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St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon IL 62269

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Reverend Michael G. McGovern 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 - 4:30 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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From Our Director of Liturgy, Stephen Eros

A good subtitle for this article might be "a little too late!" But perhaps reading these comments *after* experiencing what they describe is just as effective. You have no doubt noticed several differences in the liturgical environment during the season of Lent.

Sights & Sounds

From the Roman Missal "During Lent, it is not permitted to decorate the altar with flowers, and the use of musical instruments is allowed only so as to support the singing." With this direction, the Church calls us to "fast" from both visual and aural decoration. You will notice very simple decorations in the sanctuary and around church. This enhances our ability to focus on the key elements of the liturgical environment—the tabernacle, the altar, the ambo, and the baptismal font—through which we encounter God and are reminded of his presence and work in our life. The music, overall, has a different character than other seasons—simple and somber. It calls us to focus on the words we're singing and go deeper into their meaning. The vast colors of the organ are not used. Improvised music that accompanies liturgical action is omitted—the most noticeable being after communion. Silence is used in its place. Simple preludes that connect with the season are used; festive postludes are omitted and we exit the church in prayerful silence. You will also notice that the Gloria is omitted during Lent, which draws more attention to the Penitential Act. The word "Alleluia" is not sung or spoken; the Gospel Acclamation uses a different phrase of acclamation.

Latin Eucharistic Acclamations

There are about 20 sets of Mass parts in Latin that were used commonly before the Mass was translated into the vernacular. The Kyrie (Greek), Sanctus, and Agnus Dei that we are currently singing are from Mass XVIII, which was used at Missas de Profunctis (Masses for the Dead). The character of this setting pairs well with the penitential season of Lent, which is why Holy Mother Church has appointed this setting for use during this time. Many of the other Latin Mass settings have more joyful and uplifting qualities, so we shouldn't just associate singing in Latin with penance!

Despite Latin being a dead language, the Catholic Church has retained it to this day as the official language of the Holy See and the Roman Rite. All liturgical documents, rites of the Church, and even official statements given by the Vatican are *first* published in Latin, and *then* translated into other languages for use throughout the world.

So, why do we sing in Latin? It's a layered answer. Given what I've already said, singing in Latin connects us to the Universal Church. It also tips a hat to our heritage of praying the Mass in Latin for centuries—a tradition many "pre-Vatican II Catholics" remember. Unfortunately, many parishes in the United States dropped the use of Latin after the Second Vatican Council due to a misinterpretation of the council's documents. While many parts of the US took on the attitude of "out with the old, in with the new," many other countries understood that one of the council's goals was to retain the rich heritage of the Church, including the way churches were designed and decorated, the use of Latin, chant, and so on. Think of our own St. Clare church building that combines many ancient elements of architecture and symbolism along with the use of contemporary building materials and styles. The result of this combination of "old and new" is the magnificent space that we pray in each week.

Wishing you blessings during your Lenten journey! Stephen Eros, Director of Liturgy and Music

Please welcome Fr. Sal Gonzalez this weekend while Fr. Jim is on vacation.



March 12
Gary Dotson
Gary Borges
Darlene Mayden
Bryan Birchem
Doug Flath
Andrew Timko
Heather Herzig
Mary Jines
Anna Flath
Joshua Prozinksi
McKenzie Juenger

March 13
Jim Deschesne
Rita Menke
Lea Bautz
Ken Sternberg
Daniel Scales
Jim Speakes
Sativa Konze
Ashley King
Allison Busse
Matthew MacAinsh
Gregory Takacs
Noah Artime
Gabrielle Millikin
Garrison Schneider

March 14
Rosie McManus
Melissa Lee
Andrew Baker
Hilary Gremminger
Matilde Saenz
Audrey Smith
Meadow Grandame
Nathaniel Lewis

March 15
Margie Carthy
Mary Cowie
Bonnie Stokes
Tom Jacobson
Elaine Joost
Jennifer Filyaw
Gabby Hickey
Luke Meidlinger

March 16
Julie Viviano
Mary Beth Henson
Leslie Cooley
Ryan Klaas
Elizabeth Bieri
Matthias Leisure
Sophia Galas

March 17 Helen Wunder Patrick Barud Brody Schnaare Giuseppe Colombe

March 18
Patricia Johnson
Elizabeth Wells
Richard Gainor
Amy Burns
Savanna Call
Drew Distler
Jack Smith

March 19
Kathleen Weisenbach
Kevin Rademacher
Rob Wessel
Kate Wondolowski
Andy Colombe
Christopher Katzer
Spencer Phillips
Emily Witt
Dylan Long
Rilie Pena
AJ Theismann
Camryn Largent

March 20
Jane Wiehl
Barb Kenney
Lauren O'Neill
Rick Jones
Alan Holton
Anita Meise
Jim Brooks
Jeff Green
Jared Hites
Jessica Imes
Kyle Pierson
Shannon Naue
Alaina Sanchez
Audri Watson



Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God: Michael Burns, Dan DeVan, Rita Frech, Deacon John Gomez, Lorene Hollenkamp, John Kelley, Corra Mahoney, Pat Mamino, Mary Anne Orr, Mona Peach, Megan Saldanha, Dennis Sandheinrich, Dorothy Schildroth, Mary Ann Seipp, Rose Sieling, Nancy Smith, Belinda Vargas, Jim Wright

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. Rusty Sturm

Charles Meyer and Margaret Gardner

Sunday, March 13 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. Jackie Deschesne

Jacqueline Alexander

10:30 a.m. Michael and Jane Gaertner

Thomas Beck, Sandy Walter

Monday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. Bernard and Johanna Wille

Tuesday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. John, Charles and Theodore Furmanek

6:00 p.m. Quiet on Cross Street Adoration

Wednesday, March 16-No Mass

Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 17—All School Mass

Lenten Weekday, Saint Patrick, Bishop

Msgr. Jim Margason

Friday, March 18

Lenten Weekday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Rita Duncan

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. Joseph Gaertner

Kyoung Young-Lee

Sunday, March 20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. For Our Parish

10:30 a.m. Carl and Doris Larsen

Jane Rutter

Readings of the Week March 14-20

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 **Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Next Weekend March 19/20

Sacristan/Junior Sacristan

Saturday 5:00 Stacey Cutter & Aidan Cutter

Sunday 8:30 Andrea Picchietti, Owen Hubbard, Matthew Range

10:30 Lea Bautz, Evan Burns, Andrew Moffett

Servers 5:00 Henry Gramelspacher & John Pierre

8:30 Madison & Logan Luechtefeld

10:30 Noah Burns & Lydia Kinsella

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 John, Hilary, Robbie & Elsa Gremminger

Megan & Ashlyn Toon

Sunday 8:30 Henry Mojzis, Muriel Barber, Leah Wilson

10:30 Su Holmes, Tanja Ramsby, Donna Swanson

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 Matt Chambers, Mike Crupe, Dave Cutter

Bruce & Quin Rackers, John Winkelmann

Sunday 8:30 Gary Borges, Ryan Luehtefeld, Mike Mojzis

Bob Picchietti, Don Proffer, Craig Sewell

Sunday 10:30 Mike Burns, Gustavo Cotto, Paulo D'Amico

Roy Rogge, Stephen Smith, Mark Stevens

Readers

Saturday 5:00 Stacey Cutter & Sella Roman

Sunday 8:30 Pennie Pavlisin & Claire Shea

10:30 Adeline Smith & Angela Burns

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Jeff & Joan Guenther Family

Sunday 8:30 Lynette Gage

10:30 Kristina, Koralynn & Aurora Pope

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Ryan & Betsy McCarty, Stephanie Chambers

Bethany Kazmierczak, Carl Lurk

Sunday 8:30 Jim Calandro, Sharon Ripplinger, Jacki Gross

Ken & Jeanne Smith

10:30 Frank Morski, Toni Stanton, Patty Klingelhoefer

Merilee Spengler

<u>Cantor</u>

Saturday 5:00 Stephen Eros

Sunday 8:30 Karen Jalbert

10:30 Gene Jalbert Live Stream: Patrick Kinsella

Childrens Word 5:00

8:30 Alicia Luechtefeld & Matthew Marshall

10:30 Barb Smith & Audrey Smith

Nursery 8:30 Jordan Myers & Matthew Marshall

10:30 Kim Huber & Alexis Cotto

<u>ALTAR ANGELS March 19</u> Susanne Frazier, Arlene Cruz-Peel Kathy DeVan, Linda Riedel, Sharon Ripplinger, John Jolley

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 \$ 19,958.00

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 \$ 9,814.83

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 \$ 34,792.83

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Lent Series: Encountering God in the Sacraments

Mondays, March 14—April 4 Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Meal and Presentation 6:30—8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Enjoy food and fellowship as we deepen our appreciation for the Sacraments and the role they play in our relationship with God. Presentations will include time for reflection and focus on how the Sacraments are part of an intimate relationship with God.

March 14 "Marriage and Holy Orders" presented by Bishop Michael McGovern

March 21 "Baptism and Confirmation" presented by Matt Flynn

March 28 "Reconciliation" presented by Fr. Jim Deiters

April 4 "Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist" presented by Matt Flynn

Babysitting reimbursements available upon request. Contact Matt Flynn (mattflynn@stclarechurch.org or 632-3562).

Prayer and Lent

Every Lent, we hear about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These traditional Jewish and Christian practices are supposed to be practiced all the time, but the Catholic Church doubles down on them during Lent. This is because Lent is about repentance, and prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are instrumental in wholeheartedly returning to God.

Prayer helps us grow closer to God by focusing our attention on what is most important and by clarifying our vision. When we pray, we put God first—above our hobbies, interests, work, and family, if even for a little while. God wants us to have these other things, but in the right way. Without God, we lose perspective because we have already forgotten to focus on Him, who is most important. If we can't keep the first thing in the right place, what hope do we have of prioritizing anything else correctly?

In prayer, we bring our needs to God, not because He doesn't know them but because He desires that our hearts and wills be united. Every prayer should model Jesus' words: "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26: 39). In prayer, we also listen to God through Scripture and sit with Him just like two friends or spouses who simply enjoy being in each other's presence.

This Lent, try to pray every day in all three ways—by talking to God about your needs and the needs of the world, reading Scripture, and relaxing in His presence in silence. Aim to spend at least 3 minutes doing each type of prayer every day.

For more information about Lent, check out our parish webpage for Lent at www.stclarechurch.org/lent.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m. in Church.

Three Lenten Concerts Fridays of Lent 12-12:30 at St. Peter Cathedral, Belleville March 11: Timothy Jansen; March 18: Heather Martin Cooper; March 25: Stephen Eros

Journey to the Cross

Join us on a 10-day journey through Jesus' Passion leading up to Palm Sunday. Each day you will receive a text message with the Scripture verses you should read (a couple paragraphs each day) and a reflection question. Sign up by going to https://stclarechurch.flocknote.com/Journey2theCross or scanning this QR code. Series begins March 30.



GOAL: \$51,051



CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Thank you to the **78** households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

So far \$20,420 has been pledged by our parish members. Our parish goal this year is \$51,051.

If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to help us reach our goal.

Envelopes are available in the gathering space.

Thank you for your generosity.

Donate online at www.diobelle.org and click "Donate"

Baptism Class Sunday, March 20 At 1:30 p.m. in Room 3



For any parents that plan to have a child baptized and have not attended a baptism class here at St. Clare. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend 618-632-3562

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help!

Cosgrove's Kitchen in East St. Louis serves meals to many homeless people and people in need each day.

Below is a list of items our SVDP will be collecting the week of March 26/27. Please donate what you can. We appreciate it!!

Individually packaged cookies
Tuna and Chicken snack packs
Cereal
Breakfast bars
Pop Tarts
Packs of Oatmeal
Fruit cups
Coffee
Hot Chocolate
Bottled Water
Small packs of sugar
Small packs of sweetener
Small packs of creamer

Chips
Crackers
Cheese Sticks
Yogurt Sticks
Cup-a-Soup
Pasta in a cup
Laundry Detergent Pods
Paper Towels
Bowls for Cereal
8 oz. cups
Toilet Paper
Kleenex Tissue
Bleach

HOPE

for the Journey

Wednesday, March 16 2:00 p.m. Room 3



Please note location change, <u>Evening meetings resume in May</u>

Hope for the Journey is for anyone that has experienced the loss of a loved one, recent or not. We meet for encouragement, support, suggested reading, and to walk this journey with you.

For more information, contact Ken & Barb Kenney 618-726-7587 or Kj kenney@sbcglobal.net



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Saturday, March 19, 2022 Rally 11:00 a.m. March 12:00—1:30 p.m.

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March 13 "Totally Lent: Encounters on the Journey, Part 2" 6—8 p.m.

March 20 Youth Group, including
Living Stations Rehearsal 6—8 p.m.
St. Clare Church

March 26/27 Diocesan Youth Camp

PSR

Parish School of Religion

March 13 PSR Class (except grade 2 & 7)

March 20 PSR Class (CPP training grades 7-8)

March 27 PSR Class (except grade 8)
April 3 PSR Class (except 7th grade)

April 10 Last PSR Class

WHO DOES GOD WANT ME TO BE?

Who: All teens and young adults are invited to this event with Fr. Jim

What: Discover how you can become more attuned to GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU!

When: Sunday, April 3rd, 6-7pm Where: St. Clare Fellowship Hall ***Food & Drinks provided***



College Care Packages

If you would like your college student to receive a care package from the parish for finals, send the student's name, address and date of finals to janedotson@stclarechurch.org by April 10



Youth Group Bake Sale
March 12-13 after Masses
Enjoy a tasty treat and support our
youth raising money for their
summer youth conference!!

Crazy 8s Lucky Bingo

for all 7th and 8th graders Sunday, March 13 from 5–6:30 St. Clare Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend from anywhere.
Wear green. Bring a green snack to share
OR something green to donate to a homebound person: (candy, small plant, lotion,
socks, word search books, note cards)

Confirmation Retreat (mostly 8th grade)

For students preparing for Confirmation 2022 and their sponsors!

Sunday, March 27 from 1—5 p.m. St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Reminders!

Due Now: Letters to the bishop

Due April 1: sponsor-candidate faith sharing sheets **May 1:** Service log due to parish office 15 hours total email to: janedotson@stclarechurch.org

May 1 at 11:45 a.m. Rehearsal for students/sponsors May 2 at 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. Clare Church

Luke 18 Thank You!!

Thank you to Luke 18 leaders Kristy Hettenhausen and Alicia Luechtefeld, the team of college, high school and adult leaders and the kitchen volunteers/donors for your efforts to make the Luke 18 retreat so amazing! Thank you to our pastors, parents, parish staff members and parishioners for your prayers and support.

The Luke 18 retreat for eighth graders was awesome. It made a big difference in our lives by helping us learn how to find our strength through Jesus and continue living faith-filled lives. We cannot thank you enough. Luke 18 participants



RETURN

DISCOVER HOW TO DRAW OUR YOUNG ADULTS BACK TO THE CHURCH

Join us for a St. Clare Young Adult Initiative "How To" Series to help parents, family members, ministry leaders, and parishioners better engage with, accompany, and bring young adults home.

Session 1: Understanding the Situation

Thursday, April 21, 6:30-8:30pm; Based on pages xi-32

Session 2: Preparing Yourself and Planting Seeds

Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8:30pm; *Based on pages 35-92*

Session 3: Listening and Talking

Thursday, May 5, 6:30-8:30pm; *Based on pages 93-140*

Session 4: Answering Objections

Thursday, May 12, 6:30-8:30pm; Based on pages 143-195

- * Presentations are based on material from *Return* by Brandon Vogt and lessons learned through St. Clare's Young Adult Initiative.
- * Each session includes time for prayer, discussion, and practicing skills.
- * Attendees will benefit from having read the recommended pages for each session but do not need to have done so.
- * All sessions are in Meeting Room #3; refreshments will be available.







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St. Clare Church

OUR DATE: Friday, April 8, 2022

OUR TIME: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

CONTACT: Mary Fleming

PHONE: 618-977-1544

EMAIL: mbflem7@gmail.com

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