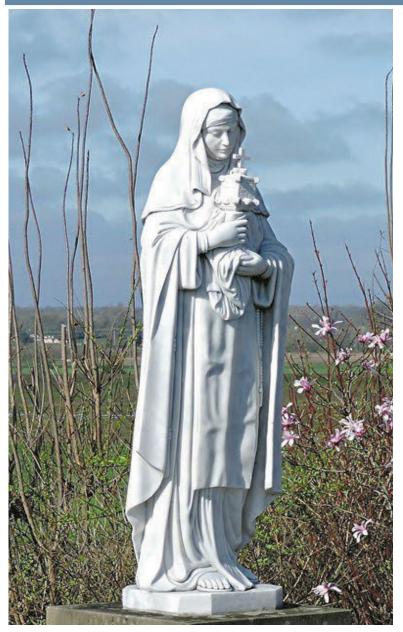
Third Sunday of Lent



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Fr. Jim Deiters, Pastor

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—Communal celebrations twice a year, or by appointment.

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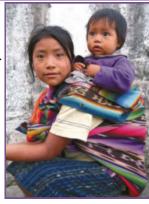
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Emergency Assistance

From Our Pastor, Fr. Jim

Guatemala Mission Trip

This Tuesday, I will be leading a group of eight parishioners on a pilgrimage to our Sister Parish in Guatemala for one week. Outside of the 'covid years,' we try and take a group down every year and then pay for several members from there to visit us every other year so we can continue to learn from each other and build a spiritual bond.



The primary goal of these visits is to deepen our relationship with each other, unlike other mission trips that often include building a house or something. We have much to learn from these holy people of Guatemala as they live with such happiness and faith in the midst of having so few material things.

In this particular visit, we want to get updates on various things we have been supporting there:

- 1. Scholarship Students part of our monthly donations provide schooling for about 20 students whom we will meet and learn of their progress.
- 2. Healthcare Initiative we have paid for training and supplies for better healthcare checkups for families and elderly out in the small villages up in the mountains.
- 3. There is an especially poor part of the city where they have begun more outreach.
- 4. We will see the finished fellowship hall we helped build at a chapel in one of the mountain villages (aldeas).

Your generous donations in our monthly envelope (and online) for Guatemala are doing great things there. Thank you! Our group looks forward to sharing photos and stories with you when we return next Tuesday. Keep your eyes open for details about a presentation in future bulletins.

God's Peace be with you, Fr. Jim Deiters



March 11
Dale Biver
Marilyn Wiest
Mandi Huelsmann
Andrew Landewee
Donovan Henson
Chloe Kayser
Scarlett Gentille
Norah Collings

March 12
Gary Dotson
Gary Borges
Darlene Mayden
Bryan Birchem
Doug Flath
Andrew Timko
Heather Herzig
Jessica Cromley
Mary Jines
Anna Flath
Joshua Prozinski
McKenzie Juenger
Hadley O'Neil

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

March 14
Larry Sussman
Rosie McManus
Jeffrey Lippert
Andrew Baker
Matilde Saenz
Audrey Smith
Meadow Grandame

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

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

March 17
Helen Wunder
Patrick Barud
Brody Schnaare
Ezekiel Lippert
Guiseppe Colombe

March 18
Patricia Johnson
Elizabeth Wells
Rich 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



Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God: Margarita Abilez, Pam Billhartz, Elsa Boysha, Dianne Clarke, Sister Mary Louise Degenhart, Sarah Flores, Tom Grimmig, Stephen & Janet Hellmann, 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, March 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. Rosemarie Wiegers

Sunday, March 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. For Our Parish

10:30 a.m. Sandra Walter, Thomas Beck

Michael, Jane and Joseph Gaertner

Monday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. Special Intention (ms)

6:30 p.m. Lenten Speaker Series

Tuesday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. Special Intention (al)

8:30 a.m. All School Mass in School Gym

6:00 p.m. Quiet on Cross Street

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession until 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15 - No Mass

Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 16—No School Mass

Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, March 17

Lenten Weekday, Saint Patrick, Bishop

7:30 a.m. John and Patricia Chamberland

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. Frank and Pauline Puttmann

Sunday, March 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. For Our Parish

10:30 a.m. Thomas Beck

Robert Schachner

Augustin Abalos

OUR GIVING March 4/5, 2023

Weekly Envelopes \$ 14,175.50

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Next Weekend March 18/19

Rosary Leader

5:00 Mariane Canda 8:30 Lynette Gage

10:30 Joanie Burke

Sacristan/Junior Sacristan

Saturday 5:00 Jackie Burke & Aidan Cutter

8:30 Jacki Gross, Christopher Millikin, Luke Monroe Sunday

10:30 Lea Bautz, Drew Ferguson, Matthew Range

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Claire Reinert, Lauren Walford, Jim Fraser 5:00 Anne Marie Furrow, Shirley Suski

8:30 Jacki Gross, Sharon Ripplinger, Kelly Monroe Ken & Jeanne Smith

10:30 Patty Klingelhoefer, Laura Polillo, Jamie Eros Lindy Grandame, Dan O'Keefe, Toni Stanton

Servers 5:00 Fred Guenther & Amelia Ponciroli

8:30 Ryleigh Ladowitz & Brady Luechtefeld

10:30 Alexis & Jiana Fuentes

Greeters 5:00 Ashley, Jacob, Henry, Charlotte & Lily Barud

Jeanne Haukapp, Jenny Vogt

8:30 Aileen Motowski, Kim Pierson, Leah Wilson

10:30 Gustavo & Alexis Cotto, Merilee Spengler

Ushers 5:00 Michael Crupe, Dave Cutter, Jill Jones

Eric Sheesley, Steve Wehrell, John Winkelmann

8:30 Craig Herzog, Su Holmes, Mark Huller Mike Mojzis, Craig Sewell, Vonda Walker

Chris Bautz, Paulo D'Amico, Brock Grandame 10:30

Brian Huelsmann, Tyler McDaniel, Mark Stevens

Readers 5:00 Stacey Cutter & Steve Hughes

8:30 Joe Motowski & Gianna Leonelli

10:30 Claire Shea & Chris Rivers

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Jeff, Joan, Fred, Jeanne & Abram Guenther

Sunday 8:30 Nathan & Jen Smith Family

10:30 Stephen & Mary Kathleen Shomaker

Children's Word 8:30 Alicia Luechtefeld & Alexis Konze

10:30 Barb & Audrey Smith

Nursery 5:00 Maria Hasenstab & Madeline Yost

> 8:30 Dannette & Lydia Kinsella

10:30 Kim Huber & Madeline Hoover

5:00 Cantor Heather Ertel

> 8:30 Gene Jalbert

Gretchen Ertel / Livestream: Gary Borges 10:30

Altar Angels March 18 Susanne Frazier, Arlene Cruz-Peel, Kathy DeVan, Linda Riedel, Sharon Ripplinger, Nellie Nolden, Clare Santos

Weekly Readings: March 13-19

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Youth **Group!**

Mar 12 Living Stations Rehearsal 5—6 in Church BBQ Welcome for 8th graders 6—8 p.m. St. Clare Garden Pavilion

Mar 17 Living Stations of the Cross presented by Youth Group 6:00 p.m. in Church

Mar 19 Youth Group 6—8 p.m. in Youth Room "Scary Stuff (Second Coming)"

Mar 26 Youth Group 6—8 p.m. in Youth Room "What is Joy? (Joy vs. Happiness)"

April 2 Youth Group 6-8 p.m. Youth Room "Not a Campfire Story'

Welcome to Youth Group Bonfire!

Join us as we welcome the incoming freshmen and any high schooler interested in learning more about our YOUTH GROUP!

Sunday, March 12 from 6—8 p.m. St. Clare Garden Pavilion

(west side of church parking lot)

hot dogs, s'mores, games, snacks Come see what Youth Group is all about

faith, food, friendships and fun!



PSR Parish School of Religion

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

Mar 12 Class 10:30—11:40

Mar 19 Class 10:30—11:40

Mar 26 Class 10:30-11:40

Class 10:30-11:40 April 2

April 9 NO PSR (Easter)

NO PSR (1st Communion) April 16

Class 10:30-11:40 April 23

April 20 Last PSR Class

Confirmation Reminders!

Due now: Letters to the bishop

Due April 1: sponsor-candidate faith sharing sheets

April 6-8: attend Triduum liturgies, Thursday and

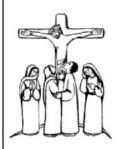
Friday at 7 p.m./Saturday at 8 p.m.

April 23: 20 hour Service log due to parish office

email to janedotson@stclarechurch.org

April 23: 11:40 a.m. Rehearsal for students/sponsors

April 24: Confirmation at St. Clare Church 7:00 p.m.



Living

Stations of the Cross

Presented by St. Clare Youth Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m.



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Crazy &s Lucky Bingo

Now for all 6th & 7th grade youth Bring your friends from anywhere! Bring a snack to share, canned soda OR something to donate to a home-bound or nursing home resident (candy, lotion, socks, word search, note cards, etc.)

Games, prizes, food and fun!

Friday, March 24 from 6:30—8 p.m. **Right after Stations of the Cross** St. Clare Fellowship Hall



Save the Date! Monday—Thursday, June 12-15 9 a.m. to Noon



Hope for the Journey

Wednesday, March 15 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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

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

Pentecost Festival Food Booths!

Our festival features food booths with sample foods from our own parishioners' homelands! If you would like to share ethnic foods from



your country or unique region of the U.S., we will have information available for you after Mass on March 18/19. Get a group of family and friends together to share your heritage with your parish family at our Pentecost Festival on May 28!

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.



Baptism Class Next Sunday, March 19 1:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2

This class is for first time parents requesting Baptism or for families that are new to St. Clare and have not yet attended a Baptism Class at our parish.

Please call the parish office to register for the class or for more information. 618-632-3562

Upcoming Opportunities for Young Adults Fridays in Lent



March 17 at 6:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's Day! Join us for Stations and then a board game night with food, drinks, Baileys, and ice cream in meeting room 3 (starting around 6:45pm)

March 24 at 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross then meet by the big, wooden cross in the gathering space before heading over to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (or meet us there around 6:45 p.m.)

March 31 at 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross then meet by the big, wooden cross in the gathering space before heading over to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (or meet us there around 6:45 p.m.)

Text "YAS" to 84576 to get text message updates on upcoming opportunities for young adults



O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Hours During Lent:

Serving Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 and 4:00—8:00 p.m.

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Youth Group Bake Sale March 18/19

Enjoy a tasty treat and support our youth raising money for their summer youth conference!



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



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.

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



Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m.

The Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday this year. Mindful of traditions related to the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop McGovern has granted Catholics in the Diocese of Belleville a dispensation (an exemption) from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17. Catholics who avail themselves of this dispensation are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

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"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord" (Psalm 15)

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So far \$20,847.10 has been pledged by our parish members.
Thank you for your generosity!



24 Hour
Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday, April 2
Following 10:30 Mass
Until
Monday, April 3
Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

Monday Mass during Lent 6:00 p.m.



Quiet on Cross Street

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions Every Tuesday Night from 6—7 p.m.

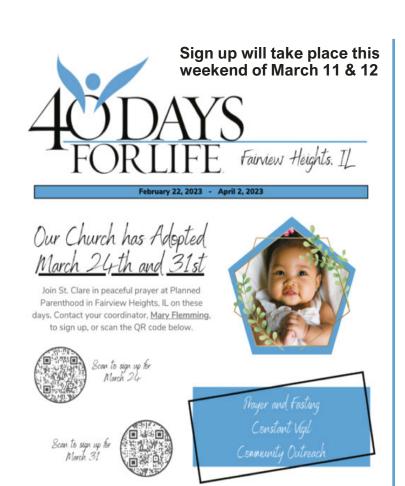
Lent Discussion Series... Tuesday Evenings at 7 p.m.

offered by Corpus Christi & St. Joseph Featuring Mark Etling, PhD Tuesday Evenings during Lent at 7 p.m. Corpus Christi Church 209 Rasp Street, Shiloh FREE. No pre-registration required.



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

March 21: The Passion Story in the Gospel of John



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Spring Radiothon begins March 27!

Our own Len Ratajczyk will be on air Thursday, March 30 from 5—6 p.m.

Len, along with Deacon classmates, Doug Lugge and Dave Miskell will be on the radio for an hour talking about Deacon formation and supporting the radio fundraiser. Pre-pledge forms can be obtained through St. Clare Parish office or our website: stclarechurch.org

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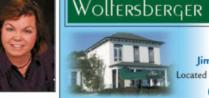
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