

St. Clare of Montefalco

A Catholic Community in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan



Michaelite Fathers

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
DETROIT MASS MOB

*We bring together
and welcome into
our Catholic
Community a
richly diverse
people to pray, to
serve, and to learn
in the name and
presence of Jesus
Christ.*

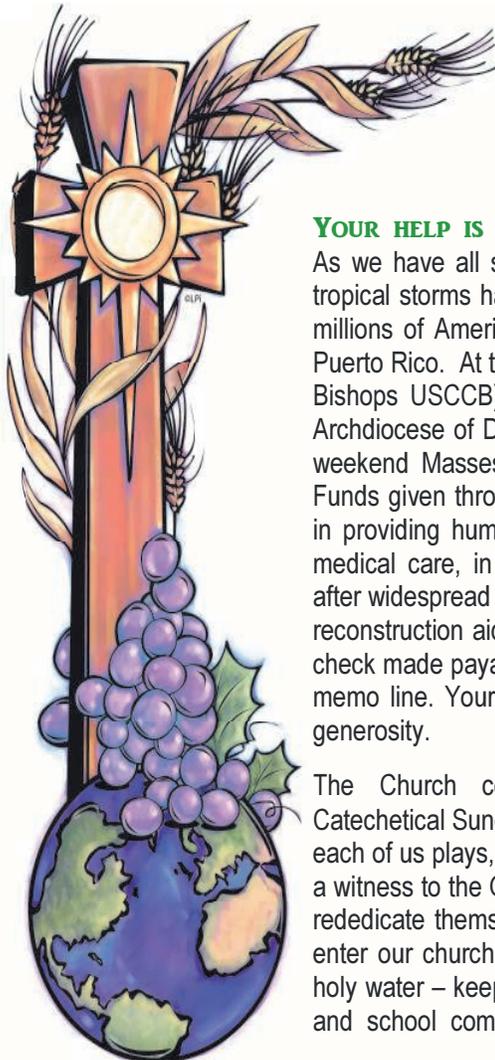
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WELCOME TO ST. CLARE!

On behalf of our parishioners, students, faculty and staff, thank you for joining us today as this special event takes place in our parish. You will find here a lively spirit in our faith community as we proudly celebrate our 90th anniversary. Be sure to visit our Book Sale in the parish hall and our School across the parking lot.

The Bulletin in your hand contains many pages about the life of our community. Also, the specially prepared Mass Mob Booklet, highlights many celebrations, activities, and initiatives that tell the story of who we are. This week's Gospel is all about mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. I have included a few pages on this topic for your spiritual growth and reflection.



I hope and pray your visit to St. Clare school will delight your spirit and provide a glimpse of the Spirit of St. Clare school— this “Falcon Land”, where we gather to grow in faith to be Bold, Holy, and Catholic and where our school motto is to “Come to Learn and Leave to Serve”.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

As we have all seen, a series of violent late summer hurricanes and tropical storms has brought significant destruction and displacement of millions of Americans and those living in the Eastern Caribbean and Puerto Rico. At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Archbishop Vigneron has asked the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit to give generously during a special collection at weekend Masses on September 16 and 17 to support relief efforts. Funds given through this collection will support Catholic Charities USA in providing humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care, in addition to long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction. The USCCB also assists with pastoral and reconstruction aid to the Church. Donations can be made by cash or a check made payable to our parish, with “Hurricane Relief” noted in the memo line. Your donation will make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

The Church celebrates **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** this week. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. As you enter our church today – when you dip your hand in the basin of the holy water – keep this in mind. I would like to thank those in our parish and school community who are designated to serve as catechists,

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Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m. (low gluten host available)
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m. (low gluten host available)

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. (Summer months); 8:15 a.m. (during academic year)

Confessions:

Weekdays - 30 minutes before Mass; Saturday – 2:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Devotions:

In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

- Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel

- Tuesdays after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

In Honor of the Divine Mercy

- Tuesdays 6:10 p.m.
- Fridays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Every Wednesday from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- First Friday of the Month until noon

Bulletin Deadline:

- Monday 11am - email: bulletin@stclarem.org
- More info: <https://stclarem.org/bulletin>

From the Desk of our Pastor

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teachers, and leaders in faith, may God bless you in your ministry as a living missionary disciple of Christ.

Looking ahead

The second part of September slowly reminds us that we are entering into the fall season. Please check Sr. Kathy's column about our pilgrimage to the Capuchins this coming Saturday. A reminder to all Sacristans, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and musicians next week we resume the celebration of the **5 p.m. Sunday Mass.**

Thank you for this great ministry you provide to the people of God.

This week, on Wednesday, we celebrate the feast of **St. Andrew and companions**; Korean martyrs of the 19th century. We will invoke their prayers and intercession as the tension on the Korean peninsula rises. On Thursday, we celebrate the feast of **St. Mathew**; Apostle and Evangelist. Just a reminder, Wednesday morning Mass (school Mass) starts at 8.15 a.m.

The following week (Monday to Friday), I will attend the **Priestly Convocation Days** held at Boyne Highlands. Deacon Rich and Sister Kathy will lead our morning celebrations. All scheduled Mass intentions will be said by me at the convocation Masses, while Sister and Deacon will mention and pray them here. All priests of the diocese will be in attendance at this convocation learning more about the outcome of Synod 16. Please pray for us as we gather to study, enjoy fellowship and have some fun. Also pray for Chris Muer, Colin Fricke, Brs. Bernard and Luke VanBerkum, and Br. Mathew Warnez as they continue their studies in the Seminary and journey toward the priesthood and religious life. Let us also pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life from our parish and our diocese. Mark your calendar for our Vocation Dinner, November 11, 2017 in the parish hall.

On Sunday Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. we honor the women of the **Altar Society** with a special Mass and reception. I invite all ladies past and present members of this ministry to join us giving thanks to God for 90 years of service and ministry here at St. Clare. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall where everyone is welcome.

I hope you have a great week.,

Fr. Andrew



St. Clare of Montefalco School



School News

On behalf of the entire staff at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, we say, "Welcome Back!" It been such fun to see those big smiles coming through the doors these first days of school, and this past week was no different!

The staff has been working hard and we feel that we are set up for a fantastic year. Many of our teachers have been working hard all summer getting ready for this fall and have now hit the ground running. St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School's aim is to combine spirituality, strong academics and service to our students to live a faith-filled life.

We also continue to recognize the huge impact that our families have on their student's education. Parents support their students in many ways – daily attendance, parent to teacher communication, reading at home, efforts with homework, to name a few. We know these pieces are important for our students' success.



This weekend the St. Clare of Montefalco PTO is hosting its Used Book Sale. The sale that started about 30 years ago, and now attracts local and regional book enthusiasts with its selection of high quality, gently used books. If you are an avid reader as well as a bargain hunter, stop by and stock up on both fiction books in all genres and nonfiction books. Don't forget, Sunday is "Bag Day!"

The school will be open after the Mass Mob. Please stop by and walk around our school. See the beautiful architecture as well as the wonderful work our students do. I will be there to greet you.



Finally, as we enter our school and walk upon holy ground each day, may God and all who support St. Clare of Montefalco School, continue to bless our strong spirituality, academic achievements, and heart-felt service.

Ms. Ann Tonissen, Principal - atonissen@stclarem.org



5th Annual Oktoberfest Weekend!

OCTOBER 13-15, 2017

Under the Tents on the St. Clare School Grounds

Friday Night Euchre Party - \$15 per person includes pizza, chips and pop. BYOB. Prizes!

Saturday Night Celebration - Featuring **THE POLISH MUSLIMS!** Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.
Food from Polish Village Café, Traffic Jam and Comfort Café. Admission includes 5 food/drink tickets.

Sunday Afternoon Tailgate - Lions game on the screen, crafts and games for the kids.

Outdoor Polka Mass - 5:00 pm, music by Big Daddy Lackowski

Advance Tickets are available after all weekend Masses
To get the latest updates, follow us on [Facebook.com/stclarem](https://www.facebook.com/stclarem)
For more information, call 313-647-5000 or email: OktoberfestSCM@aol.com
www.stclarem.org @stclarem



Faith Formation and Youth



Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes began last week. Sunday family (grades K through 9) is held each week beginning with 9:00 Mass and classes from after Mass until 11:30. Parents are asked to be present with the children. Monday classes have begun also. Grades 1-4 meet from 4:00-5:15. Grades 5-8 meet from 6:30-8:00.



PARISH FAITH FORMATION:

Our series on Prayer will begin on Thursday, September 21. Dinner is at 6:30 (for a donation of \$6-7 with the program beginning at 7:10. This program requires that everyone has a book because it is used like a prayer journal. The cost is \$20 payable at the first class. Come and learn the best way to engage in prayer, different ways to pray and become closer to Jesus.



VISIT THE TOMB OF FR. SOLANUS CASEY.

On Saturday, September 23, we will make a pilgrimage to the tomb of Fr. Solanus Casey and the Casey center. A trained docent will meet us at 10:00, thus cars will leave the St. Clare parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Donation for the tour is \$5.

RCIA/CATHOLICISM 101: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you missed the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation? Are you considering joining the Catholic Church? Then we have a program for you. We meet in St. Clare's school lounge at 7:00 each Wednesday.



Come and See...Is Jesus calling you?

Sr. Kathy Avery - skavery@stclare.org

St. Clare Youth Group

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What: Youth Ministry at St. Clare is a place where high school teenagers gather to learn about themselves, each other and the Catholic faith; to grow as a result of what they learn and the experiences they share; and to love with the open heart of an intentional disciple of Christ.

Who: Any high school teenager in the 9th-12th grades.

When: Regular meetings are every Sunday night from 6:00—8:00 PM in the youth ministry office in St. Clare School.

How: Want to join? Come any Sunday night at 6:00 PM to the gazebo area in between the St. Clare Church and School. If you want more information, please contact Stephanie Carder, the youth minister, by phone or e-mail.

Last week...

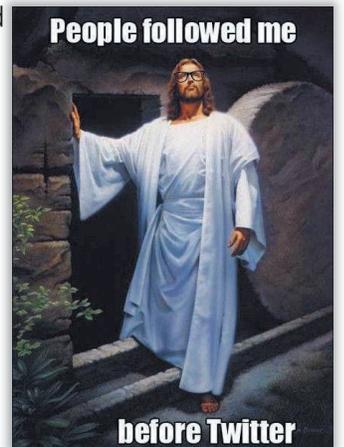
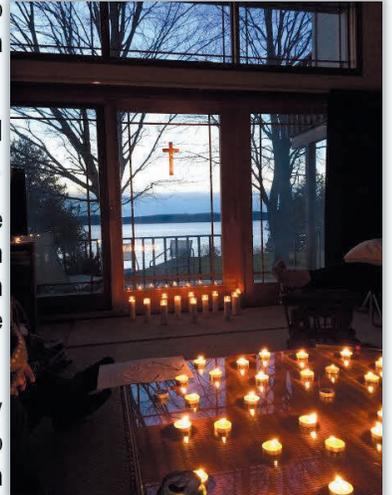
The youth group visited Cedar Point and heard Casting crowns, Lauren Daigle, Skillet and Ryan Stevenson live in concert. We also ran the children's games at the Parish Picnic!

This week...

will be our first regular meeting from 6-8 PM! Please join us in the back of Church after 5 PM Mass and we will head over to the meeting together. Pizza and breadsticks included (as always)!

All are welcome.

Stephanie Carder
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Christian Service and Stewardship

Christian Service

Welcome and thank you for coming to St. Clare Parish and joining us for this special celebration. We are excited to begin a new year of service activities in our parish and community. Our commission and its dozen members coordinate and organize projects to allow our parish family to reach out and support those in need in our community. Allow me to share a few of them with you:

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

The St. Clare family participated in the Capuchin Signature Drive recently that proudly raised \$2,430 to support their good works.



Giving Tree Project

We collect hundreds of gifts of clothes, food and gift cards for four deserving ministries in the Detroit area. Each year I am truly amazed at the kindness and generosity of everyone who takes the time to shop, wrap and donate a gift for someone special. The agencies we share our gifts with are: Catholic Charities of SE Michigan; St. Patrick's Senior Center; St. Charles Senior Ministry and Freedom House in Detroit. Freedom House serves the needs of recent refugees seeking asylum.

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen Lenten Lunch Project

For six lunches during Lent we plan, shop, cook, deliver, prep and serve for 80-140 guests at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit. It is truly a Parish wide undertaking that has become a labor of love. Like a finely tuned machine the food is dropped-off on Sunday night, delivered on Monday to St. Leo's and prepped and served on Tuesday.



H.A.R.T. – Haiti Africa Relief Team

HART is a local organization that assists a church damaged by the earthquake in Haiti. We have held fundraisers to support the rebuilding of their church and host an annual pasta dinner in May for medical relief. It is a fun evening and supports a wonderful cause.

We hope you will come back to St. Clare and join us by participating in these worthwhile programs.



Mike McDevitt
Christian Service Coordinator
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Finance

Greetings everyone! I hope you had a relaxing summer, spending time with family and friends. As we return to the busier pace of life, I want to update you on the projects taking place in our parish and school. Thanks to your continued generosity we have completed some much-needed maintenance items. *We are keeping our home healthy:* The Whittier side wall in the social hall was waterproofed and we also had some cracked and uneven sidewalks replaced around the entrances of the Church. The school underwent some urgent roof repairs and all leaks have been fixed. *We are keeping our house beautiful:* The sound panels in the church were not able to be cleaned so we went with replacement of the fabric. The new color shows off the beautiful stained glass windows in the Church. We also had the stained glass windows from the former convent retrofitted to work in the windows of our Sacristy and two entrances to the Church. *We are making our family blessed:* We expanded our faith formation offerings by providing Formed, a digital platform offering a wealth of resources. To make these programs more accessible, we completed a campus wide Wi-Fi upgrade so that anyone on campus can connect with this program at any time.



With the new fiscal year starting we have some projects lined up. We are in the process of adding TV monitors to the 2 back entrances of the Church. They will provide information on upcoming happenings at St. Clare. We are waiting for additional materials to come in and then the kneeler repair project will begin. After 90 years, the school will finally be getting a sign on Mack Avenue. This will be a great way to show the neighbors that St. Clare School is thriving and continues to be a Gospel presence that develops each child's God given talents. If you would like to support any of these projects, please write the name of the project in the memo line of your check and we'll make sure it's designated to the appropriate place.

During the summer, Mass attendance drops as does Sunday collections. If you missed some of your donations while you were away this summer, please consider making the amount up in the coming months. It will go a long way in helping us maintain the parish budget. One way to stay current with your donations is to use electronic giving. If you would like to use this easy method, visit the parish website at <http://www.stclarem.org/> and click on the Parish Pay link.

Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.

Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

Susie Frazer, Business Manager - sfrazer@stclarem.org



St. Vincent de Paul News

What would happen to your family if the only source of income suddenly vanished? How would you cope if a medical crisis drained your bank account? Could you manage your life without a car? Faced with the challenges life presents, many of our neighbors in need seek help from St. Vincent de Paul. The SVdP conference at St. Clare is an active group of volunteers who grow their own faith by extending mercy to others, and we always welcome new members! (For more information, leave a message on our Assistance Line at 313-647-5062 or email us at StClareSVdP@gmail.com)

Our greatest need is for people willing to go on home visits. Those interested in working directly with the poor can be part of a team that visits our neighbors-in-need, delivering food, friendship and strategizing on ways to meet emergency and ongoing needs.

Our volunteers help facilitate the Michigan Energy Assistance Program by writing energy grants and helping move clients toward self-sufficiency. We also support SVdP's Camp Ozanam by recruiting deserving children for a life-changing summer camp experience. We operate an emergency food pantry that is kept stocked with generous donations from parishioners as well as participation in the annual Gleaners/Kroger Food drive, which requires MANY volunteers!



Our next initiative is the **Friends of the Poor Walk**, scheduled for Saturday, September 30th at Belle Isle. We count on this event to provide money for our conference to use in its work throughout the year. An example of our expenses? \$120- \$160 can purchase a used appliance for a family without a stove or refrigerator. We can buy a new mattress and foundation to provide a child with a twin bed for \$170, and we can purchase a full-sized bed for \$200.

Please consider walking with us! Register as a walker at: <https://www.fopwalk.org/> Be sure to make St. Clare your beneficiary if you choose to raise funds (you are not obligated to raise funds to participate in the walk.) Join the team named St. Clare of Montefalco – Grosse Pointe Park.

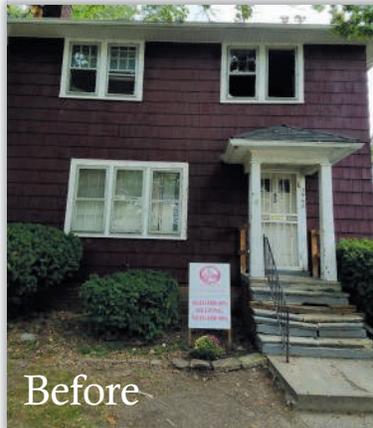
Or, consider making a donation to support our conference for this event. Please go to the website <http://www.svdpusa.net/fop/> and choose "Donate" and then "Donate to a Walker." Enter "St. Clare of Montefalco SVdP" in the search box and select St. Clare or any registered St. Clare walker to make a donation. You may also drop a check in the collection basket, made payable to St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul. Your gift of ANY amount will make a difference!

Thank you for helping us to help others!

Barbara Koster, SVdP Conference President
barbarakoster@comcast.net

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Twelve months ago, Antonio, Latoria, and their 3 young children saw their dream home and hopes for a solid future go up in smoke. Everything they worked for since they purchased their home from Fannie Mae in 2012, and most of their belongings were destroyed or severely damaged by an electrical fire, related smoke, and water.



Living in the Morningside Community served by St. Clare, Latoria contacted the parish's St. Vincent de Paul. Their story was shared and the entire St. Clare of Montefalco community was

touched by the young family. St. Clare's NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS team met with the family and developed a plan that would enable them to move out of a one room dwelling into a temporary three bedroom home on Christmas Eve while reconstruction was undertaken by family, friends, and St. Clare volunteers.

A GoFundMe account was also established to help in the rebuilding effort and pay for materials, heating, plumbing, electrical, man power, and professional resources not covered by donated goods, furnishings, and services.

This NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS project coincided nicely with St. Clare's desire to celebrate its 90th Anniversary by doing something significant in the community. With Antonio and Latoria's home nearing completion, the St. Clare community has been blessed with the opportunity to demonstrate our Catholic faith and mission to serve others.

Additional contributions to NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS are welcome. Please send a check made payable to St. Clare of Montefalco and write NHN in the memo line. Mail to: St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus at St. Clare of Montefalco Council 12479 was established on June 9, 1999. We started out with 30 members to get chartered and we currently have about 103 members.

Our council is very busy—always doing works of charity or working in the church with projects our pastor would like done.

Our patron saint for the council is St. Michael the Archangel and all Knights have Mary as their patron saint. We just recently voted St. Michael the Archangel as council patron saint.

We held our elections this past June and for the new Fraternal year which runs from July 1 - June 30. This year we elected a new Grand Knight, John O'Brien. Along with the other officers and members we are shooting for Star Council again. We have made Star Council 4 years in a row.

We have hosted many activities such as breakfasts, Tootsie roll drive, free throw contests, spelling bees, and poster contests.

The upcoming service activities include helping to clean up the streets of Morning Side. This year we helped cleanup Balduck Park and streets in the area. We have had a few knights help with a family that had a fire take their home. We will again host *Light Up for Christ* to start off the Christmas season.

We have given Rosaries to our 1st Communicants and religious pins to those celebrating their Baptism and Confirmation.

We also have an Assembly which consists of 2-3 councils. The Color Corp is the most known part of the Knights of Columbus with the capes, chapeau, and ceremonial swords. The Color Corp is the window of the K of C. We have fallen out for Christmas and Easter Celebrations, Confirmation, and 1st Communion and at other times. We also help the veterans by collecting items they would not receive upon admission to the VA hospital. We also work with the school to show the 6 graders how to raise and lower the American Flag and also show them how to fold it properly.



Bereavement Ministry

Fall is always a busy time for the Bereavement Ministry. In addition to serving any funerals that come in we begin preparations for the All Souls Day Mass and reception on October 29th and our annual Bereavement Dinner, November 17th. Both of these events are held to reinforce our commitment to the families of those we have buried as they walk their individual journey of grief and loss.

Continuing our parish commitment to offer the Corporal Act of Mercy burying the dead, we plan to bury an indigent person during Lent 2018. As in the past we rely on the generosity of many to cover the cost associated with this undertaking. Please keep this in mind and if you think you can help, any donation large or small to defray the cost is welcome.

The Bereavement Ministry is open to anyone who can offer a warm smile and kind word to visitors as they arrive for a funeral service. The time commitment is about 2 hours the day of the service usually once a month.

If you think God is calling you to participate in this ministry please contact us at: bereavementministry@stclarem.org or call Michelle Fisher @ 313-701-7192



Use your voice for kindness your ears for compassion your hands for charity, your mind for truth and your heart for love

Calling All Present and Past Women of the Altar Society of St. Clare and the Archconfraternity of Sts. Monica and Augustine

We invite you to participate in a special 11:00 Mass on Sunday, September 24. Please sit in the front left hand pews so we can celebrate our 90 years of Serving at the Altar together.

A reception will follow the Mass. Please come.





ST CLARE SCHOOL

Creating Leaders in Life since 1927

At St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, we provide a strong and supportive academic experience to children from diverse communities. We practice Christian beliefs by providing an atmosphere that encourages every child to develop a sense of personal worth, academic excellence and social responsibility. We foster a climate of moral awareness and compassion and respect for one another.

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

Our Learning Environment

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School offers a comprehensive educational program that prepares students, Grade K through 8th Grade, in a challenging academic and religious environment. We create a learning environment in which a high value is placed on respect, self-discipline and responsible behavior. Within this environment, intellectual skills are developed, Catholic traditions are celebrated and students are prepared to live in and make vital contributions to a changing society.

- High qualified, extremely **engaged teachers**, many with advanced degrees
- Small class sizes foster excellent student-teacher relationship and **focus on each student's unique abilities**
- Challenging core curriculum, enriched by **Spanish, Art, Music and Technology.**
- Technology-rich **Classrooms** and curriculum
- **Upper/lower grade mentoring program** enhances student leadership skills while welcoming young students into the St Clare community
- **Field trips and special events** extend classroom learning into the community
- **CYO athletics program** including baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, track and volleyball with a championship legacy
- **Active student and parent organizations** enhance classroom environment and foster school pride
- **Extra-curricular activities** including forensics, choir, puppetry, drama, band, coding, latin and more
- **Graduates highly sought-after** by local private schools and regularly awarded merit **scholarships**
- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Accredited by Michigan Non-Public School Accrediting Association
- **Scholarships** and tuition assistance program

Sense of Community

At St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, we've nurtured a deep rooted sense of community. Through a dedicated group of parents, families and teachers working together, our students receive the benefit of individualized instruction, enrichment programs and educational resources that enhance the student experience.



Registration still available
for select grades

or call for private tour, 313.647.5100

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St. Clare of Montefalco Parish Community

For decades, Catholic churches across Metro Detroit have brought people from all walks of life together. No matter rich or poor, influential or simple, white collar or blue collar – the Church has served as a place of unity, where people come together to share their common love of God, Christ, family and community.

Perhaps nowhere is this more obvious than at St. Clare of Montefalco, a truly unique place of worship that sits on the border of Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit and has united a diverse following of Christ for nine decades. Equally impressive is the parish school, a Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence that has continued to thrive for 90 years, creating leaders in life through a philosophy that all children deserve the opportunity to maximize their God-given talents. Many of us at St. Clare view our community as Metro Detroit's best kept secret.

But on Sept. 17, 2017, that secret will be out as St. Clare hosts a Mass Mob celebration, opening its doors to Catholics from across the region who yearn to revisit the glory days of Detroit's Catholic community. In recent years, the Mass Mob movement has seen thousands of parishioners return to old historic churches in the Archdiocese, with crowds reaching 2,000 and more.

Given St. Clare's rich history and warm ambience, there's no doubt the masses will be impressed with what they see here.

- Mesmerizing stained-glass windows.
- Murals in the sanctuary that tell the story of Christ, Creation, Redemption and Salvation.
- Wood-carved confession booths.
- A marble baptismal fountain.

But most impressive will be the people – the welcoming and kind-hearted parishioners who are St. Clare's greatest gift. They give to the church, the school and the community, filling up food pantries for the poor, supporting single mothers and serving meals to the homeless during Lent. St. Clare's charismatic priest is another impressive attribute. Father Andrew, who can light up a church with his wit and positive energy, tells real-life stories that help people better understand God, Christ, and their love for us, and how to apply Scripture to our everyday lives. Yes, St. Clare is a magical place, a truly holy place where God's love can be felt in big and small ways.

The children respect the elders. The elders support the children. Father Andrew supports everyone, never too busy to lend an ear to a parishioner, a school parent or an excited student who wants to share their news about a basketball win or a Spelling Bee accomplishment.

Wholesome atmosphere aside, the St. Clare community also is continuously buzzing with exciting events, everything from a fall beer festival to an impressive spring auction, which raises tens of thousands of dollars for the school. Athletics are also a big source of pride at St. Clare, where kids from Detroit and the suburbs learn and thrive together on the basketball courts, softball fields and soccer fields. And championships are plenty.

Of course, a lot of this activity isn't possible without the efforts of the Knights of Columbus – St. Clare's tireless philanthropists who lend a hand to numerous school and church events. And they host plenty themselves, everything from pancake breakfasts to Spelling Bees – complete with pizza for the kids.

But this is nothing new. St. Clare of Montefalco has been a vibrant religious community since opening its doors in 1926. Along the way, it has passed through different hands. It was founded by the Order of St. Augustine – with many Augustinians and Dominican Sisters serving in the parish and school from 1926 until 2012. But the years have brought change.

Families moved. New ones came in. The school changed in size and appearance and now serves a richly diverse population of students from the city of Detroit and the suburbs. In August of 2012, the direction of the parish was given to the Michaelite Fathers. St. Clare was their first parish in the United States, where for the last five years Father Andrew has steadily guided the church through the social and financial challenges of the 21st Century.

Yes, the church community is different. The leadership is different. The school is different. But community spirit still thrives at St. Clare. All that was good and strong about the parish from decades ago is still there. Families still support one another. Folks go out of their way to lend a helping hand. The congregation and religious leadership is compassionate and empathetic.

A lot has changed at St. Clare of Montefalco. But God's love still owns the day.



St. Clare of Montefalco School

ST CLARE OF MONTEFALCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Creating Leaders in Life for 90 years

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School is to be a Gospel presence in our diverse community and provide opportunities to develop each child's God given talents

ADMINISTRATION

Principal- Ann Tonissen

Pastor - Father Andrew Kowalczyk, CSMA

Director of Religious Education - Sister Kathy Avery, OSM

ACADEMICS

Not only do our students get accepted at the very best local high schools and go on to excel at elite colleges, but they show improvement immediately upon enrolling at St. Clare. A great testimony to our excellence in academics can be seen by the test results of our incoming transfer students.

- 50% of students showed an increase in test scores after 1 year at St Clare
- 71% of students showed an increase in test scores after 2 years at St Clare

Academic excellence achieved by:

- Individual attention
- Small class sizes
- Devoted, highly-qualified teachers
- Dedicated volunteer aides/tutors
- Emphasis on self-motivation & accountability

ALUMNI

St. Clare Alumni go into the world with strong skills and represent the Parish, School and Catholic community well. They are shining examples of St. Clare's strong influence in the minds and hearts of our youth. Not only do our students excel academically, but they truly become leaders in the community. Many alumni go on to thrive in careers of community service and growth.

- 2016 8th Grade Graduates
- 92% of graduates went on to Catholic High Schools
- 100% of graduates went on to private schools

Scholarships awarded at:

- De La Salle Collegiate High School
- Detroit Country Day High School
- Mercy High School
- Regina High School
- University of Detroit Jesuit
- University Liggett High School

2016 High School Graduates

- 25% of graduates went on to the University of Michigan

Other notable colleges:

- Grand Valley State University
- Hillsdale College

- Michigan State University
- United States Air Force Academy
- Xavier University

Notable Alumni

- Ben Blackwell, Creator of Cass Avenue Records, co-drummer for the Dirtbombs and Vinyl expert at Third Man Records in Nashville, TN and Detroit
- Jeanette Pierce, local tastemaker, owner of Inside Detroit and Director of Community Relations at D:hive Detroit
- John Rutherford, member of Motor City Horns, best known for touring and recording with Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band
- Justin Highgate-Brutman, US National Figure Skater

ATHLETICS

St. Clare has a storied history in CYO athletics, and its program continues today. Since the Archdiocese began keeping official records in 1970, St. Clare has won over 40 city-wide championships in basketball, volleyball, baseball, track and field, football and soccer. Recent city titles include the 8th grade girls basketball championship teams of 2012 and 2016. The 2016 team was led by Destiny Pitts, who went on to win the 2015 and 2017 state championships with Detroit Country Day High School. Destiny finished second in 2017 for the state's coveted Miss Basketball award and will play Big Ten basketball for the University of Minnesota this fall.

Many other elite athletes have played for St. Clare over the years, including a significant list of professional athletes, led by two-sport professional David DeBusschere who played for the New York Knicks and Detroit Pistons.

Pro athletes from St. Clare:

- David DeBusschere, NBA, MLB
- Mike Peplowski, NBA
- Tim McCormick, NBA
- Chris Godfrey, NFL
- John Vitale, NFL
- John Vanbiesbrouck, NHL

PTO

The strong sense of community at our school is fostered by our parent group. Our dedicated families offer countless volunteer hours to support the financial well-being of our school and many of its enrichment activities. Our largest events are our biggest fundraisers and are known throughout the community.

- Our annual fall Used Book Sale brings people from around the metro area. Attendees range from casual readers to true book lovers to book dealers.
- Our spring Auction is not only a fun social event but engages our parish and local community in a spirited live auction lead by local celebrities M.L. Elrick and Charlie Langton who encourage friendly competition as the bid amounts increase throughout the evening.



St. Clare of Montefalco Parish Community



Save the Date: October 28, 2017

2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

Children can walk through the parking lot from car to car and receive a safe treat.

There will be a contest for the best & scariest trunk.

Children's Mass at 4pm with Fr. Andrew Father will bless the children in their costumes.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Retrouvaille

The word Retrouvaille™ (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

What the Program is not

It is not a retreat, marriage counseling, or a sensitivity group. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing.

Who is it for?

It is for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. These latter couples often consider the Retrouvaille program their final option. Many lawyers and judges send couples to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to filing for a divorce or rendering final decisions. Many marriage counselors send their clients to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to marriage counseling. These professionals know that the tools of communication in marriage taught in the program are often what couples need. For more information, please visit: www.retrouvaille.org

St. Clare Garden Club

Special thanks to all those who came out last Saturday to help with the clean-up for the Mass Mob and 90th anniversary celebrations! Also thank you to all those gardeners who have worked quietly though-out the year pulling weeds, planting and caring for weeds, watering the grass and gardens etc.



God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns

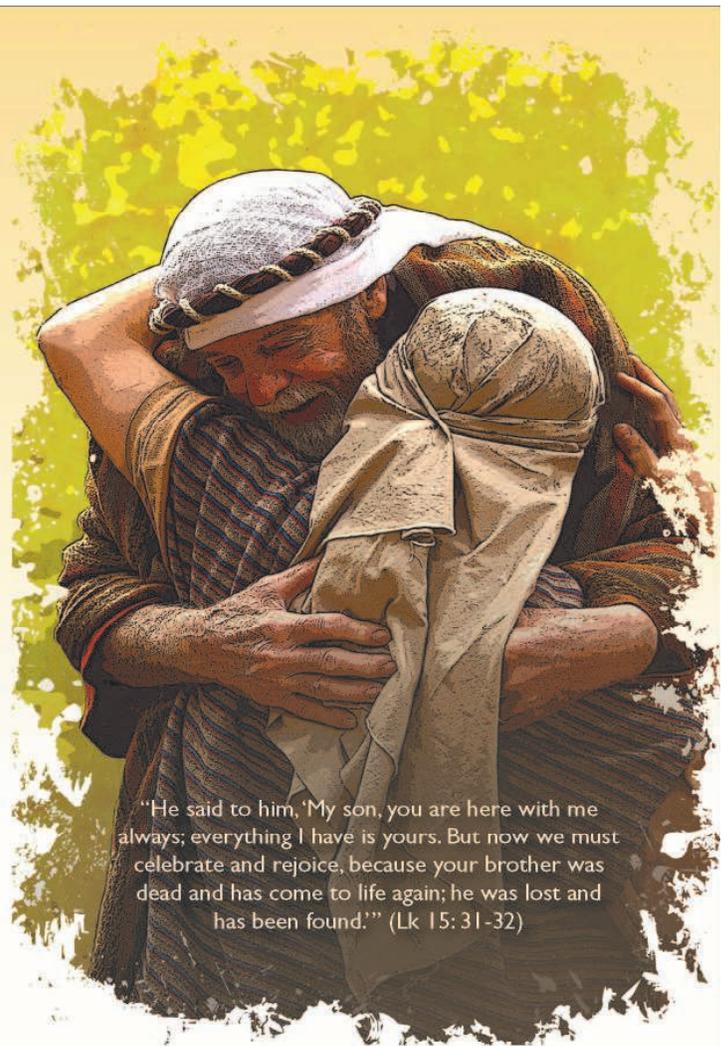
of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to

FAITH
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JOURNEY
WITH CHRIST



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

2 Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.



How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

1 PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

2 GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”

4 CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”

5 PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

7 ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”

8 PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).

9 DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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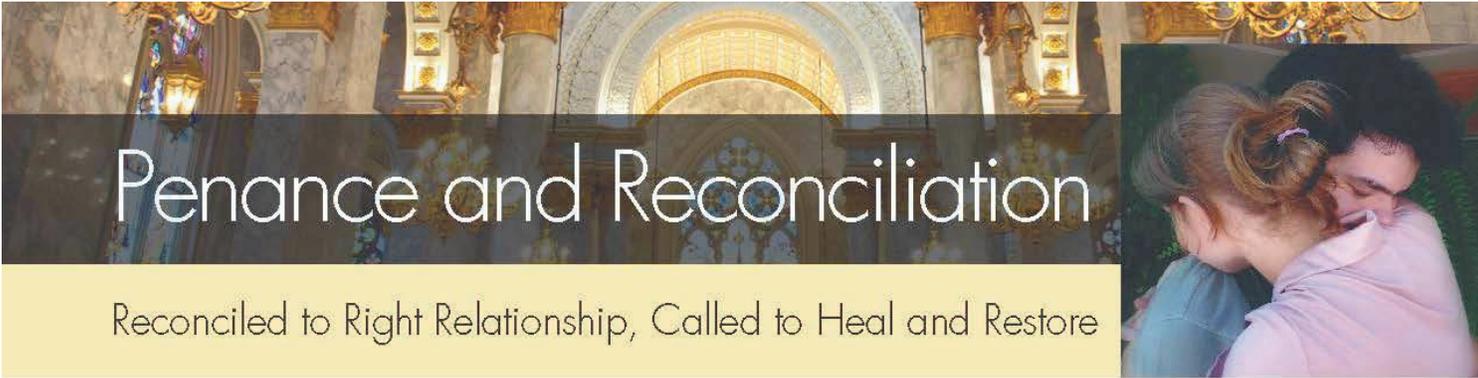
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Penance and Reconciliation

Reconciled to Right Relationship, Called to Heal and Restore

The new life in Christ that begins in Baptism may be weakened or lost through sin. Sin ruptures not only our relationship with God but also with our brothers and sisters.

By the nourishing light of the Holy Spirit, we are able to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance by examining our consciences to identify those ways in which we are not in right relationship with God and with others. This examination also challenges us to recognize our own participation in the “structures of sin” that degrade others’ lives and dignity.

Through the Sacrament of Penance, God offers mercy and forgiveness. In response to this gift, we are called to become vehicles of Christ’s love, making amends and restoring justice and the bonds that have been broken. Healed and forgiven, we are sent to work for peace, justice, and love in our communities and world.

Sin damages our relationship with God and neighbor.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbor are intimately connected (Mt 22:38-39; Mk 12:29-31). When we sin against those in need by failing to act compassionately toward them, we ignore Christ himself (Mt 25:31-46). In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, “Closing our eyes to our neighbor also blinds us to God” (*Deus Caritas Est* [God Is Love], no. 16). Sin ruptures our relationship with God and also with other members of the Body of Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1440). Take a moment to consider ways that you have broken any of the Ten Commandments: Are there any false “gods” (e.g., material things, pleasure, etc.) that you place above God and other people? Have you treated family members or others with disrespect? Have you lied, gossiped, cheated, or stolen?

Sin is never an individual affair.

Sin damages our relationships with others and all of creation. Thus, sin is never a purely individual affair and has social dimensions (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [Sacrament of Charity], no. 20; Pope John Paul II, *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia* [Reconciliation and Penance], no. 15).

Sin becomes manifest in unjust structures.

The collective actions (or failures to act) of individuals create “structures of sin,” which “grow stronger, spread, and become the

source of other sins” (Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* [On Social Concern], no. 36). For example, widespread poverty, discrimination, denial of basic rights, and violence result from many peoples’ actions (or failures to act) because of greed, racism, selfishness, or indifference (*Reconciliatio et Paenitentia*, nos. 2, 16). We are all called to consider how we contribute to structures of sin in our personal, economic, and public choices. For example, do we take into account the treatment of workers when we make purchases? How do our consumption choices contribute to environmental degradation? Are we aware and informed? Do we take the time to educate ourselves about issues that affect the community and advocate on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable?

We are called to examine our consciences and admit our failings.

The Sacrament of Penance challenges us to examine our hearts inwardly and then express outwardly the ways we have failed to love God and neighbor—through both personal sin and social sin.

Examining our consciences teaches us how to “look squarely at our life” to see how well we are living the Gospel (Pope Benedict XVI, Address to participants in the Course on the Internal Forum organized by the Tribunal of the Apostolic Penitentiary, March 25, 2011). Only in recognizing our failings can our hearts be converted to God so that we can receive his forgiveness and allow his grace to heal us and our relationships.

Sacraments and Social Mission



We receive God's forgiveness and mercy.

The Sacrament of Penance allows us to receive forgiveness of sins and be reconciled with God, self, the Church family, and the human family—restoring our broken communion. Through Penance, we return to right relationships [*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 20].

We work to repair the harm we have done.

Reconciliation absolves us of our sin, but it does not repair the damage that was caused. We must do what is possible to repair the harm. The *Catechism* provides these examples: return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, and pay compensation for injuries [no. 1459]. We must work to repair the relationships with God and our neighbors that sin has impaired. We must also consider how we can work to transform the structures of sin

that threaten human life and dignity. By making amends and working to build a more just community, we can repair the damage and also restore our own spiritual health.

The whole Church community plays a role in reconciliation.

We do not engage in the act of reconciliation alone. While the priest is the minister of the Sacrament of Penance, the whole Church community participates in the work of reconciliation [*Ordo Paenitentiae*]. When we gather each Sunday, we call to mind our sins and intercede for one another. We hear the Word of God, which challenges us to reflect gospel values in our lives and relationships. As the Body of Christ, we also challenge one another to live lives of holiness, justice, and love. The Church is an instrument of conversion, calling all its members to love and reconciliation with God and neighbor.

We are called to be forgivers and peacemakers.

Having received the undeserved gift of forgiveness, we are called to extend the same forgiveness and mercy to others. We take up the task of being instruments of reconciliation in our communities and world, working for peace, justice, and love.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Take a moment to reflect on how sin has damaged your relationship with others.

- What false “gods” do I place above God and people?
- After leaving Mass, do I continue to glorify God by the actions in my life?
- How have I failed to love others in my family, workplace, or community?
- Do I hold any views that are prejudiced or biased or that perpetuate stereotypes?
- Have I responded to the needs of the poor and those whose rights are unfulfilled?
- Do my personal, economic, and public choices reflect a genuine concern for others and the common good?

- Have I stood up to protect the dignity of others when it is being threatened?
- Am I aware of problems facing my local community and involved in efforts to find solutions?
- Do my purchasing choices take into account the well-being of those producing what I buy?
- How do I protect and care for God’s creation? Are there ways I could reduce consumption?

Adapted from *Questions to Examine Conscience in the Light of Catholic Social Teaching* in the “Resources and Tools” section at www.usccb.org/jphd.

Learn about the other sacraments! Visit “Resources and Tools” at www.usccb.org/jphd.



Faith Formation and Prayer Opportunities 2017

Monday		
Confession before Mass	7:30 am	Church
Mass	8:00 am	Church
Perpetual Help Devotion	following Mass	Church
Rosary	following Devotions	Church
Faith Formation: Formed	8:45 am – 10.30 am	Whittier Room
"Who Am I To Judge?" – Oct. 2-Nov. 20		
Bible Study	12 noon – 2:00 pm	Social Hall
Children's Religious Ed Grades 1-4	4-5:15 pm	School
Children's Religious Ed Grades 5-8	6:30-8:00 pm	School
Intercessory Prayer group	7:00-9:00 pm	Church/Rectory Chapel
Tuesday		
Meditation group	4:00 pm	Rectory Chapel
Confession before Mass	6:00 pm	Church
Mass	6:30 pm	Church
St. Michael Devotion	following Mass	Church
Catechesis – Missio Ad Gentes	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Mr. B Room
Wednesday		
Confession before Mass	7:30 am	Church
Mass with school children-all are welcome	8:15 am	Church
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6:00-7:00 pm	Church
Legion of Mary Rosary	7:00 pm	Church
RCIA study	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	School-green awning
Thursday		
Confession before Mass	7:30 am	Church
Mass	8:00 am	Church
Rosary	following Mass	Church
Faith Formation: Formed	6:30-8:30 pm	Social Hall
Prayer – intro - Sept. 21, Solanus Casey - Sept 28, Prayer - Oremus – Oct. 5 – Dec. 7		
Friday		
Confession before Mass	7:30 am	Church
Mass	8:00 am	Church
Divine Mercy Devotions	following Mass	Church
Adoration - First Fridays only	following Mass until Noon	Church
Faith Formation – Formed	9:00 am-10:30 am	Whittier Room
Who Am I to Judge: Sept. 29 - Oct. 20		
The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Oct. 27- Dec. 8		
Catechesis – Missio Ad Gentes	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Mr. B Room
Saturday		
Confessions	2:30-3:30 pm	Church
Mass	4:00 pm	Church
Sunday		
Masses	9 am, 11 am, 5 pm	Church
Faith Formation	10:15-11:30 am	School lounge
Any day, Anytime, Anywhere		
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Faith Formation and Prayer Opportunities 2017

Prayer requests:

While we recognize that not everyone is able to come and join us for our daily Masses and devotion we would like to encourage you to use one of these “prayer lines” to make your prayer requests:

- ◆ **Website** – two places to request prayers: Scrolling banner at the top of our site and the bar under the Mass time. Just fill in the prayer request and they will be brought to the Prayer group that gathers on Monday evening. The page is checked several times during the week.
- ◆ **Bulletin** – the last page of our bulletin has the corner: *Please Remember in Your Prayers* where you can request prayers for individual people. Contact our office.
- ◆ **Phone call** – if you have a prayer request, call the number 313-647-5000 and press #9. Leave a message and your request will be taken to the Prayer group. The line is being checked several times a week.
- ◆ **Sunday Masses Basket** – at the back of the church there is basket and prayer requests cards. These prayers are brought in the offertory procession and placed by the altar of Our Lady.

What do we do with those requests?

- ◆ **Every Monday** evening the Intercessory Prayer Group prays for the parish and school, various ministries, programs and initiatives. They also pray for the intentions you send us via web, phone call and Sunday Masses Basket. Every intention is being prayed for a month.
- ◆ In addition, **the Legion of Mary** prays daily the Rosary and Divine Mercy after morning Mass during which they include the prayers you requested and they pray for vocations.

The Legion Rosary Group that meets on Wednesday evening also prays over all those intentions.

- ◆ We remember these intentions at our **Adorations** on Wednesdays and First Fridays.
- ◆ At the end of the week we take those prayers from the Sunday Prayer Basket, web requests and phone calls and while we burn them we say a prayer.

We hope you will find these prayer initiatives helpful in your faith journey.

Devotions following daily Masses:

- ◆ Monday – Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- ◆ Tuesday – St. Michael and the Angels
- ◆ Wednesday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 pm to 7 pm
- ◆ Friday – Divine Mercy
First Friday of the month – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon



Liturgy

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm Margaret E. Olis, Josephine Buhagiar, James Higgins (28th Anniv.), Marge Weber, Jimmie (Geminiano) Pablo

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am Jessie & John Fenech, Thomas Mayer

11:00 am Thomas Ricard, Colleen Giffer, Mary Ellen Maniaci, Clayton Jackson, Dr. Dewayne Brown, Ester Topacio Campana, St. Clare Parish and School

Monday, September 18

8:00 am Wilberto Pablo

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 pm John J. Olis

Wednesday, September 20

8:15 am Josephine Reitzloff

Thursday, September 21

8:00 am Margaret C. Olis, Michelle Pablo Schultz

Friday, September 22

8:00 am Margaret E. Olis, Margaret C. Olis, Emily Glowala, The Wilisowski Family (Living and Deceased)

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Aura Casabar, Josephine Reitzloff

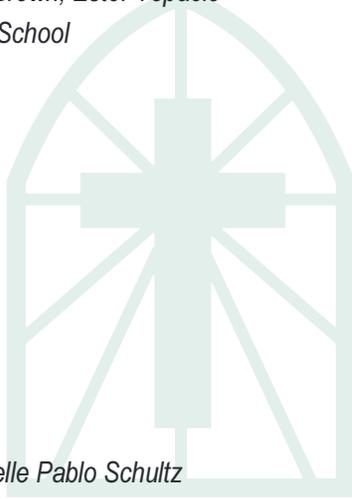
Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Ruth Day, Donald Bodien, John Dennehy

11:00 am Edward Olis, St. Clare Altar Society, Ester Topacio Campana

5:00 pm St. Clare Parishioners

Please pray for our Priests and Sisters, for our Seminarians, and for all who are discerning vocations in the Catholic Church.



September 23 & 24, 2017

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Sharon Freitas Carol Jacklyn Sr. Valerie Binder Becky McCoy	See sign up	Ryan Lutes Austin Muccioli Reyes Martinez
9:00 AM	Rosemary Campbell Bill Harrington Bernadette Cusmano Kathy Vendelinder Chee Chee Williams Michelle Fisher	See sign up	Kerrigan Dunham Billy Kuhl Elena Zakolski
11:00 AM	Denise Cotter Dennis Cotter Jean-Irvin Stanley Louis Di Iorio	See sign up	Kennedy Mason Andrew Safadi Max Morman
5:00 PM	Sub Sub Sub	See sign up	Abi Pongratz Robert Williams

Mass	Hospitality
4:00 PM	Linda Hazlett, Dorothy Ciesluk, Maria Rodriguez, Peggy Astfalk
9:00 AM	Rosie & Joe Kuczera, Steve & Sharon McMillan, Cathie & Steve Schneider, Schulte Family
11:00 AM	Clayton & Janet Guensche, Becky McCoy, Tim & Allison Muer
5:00 PM	Koster-Rigg family, Sue Pongratz, Eileen Stratelak



Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017
 Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Michael Anderanin II
 Marti Benedetti
 Karen Bolton
 Zenaída Capulong
 Marie Ciaramitaro
 Sam Ciaramitaro
 Kathie DeMumbrum

Mickey Dietz
 Christine Kahanak
 Marty Knorp
 Joseph Lisy
 Diann Lulis
 Bahia Mahfet
 Mary Ann McLaughlin



Carol Provencal
 Fr. Tony Pizzo
 Bob Phillips
 Anne Purvis
 Bill Rigg
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