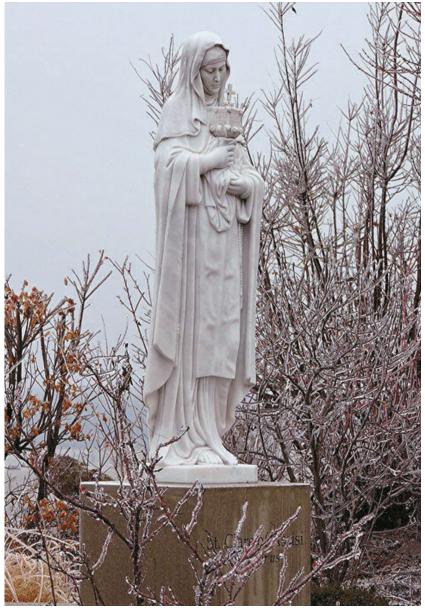
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for us!

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St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
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Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

We, the people of St. Clare of Assisi Parish,
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 glory
to God and reverence to all of Creation.

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.

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From Our Pastor, Fr. Jim

Welcome Catechumens!

This past Sunday, during PSR, the 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade classes celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for their classmates Ava (6th), Brayden (4th), and Penelope (3rd), who have been preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass through the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Attendees at the 8:30am Mass from now until Easter will see Ava, Brayden, and Penelope be called up and dismissed following the Homily each Sunday. This dismissal is similar to the dismissal we are used to at the end of Mass when we are sent out into the world ("Go forth to love and serve the Lord"), but the catechumens (who are in an intentional time of formation and preparation) are sent out to reflect on and share their joy from hearing the Good News proclaimed through the Scriptures during the Liturgy of the Word.

We also have several other child and adult candidates (already baptized Christians) going through the process of Christian Initiation in order to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. They do not have to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil, although those who are ready at that time may choose to do so.

Please pray for our catechumens—Ava, Brayden, and Penelope—and our candidates—Olivia, Evan, Brittany, Sarah, Josh, Rob, Sheila, Matthew, and Michael—as well as all catechumens and candidates throughout the world who are preparing to become Catholic, especially those who are struggling or have even fallen away from their journey into the Catholic Church.

The Messenger Diocesan Newspaper Renewal Time!

Stay connected with our diocese through a subscription to the Catholic newspaper covering the southern 28 counties of Illinois. The Messenger was founded in December 1907 and is published biweekly. A one year subscription cost is \$30 for printed paper, \$25 for digital or \$35 for both and can be paid using the blue bordered envelope in your February envelope packet or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org. Please make your check payable to "The Messenger".

Great News! In case you missed it!! In case you were not here last weekend, we shared the great news that the total pledged from our recent campaign was just under \$1,500,000! We express our great gratitude to everyone who made a commitment and donation. We are truly blessed!

I am on vacation for seven days, please keep me in your prayers, as I will pray for you! Fr. Jim Deiters



February 11
Bob Picchietti
John Bagnarelli
Carolyn Gass
Marley Watkins
Ryan McCarty
Stevan Feger
Nathan Smith
David Scales
John Davis
Damian Jansen
Cecelia Mendola

February 12
Jacqueline Matt
Mary Zeisset
Daniel O'Keefe
Christopher Smith
Maiya Leisure
Kieran Smith
Jaxson Surrey
Michael Mays

February 13
Andrew Leonelli
Dave Rice
Tom Fitzgerald
Chris Sill
Brian Blazier
Shiann Hobbs
Adriana Sabatino

February 14
Patricia Wilcox
Joline Williams
Karen Jalbert
Jim Compton
George Huelsmann
Mario Hernandez
Jack McDonald
Talina Espinoza

February 15
Mary Lou Pawlow
Isela Flores
Bethany Kazmierczak
Lindy Grandame
Michael Beavin
Sarah Dunker
Abe Kniepkamp
Micah Borden

February 16
Joe Knickmeyer
Gina Boente
Katie Terrell
Blake Heimann
Shana Borgren
Lucy King
Clay LeChien

February 17
Mary Morski
Thomas Jozwiak
James Taylor
Sharla Juenger
Violet LeTang
Will Bailey

February 18
Max Schueer
Jim Hendricks
Segundo Nacar
Sorren Wasielewski

February 19
Rich Buxton
Francis Bertrand
Pat Katzer
Amy Thompson
Tara Mendola
Katherine Fraser
McKenna Townes





Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers. *May they never lose sight of the love of God:* Mark Arbogast, Pam Billhartz, Elsa Boysha, Dianne Clarke, Ed Cornwell, Dan DeVan, Tom Grimmig, Lorene Hollenkamp, Rosemarie Jones, Pat Mamino, Mary Anne Orr, Shelley Perkins, Dennis Sandheinrich, Joseph Saulino, Mark Scribner, Mary Ann Seipp, Judy Shearn, Rose Sieling, Nancy Smith, Larry Sussman, Donald Swann, Jim Wright, Rosemarie Zimmermann

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, February 12

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. Jane Rutter
10:30 a.m. Sandra Walter
Kevin King

Monday, February 13

Weekday

12:00 Noon Mary Ann Winans

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

7:30 a.m. Frank and Pauline Puttmann

8:30 a.m. Mass in School Chapel 6:00 p.m. Quiet on Cross Street

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession until 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15 - No Mass

Weekday

Thursday, February 16 School Mass in Chapel

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Ferd and Martha Lampe

Friday, February 17

Weekday, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:30 a.m. Aileen Kozsdiy

Saturday, February 18

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, February 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. Marcellus and Viola Huller

10:30 a.m. Pearl Hamilton

Frank Kuca

OUR GIVING February 4/5, 2023

Weekly Envelopes \$13,466.00

WeShare <u>10,577.00</u> Total \$24,043.00

Pledge/Mortgage \$17,958.50

Next Weekend February 11/12

Rosary Leader

5:00 Tom Grimmig 8:30 Nick Leonelli

10:30 Mark Arbogast

Sacristan/Junior Sacristan

Saturday 5:00 Stacey Cutter & Dillon Cutter
Sunday 8:30 Jacki Gross & Owen Hubbard
10:30 Lea Bautz & Drew Farguson

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Servers 5:00 Grant Fender & Holly Kalmer 8:30 Andrew Leonelli & Philip Timpson

10:30 Alexis & Jiana Fuentes

Greeters 5:00 Stacie Hoover Family & Carol Williamson

8:30 Yoshi Ignarski, Judy Lemansky, Henry Mojzis

10:30 Patrick, Ashley, Henry, Jacob, Charlotte & Lily Barud

<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 Michael Crupe, Josh Gansauer, Jill Jones Roy Rogge, Eric Sheesley, John Winkelmann

8:30 Jeff Harris, Jack Hettenhausen, Mark Huller

Jeff King, Don Proffer, Craig Sewell

10:30 Carlos Mariles, Tyler McDaniel, John Meise Blaine Phillips, MiSon Serrano, Mark Stevens

Readers 5:00 Molly King & Casper King

8:30 Kristi Nowels & Delaney Nieroda

10:30 Chris Rivers & Patty Klingelhoefer

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Tammy Earley

Sunday 8:30 Mike, Sheryl, Katie, Courtney Bringas

10:30 Brian, Mandi & Jack Huelsmann

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 Anne Marie Furrow, Karen Holzum, Jim Fraser

Mark & Amie O'Connor

8:30 Margaret Andrasko, Andrea Harris, Aimee Nieroda

Jim & Pennie Pavlisin

10:30 Chris & Tara Sill, Andrew Moffett, Kristine Rivers

Merilee Spengler

Cantor 5:00 Kayla Kalmer

8:30 Gene Jalbert

10:30 William Kinsella/ Livestream: Gary Borges

Children's Word 8:30 Christine Cord & Alexis Konze

10:30 Mary Katheleen Schomaker & Alyssa Peel

Nursery 5:00

8:30

10:30 Stephen Schomaker & Isaac Chambers

<u>Altar Angels Feb 18</u> Susanne Frazier, Arlene Cruz-Peel, Kathy DeVan, Linda Riedel, Sharon Ripplinger, Nellie Nolden, Clare Santos

Readings for the Week February 13—19

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,

9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26 **Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Youth **Group!**

Feb 12 No Meeting

Feb 19 Youth Group 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room

Feb 26 Youth Group 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room "What you need to know about Adoration" with Dan Kimutis

Mar 5 Youth Group 6—8 p.m. in Youth Room

Mar 12 Youth Group 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room

Mar 19 Youth Group 6—8 p.m. in Youth Room

Mar 26 Youth Group 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room



8th Graders: you can come to youth group now!

Youth room is in lower level of St. Clare School.

Enter through middle doors.

Text 618-610-9149 to be let in if you arrive late. All youth grades 8—12 are welcome any time. Coming back every week? Please register at stclarechurch.org/youth-group





St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd St. O'Fallon

Feb 12 Class CPP training 5 & 6 grade

Feb 19 No PSR (Holiday weekend)

Feb 26 Class 10:30-11:40

** No class for Grade 2

No PSR (holiday weekend) Mar 5

Mar 12 Class 10:30-11:40

Blessing Cup Retreat

for First Communion Students

Sunday, Feb. 26 from 1—4 at St. Clare School

(Parents attend with their child)

Childcare offered for siblings by contacting janedotson@stclarechurch.org two weeks in advance.

Confirmation Retreat ... (mostly 8th grade)

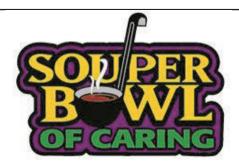
For students preparing for Confirmation 2023 and their sponsors. March 5 from 1—5 pm St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall



Auction dinner tickets are available NOW!

Can't make it to the dinner? You can still register and bid on silent and instant auction items to support our school! Register and purchase tickets at:

HollywoodKnight.givesmart.com



St. Clare Church is hosting Souper Bowl Sunday.

Local churches are invited to participate in a competition to see who can collect the most cans of soup per members this weekend!

February 11/12

Bring your cans of soup to the west hallway outside the nursery before Mass. Cash donations will be accepted too! Contact Colin Fleming at fleming.colin@icloud.com for questions.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Next weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. This annual collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. Our financial target is \$52,337. You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that will be available in the gathering space. Please be as generous as you are able.

Hospitality Meeting

Thursday, February 23 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to attend!



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Retreat for
single women 18-45

Experience a weekend of personal and communal reflection to learn how to recognize God's invitation for your life. There is no charge for participation. All meals and private rooms with bathroom are included. Assistance with transportation costs is available if needed.



February 17—20
Saint Louis, Missouri
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Learn more and register at ssnd.org/events/retreat23

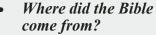
Questions? 314-325-6364 or sisters@ssnd.org

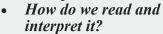


Save the Date! March 21 in Springfield IL

10 am Mass Sangamon Auditorium
12 pm Rally at the Capitol Building
12—5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
1 pm March around Capitol Building

Catholics Believe What??





 Why are the Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?



Presented by Matthew Flynn
Refreshments Provided

February 18, 2023 8:45 AM—4:00 PM SI COMMONS @ SLUH



More information at catholic menfor christ.org or parish captain, Ken Smith.

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect"

KC SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Knights of Columbus Council 4239 has four (4) \$500 scholarships to award in 2023 for **high** school seniors. Eligibility requirements include graduating senior, son or daughter, /grandson or granddaughter of KC member or deceased member in good standing, complete application.

Application form and information is available through OTHS or e-mail kthouvenot@att.net. Completed applications must be submitted no later than April 1 at 7 p.m. for consideration.



Saturday, March 11 8:45 am—4 pm

NEW LIFE

Renewed in God's Love

Si Commons at SLUH catholicwomenforchrist.org A day of fellowship and prayer reflecting on how the Lord wants to speak renewal into your life.



Lent Mass
Soup & Speaker Series

Big Questions About Faith

Mass at 6:00 p.m. Soup at 6:30 p.m. Presentation at 7:15 p.m.

Evening ends at 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 27 "How can we say that Christianity/Catholicism is the right religion?" Bishop Michael McGovern

Mar. 6 "How do we know there is a God?" Matt Flynn

Mar. 13 "How can we believe in God when there is so much suffering?" Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB

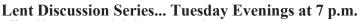
Mar. 20 "What is Sex For? Reflections on the Catholic Tradition." Fr. Charles Bouchard, OP

Mar. 27 "Images of God and Prayer" Fr. Jim Deiters



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Eucharistic Adoration & Confession Every Tuesday 6—7 p.m. Saint Clare of Assisi Church



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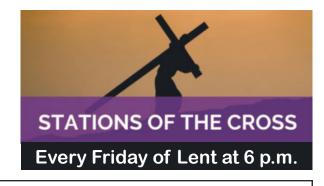
FREE. No pre-registration required.





There will be a basket on the round table in the Gathering Space next week for your palms from Palm Sunday. Please return them by Monday, Feb. 20. These palms will be burned and blessed for use on **Ash Wednesday**, **February 22**:

7:00 a.m. Word Service and Ashes 12:00 p.m. Word Service and Ashes 7:00 p.m. Mass and Ashes



Feb. 28: Lenten Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer **March 7:** What Did Jesus Do on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week?

March 14: What Did Jesus Do on Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week?

March 21: The Passion Story in the Gospel of John



St Clare Seniors Meeting February 13 at 6:30

Soup & Salad & Valentines!

Our Entertainment: Barbara Kaye as **Amelia Earhart**



St. Clare Altar Sodality Meeting

February 20 10:00 a.m.

New winter months meeting time!

Please join us for **Meeting, Muffins and Mass**

We will begin discussing plans for our Spring Basket Raffle Fundraiser

Hope for the Journey Wednesday, February 15 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

For anyone that has lost a loved one, recent or not

Join us for support, suggested reading, encouraging one another and to walk this journey together. For information, contact Ken & Barbara Kenney at 618-726-7587 or kj kenney@sbcglobal.net.

Family Trivia Night

Friday, February 17

Doors open at 6:30 pm Trivia begins at 7:00 pm St. Clare Fellowship Hall



Drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your own food. Teams limited to 8 players. Questions are family friendly.

Free babysitting available.

Admission is \$5/children (5-12) and \$10/adults
Cash prizes for 1st & 2nd place. Join in on Heads or Tails,
50/50 and Cardinal Baseball ticket drawing.
Proceeds benefit Pregnancy Care Center in Belleville.

Questions? Contact Mary Fleming at 618-977-1544



stclarechurch.org/ trivia-2023



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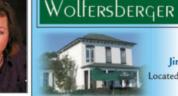
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