registration can be found at catholicmenforchrist.org. For questions and carpooling, contact Ken Smith at ksmith_1964@yahoo.com.

Women's Welcome Experiences

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8 am to Sunday, Feb. 17, 3 pm

Discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. This is a great opportunity to relax, pray and meet other women. Contact Laura Michelfelder at 414-852-4463 or Lauramich0708@gmail.com to register **by Feb. 8.**

Catholic Women for Christ Conference

Saturday, March 9 (Doors open 8:30 am, Vigil Mass 4 pm)

Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)

Embrace your faith and have a blast with women from St. Clare. Details and registration at catholicwomenforchrist.org. Contact Kristy Turner at 402-0885 or krisnturner@hotmail.com to carpool.

Men's Welcome Experience

Saturday, March 16, 8 am to Sunday, March 17, 3 pm

Discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. Enjoy great food and develop meaningful friendships. Contact Martin Benoit at martingbenoit@yahoo.com or 409-553-1757 to register by **March 8.**



**New Year's Eve
Eucharistic Adoration**
Monday, December 31
From 11:00 PM
until 12:30 AM

**Mass on New Years Day
10:00 AM**

Ring in the New Year in the
silence of Jesus' presence in
the Blessed Sacrament.

*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.**



**HOPE
FOR THE JOURNEY**
Wednesday,
January 30
2:00 & 7:00 PM
St. Clare Church Library

Hope for the Journey is a ministry reaching out to
anyone that has experienced the loss of a loved one,
recent or not. We meet for conversation,
suggested reading, encouragement, prayer and
to walk this journey with you. For more information,
please contact: Ken and Barb Kenney at 726-7587 or
Kj_kenney@sbcglobal.net

Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

A Special Opportunity for Women

Do you sense that something's missing in your life?

*Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be
happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled
and maybe even a better person?*

Come to the next women's Welcome weekend!

It's an incredible experience that will help you
discover what's missing in your life and what to do
about it. Whether you want to connect with other
women in the parish, improve your prayer life or
just take a break from the craziness of your everyday
to have fun and not have to cook or clean...
you will find what you are looking for...and more!

When: February 16/17, 2019

**Where: St. Clare Catholic School
214 West Third Street
O'Fallon, IL 62269**

END OF YEAR GIVING Please remember St. Clare as you consider making extra "end of the year" contributions.
Your parish depends on extra donations at the end of the year to make up for any budget shortfalls.
Some people need to make charitable donations as a tax deduction before the end of the year.
Thanks for any and all contributions to help your parish!

**Today we celebrate the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.**

Each of them was called to
in a unique way to love and
serve their family, but the
power of their love within
also went out to the world.



The Gospel story tells of Jesus remaining
behind in Jerusalem. He needed to "be in
my Father's house". Can we, as family,
support one of our family who might be
discerning a call to the religious life?
Joseph and Mary made that ultimate
sacrifice.

December 15/16

Weekly Envelope	\$ 16,182.00
WeShare	\$ 3,126.00
Total Tithe	\$19,308.00
Church Mortgage	\$ 8,877.00

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as well as other parish collections. Donating is simple,
safe, and secure and takes less than five minutes.
Set up a one-time or recurring donation in 3 easy steps:

- 1. Go to stclarechurch.weshareonline.org**
- 2. Select Weekly Collection**
- 3. Enter your payment information**



**St. Clare Parish
School of Religion**

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



Dec 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.*



**First Communion Parent Education Night
with Fr. Jim (in Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, January 24
6:30—8 p.m.**

All parents of First Communion Students must attend.

All parishioners are invited to attend!!



**UPCOMING EVENTS
AT ST. CLARE SCHOOL**

Sunday, January 27 from 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

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL has openings for ages 3-5 years old. During this time of year families are moving due to new assignments or new job opportunities. Please contact Director Sherri Hertzler for more information regarding our program. Feel free to email at sherhertz5@gmail.com or call 618-726-6532.

Luke 18 *Bringing fun and
faith together for an
awesome weekend
retreat.*

January 18—20, 2019 at St. Clare School

**High school and college students helping
with Luke 18 and adult core team.** All high school leaders/guardians must attend planning meeting: **Jan. 6 (grades 9-12) 11:45 a.m. at Corpus Christi Parish Hall (lunch provided!)**

Make up meeting/workday: Sunday, Jan 13
11:45 a.m. at St. Clare Youth Room (in School)
**Jan 13 meeting is required for all who missed the
Dec 16 meeting.**



**Youth Group
Ice Skating Party**

**Sunday, Jan 27
5—9 p.m.
(carpool from church
parking lot)**

**Steinberg Skating Rink
At Forest Park in St. Louis**

Cost is \$7 admission & \$7 skates

Please let Karen or Jane know you will attend so we can have enough drivers. Parents invited to drive. Siblings welcome if parents drive them. Pizza provided. Other snacks available there.

Cash only or use the ATM there.

Text 618-610-9149 to sign up with Karen

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www.bw-institute.com/upcoming-events. **800-273-8255**

