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From the Desk of Father Andrew



Blessed Easter!

This last day of the Easter Octave is dedicated to the Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord meets his fearful and confused disciples for the first time since Easter Morning. Instead of reproaching them for what they did on Good Friday he greets them with words of mercy – Peace be with you!

The same is true for us. As we experience similar feelings and sentiments as the Apostles during this time of pandemic, time of suffering, fear, anxiety, and challenge – we are being reassured once again that Jesus is the Lord, he is at work, reconciling, renewing and making things new. With our doubts and fears we are invited to enter into his wounded heart. With St. Thomas and St. Sr. Faustina we confess; My Lord and My God, I trust in You.

On Sunday, April 19, please join me during the special prayer time at the Hour of Mercy, 3:00 pm, via our Facebook live stream. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reflection and Benediction. If you cannot participate perhaps you can pray the Chaplet at your home, joining millions of people around the world in supplications for God's mercy during this time of pandemic. Be Bold Be Holy Be Catholic.

Supporting your parish

In these challenging times we turn to our God, we pray for each other and to our spiritual mother Mary and the saints for intercession and strength. Although we are physically distant, we are blessed to be able to come together through social media to continue to pray and live out our faith; to reach out to one another with care and words of support.

I hope you are receiving and reading our parish bulletin. It contains information, links, and suggestions that may be helpful during this difficult time. There are multiple ways to view the parish bulletin.

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We are St. Clare...all of us together.

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to our parish community, which allows us to maintain our church and school buildings, keeping our operation running. We could not do this without supporters like you. If you'd like to make a contribution or help us in any way, please contact 313-647-5030 or bv email at andrewk@stclarem.org. Our Business Manager, Marion Fikany can also assist you with this process. She can be reached at 313-647-5022 or by email at mfikany@stclarem.org. There is a simple step by step process outlined on our parish website stclarem.org showing how to make a donation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your sacrifices.

Easing the Difficulty of Loss

One of the hardest things we encounter in life is the loss of a loved one. The current shelter in place order has magnified the intensity of this suffering, as we are not allowed to gather and celebrate the life of our loved one publicly. Here is what we can do, we can offer our daily prayer for them. You can invite family, friends and relatives to participate with us via Facebook. Of course this is not the same, but I can tell you, as we have done this over the last few weeks, it does offer the family some comfort to know their loved one is being remembered in prayer. Please send me an email or leave a message on my office phone if you experience a loss, we will remember them together in prayer.

Please remember in prayer parishioners and others we have lost:

- Joan Dennehy parishioner
- Jerry Peplowski parishioner
- Myrna Wolfslayer -parishioner
 - Wanda Jazowski parishioner

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- Patricia White parishioner
- Maggie Cassar parishioner
- Christine Gabridge sister of Sr. Veronica from American House
- Frank Boks brother of Mary Kirles
- Joseph Fikany uncle to Mark Fikany and siblings

Our Lady

My column this week is dedicated to Our Lady and the different prayers we say, devotions we have and the honor we offer to the Mother of our Lord. Of course, there is: The Rosary, Magnificat, Memorare, Angelus and Under Your Protection prayer. In addition there are prayers associated with Mary's apparition and places of pilgrimage. The months of May and October are designated in Mary's honor, as well as many other feasts or titles she received over the years; Help of Christians, Star of the Sea, Queen of Apostles etc.

There are four Marian antiphons, which are beautiful ancient prayers dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. These "seasonal" antiphons are shifting according to the liturgical calendar throughout the year. I have listed them below by date and with the prayer associated with the season, perhaps you could start now, as a form of prayer honoring our Lord through Mary. There are several translations. These are the most common.

Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) From Easter Sunday through Pentecost

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia. For Christ, your Son and Son of God. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia. Pray for us to God. Alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) From after Pentecost until Advent. (Ordinary Time)

Hail holy Queen, Mother of mercy hail our life our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Alma Redemptories Mater (Loving Mother of the Savior) From Advent through the Feast of the Presentation February 2nd

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven and star of the sea. Assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of the nature you bore your Creator yet remained a virgin after and before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

Ave Regina Coelorum (Hail Queen of Heaven) From February 3 through the end of Lent.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthron'd, Hail, by angels Mistress own'd Root of Jesse, Gate of morn, of which the world's true light was born. Glorious Virgin, joy to thee, lovelies whom in Heaven they see, fairest thou where all are fair. Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

Easter Prayer

The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century. Traditionally, it is

prayed in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season. We began to pray this prayer at daily at noon via Facebook since the outbreak of coronavirus. You can join us in prayer wherever you are.

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
- R. For Christ, your Son and Son of God. Alleluia.
- V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
- R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Virtual Rosary

Thank you for joining me along with our parishioners in the online prayer opportunities we do three times a day. It was great to be able to have lectors and musicians join us for the Easter Mass so I was thinking... and came up with an idea... I would like to invite you, and especially younger parishioners, to join me in leading the evening rosary. It's really simple; here's how it works. You will call in at 8:25 PM, 5 minutes before we begin at 8:30 PM. I will put you on hold and you will pray 10 Hail Mary's. Please indicate which day of the week you want to join in prayer. I will assign the Mystery you will pray. You do not have to be FB user to make a call. I hope you will take me

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up on this invitation. Please send me an email at <u>andrewk@stclarem.org</u> or call me at 313-647-5030 and leave a message. **Be Bold. Be. Holy. Be Catholic.**

Something for others

During this time of physical distancing and order to stay home many people are searching to do something for others. I spoke with Janet Guensche, former Pastoral Associate at St. Clare, and she shared what her family is doing during this difficult time. Here is her story: If you are sitting at home quarantined and feeling alone and depressed, I have the perfect solution for you! Do something for someone. It doesn't have to be an earth

-shattering thing; just a little thoughtful gesture.



A friend of my son manages a local pharmacy. She is concerned for her employees because of the rapidly spreading coronavirus. Her workers have stayed on the job and worked steadily – with some of them actually moving out of their homes to protect their family members from the possibility of

getting the disease. Early on, some pharmacies did not provide masks to protect their employees from customers who may be carrying the disease. Even now, many employees must assist others face to face

with no protective screen between them.



I found it easy enough to look up patterns for home-made masks right on my telephone, and began making them from clean, bleached, sheets. Once I got on a roll, I could make 12 masks a day while

continuing to take care of my family. My husband got into the act by designing disposable filters to go inside

the masks. Meanwhile, my son designed and made Plexiglas "sneeze guards" so that the employees would have something between them and their customers as they continued to serve others in such an essential way. Once word got out that one pharmacy had them, other stores called to ask if he would make more, and so he did. He suited up with gloves and a homemade mask, and continued



to go to the hardware store for supplies. As the demand grew, my husband became his assistant.

These are small things that we have been doing during this quarantine. They give us a purpose and make us feel better. What can you do while you are waiting out this virus? Here are some suggestions:

- Pray for those who are suffering
- Call a shut-in just to let them know you care
- Make a meal for an elderly neighbor
- Call your local hospital and ask if your home sewing can assist in any way
- Email an old friend with whom you have lost touch
- Do some spring yard cleanup for a neighbor who can no longer do it
- Take your grandmother's garbage cans in and out for her
- Pick up groceries for someone who cannot get out
- Continue to support your local parish
- Mail a card to someone to let him or her know you care (use up those greeting cards that come as a gift for supporting an organization)
- Knit or crochet an item for someone . . .
- I am sure you can come up with many more ways to help others, and by doing so I guarantee that you will be helping yourself to feel better as we all wait out this guarantine! Janet Quensche

Parish census

Just a reminder, members of the Pastoral Team are phoning each household to see how you are doing and updating our records. With the increase in people relying on their cell phones staff are leaving messages on landlines which is the number in the directory. Please check your landline. If you find a message from the parish please call and confirm your household information. In times like these we realize how important it is for us to have accurate information to communicate with our parishioners.

I continue to pray for you and for an end to this pandemic. Please follow the precautionary protocols put in place by the government. I miss you all and look forward to the time when we can come together again in our church.

You know, the stay at home order has forced me to become somewhat of a video guy. With being a one man show for our live streaming I have decided to become a movie maker too. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and see my short videos. I am working on my next project...stay tuned!

Have a blessed week Fr. Andrew

Our Parish Community

Christian Service Corner



I hope you had a blessed, safe and peaceful Easter weekend. I enjoyed a wonderful meal and spent some time Zoomina with my family. I spoke with my mother frequently at her assisted living facility. I count my blessings for the small things, especially time with family. I am reminded that we need to have hope and courage

Stay safe and Stay at home as to get through this. much as possible.



Operation Rice Bowl update: If you have a Rice Bowl at home that you are collecting coins or plan to write a

check to support, please know you can set it

aside and plan to bring back to church whenever we return. Of course, checks may be mailed to my attention at St. Clare or mailed directly to Operation Rice Bowl. It is a great program so I hope we will eventually be able to support it as we usually do.

The St. Clare **SVDP food pantry** is offering

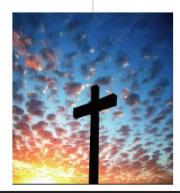
prepacked food boxes for anyone in need. We presently have two bins set outside the Parish Offices with boxes for you to pick up. You may also call the SVDP assistance line if needed: 313-647-5062.

Also, please note that the SVDP Blue bins are closed for donations until further notice. SVDP has shut down its retail stores and pick-up services until further notice. Please do not leave items outside the bins. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our friends at Motor City Mitten Mission continue to do great work with the homeless and needy in the Detroit area. They have used our facilities for the past 20 months to plarn and prepare meal kits for delivery.

> While we had to temporarily displace them from our buildings, they found a place to continue their good work nearby on Mack Ave. I suggest that you follow them on Facebook and support them in any way you are able. They are providing for our most needy every day!

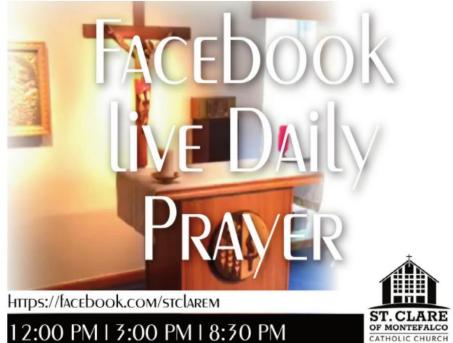
> > Mike McDevitt | 313-647-5025 **Christian Service Commission** mmcdevitt@stclarem.org



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BONANZA 2020

The third Bonanza count will take place this weekend (April 18 and 19). Tickets will be collected at the Parish office on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Sunday will be the actual count day. Precautions for collection, counting and drawscheduled will ings as be place. Please return your sold tickets this weekend. If we do not reach our 1500 sold ticket goal this weekend and you sell additional tickets, we will make arrangements to collect them. We still have a ways to go to reach 1500. Thank you for all your help and support during this very difficult and historic time. Be safe and be St. Clare strong. Any questions, please call Tim Kramer at 313-727-3540



Our Parish Community

From the Desk of Ann K. Crowley



Greetings Everyone

Happy Easter week to all of you. The five day weekend provided an opportunity for creativity by siblings who have been in close quarters for over a month now in their homes. Instead of working on lessons some families set out making videos, creating stain glass windows on sidewalks, or simply helping with getting some yard

work completed. Appreciate the art work of the Price children as they adorn their sidewalk with stain glass images using chalk and Lawrence Summey raking the front yard of his home. Please enjoy the Hallam brothers as they share in 55 seconds how they feel being at home.



Distance Learning returned Tuesday, April 14th, 2020. Students in grades 3 through 8 are taking on the full responsibility of checking in with their teachers each day. As we entered our virtual instructional world, parents were the prime point person in their children's lessons. Families did a great job checking in each day. But now we wean the young people away from relying on their parents. Only our youngest learners may still be in need of guidance by and adult for their lessons at the beginning of each day. Great thanks goes out to everyone who helped make the first 3 weeks of Distance Learning successful. We now soldier on to complete our last quarter of school.

Peace, love, and good health is wished to you,

Ann K. Crowley Principal: St. Clare of Montefalco School





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Reading for the Week of April 19

Sun. Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Mon. Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tues. Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wed. Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thurs. Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Fri. Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Sat. Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sun. Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM Laura Reno (3mo. Anniv)

Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM Ann Marie Emmerich

Okulski and Giertlowski

deceased family members

11:00 AM Elizabeth "Besty" Kovach

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

St. Clare Parishioners

Monday, April 20

Dr. Henry Krumwiede

Tuesday, April 21

Health care workers, first responders and all essential workers putting the needs of the community above their own

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 AM Margaret Mary Lynch

Concetta Gravino

Marianna Blenman (1yr. Anniv.)

Thursday, April 23

St. Clare School

Friday, April 24

For all St. Clare Parishioners who are sick and for those who have died from Covid-19

Saturday, April 25

4:00 PM Alois & Elizabeth Zurack

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Margaret Lynch
11:00 AM Michael Nelson
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory
St. Clare Parishioners

Sunday Collection - April 12, 2020	
Parishioner Envelopes and Online Giving	\$5,499
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Total Collection:	\$6,699
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If you would like to drop off offertory or bonanza checks, please know the mailbox at 1401 Whittier is checked multiple times a day. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

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Please keep in your prayers all the doctors, nurses and first responders working hard everyday to make sure we are all taken care of.

To add/remove from the prayer list go to:

https://stclarem.org/prayer-list

Prayer to St. Michael



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we

humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

"Nothing is more powerful than life in Christ; not even in this pandemic and all the aftermath that we anticipate. As much suffering as it is bringing to us, we will conquer in Christ because Christ conquers."

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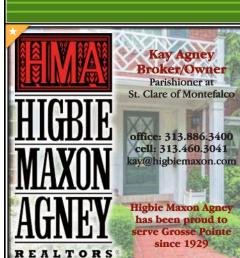








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