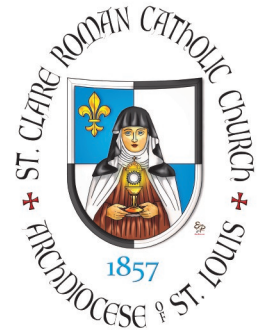


# Saint Clare CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



**July 31st, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21*

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### 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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What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime “in the future” while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so

desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don’t work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

## TRANSFORM GREED INTO GRATITUDE



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# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Extra Raffle Tickets Available in the  
back of Church!!

Thank you to all who have signed up to  
help with the picnic! There are still  
slots available for those who  
haven't signed up yet.



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Donation Report

**Thank you** to everyone who have returned their ACA Pledge Cards! If you have not made a pledge yet, there is still time with forms available in back of church. Even if you cannot help donate this year, please take the time to return your card. Otherwise, you will receive another letter and/or phone call for a follow-up. Below is the latest information that we have on the returned cards.

### Report Detail (as of July 22nd)

2021 Published Goal	\$16,330
New Donor Goal	14
Total To Date	\$14,460
Total Parishioners Base	334
Returned to Date	74
# New Donors	13
#Increased Contributions	36
Net Increase	\$ 1,495
#Maintained Contributions	16
#Decreased Contributions	5
Net Decrease	\$ -145
Signed Refusal Cards Returned	4
Pledges Percent	21%
Prior Year Pledges Percent	32%
Cards Returned Percent	22%
Matching Gifts Cards Returned	0
Matching Gift Total	0

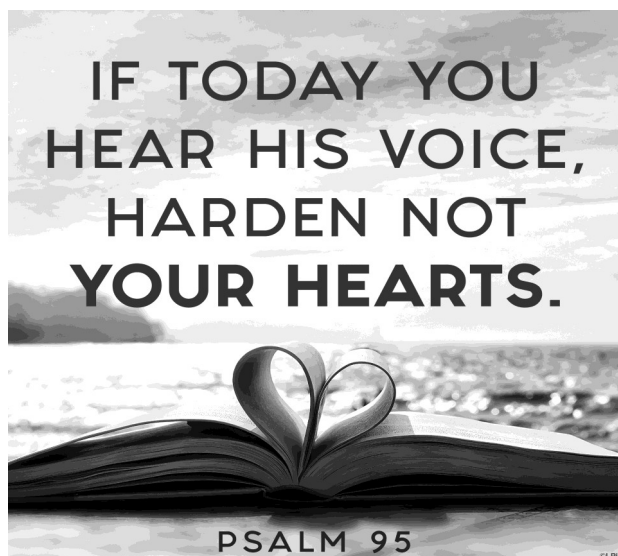
*Please pray about what you can do to help build the Church!*

# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Other Parish Activities . . . . .

**Picnic**— Sunday, July 31st — **St. Francis of Assisi, Luebbering, MO.** 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Fried Chicken Dinner served 11-3pm. Adults \$13, Child (6-11) \$6, 5 & under eat free w/adult meal. Dine in or carry out. Music, flea market, 50/50, beer garden, President's Club raffle, pull-tabs, games for kids, silent auction.

**Parish Festival**—Sunday, August 28th—**St. Anthony, Sullivan, MO.** Fried chicken dinners served from 11:00 - 4:00; to go orders until 5:00. Raffle, quilt raffle, 50/50 drawings, bingo, country store, sno-cones, kids games, inflatables, petting zoo. Cornhole tournament on August 27th, 6:00pm



## 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  
Dalton Roller—US Navy*

## Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* — Merit and Good Works

Is your real treasure here on earth, or being stored up in heaven? Perhaps it doesn't have to be one or the other. Did you know that your good works, done under the influence of God's grace, have real value in God's eyes? It's called "merit"—in its way a treasure both on earth and in heaven. Learn more about this core of the Church practice called "indulgences." It's not a thing of the past but is a very real blessing for us all. (CCC 1471-1473, 2006-2011)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Card Party August 11, 2022

At the Knights of Columbus Hall  
204 S. Commercial, St. Clair, MO  
\$5.00 to play 1:00 p.m. til ? p.m.  
Beverages, Snacks, a dessert, prizes  
and a 50/50 drawing.

More info call 636-629-4223  
Sponsored by the  
Daughters of Isabella Circle #1082



## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon	8/01	8:00 am	Mass
Tues	8/02	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	8/03	8:00 am	Mass
Thurs	8/04	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	8/05	8:00 am	Mass
Sat	8/06	3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Confessions Mass
Sun	8/07	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

### *Readings For The Week*

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36



**July 30<sup>th</sup> — August 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **WEEKEND JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>**

SAT. 4:30 PM † JAMES G. SCAMMELL

SUN. 8:00 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

10:30 AM † NORMA RITTER

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

8:00 AM † ST. CLARE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

8:00 AM † BONNIE MCBRIDE

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**

8:00 AM † SHARON SCHUERMANN

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM † MARCIA SUNTRUP

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM † TRIUMPH TO IMMACULATE HEART

### **WEEKEND, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**

SAT. 4:30 PM † THEODORE & MATILDA SUNTRUP

SUN. 8:00 AM † PEOPLE OF PARISH

10:30 AM † FRANCIS OVERSCHMIDT

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS - AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC
8/06 4:30 pm	Mike Boyer	—	Ruth Cordia	—
8/07 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Joyce Willis	—
8/07 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Wild Children	—	Erin Wild	—

**8/07 Collection Counters:** — Tammy Alsop, Janet Lindemann, Michele Geatley

## Everyday Stewardship

### What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# STEWARDSHIP

## Week of July 24th

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$ 2,510.00
Loose Collection .....	100.09
<b>Total Money For Operating Capital</b>	<b>\$ 2,610.09</b>

### Restricted Funds

Cemetery Care .....	50.00
La Salette Mission Center .....	250.00
St. Clare Services .....	312.00
Initial Offering .....	25.00
Parish Improvements .....	240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 877.00</b>

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: \$ 11,659.09  
 July Collection Goal: \$ 14,500.00

*Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!*

***"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." — Luke 12:15***

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



## WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

***May God Provide Health and Comfort to:***

### July

Judy Overschmidt, Mary Jane Miller, Leona Collins, Jim Ellert, Lisa Hults, Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter), Leona Collins, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister, and Lori Mayer

### June

Sister Marie Georgiann Wildhuber (Sister Gregory) Melvin Mueller, Letha Holts, Fr. Joseph Diep, Loretta Gravagna, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks Rodney Bryan, John Evans and Dalton Via.

### May

Joan Osterkamp, Leslie George, Brenda York, Joe Reed, Walt Bruns, Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor, Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk.

## ST. CLARE PARISH SCRIP ORDER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CK# \_\_\_\_\_

Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Name	Profit	Scrip \$	QTY	Total \$
<b>Restaurants/Food Items</b>				
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/OLD FASHIONED HICKORY	8%	\$25		
SH-OP N SAVE	4%	\$25		
STARBUCKS	7%	\$25		
STEAK & SHAKI	8%	\$10		
TACO BELL	5%	\$10		
<b>Automotive</b>				
EXXON/MOBIL	1.50%	\$250		
SH-EL	2%	\$50		
BP	1.50%	\$100		
<b>Shopping</b>				
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 CAR VIVAL	5%	\$25		
T.J. MAXX/MARSHALL'S HOME DECORS	7%	\$25		
TARGET	2.50%	\$25		
TOYS R US	3%	\$20		
ULTA	4%	\$25		

Walmart \$25

BP Gas \$50.

We have in stock:

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

SCRIP NAME	SCRIP \$	QTY	TOTAL \$
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