Saint Clare
CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Love God, serve God, everything is in that"

February 20th, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor
Deacon TJ Wild
Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
Monday — Friday	8:00 AM

Confessions
Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Eucharistic Exposition
Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Prayer Chain Contacts
Joyce Willis 629-2573 or
Sherry Reed 629-7535

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.

If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon. For your convenience, we have blue "Let Us Know" cards in back of church.

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp,
I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

GOSPEL

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

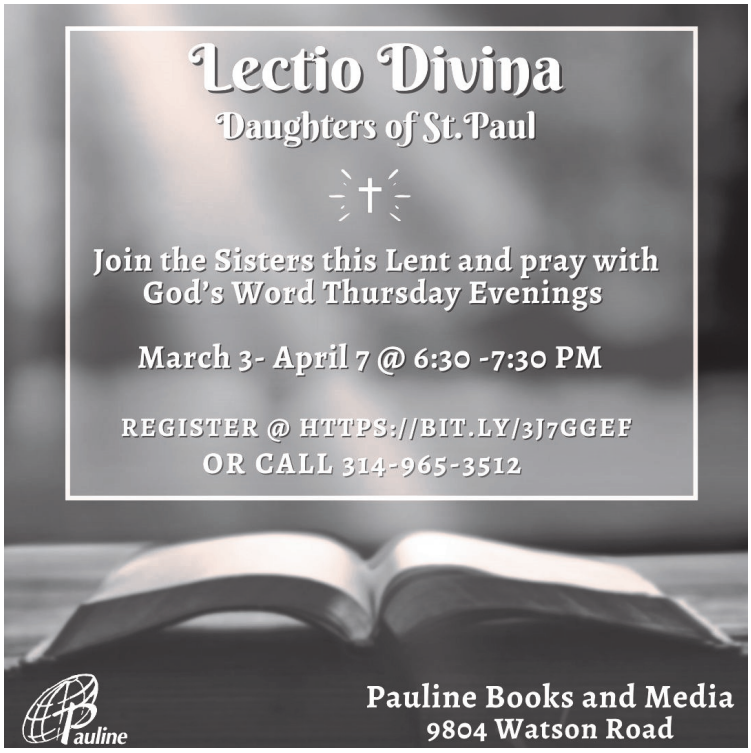
If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

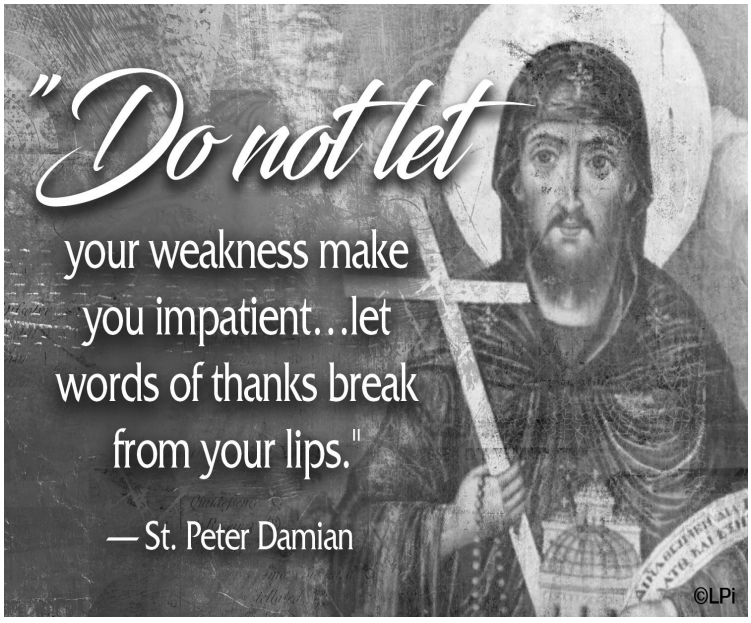
PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Clare Catholic Church will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read

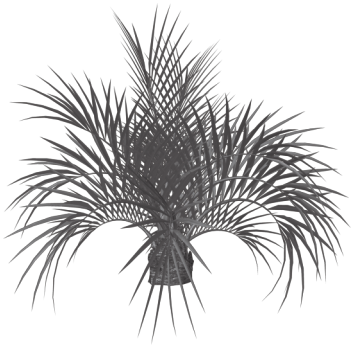
St. Clare Catholic Church will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **March 2nd—April 4th** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.





If you have any old palms to dispose of, please bring them and place in back of church.



Daughters of Isabella Circle No. 1082 Makes Available Scholarship For St. Francis Borgia High School

Do you have an 8th grade child planning to attend St. Francis Borgia Regional High School? If so, please apply for the Scholarship. Applications are available at the parish office. Deadline for submission is March 31st.

For further information, contact Joan Osterkamp at 636-629-0876 before March 31st.

Evelyn Oliver Memorial Fund Scholarship (with partnership of D of I Circle No. 1082) For Elementary School

Also available is the Evelyn Oliver Memorial Fund Scholarship. The family of Evelyn Oliver have committed to at least $500 annually to help with tuition and/or books to a student currently or about to attend a Catholic Elementary School.

Applications are available at the parish office. Deadline for submission is March 31st.

FISH/CHICKEN DINNER

FRIDAYS of LENT

February 18th thru April 8th

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

K of C Hall, 204 S Commercial, St. Clair, MO

We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks

CARRY OUT ONLY

Deep Fried Cat Fish, Cod & Chicken,
Green Beans & Dessert,
plus additional items below.

Feb. 18	March 4	March 11
Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes	Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes	Fried Potatoes Cole Slaw

March 18	March 25	April 1	April 8
Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes	Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes	Fried Potatoes Cole Slaw	Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes

ALL DINNERS ... $13.00

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"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." — Lk 6:35-36

Everyday Stewardship

Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure — but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Catholic Services Food Pantry

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month
3 - 5 pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	Date	Time	Event
Mon	2/21	8:00 am	Mass
Tues	2/22	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	2/23	8:00 am	Mass
Thurs	2/24	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	2/25	8:00 am	Mass
Sat	2/26	3:30 - 4:15 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
Sun	2/27	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

Readings For The Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13- 16

Mass INTENTIONS

February 19th — February 27th

Weekend, February 19th & 20th
Sat. 4:30 PM † JANET HOFFMEISTER
Sun. 8:00 AM † NELLIE SIESS
10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

Monday, February 21st
8:00 AM † ERIC JEZIERSKI

Tuesday, February 22nd
8:00 AM † REV. ROBERT L. BANKEN

Wednesday, February 23rd
8:00 AM † VELMA PAPIN

Thursday, February 24th
8:00 AM † EVELYN MCCARTY

Friday, February 25th
8:00 AM † LEGION OF MARY

Weekend, February 26th & 27th
Sat. 4:30 PM † CAROLYN WILLIAMS
Sun. 8:00 AM † DELLA OSBURN
10:30 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 26TH & 27TH

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
2/26 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Jackie Daugherty	—
2/27 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Chad Horton	—
2/27 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Volunteers	—	Joyce Willis	—

2/27 Collection Counters: — Betty Hinson, Joyce Willis, Nicole Hinson, Michele Geatley

WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

May God Provide Health and Comfort to:

February

Walt Bruns, Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor, Mary Suntrup, Carol Krassinger, Andrea Moore, Loraine Shaw, Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

January

Jeff Duncan, Charley Garthoeffner, Jason Byerley, Jeremy Hopkins, Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter), Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer, James Charboneau, Sandi Stahl, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett, Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister, Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.

December

Tom Osterkamp, Nathan Chase, John Vogelgesang, Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Rachael Putnam, Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna, Larry Perkins, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks, Rodney Bryan, Patti Smith, Pauline Ware Scheer, John Evans and Dalton Via.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel:

Captain Gionna Casatelli — Us Army,
SGT Ian Ives — US Army,
SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy,
Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF,
Jason Burton — US Navy,
Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF,
SGT Cameron Earley — US Army,
SGT Tyler Earley — US Army,
Clay Fisher — US Marines,
James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army,
Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF,
Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy.
MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF

STEWARDSHIP

Week of February 13th

Offertory Envelopes	$	3,318.00
Loose Collection		125.26
Total Money For Operating Capital	**$**	**3,443.26**

Restricted Funds

St. Clare Services		20.00
Parish Improvements		100.00
Total	$	120.00

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: $ 6,733.26
January Collection Goal: $ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive*! — The Body of Christ

The readings today remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ. God has provided each of us with a set of gifts and He expects us to use those gifts effectively for the benefit of His entire body even when that means going outside of our comfort zone. Sometimes we might underestimate our gifts or think that our special gifts don't matter, but we are all unique and unrepeatable and made in the image and likeness of God! When we undervalue our gifts we undervalue the gifts that God gave us. Spend some silent time with Jesus to help you discern your gifts and ask Him how He wants you to use them. Where are you being called this week?

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back…" —(LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

ST. CLARE PARISH SCRIP ORDER

Name: _____ Phone: _____ CK# _____ Amt:_____

Vendor Name	Profit	Scrip$	QTY	Total $
Restaurants/Food Items				
APPLEBEE'S	8%	$25		
BOB EVANS	10%	$10		
BURGER KING	4%	$10		
CHEESECAKE FACTORY	5%	$25		
CRACKER BARREL	8%	$25		
DOMINO'S PIZZA	8%	$25		
JACK IN THE BOX	4%	$10		
PANERA - St Louis Bread Co.	8%	$25		
PIZZA HUT	8%	$10		
RED LOBSTER/OLIVE GARDEN/BAHAMA	8%	$25		
SHOP N SAVE	4%	$25		
STARBUCKS	7%	$25		
STEAK & SHAKE	8%	$10		
TACO BELL	5%	$10		
Automotive				
EXXON/MOBIL	1.50%	$250		
SHELL	2%	$50		
BP	1.50%	$100		

Vendor Name	Profit	Scrip$	QTY	Total $
Shopping				
ACE HARDWARE	4%	$25		
AMAZON	2.50%	$25		
BEST BUY	4%	$25		
DICK'S SPORTING GOOD	8%	$25		
JC PENNEYS	5%	$25		
JOANNS FABRIC & CRAFT	6%	$25		
KOHL'S	4%	$25		
MARSHALL'S	7%	$25		
MICHAEL'S	5%	$25		
PAYLESS SHOES	18%	$20		
PETSMART	5%	$25		
ROSS DRESS FOR LESS	8%	$25		
SEARS	4%	$25		
SHOE CARNIVAL	5%	$25		
T.J. MAXX/MARSHALLS/HOMEGOODS	7%	$25		
TARGET	2.50%	$25		
TOYS R US	3%	$20		
ULTA	4%	$25		

We have in stock: , BP Gas $50, Walmart $25

If you would like to order scrip not listed above, please write your order below:

SCRIP NAME	SCRIP $	QTY	TOTAL $
_____	_____	_____	_____
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See Complete list for all our available cards.