



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church

1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL 62269

618-632-3562

stclarechurch.org

Rev. Michael McGovern, Bishop

Fr. Jim Deiters, Pastor

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.

St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

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Dan Kimutis

Len Ratajczyk

Jane Dotson

Matt Flynn

Stephen Eros

Jamae Shubirg

Marcia Fix

Eric Schmitt

Toni Stanton

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Emergency Assistance



Incense at Mass

During the Lent and Easter Seasons, we use incense at the two Sunday morning Masses. It is not used at the Saturday Vigil Mass to accommodate those who may be sensitive to incense.

Why incense?

In Psalm 141 we pray,

"Let my prayer rise before you like incense O Lord."

The Book of Revelation describes heavenly worship as follows: *"The angel took his place at the altar...and the smoke of the incense went up before God and with it the prayers of God's people."* Hence, incense connects us to God's altar in heaven and allows us to utilize all of our senses in our prayer.

The usage of incense adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendent aspect of the Mass which links Heaven with Earth...as we enter into the Presence of God. Try and visualize your own prayers (and life) being raised to Heaven when you see and pray with the incense rising!

Thank you for your prayers while I am away on a silent retreat. I continue to pray that you discover the grace of a prayer-full life this Lent.

Fr. Jim Deiters



Recent Deaths:

Reginald Mennerick, Father of Mike (Cheryl) Mennerick
Grandfather of Greg, Doug and Jennifer Mennerick

Edna Braswell, Mother of Bob (Stephanie) Braswell,
Karen, Chris, Teresa, Brian, David and Mark.
Grandmother of Kayla, Alexa and Abby Braswell.

May they rest in the peace and love of Christ!

ST. CLARE FUNERAL EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Due to the mid-week bulletin deadline, some of our death and funeral notifications are not published until after the visitation and funeral. If you would like to be informed of parish funeral information, please use the QR code to sign up or contact the parish office, 618-632-3562.



February 24

Mike Silvestrini
Chuck Tipton
Ulunna MacBean
Addie
Gramelspacher
Danielle Warchol
Ava Pace

February 25

Retta Dent
Pat Taylor
Tom Knaust
Sandra Altwal
Louie Kouri
Scott Semko
Destiny Pascua
Noah Cutter

February 26

Tom Wiehl
Bobbi Schaefer
Chris Bautz
Jen Plante
Nicole Lobring
Erik Schneider
Meggan McMains
Addison Guskey
Andrew Birchem
Justin Walters
Carter Holzum
Viola Eros

February 27

Peggy Sebastian
Patrick Frazier
Brian Spellman
Sarah Surrey
Clare Largent
Joseph Kinsella
Isabelle Wohlgemuth
Jack Hettenhausen
Josephine Duley
Abram Guenther
Juniper Hallman

February 28

Sharon Busch
Rowe Canda
Brandon Goss
Kyle Joseph
Hayden Spencer
Abigail Frazier

February 29

John Boysha
Brendan Girard
Matthew Range
Jackson
Grappnerhaus

March 1

Mary Lou Sutphin
Miguel Cotto
Juliette JnBaptisle
Josh Flint
Jennifer Tebbe
Grayce MacBean

March 2

Bruce Faulkner
Susan Hosman
Mike Busch
Christine Galas
Ian Ratajczyk
Rachel King
Haleigh Doty
Soledad Vigil

March 3

Linda Rademacher
Nancy Protocollo
Tracy Pace
Monique Spencer
Juan Barragan
Marife Sabillano
Rosie Navarrete
Bobby Stanford
Logan Hallman
Nolan Gavin
Stosh Porzukowiak



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

John & Elsa Boysha, Rick & Susan Chunn, Dianne Clarke, Frances Cruz, Ricardo Cumba, John Dunlap, Gary Fischer, Sarah Flores, Cathy Helleny, Tom Lampe, Pat Mamino, Judy McKnight, Mary Anne Orr, Christopher Peel, Shelley Perkins, Ben Raybourn, Dennis Sandheinrich, Lynette Shambro, Judy Shearn, Diana Svec, Marina Tate, Pat Weiler, Jim Wright

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24

Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Joel Wisely
Julie Wier

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. George and Janet Axmacher
10:30 a.m. James and Lois Beck
Clara Schachner
Emil Kirchgessner

Monday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. Frank Kuca
Joan Cavins

Tuesday, February 27

Lenten Weekday, *Saint Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

7:30 a.m. Jane McManemy
8:30 a.m. School Mass in the Chapel

Wednesday, February 28 - No Mass

Thursday, February 29 Mass in School Chapel

Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. William Fischer
Special Intention (mhr)

First Friday, March 1

Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. Special Intention
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2

Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Brennen and Finley Bereda

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (ck)
10:30 a.m. Catherine Schickendanz
Augustine Abalos
Edgardo Panopia

OUR GIVING February 17/18, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$11,681.45
Direct Deposit	
WeShare	\$ 8,420.00
Total	\$ 20,101.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,415.00
Pledge/Mortgage	\$ 5,432.00

Next Weekend March 2/3

Rosary Leaders

5:00 Margarita Crupe **8:30** Judy Menzies **10:30** Tony Wagner

Sacristan/Junior Sacristan

Saturday 5:00 Margaret Ingebretsen & Evan Fleming
Sunday 8:30 Deacon Len Ratajczyk, Marshall Harris & Owen Hubbard
10:30 Jane Dotson, Luke & Will Bautz

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 Jackie Burke, Jim Calandro, Steve Hughes, Lena Hunt, Jim Fraser
Margaret Andrasko, Karen Holzum, Nancy Karrigan
Bethany Kazmierczak, Sella Roman
8:30 Jessica Kalmer, Jim & Pennie Pavlisin, Alex Schillinger
Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Andrea Harris, Percy Menzies
Bill Miklosey, Aimee Nieroda
10:30 Jane Dotson, Julie Long, Andrew Moffett, Toni Stanton, Suzanne
Blacharczyk, Kathy DeVan, Lindy Grandame, Dennis Holdener,
Patty Klingelhoef, Shawnee Magparangalan, Tanja Ramsby

Servers 5:00 Sophia Fox & Owen Frazier
8:30 Elizabeth & John Pierre
10:30 Max Gramelspacher & Joseph Morisani

Greeters 5:00 Jeff, Emily, Gus & Lucy King
8:30 Yoshi Ignarski, Judy Lemansky, Leah Wilson
10:30 Lydia Kinsella, Michelle Vandever, Ruth Wagner

Ushers 5:00 Dillon Cutter, Grant Fender, Jacki Gross
Jeff Guenther, Bill Polka, Will Theismann
8:30 Gary Borges, Craig Herzog, Mike Mojzis
Ian Ratajczyk, Craig Sewell, David Zimmerer
10:30 Matt Chambers, Gustavo Cotto, Brock Grandame
Patrick Kinsella, MiSon Serrano, Vonda Walker

Readers 5:00 Catherine Gross & Isabella Ponciroli
8:30 Melvin Heisserer & Anne Marie Pierre
10:30 Ann Millikin & Ellen Gravlin

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Carl & Dawn Lurk
Sunday 8:30 Ken & Jeanne Smith
10:30 Steven, Kathleen, Brynn, Dean & Lillian Schomaker

Children's Word 8:30 Brittany Lacy & Alexis Konze
10:30 Bark Smith & Millie Morisani

Nursery 8:30 Sheila Ferguson & Jackie Carlson
10:30 Alexis Cotto & Meadow Grandame

Cantor 5:00 Stephen Eros
8:30 Karen Jalbert
10:30 Gene Jalbert/Livestream: Steve Michelfelder

Altar Angels March 2 Marcia Blankenship, Margaret Eros
Jeanie Haukapp, Merilee Hopkins, Nellie Nolden, Sue Wright

Readings of the Week February 26 - March 3

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor
1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

The Serra Club of St. Clair County is hosting *"Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life"*, on **Tuesday, March 5** at St. Nicholas in O'Fallon for any adult seeking ways to promote vocations. Mass at **6:00 p.m.** with Bishop McGovern. Light dinner, drinks and remarks by our Bishop after Mass. The evening is free but RSVP to ensure enough dinner. Contact Marvin at mewinkel51@gmail.com or call/text 402-214-1155 or www.serrastclair.org.

Catholic Women for Christ Conference March 9 from 8:45 - 4 p.m. Si Commons at SLUH, 4970 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, CWFC features excellent speakers, women fellowship, Adoration, box lunch and Mass. Register at www.catholicwomenforchrist.org. Carpooling from St. Clare Church is available. Please contact Joanie Burke at 217-972-0339 for information.

St. Clare Men's Welcome Retreat March 16/17

Take a break from your daily routine and connect with other men from St. Clare. A 2-day experience that will help energize your daily living and prayers, renew your faith, and develop an even deeper relationship with God and those you love. For men 18 and older. Go to stclarechurch.org/retreats for more information, or call or text Lyndon Joost at 618-570-9553, or Chris Moffett at 703-268-6199, or Ken Smith at 618-960-3863.

Pilgrimage to Italy Fr. Jim Deiters is planning to lead a group of parishioners to the Catholic shrines of Rome and Assisi from November 13 - 22, 2024. There are a few spaces remaining in the group. If you are interested and want to be put on a waiting list, please contact Jamae at the parish office for further details.



LENT

"The Eucharist: Source & Summit"



Mondays, February 25 - March 18
Mass at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Presentation 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 26 "Worship with your Whole Heart"
 Presented by Stephen Eros

March 4 "Given for You: Living the Mystery of Eucharistic Love"
 Presented by Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM

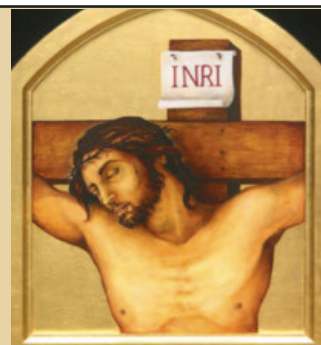
March 11 "Transformed by Christ"
 Presented by Matthew Flynn

March 18 "Eucharistic Renewal"
 An Evening of Adoration, Prayer, Reflection and Music
 led by The Daughters of St. Paul

Enjoy food and fellowship as we learn about and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Stations Of the Cross

Fridays of Lent
6:00 p.m.



END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

You can choose to have your statement emailed, mailed or picked up at the parish office (618-632-3562) during office hours. If you need a contribution statement, please call the office or complete the simple online request form by going to: stclarechurch.org/2023-tax-statements



The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Thank you to the **54 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. Our parish goal this year is \$54,992. So far \$14,640 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Envelopes are available in the gathering space.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Online donations can be made at diobelle.org/giving.

CSMA PARISH GOAL

\$54,992



Raised \$14,640



Youth Group!

Feb 18 Ice Skating at Steinberg Rink 3:30-5:30
Dinner following
Feb 25 Youth Group 6-8 at **Church**, Pizza & Adoration
Mar 3 Youth Group 6-8 in Youth Room
"Influences: The Good, the Bad and the ??"
Mar 10 Youth Group 6-8 in Youth Room
Mar 15-17 Camp Ondessonk Retreat
Mar 24 Youth group 6-8 Youth Room
"Your God-Given Gifts"
Mar 31 No Meeting - Easter Sunday

PSR

**Parish
School of Religion**



Feb. 18 No PSR Class *President's Day
Feb. 25 Class 10:30 - 11:40
Mar 3 No PSR *School Holiday Weekend
Mar 10 Class 10:30 - 11:40 (CPP Grades 7-8)
Mar 17 Class 10:30 - 11:40
Mar 24 Class 10:30 - 11:40
Mar 31 No PSR *Easter Sunday

Summer Youth Program...Save the Dates! More details coming in late March
Grades 1 - 6: June 17 - 21 daytime **Grades 7 - 12: June 16 -20 evenings**

St. Andrew Dinner

Bishop Michael McGovern will host
A St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested
in learning more about Catholic priesthood

Sunday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo

Young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents and guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin with gathering, introductions and Evening Prayer followed by dinner and conversation. Join Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation director for a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to priesthood. jhoffmann@diobelle.org

RE-IGNITE U

**Retreat for high school students at
Camp Ondessonk March 15-17**

"Each person reflects the light of God"

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Go to homepage at stclaechurch.org
Sign up through Signup Genius by March 5

**Saint Clare Catholic School Auction & Gala
March 9, 2024 at Gateway Classic Cars
Get Your Auction Tickets Today!
KnightatMuseum.givesmart.com**

If you are interested in donating items, please drop off at the St. Clare Catholic School office by March 6. Please include your name, contact information and value of the donation. Thank you!



**Bridge Bread
&
Fair Trade Sale
February 24/25
after Masses**



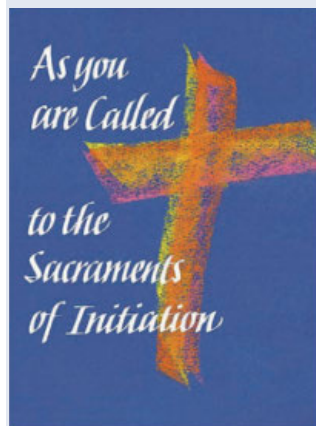
Local and Global
75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community.

BRING LENT TO LIFE with CRS Rice Bowl!

- Place your CRS Rice Bowl on your family's dinner table. Follow the calendar's daily reflections.
- Put your Lenten Sacrifices into your CRS Rice Bowl. Visit crsricebowl.org for additional resources.
- Turn in your gifts at the end of Lent, or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help more than 250 million people with lifesaving support. Thank you for changing lives this Lent.





Every Lent, the Church throughout the world celebrates the Scrutinies to help the Elect prepare to be initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. These minor exorcisms, performed on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, help strengthen the Elect on their journey as well as reveal to them the areas of their life that still need to be illumined by God's grace. Please pray for our Elect this Lent!

**Shana Borgren, Eric Fisher
Serenity and Gabriel Rodarte (children)**

The Church asks the congregation to participate in these Scrutinies as well through our prayer and support. They also serve as moments for us to examine our own lives. Serenity and Gabriel go through a separate, more age-appropriate Scrutiny outside of Mass. To prepare for the Scrutiny at the 10:30 a.m. Mass next weekend, please reflect on the following questions:

- ◆ *How is your life a spring of Jesus' living water already? When have you shared Jesus' living water with others?*
 - ◆ *Are the relationships in your life healthy and life-giving?*
 - ◆ *For what do you thirst? What do you long for?*
 - ◆ *Are parts of your life like a desert: dry and parched?*
 - ◆ *How can Christ and His message of love and mercy (continue to) change your life?*
- Is there anything you are afraid to tell Him?*



The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

Respect Life would like to thank all who supported Trivia Night which was held on Friday, February 9th. Our proceeds of \$3809 will be donated to St. Anne Cradle of Hope. These funds will cover rent, utilities, and purchase items to stay fully stocked, especially car seats and larger size diapers. It costs almost \$3000 a month to operate the center, which is covered completely through donations.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, March 5th: Join the Respect Life Committee at the tabernacle to pray the rosary before Quiet on Cross. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm to pray for this special intention.

Friday, March 15th & 22nd: sign up and spend an hour in prayer outside Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights. St. Clare and St. Nicholas parishioners will be there from 7am to 7pm OR pick any day between now and March 22nd to support 40 Days for Life. Sign up at www.coalitionlife.com or call Betsy at 618-977-9647.

Saturday, March 23rd: Coalition Life March on the Arch. St. Clare is putting together a group to be a voice for the voiceless and march for life. March starts at 12pm at Aloe Plaza, across from Union Station and finish at the Arch Grounds. Go to www.STLMarch.com for more information or call Betsy at 618-977-9647.

Quiet on Cross Street

*A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
and Confession*



Every Tuesday Night

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. St. Clare Church



**24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday, March 3 after 10:30 Mass
Until Monday, March 4 at 11:45**

God has a plan for each of us, a plan to use His power for our good, to give us a future with hope. He wants us to grow. He wants to give us freedom from something, so that we can follow Him more closely. He knows what we need better than we know ourselves.

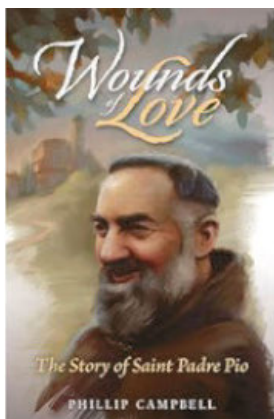
What is it? Where is He calling you to grow this Lent? How is He calling you to fast? Come, spend time in the peace and silence of Adoration with Him. Listen with your heart for His answer. Remember Whose you are. Remember Who died for you. Our story doesn't end in the desert; it leads to Resurrection. To new life with God. ~Mark Wahlberg on Lent Pray 40 Hallow Challenge

For those who come between 6:00pm and 7:00am, please contact the parish office for the keypad code to enter through the door in the Mary Shrine. Sign Up Sheets are on the table in the Gathering Space for those who can commit to an hour, or for 30 minute increments on stclarechurch.org/24 **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

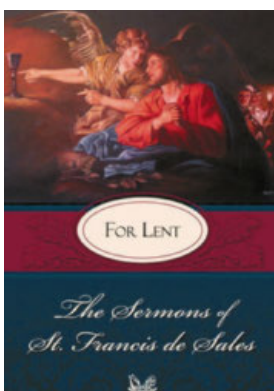


Grow In Your Faith This Lent and Easter

Stop by our Kiosk near the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space to find many new and engaging CDs (downloads included) and Books to help you grow in your Faith journey this Lent & Easter Season.



Author Phillip Campbell offers young Catholics a compelling account of the life of Saint Padre Pio. *Wounds of Love* follows the fascinating and inspiring journey of this great Capuchin Saint from his youth as a farm boy to his days as the beloved wonder-working friar who received the Stigmata, his bouts with the devil, reading of souls, and more as he shared touching relationships with his parents and so many others. Beautifully illustrated and written for ages 10+.



In *The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales*: For Lent, this gentle Saint and Doctor of the Church preaches 12 sermons, given during Lent 1622, that through fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving, we can learn to resist temptation, live the faith, live in mutual charity, and more as St. Francis teaches us the way to eternal happiness through the toils and labors of Lent, which can be all joy if done for the love of God.

PRAYERS BEFORE THE EUCHARIST



St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

St. John Henry Cardinal Newman is mostly known as a scholar, writer and intellectual. Rarely do we associate “mystic” with this new Saint. His book, *Prayers Before the Eucharist*, is a collection of his Prayers and Meditations before the Eucharist that place a focus on God’s mercy, perfections, and love for us and engages God in frequent and familiar conversation, moving the heart to friendship with Christ, especially to a new generation of Catholics.

Other Book Titles include: *Meditations on DEATH: Preparing for Eternity* by Thomas A Kempis
The Life of Saint Joseph As Seen By The Mystics
 Compiled by Paul Thigpen
Surprised By Truth: 11 Converts Give the Biblical and Historical Reasons for Becoming Catholic by Patrick Madrid, and *Divine Mercy for Children: A Guided Tour of the Museum of Mercy* by Vinny Flynn, and more...
 Suggested donations are: CDs - \$4.00 or 3 for \$10, Books - \$5.00. Please place cash or checks (made to St. Clare Church) in the slots on either side of the kiosk.
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