



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



The Spirit

AUGUST 1, 2021

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	Location
Monday 8/2/2021	8:00 AM	Monday Morning Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & a Muffin <i>Join us after the Prayer Service for Coffee and a Muffin</i>	Church Gazebo
Tuesday 8/3/2021	4:00 PM	Tuesday Meditation	Rectory Chapel
	6:30 PM	Tuesday Evening Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & St. Michael and Angels Devotion	Church
Wednesday 8/4/2021	8:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Church
	6:00 PM	Adoration	Church
	8:30 PM	Rosary: Pre-recorded from the Rectory Chapel	Parish Facebook Page
Thursday 8/5/2021	8:00 AM	Thursday Morning Prayer Service with Deacon Rich	Church
Friday 8/6/2021	8:00 AM	Friday Morning Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & Divine Mercy Devotion	Church
Saturday 8/7/2021	9:00 AM	Project Hope 5K and Pray (run / adoration)	Parish Grounds Church
	2:30 PM	Saturday Afternoon Confession	Church Family Room
	4:00 PM	Saturday Mass	Church
	5:30 PM	Project Hope Dinner	Parish Grounds
Sunday 8/8/2021	<i>Knights of Columbus Sunday Social after 9:00 and 11:00 am Mass</i>		
	9:00 AM	Sunday Mass	Church; Parish Facebook Page
	11:00 AM	Sunday Mass	Church

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 7: Project Hope / 5k and Pray
- August 15: Cemetery Sunday
- Sept. 3: First Friday Adoration

Due to the flooding over the past few weeks events scheduled in the social hall are subject to change. The parish office will contact you if we need to move your event/meeting.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

If you would like your loved one who is buried at Mt. Elliott Cemetery remembered during our prayer service on August 15, 2021, please stop by the table near the Family Room or at the back of the Church and add their name to the list. We will gather at Mt. Elliott at 3:00 p.m. to pray for them and all the deceased of our parish on our Cemetery Sunday celebration day. All are welcome to attend. You may also call the parish office to leave the information at 647-5000 or submit their name online by go to: <https://stclarem.org/cemetery-sunday>

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

GOAL: \$84,541

PLEGGED: \$46,926

I would like to thank the 100 parish families who have donated to this year's 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Because of the pandemic last year CSA was delayed several months. CSA 2021 has come right on the heels of last year's Appeal. We are 3 months into it and quite off target from previous years at this point. If we all do our part to contribute to the CSA we could make the goal without a burden to anyone. If we don't reach our goal, the parish account of St Clare will have to pay the difference.

Please, if you haven't made a donation consider making one today. For an overview and list of frequently asked questions about the CSA go to www.givecsa.org. Thank you for your support.

Marion Fikany

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Christian Service Commission continues its second **Small Acts of Kindness** project to provide school supplies to area children in need. These include children in foster care, homeless shelters, and refugees. We are teaming up with **Samaritas**, an area non-profit, who works directly with children in these programs.

Thank you for all the wonderful back packs, lunch boxes and school supplies that have been donated to date.

Please join us in providing basic back to school supplies for children in the foster care programs, homeless shelters and refugees getting settled in the area. Samaritas works with children in all these programs and would be most grateful if we could provide essential back to school supplies.



Specifically, we are looking for backpacks, lunchboxes, crayons, rulers, pencils pens, spiral notebooks, scissors, 3x5 cards, white glue, glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, erasers, pencil cases, ect. All the usual school supply basics for K-12 students!

Gifts cards from Amazon, Target and CVS would be welcome to buy supplies for the children. Purchased gift cards can be placed in an envelope and marked **School Supplies** and placed in marked boxes in church by the baptismal font or directed to the Parish Office. You may choose to donate online through our electronic Church Giving and we can purchase supplies for you. Click **Give NOW** below to donate online or go to <https://stclarem.churchgiving.com/> and select Small Acts of Kindness.

Give NOW

- ✓ Dates: June 26 – August 15
- ✓ School supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes
- ✓ Gift cards from Amazon, Target, CVS
- ✓ Place in marked boxes at St. Clare by the Baptismal Font or mail or drop off at the Parish Office

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

2021 GOLF OUTING



ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO SCHOOL



Parishioners you are the best. Thank you for reading this column in the Bulletin.

I received an email from a parishioner who is a retired Science teacher. She had been on vacation and another parishioner, Louis Di Iorio, directed this woman to read the bulletin. Not only did Louis reach out to this woman but Marion Fikany, our Business Manager, mentioned this same woman's name to me. I tried to reach the parishioner by phone but was not successful. I sent the parishioner a letter through the old US Mail system.

Low and behold the parishioner was reached. There were a few exciting email exchanges and a time was agreed upon for meeting. The woman arrived to the meeting via bicycle. Already I felt huge promise that God was fulfilling St. Clare of Montefalco School's need for a part-time science teacher. The parishioner and I discussed hands on curriculum and looked at the science room with many of the updated items funded by parishioner donations and purchased by our last science teacher. We discussed possible schedules for this beautiful person to be with us at the school. The parishioner has other obligations in her life and is going to let me know if she can adjust her schedule to fit in teaching science with us this upcoming school year. Prayers are sent that this is meant to be. I so hope I am able to share in next week's bulletin a name and welcome to this possible new staff member who is a parishioner.

Every day something good happens in the school even during the summer. The Title I Summer Program kicked off last Monday. The students were eager to be with their teachers and friends. How great is that? Students eager to return during their summer break is not the norm in education. We are still recruiting students for the upcoming school year. Thank you for encouraging families to look at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School as an option for education.

The school is grateful for all of your support.

May God's blessing be with you,

Ms. Crowley



This week was the first of our two-week Title I summer program for those students participating. It was so great to see children in the halls again, even though it is a small group! Some are familiar faces of returning students, though many are new students who will be joining St. Clare School in the fall for the first time.

Our students are receiving supplemental math and reading instruction to prepare for the upcoming school year. The teachers are including science, social studies, and other subjects in the math and reading lessons so the students receive a well-rounded summer learning experience. We are blessed to be able to offer this program to both our new and returning students who reside in the city of Detroit through our Title I funds.

Ms. Crowley and I represented St. Clare of Montefalco School at the After 6 on Kercheval event last weekend. We had a great time representing the school and meeting with local families. As part of our interaction with families, we asked children to vote for their favorite school subject. We were surprised to see that math was one of the top two subjects, second only to art. It was shared by parents that there are very engaging math teachers in the Grosse Pointe community, so that could explain the love of math. There were very few votes for music, surprisingly, and it was also shared that funds for music have been cut in recent years. Parents were speculating that could be

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the reason why so few children voted for music. I am certain that there would be many more votes for music if we surveyed the St. Clare students, given the many opportunities our students have to showcase their musical talents in our school.

Finally, a message for St. Clare School alumni and supporters: Our newsletter has been published! The newly restored Alumni Committee worked diligently all year on a newsletter that will be published annually, and the first edition was recently mailed. Those alumni who completed the online registration form were mailed copies to their homes. There are also copies available for pickup in the church and in the parish office. If you would like to receive future mailings, please be sure to complete the online registration form, which can be found on the school website. We are also looking for more committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee, or if you have any other questions, please email alumni@stclarem.org.

As always, I would like to thank all St. Clare parishioners for your continued support and prayers for St. Clare School. We are looking forward to a more "normal" school year beginning this fall, especially returning to our valued traditions such as in-person school masses and the Christmas concert. I wish you all peace, health, and happiness as we enter these final weeks of summer.

Peace to you,
Samantha Cooley



Enter to learn | Leave to serve



PTO BOOK SALE

We will NOT be holding our Used Book Sale this fall. Due to the cancelled event and the flooding that occurred in the school building, we are unable to accept book donations at this time. Donors and supporters, please look for an announcement in the spring regarding the 2022 Book Sale.

We thank you all for your continued support as we move ahead with preparing the school for the upcoming school year.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Now is the time!

For what? Religious Education Registration. The sign up is online on our website: www.stclarem.org/religious-education. Please also fill out the health and permission forms. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at skavery@stclarem.org. Payments can also be made online. Please register by August 30. Classes will begin September 19 and 20. Choose either Sunday family or Monday afternoon 4:00-5:15 for grades 1-4 and 6:30-7:45 for grades 5-8.

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Know of someone who might be interested? Please call Sr. Kathy at 313-647-5015 or email skavery@stclarem.org. Little Lambs is a group of little children from ages 3-9 that is dismissed from the 9:00 Mass after the introductory rite. They have been able to go to the social hall for a little instruction on the readings, singing and craft-usually related to the readings.

We would like to expand "Little Lambs" to our children at 11:00 am Mass, who are grade 3-5, to the same level we have at the 9:00 Mass. But we would need a leader. Little Lambs, at 9:00 am, under the leadership of Jessica Smihal has grown beautifully.

Last week I was at the 11:00 am Mass and I was amazed and delighted at the number of young families and young children in attendance. So, if we had a leader, we could have a "Little Lambs" at the 11:00 Mass. I'll be waiting for the phone to ring or emails to be popping up on my computer with new volunteers!



There is a song I like that goes like this..."Where have all the flowers gone?"

Well, I've been wondering where have all our altar servers gone?

- Where have all our ushers gone?
- Where have all our hospitality ministers gone?
- These are the 3 ministries that seem the most depleted since the reopening of the church last May.
- As I said, I am not usually at the 11:00 Mass, but there were no "official" ushers. Charlie, the usual one was not there. Luckily some other fellows filled in. There was also no lector, so I filled in.

HELP

Please come back. Trust me. YOU are needed. If you have not been involved in a Saturday/Sunday church ministry and would like to be, Please. Please let me know your interest and I will set you up with the leader of that ministry. We are the Church of St. Clare. We have been strong; we cannot begin to fall apart!

Thanks,
Sr. Kathy



ADORATION

There will be no First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week. Adoration will take place on Saturday, August 7, from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm during the 5K and Pray day to fight cancer. Some will be walking, riding, running and some of us will be praying. There is a sign up for adoration on the Parking lot wall.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Dear St. Clare Parishioners,

Our St. Clare Mission Possible is going quite well and we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our progress. Our Mission Possible campaign is focused on providing resources to accomplish goals set forward in our Missionary Strategic Plan (MSP), including supporting our Parish team, our St Clare School, and completing much needed improvements to our facilities.

So far, St. Clare Mission Possible dollars have assisted St. Clare School with technology and other financial support to ensure it remains a beacon of academic excellence in our community. Other Mission Possible investments realized are the completed rehabilitation of our lower-level bathrooms and the installation of our live stream broadcast technology. Next up on the MSP are investments in our pastoral staff, parish faith formation and upgrades to our kitchen and social hall. We are also in the process of looking at the costs for the roof and the parking lot repairs.

We want you to know that each Letter from Father Andrew related to each monetary "ask", and your individual pledges, will always remain confidential. Father Andrew and the Mission Possible team understand the sacrifice each gift requires and that you have other

charities you commit to each year. So therefore, we hope that you will continue supporting those charities and we are especially grateful to those who have returned their pledge cards for the Mission Possible campaign.

What we have here at St. Clare is so very special. As you enter our church it is easy to see the joy that we share as a community and as we pray and celebrate Mass together. Thank you again for your sacrifice, your commitment to St. Clare and your support and understanding of this important Mission. Yes, this mission is Possible.

Gratefully yours,
 Bill Harrington - Co Chair
 Marty McMillan - Co Chair

Mission Possible Committee:

- Father Andrew
- Don Berschback
- Sue Buckley
- Linda Hazlett
- Paul Louisell
- John McGrail
- Patrick McKeever
- Tom Warnez

VOLUNTEER! KEEP THE MISSION ROLLING

The Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary have asked for our assistance at their fundraising barbeque on Sunday August 22 at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

These nuns are elderly and need help to set up tables, sell beverages, then take down tables. If you can work a 2 hour shift (either 11- 1 or 1-3) on that day, please call Michelle Fisher at 313 -701-7192. A few volunteers are also requested the day before, Saturday August 21, to box salads. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase a van for their mission in Nigeria!

COLLECTION REPORT

July 25, 2021

Parishioner Envelopes	\$5,065
Online Giving	\$2,205
Total Collection:	\$7,270
Goal	\$9,423
Under for the week by:	(\$2,153)

Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.

Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

[ONLINE GIVING](#)



THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021 PRE-REGISTERED RACE PACKET PICK-UP!!

If you have registered to run or walk in the 5K, please come pick up your pre-race packet outside the Austin Portico from Noon - 3:00 PM.
 Thank you and GIVE HOPE!

If you would still like to register please see our website at:
projecthopemichigan.com or scan the QR code.



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 31

4:00 PM Marco Valente, Jr.
+ Patricia McKeever

Sunday, August 1

9:00 AM Billy Dabney
+ Tom Kolojeski (6th Anniv.)

11:00 AM Aura Casabar
St. Clare Parishioners

Monday, August 2 Prayer Service with Deacon Rich

8:00 AM St. Clare Teachers & Staff

Tuesday, August 3 Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & Devotion to St. Michael

6:30 PM Frank Böks

Wednesday, August 4 Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help

8:00 AM St. Clare Ministry of Care

Thursday, August 5 Prayer Service with Deacon Rich

8:00 AM + Wally Keeler

Friday, August 6 Prayer Service with Deacon Rich & Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00 AM St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Saturday, August 7

4:00 PM St. Clare Ushers Club

Sunday, August 8

9:00 AM + Patricia McKeever
+ Linn Styczenski
St. Clare Parishioners

11:00 AM Bernadine Camaghi Kramer and Joseph R. Kramer, Sr.
Mark Valente, III



Online Learning

<https://stclarem.org/online-learning>

Make a Prayer Request

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

Bulletin Content Deadline

Monday at 11am for the following weekend
Please send all content to: bulletin@stclarem.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday - Sunday: Closed

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Christine Abdenour	Josephine Marino
Marie Addy	Mary Ann McGrail
Michael Anderanin II	Mary Ann McLaughlin
Patricia Barszenski	Steve McMillan
Abraham Benavides	William B. McNaney
Anne Berschback	Sarah McPharlin
Elizabeth Ralstrom Blanchard	Kyle McPherson
Karen Bolton	Lynn Miller
Henry & Charles Brennehan	Art Molitor
Betty Burt	Jo Ann Morandini
Maura Caplice	Stephanie Ochoa
Ann Carson	Kathy Overton
Susan Cervi	Wilberto Pablo
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Sonia Grospe	Father James Smalarz
Michael Guadagnoli	Dolores Stefanski
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Chuck Hollosy	Ross Stone
Maricela Huidor-Figueroa	Albert Sullivan
Betty Irvin	Diane Sullivan
Christine Kahanak	Brian Tague
Ted Kirles	Barbara Therrien
Ashleigh Kohlitz	Tracy Tripp
Scott Kookan	Jeffrey P. Valentic
Janet Langlois	Paul Werthman
Mary Ellen LeRoy	Meghan White
Anita Leisen	Donna Williams
Joseph Lisz	Robbie Williams
Wolfgang Maennle	Debra Wolfslayer
Bahia Mahfet	Helen Zeedan

add/remove from the prayer list go to:

<https://stclarem.org/prayer-list>

[WeShare Online Giving](#)

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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School Administrative Assistant
Ann Conlan (647-5102)

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School
is a Gospel Presence in our diverse community.
We are dedicated to educating and
empowering children of all faiths
By providing a quality Catholic
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and lifelong Service.

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Make a Prayer Request

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Mission Statement

"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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