

Saint Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
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Rev. Michael McGovern, Bishop

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 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 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.

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#### From Our Pastor, Fr. Jim

#### Gratitude for our Ministry Leaders

St. Clare Parish is blessed with many generous volunteers who chair and/or lead our wide variety of ministries. Our parish staff and I are so grateful for the ways they help organize our many volunteers who sign up for these ministries.

One set of leaders I want to acknowledge is our Parish Pastoral Council. We meet 5 times a year for visionary conversations about the strengths and growth opportunities for our parish. I often ask them valuable questions such as "What else can our parish be doing to serve the poor?" and "How are we doing at keeping Jesus' Mission as our priority?" I also share with them important reports from our staff, school, and finance council.

When "parish councils" were first created in the 1970's, they were more involved in parish management and issues that are now served by our professional staff. The Church's guidelines asks that the Pastoral Council be more focused on the bigger issues of mission and the spiritual life of the parishioners. If you have any questions or suggestions for them to bring to our next meeting in February, feel free to contact them or me.

Presently our Council Members include:

Jackie Burke, Michael Crupe, Deacon John Gomez, Amber Hardy, Will Kinsella, Dawn Lurk, James Pavlisin, Bruce Rackers, Jim Sabella and Rita Zinn

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

**P.S.** Issue of ringing phones at Mass A good number of people asked me to address this issue as the distractions seem to be increasing recently. The best solution is that everyone leave their phones in their car to be more fully present to worshipping God at Mass. If you feel a need to have your phone with you, please make a more conscious effort to have it silenced. **A motivator:** I suggest that if your phone goes off, make an extra \$100 donation to the poor in an envelope next weekend.

We extend our prayerful love and sympathy to **Toni Stanton**, on the recent death of her father, **Don Habermehl.** May he rest in the peace and love of Christ. May the gift of memories and the prayers of this faith family comfort the Habermehl family and all who are mourning the death of a loved one this month of "remembrance".



November 4
Elsa Boysha
Karen Kuhl
Casey Lobring
Amy McKendree
Brittany Daesch
Jeanne Guenther
Noah Sloan
Colby Kleinow
James Howk

Madison DeLong

November 5
Pat Rice
Thomas Carpenter
Mary Ann Schmittling
Jeff Price
Sara Wise
Savanna Steed
Kylie Meddows
Molly Distler
Jake Portera

November 6
Richard Czosnyka
John Dempsey
Vickie Haeffner
Lisa Walters
Cynthia Judge
Heath Merriman
Julie Jordan
Brooklyn Flint

November 7
Eileen Stephens
Dottie Brewster
Andrea Picchietti
Meghan Evans
Jacob Crain
Sarah Dotson
Samantha Winkelmann
Alexis Davis
Hitomi Oyakawa
Gabriel Rodriguez

November 8
Rich Carson
Cindy McFadden
Paul Holmes
Steve Michelfelder
Sonia Chappell

November 8 (cont) Ricardo Sanchez Christine Richter Michael Megna Travis Lippert Emma Lu Sequeira-Saurey Anna Cord

November 9
Dawn Corbier
Richard Mauch
Donna Swanson
Stacy Higgins
Jess Oyakawa
Anne Canda
Travis Duley
Alex Belongy
Alexis Mank
Carl Ingebretsen
Ben Hettenhausen
Emma Simpson
Cecilia Basua

November 10
Eleanor Henken
Debbie Oitker
Eduardo Barragan
Tim Naegele
Brandy Benedick
Anne Marie Fraser
Jessica Nguyen
Lily Jurgena
Eberardo Cortes
Jada Juenger
Eli Mellenthin
Julianna Wehrell
Henry Barud

November 11
Mike Lampe
Laura Polillo
Pennie Pavlisin
Dannette Kinsella
Kevin Ponciroli
Samar Maalouf
Giselle Joseph
Amy Blacharczyk
Emilia Higgins
Luke Chappell
Sean Chappell
Avery Roberts
Matthew Harvey



Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers. May they never lose sight of the love of God:

Margarita Abilez, John & Elsa Boysha, Dianne Clarke, Frances Cruz, John Vincent Duenas, John Dunlap, Gary Fischer, Sarah Flores, Cathy Helleny, Tom Lampe, Pat Mamino, George Markovich, Mary Anne Orr, Christopher Peel, Shelley Perkins, Dennis Sandheinrich, Joseph & Rita Saulino, Lynette Shambro, Judy Shearn, Sam Sussman, Margie Szelmeczka, Marina Tate, Michael Troy, Pat Weiler, Jim Wright

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 4

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, November 5

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Lucille Waeltz and Don Beste

Jerome and Dorothy Warchol

10:30 a.m. Frances Albecker

Stanley and Angeline Pociask

Monday, November 6

Weekday

12:00 p.m. William Banton

Tuesday, November 7

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Joe and Steven Burroughs

8:30 a.m. No School Mass

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

Wednesday, November 8 - No Mass

Thursday, November 9
All School Mass in the Gym

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 a.m. Dr. Thomas and Doris Prosser

Friday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Mary Helen Bisso

Saturday, November 11

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Charles Meyer

Sunday, November 12

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. For Our Parish
10:30 a.m. Sandra Walter
Clara Schachner

**OUR GIVING** October 28/29

Weekly Envelopes \$ 10,406.00

Direct Deposit \$

Pledge/Mortgage

WeShare \$ 5,435.00 Total \$ 15,841.00

\$ 5,100.00

#### Next Weekend November 11/12

**Rosary Leaders** 

5:00 Steve Hughes 8:30 Sarah Surrey 10:30 Nancy Protocollo

Sacristan/Junior Sacristan

Saturday 5:00 Margaret Ingebretsen & Dillon Cutter Sunday 8:30 Andee Picchietti & Owen Hubbard

10:30 Jane Dotson & Andrew Moffett

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** 

5:00 Jim Calandro, Stacey Cutter, Staci Ladowitz, Frank Morski Evan Fleming, Jim Fraser, Andrea Harris, Lucy & Molly King

Kelly Monroe

8:30 Lena Hunt, Jessica Kalmer, Nick Leonelli, Donna Meyers Anne Marie Furrow, Percy Menzies, Aimee Nieroda Claire Reinert, Sharon Ripplinger

10:30 Stephanie Chambers, Mandi Huelsmann, Julie Long Tanja Ramsby, Suzanne Blacharczyk, Jane Dotson Shawnee Magparangalan, Bill Miklosey, Laura Polillo

Servers 5:00 Bentley & Emelia Miller

8:30 Tony Barragan & Kaitlyn Canda

10:30 Lydia Kinsella & Jonathan Sill

**Greeters** 5:00 Alexis Deets, Owen Frazier, Ingebretsen Family

8:30 Lynette Gage, Kim Pierson, Leah Wilson

10:30 Sharon, Braden & Garrett Busch

<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 Grant Fender, Don Gravlin, Bill Polka

Gus, Jeff & Casper King 8:30 Gary Borges, Jaclyn Gross, Craig Herzog

Su Holmes, Ryan Luechtefeld

10:30 Brock Grandame, Brian Huelsmann, Carlos Mariles

Eugene Morisani, Ron Polillo, Stephen Smith

Readers 5:00 Joe Saulino & Bonnie Manion

8:30 Brian Kloustermeyer & Delaney Nieroda

10:30 Patty Klinglhoefer & Kristina Pope

**Gift Bearers** 

Saturday 5:00 Carl & Dawn Lurk Sunday 8:30 Mary Zeisset Family

10:30 Bill Theismann

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

10:30 Millie Morisani

Nursery 5:00

8:30 Dannette & Lydia Kinsella

10:30 Alexis Cotto & Chloe Manthei

<u>Cantor</u> 5:00 Karen Jalbert

8:30 Stephen Eros

10:30 William Kinsella/Livestream: Patrick Kinsella

Altar Angels Nov. 11 Jackie Burke, Nancy Buttimer, Judy Lemansky

Sheryl Bringas, Jamie Liddle, Patricia Simms

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK - November 6 - 12**

Monday:Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14Tuesday:Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24Wednesday:Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33Thursday:Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11,

16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8 **Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11

Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-

18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

### Guatemala Sister Parish Update





We have been sister parishes with Our Lord of Esquipulas Parish in Guastatoya, Guatemala, for several decades. Our parishes have exchanged visits, pray for one another, and help each other. While our assistance is often financial and allows us to practice a preferential option for the poor, Our Lord of Esquipulas parish teaches us about simplicity, joy, compassion, solidarity, and being poor in spirit (and reality). Unlike where we live, with several Catholic parishes in the O'Fallon area, our sister parish is in a mountainous region of Guatemala and includes Guastatoya, a small city of about 25,000 people, and many small, mountain villages (aldeas) that, combined, contain about 25,000 more people. These villages range from 50 to 5,000 people in size.

La Paz (meaning "peace) is the smallest and poorest of those villages and is a 45–60-minute hike from, literally, "the end of the road" (seriously, ask anyone who has visited our sister parish). Over the years, our parish has helped La Paz by providing support for their village's one-room schoolhouse, solar panels (since La Paz is not connected to the electric grid), and by funding research to increase their access to water (they had to walk up and down a steep mountainside to reach a small spring). Two weeks ago, after several years of engineering research and planning and several weeks of work, the village of La Paz finally has sanitary bathrooms (specialized latrines that use a waterless anti-bacterial system) and access to flowing water through a solar-powered pumpstation that brings water up the side of the mountain. Photos show one of the latrines and the pumpstation.

Please continue to pray for the people of La Paz and all people in our sister parish. Thank you!

### *Hope* for the Journey

Wednesday, November 15 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall \*\*New Fall Schedule\*\*



For anyone that has lost a loved one, recent or not. Join us as we walk this journey together.

For info, contact Ken & Barbara Kenney at 618-726-7587 or kj\_kenney@sbcglobal.net.

# Baptism Class Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting Room 3

If you would like to schedule a Baptism and have not yet attended a Baptism Prep Class at St. Clare, please call the parish office for more information and to register for the class.



### Youth Group!

Nov. 5 Meeting 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room "The TRUH about Jesus: Lunatic, Liar or Lord?"

Nov. 12 Meeting 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room "What does it mean that Jesus is priest, prophet & king?"

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Nov. 19 Friendsgiving 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room

Nov. 26 Seniors attend Luke 18 planning meeting 11:30 in Fellowship Hall

Dec 3 Meeting 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room "What did Jesus teach us?"

Dec 10 Meeting 6-8 p.m. in Youth Room "Jesus IS love...and that's the Truth"

Dec 17 Christmas Party

All high school students are welcome any time.

The Youth Room is in the lower level of St. Clare School, downtown O'Fallon. Enter through middle doors.

#### **College Care Packages!!**

If you would like your college student to receive a care package while away this semester, send name, address and dates of finals by November 10 to janedotson@stclarechurch.org. Donations for postage accepted.



# Parish School of Religion



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

Nov 5 Class except Grade 2 10:30 - 11:40 a.m.

Nov 12 No Class (Veterans Day Weekend)

Nov 19 Class 10:30 - 11:40 a.m.

Nov 26 No Class (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Students in K-4 will be picked up in the gym at 11:40

Nov. 5 First Reconciliation Retreat (student/parent)
2-4 pm at church. Free on-site childcare for siblings available. Contact Jane at janedotson@stclarechurch.org

**Dec. 2** First Reconciliation (grade 2)

10 a.m. at church

Save the Date! Steubenville Youth Conference for all high school youth - incoming freshmen through graduating seniors: Join us: July 12-14 in Springfield, MO. Chaperones needed, too. Informational meeting for parents and students after Masses on December 2-3. janedotson@stclarechurch.org



# Crazy &s



# "Thinks-giving" Trivia

for all 7th & 8th grade youth; bring your friends

Games, food, service & fun

Sunday, Nov. 19 5-6:30 pm St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall Snacks and soda; prizes to top teams

Bring something for the Food Pantry.

Next event is Dec. 3 - 5:30-7 pm

Making Christmas cards for elderly, hot chocolate party and games



#### Weekend Retreat for 8th Graders January 6 - 7, 2024 at St. Clare School

A special invitation to 8th graders to attend an awesome retreat featuring high-energy games, songs, skits, sharing and a series of faith and life talks by high school students.

Register online by November 6
www.stclarechurch.org/
Luke18



#### Quiet on Cross Street

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

Every Tuesday Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Church

Tuesday, Nov. 7

join the
Respect Life Committee
at the St. Clare Sign (outside)
to pray the Rosary before
Adoration.We will meet
the 1st Tuesday of each
month to pray together.

#### 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Sunday, November 5 after 10:30 Mass until Monday, November 6 at 11:45 followed by Noon Mass

**November** is the month we honor all Saints who have lived exemplary lives, we remember and pray for All Souls and the Holy Souls in Purgatory, we pilgrimage through this last month of the liturgical year with hope for our own heavenly reward proclaiming Jesus as Christ the King, and enter into the season of Advent looking inward at our own life, preparing to meet our Savior, God Incarnate in the Word made flesh, not only at Christmas, but when He calls us home.



If you can commit to an hour, Sign Up sheets are on the round table in the Gathering Space, or sign up online at stclarechurch.org/24 for half-hour increments. Please Note time change: Church will be locked from 6 p.m. Sunday to 7:00 a.m. Monday. Call the parish office this week for the keypad code to enter church.

#### November is Palliative and Hospice Care Month

The Catholic Church supports palliative and hospice care in the face of growing legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide around the world. What are these terms?

Palliative Care: Relieves the pain of a serious illness while working with primary, curative care

*Hospice Care:* Focuses on the pain, symptoms and stress of a serious illness during its terminal phase

*Euthanasia:* One person intentionally acts to end the life of another person who is deemed to be suffering

*Physician Assisted Suicide*: A doctor assists the patient in acquiring the means to commit suicide

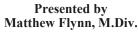
What does the Catholic Church support? Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable. Even if death is thought to be imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted... Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity.

#### St. Clare Catholic Men's Group

Please join St. Clare men in prayer, fellowship and spiritual nourishment on **Saturday, November 11 from 8 - 10 a.m.** in Meeting Room 3. Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel prior to the meeting. Please contact Ken Smith at 618-960-3863 or ksmith 1964 @yahoo.com

What did the "Synod on Synodality"
Do?





# Thursday, November 16 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

What is a Synod and what does a Synod do?
What is "Synodality"?
What happened at the Synod on Synodality a

What happened at the Synod on Synodality and why is it important?

**Does** it change anything? If so, what?

# "The Resurrection of the Dead and the Life of the World to Come" Theology Day Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.) St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

Fr. Michael Patella will discuss the Christine doctrine of the resurrection of the dead along with its implications for us now and in the hereafter. The presentation will include answering questions: "What will we look like in the life to come?" "Will we recognize our loved ones and will they recognize us?" "What kind of existence can we expect?" and "How do judgment of the dead, hell, purgatory and heaven fit into the picture?"

Registration is required but free through these options: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday or email: theologyday@csbsju.edu or 320-363-3560



Clothing Drive to benefit St. Clare School Music Department

Sunday, November 5 3 - 5 p.m. St. Clare School Circle Drive

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