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ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

# The Spirit

## From the Desk of Fr. Andrew

September 11, 2022

### I hope you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend

September 11th is a National Day of Mourning and Remembrance. This Patriot Day honors the memory of those who died as a result of the terrorist attack on our country. Each year we dedicate this day to remembering those who died and the first responders who risked their own lives to save others. We join others in individual and liturgical prayer, prayer vigils or memorial events that take place in our country and around the world. Let's pray for the world, our country, community, and school – may it be a place of peace, respect and unity. Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.

**Finance Committee**

Our ministries and committees are all back in action, including our Finance Committee which oversees the financial wellbeing of our parish. If you have questions or suggestions regarding our financial stewardship please contact our Business Manager Marion Fikany at mfikany@stclarem.org or the committee Chair Rick Berg bergf@butzel.com

**School Mass Resumes this Week**

This Wednesday on this feast of the Exultation of the Cross, our school community will gather to celebrate the first Mass of the 22/23 school year. We look forward to the return of our school choir and the addition of our new altar servers.

**Project Hope Annual 5K and Pray**

Be part of the movement! Whether you walk, run, ride or skate! You can pray, eat, volunteer…there is room for everyone and we WANT everyone to be part of this mission to make a difference! See the parish bulletin, website or FB for more details. HOPE IS REAL

**Saints of the week**

- **Tuesday – 9/13** St. John Chrysostom, whose nickname 'golden mouth' was given to him for his reputation in preaching and writing on the topics of our faith
- **Wednesday 9/14** – Exultation of the Cross – this feast commemorates the finding of the cross of Jesus by St. Helena, mother of the first Christian Emperor Constantine.
- **Thursday 9/15** – Our Lady of Sorrows – on this feast we are reminded that as baptized Christians we must also share in Jesus' suffering and offer our sacrifices for others
- **Friday 9/16** – Sts: Cyprian and Cornelius two martyrs who accepted death rather than renounce their faith.

**Word of Life**

As you are no doubt aware, a proposed amendment to include a "right to abortion" in Michigan's constitution will likely be on the ballot in November. Passage of this proposal would have deadly effects for our culture, resulting in unregulated abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. To better understand, and respond to, the danger posed by this extreme proposal, our parish bulletin will have, once a week, an article as well as online resources.

Sign up to stay updated with news, updates, prayer efforts, and action opportunities. Here are a few for this week:

- Respect Life Prayer and Action: https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-and-action
- Sign up to receive prayers, action alerts to contact Congress, and ways to strengthen a culture of life in your community.
- USCCB Pro-Life Action Alerts: https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Register

Sign up for pro-life action alerts so that you can contact your elected representatives to express your concerns and opinions on upcoming legislation. (Make sure to select "Pro-Life" under Areas of Interest.)

Let's pray for Life.

**Have a blessed week**

*Fr. Andrew*

# ST. CLARE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Room Key: St. Anne Room = Rose Rm | St. Clare Room = Whittier Rm | St. Michael Room = Teen Room**

| Date | Time | Subject | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday September 12, 2022** | 7:30 AM | Monday Morning Confession | Church |
| | 8:00 AM | Monday Morning Mass & Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Church |
| | 9:00 AM | Senior Men's Bible Study | St. Clare Room |
| | 11:00 AM | Bulletin Content Deadline | bulletin@stclarem.org |
| | 7:00 PM | Hospitality Meeting | St. Anne Room |
| | 7:30 PM | Christian Service Meeting | St. Clare Room |
| **Tuesday September 13, 2022** | 4:00 PM | Tuesday Meditation | Rectory Chapel |
| | 6:00 PM | Tuesday Evening Confession | Church |
| | 6:30 PM | Tuesday Evening Mass & St. Michael and Angels Devotion | Church |
| | 7:30 PM | Finance Council Meeting | St. Anne Room |
| | 7:30 PM | Knights of Columbus Meeting | St. Clare Room |
| **Wednesday September 14, 2022** | 7:45 AM | Wednesday Morning Confession | Church |
| | 8:15 AM | School Mass | Church |
| | 9:30 AM | Women of a Certain Age Bible Study | St. Clare Room |
| | 4:30 PM | Intercessory Prayer | Rectory Chapel |
| | 6:00 PM | EEV Meeting | Church Social Hall - All |
| | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Evening Adoration | Church |
| | 6:30 PM | School PTO Meeting | School Library |
| | 7:00 PM | Stephen Ministry | Faculty Room |
| **Thursday September 15, 2022** | 7:30 AM | Thursday Morning Confession | Church |
| | 8:00 AM | Thursday Morning Mass | Church |
| | 11:30 AM | St. Clare School Staff Lunch | Church Social Hall - All |
| | 6:00 PM | Marriage Prep Team Meeting | Off Site |
| **Friday September 16, 2022** | 7:30 AM | Friday Morning Confession | Church |
| | 8:00 AM | Friday Morning Mass & Divine Mercy Devotion | Church |
| | 9:00 AM | Friday Faith Formation | St. Clare Room |
| **Saturday September 17, 2022** | 8:00 AM | Project Hope (Adoration) | Church |
| | 2:30 PM | Saturday Afternoon Confession | Church |
| | 4:00 PM | Saturday Mass (Name Tag Sunday) | Church |
| | 5:00 PM | Project Hope Reception (following Mass) | Church Social Hall - All |
| **Sunday September 18, 2022** | 9:00 AM | Sunday Mass (Name Tag Sunday) | Church |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday Mass (Name Tag Sunday) | Church |

## Altar Sacristan

The many ministries at St. Clare require many helping hands to continue and flourish. The ministry of altar Sacristan is really in need of some new volunteers especially for the daily morning Masses. You won't need to commit to a firm weekly schedule, but be able to sub for one of the Sacristans when called. We currently have 8 scheduled Sacristans, and we are asking for anyone who could be available to sub to step up and volunteer. Training will be provided.

If you would like to learn more about what this ministry entails, please let me know and contact me by email (bvalentic@gmail.com) or call or text me at 313-378-1844.

St. Clare thanks you for your willingness to help us continue to be Bold, Holy and Catholic.

God bless!
Barb Valentic

## Altar Sacristan
https://stclarem.org/sacristans

## St. Clare Little Lambs
https://stclarem.org/little-lambs

## Join the Hospitality Team
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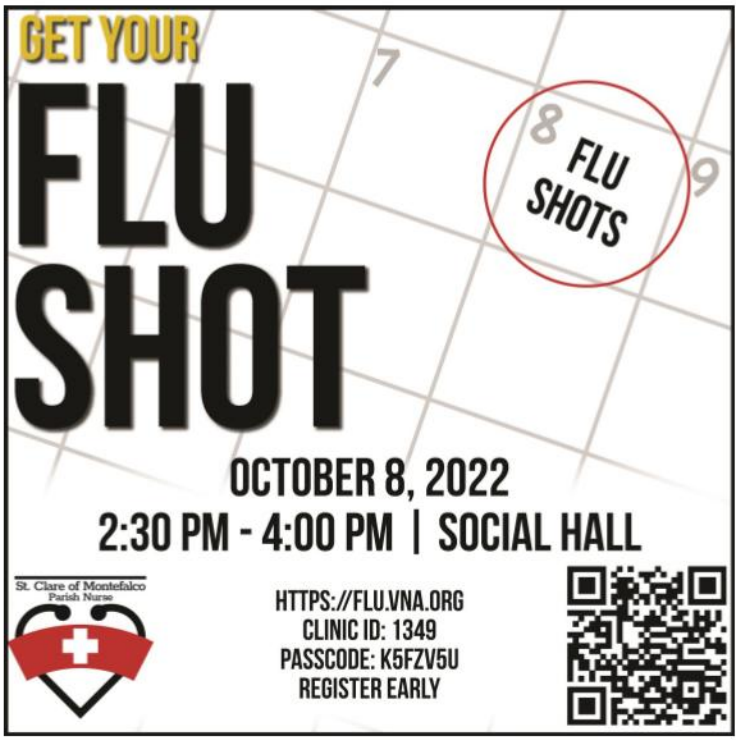


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USCCB Committee Chairmen
"Standing with Moms in Need"

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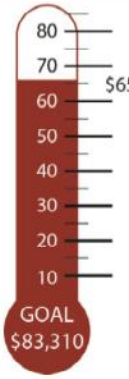


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## St. Clare Christian Service

*From the Desk of Mike McDevitt*

### Support Our Capuchin Kitchen Parish Signature Drive

For over ninety years the Capuchin Soup Kitchen has been feeding hungry people, while also nourishing their souls and stimulating their minds. Today the organization continues to serve the community with a variety of food and human development programs. They are asking our parish to join them in this important work by participation in the annual Parish Signature Drive.

Your $20 donation will support their efforts to feed the hungry. **Donation forms, signature cards and return envelopes will be on the table next to the elevator in the back of the church.** A collection box will be available for the next three weekends to collect signatures and donations. Completed forms and donations may also be placed in the collection basket. Our parish name and our donors will be displayed at the November 10, 2022, SOCK dinner and listed in the 2022 SOCK program book. The Parish Office also has forms available for donations.

Our Capuchins not only do wonderful work in the community but have also been a godsend to our community with their support of our parish by serving masses while Fr. Andrew has been away. Let's show our support by participating in the 2022 Signature Drive with a $20 donation. **Checks may be made out to "Capuchin Soup Kitchen".** Donation forms are available in two forms, either from an individual/family or in memory of a loved one. Please consider donating to support the CSK!

The **Project Hope 5K & Pray** event is next week. *I encourage you to find a way to paritcpate*. This year we are supporting Valerie Albright in her battle against cancer. While doing so, we can provide love, hope, and support to our own loved ones who are battling or have battled cancer.

Finally, our Agnes Topacio, has organized a **flu shot** clinic for October 8, 2022, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Mark your calendar, sign up in advance and plan to get your flu shot. See the ad in our bulletin with the link and QR code to register. Be Smart, Get a Shot!

Mike McDevitt Christian Service Coordinator
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## St. Clare Faith Formation

*From the Desk of Sr. Kathy Avery*

Religious Education classes for the 2022-2023 school year begin in two weeks. Have you registered your children yet? Please do so today. See the bulletin and /or website to see how to register.

**Classes will begin on September 25/26**

- Grades 1-6 will be held on Monday afternoons from 4-5:15 in the school building.
- Grade 7-8 and any others preparing for Confirmation will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45 in the rectory. We must have 6 students to maintain our program.
- Sunday Family will be held from 9:00 Mass until 11:35. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Little Lambs** will also begin on September 25. If you have a child aged 3-8 please consider attending the 9 or 11:00 Mass and have your child participate in this Liturgy of the Word Program. Also, consider offering to assist occasionally.

**Sunflowers:** At the end of the school year, each child at St. Clare School was given a sunflower plant to take home and care for. These were given to us by Tony Lauri as a reminder to pray for the children of Ukraine. The one Sr. Peter and I had grew, but it was eaten by some bug and died. I have received two pictures, one from Mrs. Pawlowski and one from Kamryn T from the school. Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

**Ways to Change the World:**

- Round up a few loose coins and put them in the next charity box you see.
- Restock your "Betsy Box."
- Show others the magic in ordinary moments.
- Adult Faith Formation: Put the date of October 27 on your calendar for a special Faith Formation program.

Today, September 11 is Catechetical Sunday. We are grateful to our catechists from Little Lambs, Religious Education program and Teachers at St. Clare School. Thank you for your willingness to share your faith with our young people.

Sr. Kathy Avery | skavery@stclarem.org

**Register for Religious Education**
https://stclarem.org/religious-education
or SCAN QR Code

# ST. CLARE PARISH COMMUNITY

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, 9/10/2022**

**4:00 PM**
+ Jim Benoit (16th anniv.)
+ Lisa Dugan
St. Clare Parishioners

**Sunday, 9/11/2022**

**9:00 AM**
+ Elizabeth "Betsy" Kovach
+ Josephine and Emanuel Buhagiar
+ Maggie Cassar
+ Patricia McKeever
+ Edna Fekin (16th anniv.)
+ Kathleen Leavey-Hatty (4th anniv.)

**11:00 AM**
+ Engracia Botol (52nd anniv.)
+ Anne Kirschke
Carol Kolpasky
Maureen Zucal (90th birthday)

**Monday, 9/12/2022**
*Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help*

**8:00 AM**
+ Emanuel Buhagiar
+ Maggie Cassar
+ Jeremiah & Anne Brosnan
+ Barbara Boks (32nd anniv.)
+ Anita Feola

**Tuesday, 9/13/2022**
*Devotion to St. Michael and the Angels*

**6:30 PM**
+ Diane Ambrose

**Wednesday, 9/14/2022**

**8:15 AM**
+ Andre Langedock
+ Christiane Langedock

**Thursday, 9/15/2022**

**8:00 AM**
Claire Noel Valente
+ Phyllis McDevitt
+ Patricia Zatina

**Friday, 9/16/2022**
*Divine Mercy Chaplet*

**8:00 AM**
+ Josephine Buhagiar
+ Ilse Trunk

**Saturday, 9/17/2022**

**4:00 PM**
+ Airianna Grace French Wixon (birthday remembrance)
+ John McCrea

**Sunday, 9/18/2022**

**9:00 AM**
+ Patricia Zatina (5th anniv.)
+ Larry Keelan (6th month anniv.)
St. Clare Parishioners

**11:00 AM**
+ Susan Cervi

## Please Remember In Your Prayers

Christine Abdenour
Michael Anderanin II
Patricia Barszenski
Don Berschback
Ken Biernacki
Eleanor Brenneman
Elizabeth Ralstrom Blanchard
Karen Bolton
John Brock
Maura Caplice
Phyllis Chesney
Marie Ciaramitaro
Glenn Closurdo
Jean Curry
Roy Davin
Baby Ermias Mathias Dejene
Camille DeMario
Rick Demers
Kathie DeMumbrum
Nicole DeRosa
Terry DeRosa
Donna Dettmer
Helen Fildew
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John Hepper
Maricela Huidor-Figueroa
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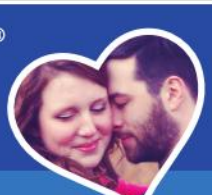

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