

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

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stclarechurch.org
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.

ANOIDNTING 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

Mass Obligation Challenge: *Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas*

I have an invitation and challenge for all of us -- participating in two Holy Days of Obligation in a three days' timeframe. Since the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year also lands on Christmas Eve, we have two separate Feasts to praise and worship God. Since most people will be celebrating Christmas starting on December 24th (Sunday), we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at the Saturday Evening Mass (December 23).

We are especially blessed to have a church space that was intentionally designed to be large enough to have everyone at one Mass in situations when needed. **Therefore...**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

Mass at 5:00 PM

****No Sunday Morning Masses**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM and 11:00 PM

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM

There are some beautiful scriptures, prayers and hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Advent that you won't want to miss...which make our Christmas Mass more meaningful. I invite you to make the extra effort to join us for that Saturday night Mass...and then return either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for this great day of God coming to earth in the Person of Jesus.

Praying that we all keep these days holy and centered on Jesus in the midst of all the commercialism and cultural busy-ness,

Advent Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters



December 16

Lilia Levrault
Chuck Currier
Adam Analla
Rachel Jacobs
Eugene Morisani
Dallas Schaeffer
Piper Ruopp

December 17

Russ Thoman
Ellen Gravlin
Jason DeLong
Amber Borges
Vincent Garcia
Alexis Schillinger
Connor Guttman
Karter Ruckman

December 18

Cameron Jackson
Ken Gass
Brad Joseph
Laura Michelfelder
Christine Barttelbort
Karen Raybourn
Tyler Tiemann
Teza Simunyola
Tylor Fergus
Madison Dunham
Eliza Duff
Juliette Duff
Ruth Schaefer-
Louison
Gabrielle Irvin

December 19

Billy Findley
Josh Gansauer
Jaquelyn Whyte
Lea Kuc
Celie Morisani
Penelope Thompson

December 20

John Vassen
Darcy Benway
Terry Jordan
Andrea Russo
Jacob Land
Kyle Sternberg
Kennedy Stein
Adelaide Hasenstab

December 21

Sheila Cope
John Geis
Jon Friederich
David Manthei
Gabrielle Kennedy
Haley Garcia
Rachel Lugge
Emma Ratermann
Hayden Schulte
Isla Fraser
Hudson Freeman
Silas Anthony

December 22

Katie Szewo
Sally Tipton
Bob Braswell, Jr.
Sophia Ratajczyk
Ashley Walker
Jaclynn Carlson
Mateo Lubang

December 23

Nancy Buttmer
Beth LeChien
Erin Dunn
Katelyn Letourneau
Carter Spellman
Barrett Feliz
Jonah Schumack

December 24

Elissa Jones
Christina Gonzales
Christina Judge



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, Rick & Susan Chunn, Dianne Clarke, Mark Coleman, Frances Cruz, Ricardo Cumba, John Vincent Duenas, John Dunlap, Gary Fischer, Sarah Flores, Cathy Helleny, Tom Lampe, Pat Mamino, George Markovich, Mary Anne Orr, Christopher Peel, Shelley Perkins, Ben Raybourn, Dennis Sandheinrich, Joseph & Rita Saulino, Lynette Shambro, Judy Shearn, Sam Sussman, Margie Szelmeczka, Marina Tate, Michael Troy, Pat Weiler, Jim Wright

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Bill Munie, Jr.
Leora Fujarski

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. For Our Parish
10:30 a.m. Carl and Doris Larsen
Robert DeRouse

Monday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

12:00 p.m. Frank Kuca

Tuesday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. John and Betty Klingelhofer
8:30 a.m. Mass in School Chapel
6:00 p.m. Quiet on Cross Street Adoration

Wednesday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. All School Mass at St. Nicholas Parish

Thursday, December 21 - No Mass

Late Advent Weekday, *Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Friday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Winans
Stephen Leninsky

Saturday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Pearl Hamilton
Russell Thoman, Sr.
Katie Schroeder

Sunday, December 24

The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Javier and Olivia Barragan
Edward Williamson
11:00 p.m. Eleanor Thoman, Bob Waeltz
Peggy Berens, Daniel Morski

OUR GIVING December 10, 2023

Weekly Envelopes	\$17,062.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 4,840.00
WeShare	<u>\$ 6,465.00</u>
Total	\$28,367.00

Pledge/Mortgage	\$12,518.00
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Next Weekend December 23/24

Rosary Leaders

5:00 Joan Guenther

Sacristan/Junior Sacristan

Saturday 5:00 Margaret Ingebretsen & Dillon Cutter

Sunday 4:00 Lea Bautz, Luke & Will Bautz

11:00 Jackie Burke, Ellen Gravlin, Colin & Evan Fleming

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 Jessica Kalmer, Donna Meyers, Ann Millikin, Andrew Moffett
Jim Fraser, Nancy Karrigan, Staci Ladowitz, Bill Miklosey
Kelly Monroe, Dan O'Keefe

4:00 Lea Bautz, Andrea Harris, John Hettenhausen, Tanja Ramsby
Jim Fraser, Jaclyn Gross, Merilee Hopkins, Patty Klingelhofer
Percy Menzies, Sella Roman

11:00 Mandi Huelsmann, Frank Morski, Laura Polillo, Gary Borges
Jackie Burke, Kathy DeVan, Jim Edwards, Molly King
Shawnee Magparangalan

Servers 5:00 Tony Barragan & Matthew Howk

4:00 Andy & Marshall Harris

11:00 Gus King & Henry Mojzis

Greeters 5:00 Jeanne Haukapp, Ingebretsen Family, Jennie Vogt

4:00 Carol Williamson

11:00 Emily, Lucy & Molly King

Ushers 5:00 Mike Crupe, Grant Fender, Jeff Guenther

Carl Lurk, Will Theismann, Steve Wehrell

4:00 Chris Bautz, Jack Hettenhausen, Carl Lurk

Eric Sheesely, John Winkelmann, David Zimmerer

11:00 Gary Borges, Dave Cutter, Brian Huelsmann

Mark Huller, Jeff King, Mike Mojzis

Readers 5:00 Kristi Nowels & Steve Hughes

4:00 Shawnee Magparangalan & Sella Roman

11:00 Matthew Range & Ellen Gravlin

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Mike, Sheryl, Katie & Courtney Bringas

Sunday 4:00 Mike, Sheryl, Katie & Courtney Bringas

11:00

Cantor

5:00 Gene Jalbert

4:00 Stephen Eros

11:00 Addie Gramelspahcer/Livestream: G. Borges

Altar Angels Dec. 23 Robert Donohue, Yvonne Earley, Bobbi Schaefer
Cathy Sweeney, Carol Williamson, Tara Sanchez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - December 18 - 24

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



St. Clare Altar Sodality Christmas Party

All women of the parish are invited

**Monday, December 18 at 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Please bring an appetizer/hors d'oeuvres
finger food or sweet treat to share
along with a \$10 wrapped gift
for the gift exchange
if you would like to participate.

Entertainment is a surprise!

Bring unwrapped donations for the SVDP
Welcome Baskets, and we'll complete our
Reverse Advent Calendar Food Basket.



Upcoming Events Christmas Schedule



Children's Advent Scripture and Song

Saturday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule for December 23/24

Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m.

There are NO Sunday Morning Masses

Christmas Eve & Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Quiet on Cross Street



***A Holy Hour of
Eucharistic Adoration
and Confession***

***Every Tuesday Night
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Clare Church***

***Adoration,
Prayer
&
More***

**Prayer Hour
For Vocations**

1st Thursday
Of the Month
7:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi
Shiloh

All are welcome

Upcoming Dates:
Jan. 4
Feb. 1

New Year's Eve Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, December 31

11:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.



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

On this eve of the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God, we pray for Peace
in our families, communities and the world,
the Church, sanctity of all life and an increase in
vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
We'll reflect on 2023 and look with Hope for
a New Year filled with blessings and God's grace.

***Deacon Len will lead communal prayer from
11:50 p.m. - 12:10 a.m.***

Mass is at 12:00 Noon on Jan. 1

***Our next monthly 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration
is January 7/8, 2024.***

The St. Joseph Adoration Chapel St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Church 1201 Lebanon Avenue in Belleville

Will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
returning to its Perpetual status.

Updated security system and new tabernacle.
If you arrive and the tabernacle is closed, simply
rotate the base to expose the Blessed Sacrament.

Volunteers are still needed for 1 hour a week.
Please contact Mary Ellen Herrman (618-234-4955)
or Rita Uhl (618-920-7749).

The Adoration Chapel is the apostolate of St. Peter's Fraternity
Order of Secular Franciscans (3rd Order of St. Francis)



Youth Group!

Dec 16/17 pick up study bags after Mass today!

Dec 17 - Christmas Party at the King's

(check the GroupMe or text 714-273-5659 for details)

PSR

**Parish
School of Religion**



Dec. 17 PSR Class

Dec. 24 - 31 Christmas Break - No PSR

First Communion

**Parent Education Night with Fr. Jim
Monday, January 22 from 6:30 - 8
Fellowship Hall**

All parents of First Communion
students must attend.

RSVP to

janedotson@stclarechurch.org
if you need childcare
for students and siblings

HOLIDAY BABYSITTING AT ST. CLARE

Do you need time to shop and prepare
for the holidays? Drop your kids off at
St. Clare Nursery for some crafts and games!

Saturday, December 16 from 11 am to 3 pm
Wednesday, December 20 from 10 am to 2 pm
Friday, December 29 from 5 - 9 pm

Ages 0-12 welcome!

RSVP to rachel.c.king@gmail.com

Donations will go toward Rachel King's mission trip

Contact Rachel King with any questions
at rachel.c.king@gmail.com
or 618-980-5142

Cash, check, and venmo donations are
all accepted!

Presented by our Children's Choirs
and the Youth of our Parish

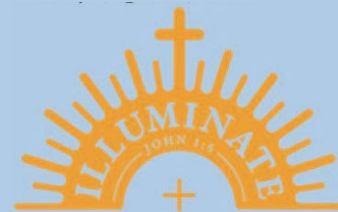
Advent Scripture and Song

Written and Directed by Jamie Eros

Performance - December 16 at 7pm



St. Clare Youth (current grades 8 - 12)
**Join us for Steubenville Mid-America
STL Youth Conference**
**July 12-14, 2024 at Missouri State
Springfield MO**



These teens had an awesome Catholic retreat at
Steubenville Youth Conference in 2023!

Who wants to go this summer?



Watch video at:
stclarechurch.org/youth-conference
Registration due Jan. 20
Pick up an initial registration
Form at Youth Group!





Fair Trade Sale
This weekend, Dec. 16/17


Young Adults, College Students, and Older Teens:
Experience SEEK24 and connect with thousands of people seeking to hear the call and live differently!

- ♦ Jan. 1-5 in St. Louis
- ♦ Register and attend on your own or with friends
- ♦ Grant money available for college age to 29 year-olds to help reduce cost of attendance.
Contact Matt Flynn (mattflynn@stclarechurch.org)
- ♦ Groups of 6 register for the price of 5

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JAMES MARTIN, SJ

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Join us in reading & discussing

My Life with the Saints
by
Fr. James Martin, SJ

January 9 at 7 p.m.
Meeting Room 2
Please read chapters 10-18

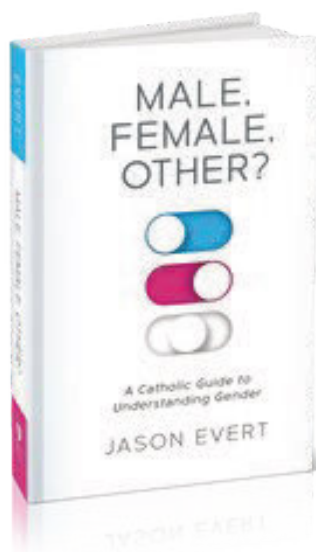
Online Evening Prayer - Young Adults

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on **Tue. December 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/12-19-23/

Joyful & Alive Conversation

How do you discover God's invitations in your life? Are you curious about religious life? Single women ages 18-45 are welcome to bring their questions to a casual, online conversation with School Sisters of Notre Dame on **Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. CT.** Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/1-11-24.

A Clear Catholic Response to Questions about "Gender Identity"



With so much confusion in society and the media around the issue of "gender identity," join us for an in-depth book study on the Catholic view of how to approach this moral issue. The book, written by Catholic author Jason Evert, is called *A Catholic Guide to Understanding Gender*.

Whether you are a young person with questions about gender, a parent or family member of someone struggling with gender identity, or want to learn more, this book study, guided by a facilitator, will help.

Thursdays, January 11-February 15
6:30-8:00 PM in the parish Fellowship Hall

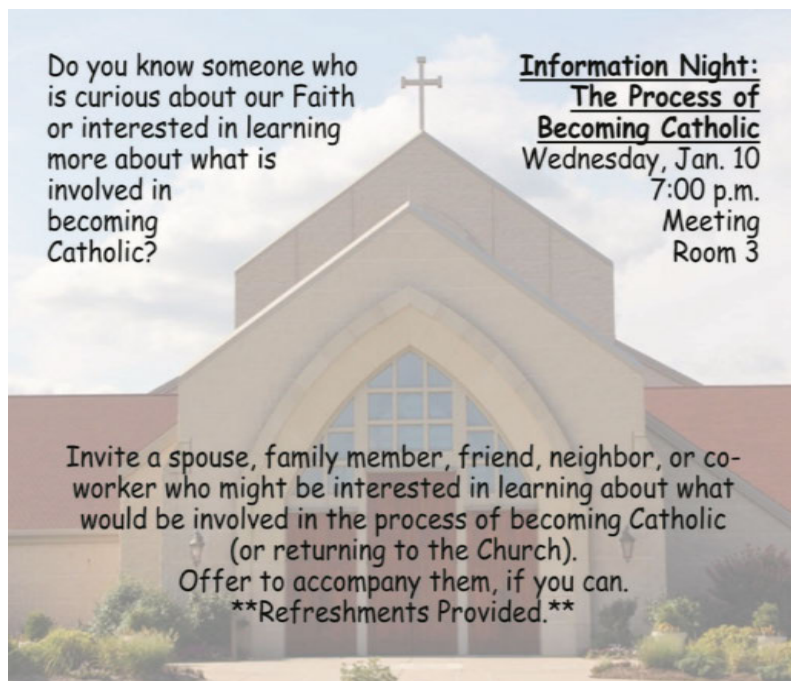
The first evening includes dinner and some time for open conversations. Reservations are needed by December 27, in order to buy the books. Cost is \$20, payable at the parish office by Jan. 5.

Contact Matt Flynn at mattflynn@stclarechurch.org or 618-632-3562

Do you know someone who is curious about our Faith or interested in learning more about what is involved in becoming Catholic?

**Information Night:
The Process of
Becoming Catholic**
Wednesday, Jan. 10
7:00 p.m.
Meeting Room 3

Invite a spouse, family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker who might be interested in learning about what would be involved in the process of becoming Catholic (or returning to the Church).
Offer to accompany them, if you can.
Refreshments Provided.



*Songs of
Thankfulness
&
Praise*



**Saturday, January 6, 2024
7:00 PM**

*A Concert of Christmas Music
Presented by
The Choirs of
St. Clare of Assisi Parish*

***O Saint Bakhita,** assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.” USCCB*

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Giving Tree Ministry. St. Anne Cradle of Hope is asking for winter clothing, such as coats and pajamas up to size 5T. They continue to need onesies, hooded towels, diapers, crib sheet sets and baby lotion, etc. Please place donations in the basket marked Cradle of Hope.

Join the Respect Life Committee at the St. Clare Sign (outside) to pray the rosary before Quiet on Cross Street on **Tuesday, January 2.** We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Save The Date for the 2024 Family Trivia Night Friday, February 9, 2024. This family friendly event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

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