



A Catholic Community in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, MI
1401 Whittier Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

The Spirit

May 16, 2021

Congratulation to our Confirmandi

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed them from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Luna Agosta
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Thomas Brieden
Katelyn DeGrand
Isabelle Grobel
Lyla Hampton
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Liam Kern
Michael Lepera
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Richard Nelson
Luke Parent
Tatjana Salud
Darla Sherry
Andrew Strong
Joseph Strong
Dominic Trudel
Holly Ulku*

Confirmation

class of 2021



Happy Easter!

Congratulations to today's recipients of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you for saying yes and being open to receive the Spirit of God into your life to guide you as you grow in faith and charity. As our young parishioners are marked with the holy oil, and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I would like to thank Sr. Kathy and her team of Catechists for preparing our candidates. Please keep them in your prayers. A special thank you as well to Bishop Robert Fisher for conferring this sacrament, and the families of our candidates who also supported them on this journey. **Confirmandi: be Bold be Holy be Catholic.**

HOLY FEAST

Today we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord, the first of four feasts the church recognizes in the upcoming Sundays. The Ascension is followed by Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and finally The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each feast celebrates the truth of our faith and invites us to a deeper reflection of how God is present in our midst and an invitation to commit ourselves in continuation of Jesus' ministry. Pentecost Sunday is one of the great celebrations of the Easter season, commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church as Jesus had promised, and the end of the Easter festivities. A symbol of this celebration is the color red. Let us show our faith on fire by wearing red next week to Mass. **BE BOLD**

NOVENA FOR HEALING

On behalf of Elizabeth and her family I want to thank everyone who joined the Novena Prayer for the healing of Elizabeth. Your acts of love, charity, mercy, your prayers, fasting, and sacrifices were a beautiful

gift to Elizabeth and brought much comfort to her. May our faith be renewed and strengthened by this shared prayer. *Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz pray for us.*

MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May the Catholic Church uses many prayers and devotions to honor the Mother of Jesus. One of them is the prayer called Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven). We pray this beginning Easter through Pentecost Sunday.

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.

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.

Just a reminder, you can pray this prayer anytime. We continue to pray the Rosary every Wednesday evening at 8:30. Join us via our parish Facebook page. During the month of May we dedicate the rosary for all mothers.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

We have resumed weekday full time office hours,

- Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Evenings and weekends the office will remain closed.

Questions? email Lizzie at: elabadie@stclarem.org

Have a blessed week

Fr. Andrew



FAITH FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

FAITH FORMATION

Easter: Resurrection as a Spiritual Practice:

- **Faith** enables us to live with confidence amidst doubt and paradox. When you can trust in your relationship with God, all kinds of leaps and rebirths are possible.
- When you can welcome guests and alien ideas with graciousness, you are participating in a new world of **hospitality**.
- When you add even a small portion of **joy** to the lives of those around you, you bring resurrection into your community.
- Practice **gratitude** and you are slaying the death-dealing forces of boredom, despair, and taking-things-for-granted.



Confirmation:

Congratulations to our 20 Confirmation candidates who today will receive the special gift of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit guide them and give them courage to speak up for their faith.

This year we included both grade 7 and 8 in our Confirmation program. All 7th graders need to be enrolled in a religious education program or Catholic School for the coming school year. All 8th graders should try to be part of a youth program.

Adult Faith Formation: If you are interested in a Bible Study there are several ongoing right now. Contact sscanlon21@comcast.net

If you are participating in a discussion on the weekly Gospel, great! If you are not, why not begin a practice of reading the Gospel ahead of time and see how it relates to your everyday life?



CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORNER

Join us by showing small acts of kindness to those around us. Our first project will show our love and kindness to health care workers.



Friends and Families of St. Clare please join the Christian Service Ministry in thanking our local health care workers.



We're all experiencing COVID-19 fatigue, but health care workers are experiencing it to a very great degree. Please join us in sending our thanks and support to health care workers at our local hospitals for all they are doing to battle COVID-19 and give comfort to the sick. We encourage you to write a personal thank you note. Be creative, make one if you like. We are collecting cards of thanks, support, and encouragement as well as gift cards to show our appreciation and continued support for their efforts. Gift cards from various businesses, such as Starbucks, Kroger, Amazon, gas cards, or local restaurants in the amount of \$5-10.00 will be collected and given to health care workers at Beaumont Grosse Pointe and Ascension St. John Hospitals. Purchased gift cards can be placed in the envelope with the thank you cards and placed in marked boxes in church, the collection baskets, or directed to the Parish Office.

You may choose to donate online through our electronic Church Giving and we can purchase gift cards for you. Click the button marked "[Small Acts of Kindness](#)" to donate. Extra thank you cards will be available on the table by the elevator in church. Please contact me if you have questions or need someone to pick up a card or gift card from you.

- Dates: May 16 through June 30
- Thank you cards with words of support and encouragement for health care workers from your friends at St. Clare
- Gift cards from various businesses for \$5-10.00
- Place in marked boxes at St. Clare, collection baskets, mail to Parish Office, or call for a pickup.



Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday June 18! Mark your calendar and sign-up at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: stclare13) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated!

Mike McDevitt | 313-647-5025 | mmcdevitt@stclarem.org



Peace and safe health wished to you all

We have seventeen and one half days until the school year is a wrap but who is counting? At this moment we can proudly say that in a community that was hit the hardest when the pandemic first arrived last school year, we were able to complete this school year without one outbreak happening in the school. An outbreak is when a child is infected by another child or staff member in the school. We had a total of three students who caught COVID but not from being at school. We were face to face the majority of the school year.

Parents, teachers, and staff made the success of our school happen as they implemented the strictest of protocols for our students. The students must be applauded for wearing these masks, keeping distance from each other, and washing their hands endless times. They had silent lunch all year long. Silent lunch, a punishment in the past, had to be routine while the students ate. We all look forward to next school year when the vision is the lifting of so many restrictions so that life is back to a new normal but not so isolating.

Please know at this time we have 120 students enrolled for the Fall. We are able to increase class size in many of our classrooms to twenty students now. We have also adopted a completely online registration and enrollment program, FACTS. The Archdiocese of Detroit is rolling this out and St. Clare of Montefalco went onboard as it is the future of the school. Most all of the beginning of the year forms will now be online. Attendance, report cards, and communication will all go through this program for the school. This past week we had current families onboard into the registration process. Help sessions were provided by Ms. Cooley in the newly revamped technology lab before dismissal for families who needed assistance. Yes, we were able to cautiously allow people into the school. The best and so much promise ahead is what I feel today. Peace and God's Blessings are wished to all of you.

Ms. Crowley

Hello from St. Clare Pre-K!

Our preschool students have been very busy this spring planting gardens of vegetables, herbs and flowers. We discover something new every week! We have focused most of our learning these last few weeks on the beautiful world God created for us and how we must take care of this great gift! We have explored outer space, dove deep into the oceans and even became junior zoologists. The warm weather has allowed us to play outside and even fly kites. We are so thankful to be together. Our children have really grown in their socialization skills and have become much more independent and responsible members of their class families. As our school

year ends, Ms. Sue and I would like to sincerely thank all of our school and parish families for your love and support through these challenging times. It is the people of the St. Clare community that make St. Clare such a wonderful place.

Happy Spring,
Ms. Nancy and Ms. Sue



Students of the Week

Melrose Stafford: Grade: 1 Age: 6

Why she was nominated: "Melrose does a great job with her school-work. She asks questions and gives great answers. She has been working very hard in Math. She can always make us smile and laugh." – Ms. Wilson



Why she loves St. Clare: "I like that we get pizza some days. I like to play at recess and having fun with my friends. I like my teacher." – Melrose

Carter Zeldes: Grade: 2 | Age: 8

Why he was nominated: "Carter was nominated because he is an amazing reader, studies hard, takes pride in his work, and is very kind to his classmates." – Mrs. Rodeghier



Why he loves St. Clare: "I like St. Clare because we get to do readings and petitions at mass. I like Math because I am learning about how to count money and tell time. I also have a lot of friends!" – Carter

Sean Harris: Grade: 6 | Age: 10

Why he was nominated: "Sean is an asset to any group work project. Sean works well in a group. He makes sure every group member has an opportunity to contribute to the project." – Ms. White



Why he loves St. Clare: "I like the small classes at St. Clare where I can learn a lot. I like to play basketball and run track for St. Clare when there is no Covid- 19." – Sean

ST. CLARE PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15	4:00 PM Mother's Day Novena Patricia McKeever Peter Owen
Sunday, May 16	9:00 AM Josephine Buhagiar 11:00 AM Mother's Day Novena Elizabeth "Betsy" Kovach Jack Reuter
Monday, May 17	8:00 AM Daniel Juzych
Tuesday, May 18 - Devotion to St. Michael	6:30 PM Claire Ammoun Issa
Wednesday, May 19 - Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help	8:00 AM For the Sick of our Parish
Thursday, May 20	6:30 PM St. Clare School
Friday, May 21 - Divine Mercy Chaplet	8:00 AM For the caregivers and health care workers
Saturday, May 22	4:00 PM Al & Helene Warson
Sunday, May 23	9:00 AM Dave Knox Kenneth Zontek 11:00 AM Brother Robert Camaghi, FSC



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-38, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday	Solemnity Of Pentecost Sunday Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Make a Prayer Request

<https://stclarem.org/make-a-prayer-request>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Christine Abdenour Marie Addy Michael Anderanin II Patricia Barszenski Abraham Benavides Anne Berschback Elizabeth Ralstrom Blanchard Karen Bolton Henry & Charles Brennehan Betty Burt Ann Carson Susan Cervi Marie Ciaramitaro Glenn Closures Jean Curry Camille DeMario Kathie DeMumbrum Nicole DeRosa Terry DeRosa Donna Dettmer Brenda DeVeau Lynn Dodge Helen Edmonds Helen Fildew Scott Fischer Deanna Fischer Mary Ann Ganim Sonia Grospe Michael Guadagnoli Laura Hall Chuck Hollosy Betty Irvin Christine Kahanak Ted Kirles Ashleigh Kohlitz Scott Kookon Janet Langlois Mary Ellen LeRoy Anita Leisen Joseph Lisy Wolfgang Maennle Bahia Mahfet Josephine Marino Katy McKenzie Mary Ann McGrail	Mary Ann McLaughlin Steve McMillan William B. McNanney Sarah McPharlin Kyle McPherson Lynn Miller Art Molitor Jo Ann Morandini Stephanie Ochoa Kathy Overton Wilberto Pablo Katerina Palucqj Dennis Panas Mary Beth Panas Helen Pankowski Carol Provencal Bob Phillips Anne Purvis Lawrence Radgowski William Rigg Larry Rochwalski Kathleen Root Kathleen Ruggero Charles Rutherford Karen Sapp Julie Sexton Barbara Shaheen Father James Smalarz Dolores Stefanski Neal Steinmetz Ross Stone Albert Sullivan Diane Sullivan Brian Tague Tracy Tripp Jeffrey P. Valentic Chris Walsh Paul Werthman Meghan White Donna Williams Robbie Williams Debra Wolfslayer Gregg Wysocki Helen Zeedan All Suffering from COVID-19
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<https://stclarem.org/prayer-list>

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