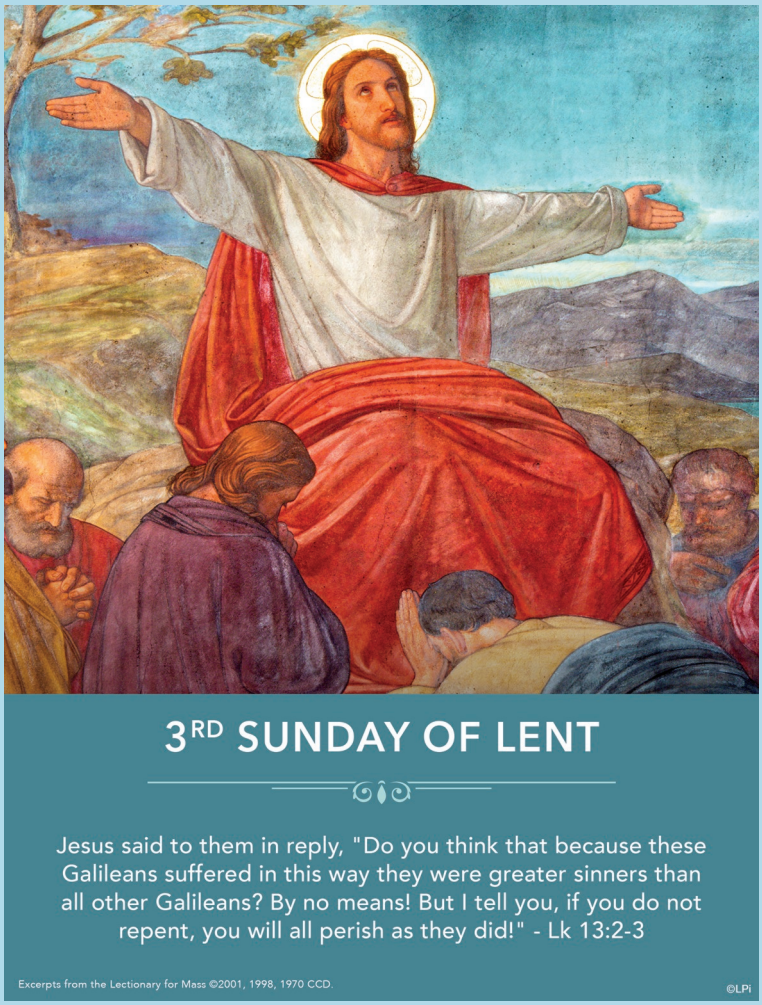
Saint Clare
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

March 20th, 3rd Sunday of Lent



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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Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life -giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass — April 14th 6:00 PM (No 8:00 AM Mass)

Good Friday — April 15th 6:00 PM (No 8:00 AM Mass)

Saturday Easter Vigil — April 16th 8:00 PM (No 4:30 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday — April 17th 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

No Easter Monday 8:00 AM Mass (April 18th)

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

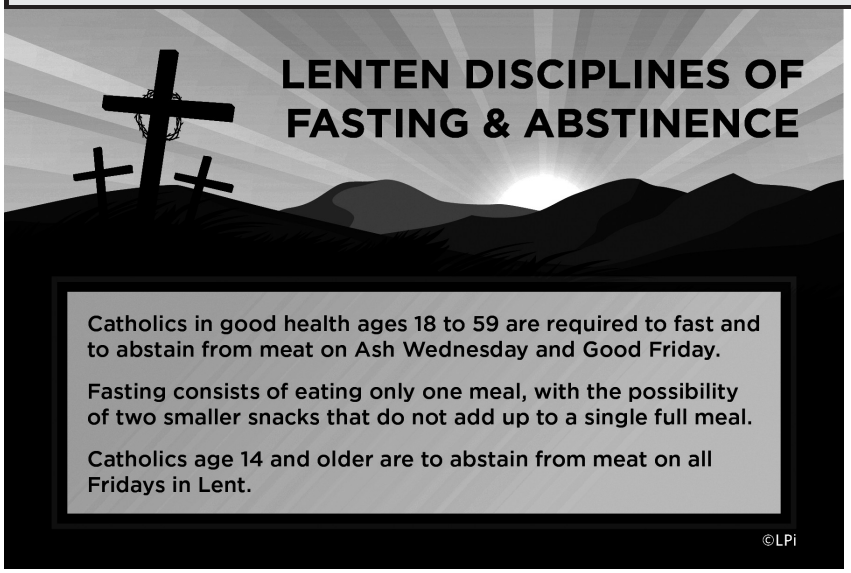
Go to https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yk5c5y

You can obtain a paper copy by contacting **Rose in the parish office at 636-629-0315. PLEASE RETURN COMPLTED PAPER SURVEYS TO PARISH OFFICE.**

The survey will only be **available from March 2 - April 4** 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 whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Father Kunz** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



Holy Hour

(with Deacon Wild)

Wednesdays in Lent 6:30 PM
Confessions heard during this time.

Stations of the Cross
After Mass on
Fridays
During Lent

DIAPER DRIVE

Mark your calendars!!! During the weekends of March 12-13 through Sunday, March 20, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults as part of our annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 252,000 diapers and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We especially need the larger sizes (3, 4, 5). Diapers may be dropped off in the back of church.

Calling All Catholic Ladies, Young or Old

If you are 16, you are eligible to join the Daughters of Isabella.
We are a charitable organization and we do lots of fun things.
You are invited to join us on Wed, May 11th at 6:30 pm at the K of C Hall.
We will have a short meeting and a salad supper followed by entertainment put together by our social committee.
All are welcome—Come see what we are about!
Please bring a covered dish (meat & drinks provided).
Call Teri 636-584-4426 for more information.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Other Parish Activities . . . . . .

Lenten Fish Fry—Fridays during Lent—**St. Francis of Assisi, Luebbering, MO.** 4:30—7:00pm. TAKE OUT ONLY. All Meals $13. Hand-battered cod & catfish, hush puppies, various sides, assorted desserts.

Easter Lily Donations

Envelopes are in your bi-monthly sets recently received.

For those that do not use envelopes, there are special envelopes in back of church.

If submitting names for bulletin publication, please have your envelope sent in by ***April 10th.***

FISH/CHICKEN DINNER

FRIDAYS of LENT

March 4th 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.

March 4	March 11	March 18
Mashed Potatoes	Fried Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes	Cole Slaw	Stewed Tomatoes
March 25	**April 1**	**April 8**
Mashed Potatoes	Fried Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes	Cole Slaw	Stewed Tomatoes

ALL DINNERS ... $14.00

2022 Sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella Circle #1082 and the Knights of Columbus Council 4667

Everyday Stewardship

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Readings For The Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8 -9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Mass INTENTIONS

March 19th — March 27th

Weekend, March 19th &20th
Sat. 4:30 pm † Francis Overschmidt
Sun. 8:00 am † People of Parish
10:30 am † Marcie Suntrup

Monday, March 21st
8:00 am † Mary Jane Butler

Tuesday, March 22nd
8:00 am † Teddy Brooks

Wednesday, March 23rd
8:00 am † Don Willis

Thursday, March 24th
8:00 am † Theresa Johnson

Friday, March 25th
8:00 am † Legion of Mary

Weekend, March 26th & 27th
Sat. 4:30 pm † Janet Myers
Sun. 8:00 am † Olaf Obsurn
10:30 am † People of Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - MARCH 26TH & 27TH

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
3/26 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Jackie Daugherty	—
3/27 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Tammy Alsop	—
3/27 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Volunteers	—	Michele Geatley	—

3/27 Collection Counters: — Betty Hinson, Joyce Willis, Nicole Hinson

WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

May God Provide Health and Comfort to:

March

Gary Merkel, Tom Osterkamp, Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks, Rodney Bryan, John Evans and Dalton Via.

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, Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter), Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer, Sandi Stahl, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett, Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister, Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.

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

"…He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" —(LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

STEWARDSHIP

Week of March 13th

Offertory Envelopes	$	1,860.00
Loose Collection		130.00
Total Money For Operating Capital	**$**	**1,990.00**

Restricted Funds

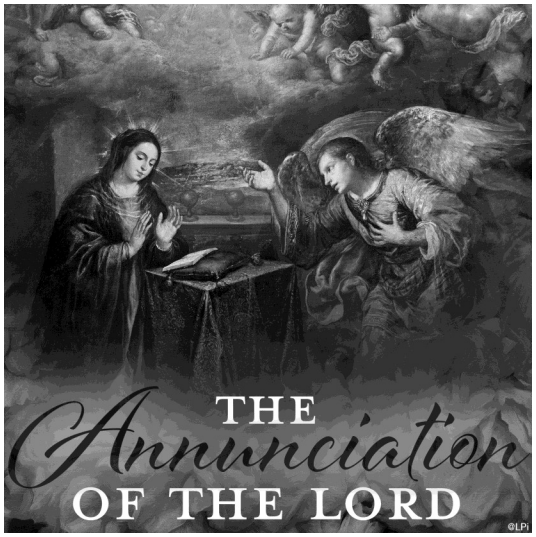
Cemetery Care		40.00
Ash Wednesday		25.00
Easter Flowers		210.00
St. Louis Review Sub		35.00
Parish Improvements		230.00
Memorial Fund—Robert Bolte		50.00
Total	$	590.00

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: $ 7,264.00
March Collection Goal: $ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive*! — Repentance

Throughout the readings of Lent we hear a call from God to repentance. Sometimes it is easy for us to be stuck in our comfort zone, so it becomes difficult for us to grow in our faith and our relationship with Jesus. We get complacent in our habits, our actions, and yes even our attitude. Therefore, it is difficult for us to look at our need for repentance through an objective lens. How can we get past this? We need to spend quality time with Jesus and open our hearts and minds to Him so we can listen to what He is trying to tell us about the areas of our lives where we need repentance and reconciliation. We are all so busy but the truth is we make time for the things we want to make time for in our lives. Do you have time for Jesus today?



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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