

October 1, 2017 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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From the Desk of our Pastor

I hope you had a blessed week.

Here we are on the threshold of another month. **Saturday, October 7**, we celebrate a well-loved memorial in honor of the Rosary, and according to a long-standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. When praying the Rosary, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. May we learn through her example how to open our lives to Jesus, and how to imitate his example of sharing God's love with the world. **The Mass of Healing will**

take place on October 7th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare. We will invoke the intercession of Our Lady and the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass, as we will pray for the gift of health and healing. Everyone is invited.

Respect Life Sunday

Always on the first Sunday of October, we pray and ponder upon the respect we have for the life and dignity of the human person. The 30th Annual LIFE CHAIN will be held this Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. on Mack Avenue and Whittier, on the lawn at St. Clare. We invite you to stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the US and Canada to pray for respect for life from conception to natural death, for people in crisis, and for our nations. Signs in support of this effort will be provided for those who wish to carry one.

Weekly Saints

On Friday, we honored the archangels, while on Monday October 2nd, we will honor the countless unnamed angels assigned to guide, guard, and protect us throughout our lives. The belief in angels is supported by their mention in the Psalms and other books of the Old Testament, as well as the Gospel. I remember my mom teaching me a prayer to my Guardian Angel as one of the first prayers. May this day be the one we use to reconnect with our heavenly messengers.

On Wednesday, October 4th at the morning Mass with our school children, we will honor St. Francis of Assisi son of the wealthy merchant of the 12th century. His new way of encountering Christ and God's creation was the beginning of the new religious community, Friares Minor – with the nick-name Franciscans. He is perhaps one of the most beloved saints in Church history, due to his love of creation as exampled in his famous *Canticle of the Sun*. I am not sure if you know that the "painted text" of the hymn is beautifully depicted in the stained glass windows located in the Family Room. Please visit the room and be inspired.

Blessing of the pets will be on October 18, at 3:15 p.m. in the parking lot between the school entrance and Sweeney Center.

Friday, **Oct. 6** is the first Friday of the month and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Clare following the morning Mass until noon. Everyone is invited.

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Weekday Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. (Summer months)

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

Weekly Activities

MONDAY (October 2) 8:00 a.m. Mass

8:00 AM IOWA Testing - School

9:00 AM Monday Morning Faith Formation - Whittier Room

12:00 PM St. Paul Bible Study - Church Social Hall

4:00 PM Religious Education - School

6:00 PM PTO Meeting - School

6:30 PM Religious Education - School

7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group - Rectory Chapel

7:30 PM Christian Service Meeting - Whittier Room

TUESDAY (October 3) 6:30 p.m. Mass and St. Michael Devotion

9:30 AM Legion of Mary Meeting- Whittier Room

4:00 PM Christian Meditation - Rectory Chapel

7:00 PM Missio Ad Gentes - Mr. B. Room

7:00 PM K of C Assembly Meeting - Rooms 1 & 2

7:15 PM Al-anon - School Library

WEDNESDAY (October 4) 8:15 a.m. School Mass

6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration - Church

7:00 PM 90th Anniversary Committee Meeting - School Library

7:00 PM Legion of Mary Rosary - Church

7:00 PM Hospitality Meeting - Rose Room

THURSDAY (October 5) 8:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 PM Faith Formation - Church Social Hall

FRIDAY (October 6) 8:00 a.m. Mass

8:45 AM First Friday Exposition & Adoration - Church

9:00 AM Faith Formation - Whittier Room

7:00 PM Missio Ad Gentes - Mr. B. Room

SATURDAY (October 7)

10:30 AM Healing Mass - Church

2:30 PM Saturday Confessions - Church

4:00 PM Saturday Mass - Church

SUNDAY (October 8)

9:00 AM Sunday Mass - Church

10:00 AM Religious Education 8th gr. Parent Mtg. - Ch. Soc. Hall

10:15 AM Sunday Family RE Program - Church Social Hall

11:00 AM Sunday Mass - Church

5:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass - Church

6:00 PM Youth Group - Youth Ministry Office

New Bible Study

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Learn how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out His work. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did. This 23 week study will meet on Mondays from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm in the St. Clare of Montefalco Fellowship Hall beginning October 2nd. For information/registration contact Carmen Dusina at carmendusina@gmail.com



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Skills answer: Book of Psalms

From the Desk of our Pastor

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Working with St. Philomena

As you know, on September 1, in addition to pastoral responsibility at St. Clare, I was appointed administrator of St. Philomena, our neighboring parish, by Archbishop Vigneron. This is in accordance with the plans set by both parishes first in 2002 and again in 2012. I have held two meetings with St. Philomena's Stewardship Committee and the Archdiocesan representative. There will be more in the months to come. I will spend two halfdays weekly at St. Philomena's office: Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The phone number to my office there is 313-882-4300. I will also celebrate Mass there on certain Tuesday mornings, that will be listed in both bulletins. The first will be October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. On October 7th and 8th I will be celebrating all Sunday Masses at St. Philomena. I would like to get to know the community and celebrate our faith together. Here at St. Clare the Capuchins will celebrate Mass Saturday and Fr. Worthy and Bishop Gumbleton will be our Sunday celebrants. I will celebrate our Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass which is back on the schedule now that school has resumed at St. Clare.

Stephen Ministry

As we move into a new year here at St. Clare with school and many other activities getting under way, I would like to tell you just a little about a new ministry we are unrolling that I am very excited about, it's called *Stephen Ministry*. Stephen Ministers work alongside the pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Over the next two months you will see articles in the bulletin and more information about this program and how this may be a ministry for you. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. Stay tuned...more to come

Baptisms

Today at the 11:00 Mass we start a new tradition at St. Clare as we welcome back the families that have celebrated their children's baptism in the 2016/2017 year. This will be an annual event - the first Sunday in October. Surely, it will add vibrancy and maybe a few unexpected outbursts of joy which we all welcome with open arms!

We are happy to welcome a new member to our parish family: Raymond Andary Jr. whose baptism took place this weekend at our Saturday Mass. Congratulations to Raymond's' Parents and Godparents. Just a reminder that our Baptismal classes are held once a month on the second Tuesday in the Whittier Room. These classes are run by four families from our parish to prepare new parents for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. To register, please contact the parish office or Fr. Andrew at andrewk@stclarem.org

Thursday Faith Formation

Our continuing journey to strengthen our faith begins again on Thursday, October 5th, as Faith Formation resumes. This year – our year of Being Bold – we will concentrate on prayer. Prayer is one the most universal things all people do in different expressions, traditions, ways, and forms. It is a special language in which we are addressing God on a deeper level. On Thursday we begin an 8 week program addressing these aspects of prayer. The program is called Oremus the Latin word meaning "let us pray". Join us for a meal at 6:30 p.m. and video with discussions to follow. Check Sister Kathy's column for details.

Our Catholic Church is like a deep mine filled with golden prayers. Perhaps during the year of **being Bold** we could learn a new prayer to add to those we already know. Here is one of the suggestions. **The Anima Christi** is a prayer from around the 14th century. It is still widely used after receiving the body and blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

Soul of Christ make me holy,
Body of Christ save me,
Blood of Christ fill me with love,
Water from Christ's side, wash me,
Passion of Christ strengthen me,
Good Jesus hear me,
Within your wounds hide me,
Never let me be parted from you,
From the evil enemy protect me,
At the hour of my death call,
And tell me to come to You,
That with your saints I may praise you,
Through all eternity,
Amen

Collection for St. Michael Congregation

Continuing the tradition at St. Clare of having a semi-annual financial appeal for the benefit of the religious order looking after the parish, a special donation envelope for the benefit of the Michaelite Fathers has been included in your set of envelopes. These (red) envelopes are also available at the entrances of our church. Donations received from the September appeal will benefit our Seminary that educates and prepares future priests. Say a prayer for them as well as for new vocations to religious and diocesan priesthood. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Andrew





Christian Service and Stewardship

Christian Service

Thank You



I hope you had a great week. I am very Catholic happy to report that St. Clare Parish has Charities collected \$5,086 to date for hurricane relief. A special collection was held during the Mass Mob weekend to provide

resources for the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops to assist dioceses and parishes for church and pastoral use as well as the Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church.

Thank you for your generous response to this ongoing natural disaster. So many lives have been affected and will continue to be for some time to come. It has been a very challenging month for hurricanes and earthquakes. While we may not be able to offer direct aid, we can always offer prayers and financial contributions to ease the suffering and pain. Please keep all of those who have experienced life altering natural disasters in your thoughts and continue to look for ways to contribute.



Locally, the Friends of the Poor Walk/ Run took place this weekend, September 30, on Belle Isle. We had an opportunity to contribute to this event that supports our own St. Vincent de Paul at St. Clare. This

fundraiser supports special works projects taken on by our S.V.D.P. If you have not yet given a donation, please consider doing so. www.fopwalk.org/team/2072



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Mike McDevitt Christian Service Coordinator 313-647-5025

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Stewardship Thoughts

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture passages from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel and St. Matthew's Gospel teach us about the repentance of sin. Speaking through Ezekiel, God declares that everyone is responsible for their sins. Those who repent will save their lives. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the parable of two sons who are asked by their father to work in the vineyard. The first son agrees to work, but then does not show up. The second son initially refuses but later repents and does the will of his father. As Christian stewards, we acknowledge our fallen nature and realize that sin blocks our relationship with Christ. In St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, he encourages humility and love in dealing with one another. God's healing mercy and forgiving grace is available for the contrite, repentant sinner through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Seek forgiveness and peace through this beautiful sacrament.

Collection Report

September 24, 2017

Sunday Collections

Parishioner Envelopes*: \$6,620 Loose Collection: \$2,158 **Total Collection:** \$8,778 **Budgeted Weekly Collection:** \$10,270 Under for the week by: (\$1,492)

*Includes Parish Pay For The Week

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Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

LOOKING FOR MUSICAL WAYS TO PRAISE THE LORD?

We encourage you to be a part of our great Music Ministry program here at St. Clare by lending your voice or instrumental ability to one of our ensembles. Each group has a flexible rehearsal schedule, musical focus and participates in larger parish events as needed. Call Dr. David Trojano at the music office for further information or stop by after one of the Masses to talk to us. Rehearsals and Sunday Ministry begins this month.

- Cantor Program
- Resurrection Choir (9 and 11 a.m. or 5 p.m)
- **Ensembles**
- Instrumentalists

TEST YOUR BIBLE SKILLS:

Name the book Satan quoted to Jesus in the wilderness?

Answer: somewhere in this bulletin



Be BOLD, Be HOLY, Be CATHOLIC. facebook.com/stclarem

Faith Formation and Community News



BAKE SALE: Please support our Bake Sale in the Austin Portico today.

children's Faith Formation: Both Sunday and Monday classes are in full swing. If you have not registered your child, please do so before we

get any further into our curriculum.

Those students in grades 2, 7, and 8, need to bring in a bulletin from the Mass they attend, with his/her name on the top of the bulletin with the priest celebrant and the time of the mass. All children should be at Mass each week with parents, but especially those who expect to receive Sacraments within the next two years.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: This Thursday, October 5, we will begin our Oremus program, an eight week retreat journey by praying. The evening meal begins at 6:30 (\$6-7) with the program on target to begin at 7:10.

Each attendee will need to purchase a book (\$20) because it is a type of journal for your prayer journey these eight weeks. (If payment is a difficulty, please see Sr. Kathy)

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is underway also. We are still open to welcoming newcomers. So if you know of anyone who might be interested, please see Sr. Kathy or bring him/her to our session on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:00. Please pray for our candidates and catechumens.

BEATIFICATION OF FR. SOLANUS CASEY: If you have requested tickets for the beatification of this holy man for November 18 at Ford Field, if you indicated you were taking the bus, please send \$20 per person to the rectory office or religious education office. Please see that it is clearly marked for the beatification bus with your name and the names of those the check covers. This must be received by October 30. If you are not taking the bus, but ordered tickets we need to "touch base" by the 30th.

Sr. Kathy Avery - skavery@stclarem.org



St. Clare Athletics

St. Clare of Montefalco Tune-Up Basketball Camp 2017

Where: St. Clare of Montefalco's Gym

When: October 17th – 26th

 Who: Open to everyone. All Schools. All Religions Grades 4th-8th

Cost: \$25

 Methods of Payment: Cash or Checks made out to St. Clare Athletics

Girls Camp	Boys Camp		
Tuesdays & Thursdays	Wednesdays & Fridays		
Dates: October 17, 19, 24 & 26	Dates: October 18, 20, 25 & 27		
4th-6th Grade from 5:30-7:00 pm			
7th-8th Grade from 7:00-8:30 pm			

Four sessions for each group instructed by various coaches.

Please come ready to play.

Questions?

Contact Bob Convey et (212) 882 6360 or

Contact Bob Conway at (313) 882-6369 or cmconway32@gmail.com



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.

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Youth Group

Last week we had our first meeting and began our discussion about The Creed. We tried to answer questions such as Who is God? What does it mean to be real in His presence? and What does it mean to live in the love of God? (as well as What is your favorite shoe brand and what shape pupil would you choose if you could pick?)

This week there is no youth group-happy Homecoming weekend!

Stephanie Carder | scarder@stclarem.org



St. Clare School and Community News



School News:

So many wonderful things are happening at St. Clare School. Ms. Knaus shares a few highlights.

- The 8th grade is busy planning the October 4th Mass in honor of St. Francis. Please join us if you can.
- The students are also planning their class T-shirt which they will be able to wear throughout the year on special occasions.
- In the world of Math, <u>Integers</u> is the key word.
- The 6th, 7th, 8th graders have started "Latin Class" as an elective.
- A reminder to 8th grade parents: Don't forget to go online and register for the High School Placement Test. It will be here before you know it!



Officer Gunther and Officer Willis from the Detroit Police Department,
Mounted Division visited St. Clare School to instruct our 6th grade is students on raising lowering and folding the flag. The 6th grade is

Mounted Division visited St. Clare School to instruct our 6th grade students on raising, lowering, and folding the flag. The 6th grade is responsible for this task throughout the year. The biggest thrill came when Officer Gunther brought out mounted horse, Ivan. Every student was given the opportunity to pet Ivan and the officers answered all questions. We appreciate our local community leaders and workers!

I wanted to share the following words of wisdom that were shared with me. Please enjoy!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW, YOU CAN LEARN FROM NOAH'S ARK!

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- When you're stressed, float awhile.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

With many blessings, Ann Tonissen, Principal





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm John S. Olis, In Honor of Henry George Arsenault's 90th Birthday

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am John J Olis, Mollie Rentz, Tom Sicklesteel (3rd Anniv.), Marjorie Ann Weber, Paul MacDonald, In Honor of Henry George Arsenault's 90th Birthday

11:00 am David Kelly

5:00 pm St. Clare Parishioners, Andy & Marian Willing and new baby Eloise

Monday, October 2

8:00 am Mary Ellen Canestraight, Edward Olis, Andrew F. Olis

Tuesday, October 3

6:30 pm Thomas Ricard, Judy & Paul Watta

Wednesday, October 4

8:15 am Judy & Dave Watta and family, Dick Howell (8 yr. Anniv.)

Thursday, October 5

8:00 am Thomas Ricard, Judy & Dave Watta

Friday, October 6

8:00 am Patricia McKeever, the Watta family

Saturday, October 7

4:00 pm Linn Styczenski, Irene Jensen & the Jensen family, Marge Weber, Lorraine Blondell

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am Jessie & John Fenech, Maxine Girouard 11:00 am Betsy Kovach, Patricia McKeever

5:00 pm St. Clare Parishioners



The Legion of Mary of St. Clare of Montefalco extends an invitation to any man or woman over the age of 18 years interested in joining the Legion of Mary. The meetings will take place every Tuesday morning starting at 9:30 am in the Whittier Room of the Parish Offices at

1401 Whittier Rd., Grosse Pointe Park. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Jerome Krause at 586-757-0126. You may also visit our website at legionofmary.org. Join us in praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

October 7 & 8, 2017

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Sharon Freitas Jacquie Lauth Rachel Perkowski Mary Ann McLaughlin	Sharon Freitas	Samira Asabigi Torrance Campbell TBA
9:00 AM	Art Post Claudia Rowland Sue Buckley Bemadette Cusmano Kathy Vandelinder Chee Chee Williams	David Mietty	Thomas Brieden Lilly Brieden Billy Kuhl
11:00 AM	Denise Cotter Dennis Cotter Jean Irvin-Stanley Louis Di Iorio Sub(s)	Tom Scallen	Sophia Weiksnar Matthew Safadi TBA
5:00 PM	Sub Sub Sub	Kathy Fricke	Abi Pongratz Robert Williams TBA

Mass	Hospitality
4:00 PM	Linda Hazlett, Dorothy Ciesluk, Sr. Kathy Avery, Roger Jacklyn
9:00 AM	Chee Chee Williams, Rose Regner, Bernadette Cusmano, Dave & Patty Bodien
11:00 AM	Mike & Sue Madison, Lou Di Iorio, Danusia Fadanelli, Jane Bunch
5:00 PM	Mary Lou Muer, Molly Brieden, Terri & Ed Fleming

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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