



*St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!*

**Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville**

*We, the people of St. Clare Catholic Parish, In the Diocese of Belleville, are called by God in baptism to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist, and strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we strive to live the Gospel and further the reign of God.*

*We do this by creating a vibrant faith community, by actively promoting justice and evangelization, and by using our gifts in the service of God’s people, to give God glory and reverence all of Creation.*

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
 Nursery service during the 10:30 Mass.

**BAPTISM**—Preparation classes for parents are offered every other month for infant baptism. Call the Parish Office to sign up. Adults wishing to be baptized should also call the Office.

**RECONCILIATION**—Saturdays 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Community celebrations are also offered every Advent and Lent.

**MATRIMONY**—Contact Pastor a year prior.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**—Communal celebrations twice a year, or by appointment.

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## ***Pastoral Council 2015***

In the parish newsletter last month I listed some of my 'post-sabbatical' goals for our parish. One of those was to re-organize a Parish Pastoral Council which I have not had for a couple years. I want to thank those parishioners who have served on the various councils and leadership committees of recent years who have been so helpful to me and our staff. Since my naming of that goal, several parish members have already contacted me to offer their encouragement and skills and ideas for parishioners to serve on the council.

I want to honor those names that have already been submitted to me but also want to invite you to consider recommending yourself or someone you think would be good for the council. The council is not a voting body but a 'consultative' group which the pastor uses to help in parish planning and spiritual goals. Therefore, as you consider parishioners to serve on the council, think about people who are actively engaged in the parish and are also 'big picture' people who would be good at visioning and goal-setting.

Next weekend we will have simple forms available in the bulletin for you to submit a name for recommendation or you can email me your ideas. We will take recommendations for two weeks and then use a 'discernment model' of having those parishioners meet to learn about the expectations of serving and then discern if this council is a good way to use their gifts and serve the parish. I look forward to having a council and learning of their ideas for our parish to keep growing in the vision of Jesus and the Church.

Easter Peace,  
Fr. Jim Deiters



### **April 25**

Al Melone  
Debbie Vander Ven  
Donna Keim  
Stephannie Renner  
Jeremy Kmetz  
Chad Grubofski  
Jennifer Whyte  
Ruth Ann Bieri  
Elyse Flath  
Isabelle Elliott

### **April 26**

Penny Lampe  
Bill Stowe  
Kelsey Radloff  
Nathan Brown  
Andrew Gendron  
Jack Cipfl  
Audrey Link

### **April 27**

Judy Hendley  
Patrick Kuhl  
Denise Busse  
Suzanne Huffines  
Jerry Reed  
Kristen Schur  
Lara Hemmerle  
Brian Fitzgerald  
Lane Allison  
Avery Hoover

### **April 28**

Theresa Voss  
Amanda Crabtree  
Shannon Arbogast  
Luke Goss  
Cameron Gansauer  
Lexi Schloer  
Maxwell Schoby  
Logan Luechtefeld

### **April 29**

Patti Thoman  
Robert Clancy  
Jason Spengler  
Jeffrey Miller  
Jordan Bierman  
Dylan Goss  
Steven Chorma  
Austin Brewster  
Madison Wade

### **April 30**

Cindy Doucette  
Hillary Heins  
Robert Carlton  
Emily Ashbaker  
Nicole Thoman  
Madison Loeffler

### **May 1**

Marilyn Glazebrook  
Linda Goldman  
Steve Schaefer  
Megan Killian  
Nichole Newcomb  
Dean Cooley  
Katie Zimmerman

### **May 2**

Roy Winans  
Tom Lampe  
Jim Hendricks  
Kathy Sjoquist  
Darrin Hillen  
Franz Chenet  
Cecelia Norman  
Andrea Mouser  
Brad Davis  
Sandra Aranda  
Lucas Heisserer  
Claire Hagarty  
Mason Lampe  
Austin Welch  
Samantha Stutsman

### **May 3**

Jon Harter  
Liliana Martinez  
Hayley Motowski  
Nicholas Abalos  
Andrew Camfield  
Jacob Camfield  
Luke Wietlisbach

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 25**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**5:00 p.m.** Gerold Blum  
Russell and Eleanor Thoman

**Sunday, April 26**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**8:30 a.m.** Steven Strayhorn  
Clayton Missey

**10:30 a.m.** Carl, Bob & Carole Regutti

**Monday, April 27**

Easter Weekday

**12:00 Noon** No Mass

**7:00 p.m.** Confirmation

**Tuesday, April 28**

Easter Weekday *Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr*

*Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

**7:30 a.m.** Nick Giebels

**8:30 a.m.** School Mass

**Wednesday, April 29**

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

**No Mass**

**Thursday, April 30—School Mass**

Easter Weekday *Saint Pius V, Pope*

**8:30 a.m.** Special intention

**First Friday, May 1**

Easter Weekday *Saint Joseph the Worker*

**7:30 a.m.** Bill Munie, Jr.

**Saturday, May 2**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**5:00 p.m.** Dorothy Wielgus, Collette Kennett

**Sunday, May 3**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**8:30 a.m.** Steve Strayhorn, Clayton Missey

**10:30 a.m.** For Our Parish

## Weekly Readings for April 27—May 3

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or  
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14,  
16; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



## Next Weekend May 2/3

### Cantors

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
10:30 am

Rachel Sill  
Kristine Blair  
Amber Hardy

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Shirley Suski, Jeff & Pat Taylor, Carl Lurk  
Brigid & Katelyn Sternberg, Dennis Holdener  
Jessica Kalmer, Nancy Karrigan, Tom Grimmig\*  
Mary Fleming\*, Lucia Barragan\*, April Leo\*

Sunday 8:30 am

Toni Stanton, Linda Cipfl, Kristy Turner, Judy Lemansky  
Betty Deschesne, John & Suzie Durnford, Russ Hart  
Jim, Pennie & Sarah Pavlisin\*, Kathy DeVan\*

Sunday 10:30 am

Jane Dotson, Richard Smith, Dominic & Rena Sabatino  
Laura Jines, Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Patty Klingelhoef  
Steve Bovich, Margaret Andrasko\*, Karen Holzum\*  
Tanja Ramsby\*, James Hopper\*

### Lector

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Sunday 10:30 am

Barbara Calandro & Ellen Gravlín  
Judy Menzies & David Leisure  
Kathy Sjoquist & Lindsay Goldberg

### Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm  
8:30 am  
10:30 am

Raith & Quin Rackers, Kyle Zimmerman, Lucas Ueda  
Matthew Turner, Tyler Stanton, Jacob & Jordan Nguyen  
Sarah Dotson, Allison & alex LaSalvia, Alyssa Faigal

### Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm

John Boysha, Scott Leo, Zakharie Stoll, Eric Sheesley

Sunday 8:30 am

Ryan Luechtefeld, George Martychenko, Jim Hendricks  
Pat Jurgensmeyer, Don Proffer

Sunday 10:30 am

Debbie Oitker, Matt Chambers, Brian Huelsmann  
Ruben Abalos, Tyler McDaniel, John Meise

### Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
10:30 am

Hal & Bridgett Harris, Erin Prest  
Jacob, Aimee, Delaney, Emerson & Josie Nieroda  
James, Michele, Ian, Ava & Drew Taylor

### Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
10:30 am

Pat Reeser, Lucy Mixen, Jeannie Haukapp  
Gib & Pat Vollmer, Aileen Motowski, Audra Driscoll  
Gustavo & Alexis Cotto, Tom Knaust

### Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm  
8:30 am  
10:30 am

Dylan Lurk  
Parker Crain  
Jim Colombo

### Bread Bakers

Jeanne Haselhorst, Beth Tempus

### Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
10:30 am

Lucy Ueda & Makayla Saltmarsh  
Bethany Kazmierczak & Sophie Wilkerson  
Barb Smith & Hunter Barr

### Nursery

Megan & Maddie Blair



**Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers; may they never lose sight of the love of God...**

Jennifer R. Barajas, Wray Barr, Joe Burroughs, Shirley Carroll, George Covington, Lori Dalton, June Dean, Dennis & Delores Dumstorff, Yasuko Estabrooks, Rita Ferreri, Mildred Gerardi, Mike and Linda Gilkerson, Hannah Grubofski, Patricia Gundlach, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Jessica Holmes, Boston Johnson, Rosemarie Jones, Pauline Keller, Dan Kimutis, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Thelma LaSalvia, Virginia Leninsky, Abelina Leon, Vincent Lepas, Mary Lugge, John Molnar, Mary Molnar, Nona Morgan, Helen Murphy, Margaret Nettles, Katie Paulochk, Thomas Peters, Doris Prosser, Lynn Robke Crutcher, Roy Rogge, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, Diane Gettis-Simmons, Betty & Jean Stogner, Michelle Strube, Pat Thompson, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Pat Weiler, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

**Please pray for all our military families, especially those separated by deployment.**



## **Help With Mental Illness**

***WE ARE COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY***

One of the most effective ways of removing the stigma associated with mental illness is to ensure that families dealing with a diagnosis do not feel alone. The challenges associated with a mental illness often appear insurmountable and there seems to be little or no support. Companions can offer that much needed support and can provide help to a family in navigating through those challenges.

The faith-based committee of the  
***Karla Smith Foundation***  
is offering **Companionship Training**  
in **3 sessions at St. Nicholas Catholic Church**  
from **8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on**  
**Saturdays, May 2, May 30 and June 13.**

The training will focus on learning 9 strategies (3 each session) to help those who love and care for someone with mental illness. These strategies are intended to bring order to the often emotional chaos that may ensue and to help the entire family live a more balanced life. We are also offering a three part education series at St. Elizabeth's Hospital (Millennium Room) on Tuesday nights from 7—8:30 on May 5, May 12, & May 19. The title of this series is: ***The Family as First Responders: Strategies for Coping with the Mental Health Problems of a Loved One.*** There is no fee and registration is not required but people can call for more information or to indicate their attendance. For questions or to register for either of these, please contact Tom Smith at [tom.smith@karlasmithfoundation.org](mailto:tom.smith@karlasmithfoundation.org) (628-3129) or Lynda Fahrner at [lfahrner@msn.com](mailto:lfahrner@msn.com) (624-5324).



**Our next Monthly Eucharistic Adoration is**  
**Sunday, May 3 from 11:45 a.m. until**  
**Monday, May 4 Benediction at 11:45 a.m.**  
**followed by Noon Mass**

Commit to an hour by signing up on the  
Adoration Time Sheets posted on the center  
table in the Gathering Space,  
or  
email Suzie at [jpdford@charter.net](mailto:jpdford@charter.net)

## **St. Peregrine**

**Patron Saint of Cancer Patients**

**12th Annual Prayer Day — Thursday, May 7**

**Our Lady Queen of Peace**

**Mass at 8:00 a.m.**

**Followed by Eucharistic Adoration Until 1:00 p.m.**

***St. Clare Parish is present for the 9—10:00 a.m. Hour***

***If you would like to submit a name to be included in the prayer intentions that day, or for carpooling information, please call our parish office at 632-3562.***



## ***Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2015***

**Brooklyn Artime**

**Cameron Barnes**

**Maddie Blair**

**Abby Braswell**

**Olivia Butters**

**Jolie Chenet**

**Alyssa Faigal**

**Nicholas Flath**

**Vincent Garcia**

**James Grimmig**

**Katie King**

**Kyle Kombrink**

**Shelby Koory**

**Dylan Minor**

**Tiffany Nguyen**

**Milton Saltmarsh**

**Alexis Schillinger**

**Thomas Schwartz**

**Anson Smith**

**Tyler Stanton**

**Zoyalyn Stoll**

**Emily Takacs**

**Eric Toftemark**

**Katherine Toftemark**

**Madison Winkeler**

**Emily Witt**

## ***Congratulations!***

### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners**

Each year the Council provides six \$500 scholarships for four High School who will be attending college and two current college students for Brother Knights or the sons and daughters of Brother Knights in good standing. The winners of the 2015 Scholarship are listed below and the parents of these young men and women should be very proud of their achievements as all applicants were very impressive...

#### **High School**

Hannah Averick

Grant Wilhelm

Jacob Wilson

Jared Ratz

#### **College**

Patrick Perrier

Alison Musser

# PSR

## Parish School of Religion

April 26    **LAST PSR CLASS**  
7th Grade Soup Kitchen

### Confirmation Schedule:

April 26    Confirmation Rehearsal at 11:45 am  
April 27    Confirmation with Bishop Braxton 7 pm

**YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
MAY 4 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

## The Event of a Lifetime!



**National Catholic Youth Conference**  
November 19-22, 2015 in Indianapolis

All Parish Youth in grades 9-12 next fall  
are invited to join us  
at this amazing event!!

## MONDAY MOMS!



Faith Based Study & Prayer  
Activities, Support Group, Play Time

St. Clare Church Nursery 9:30—11 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Mondays each Month

For more information, call Stephanie  
573-424-6733

## Youth Group Schedule

April 26    Youth Group and Adopt-a-Highway  
5-7:30 p.m.  
May 3        Crazy 8's in Fellowship Hall 5-7 p.m.  
May 3        Youth Group celebrates Graduates  
Youth Room 6-7:30 p.m.  
May 10      No Meeting (Mothers Day)  
May 17      No Meeting...study for finals, pick up  
study bag/graduation bag after Mass



**Crazy 8's**  
For all 7th & 8th  
Graders

**Minute-To-Win-It Games**  
Sunday, May 3  
from 5-7 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend from any parish or faith.



### St. Clare School Board Openings

St. Clare Catholic School will have two school board openings for representatives from St. Clare Parish for a three year term, beginning in July. We are looking for active parishioners with an interest in serving on this advisory board, which requires attendance at monthly meetings and participation on a school board committee. Our parish representatives will work with those from St. Nicholas and Corpus Christi parishes to help St. Clare Catholic School continue to provide a quality education with strong Catholic values. Candidates who have helped with school board committee work are preferred. For more information, please contact Milissa Faust at milissa.faust@saintclareschool.org by May 15.

**Hoyleton Mission Trip—June 21—26** for high school and youth group alumni. Landscaping, painting, clean-up and fix-up at Holyton Children's Home and interact with the children living there. It's five days you will never forget!  
Contact Karen Jalbert at 610-9149 for more information!

# Stewardship



## Share God's Gifts

*You have been given wonderful gifts from God... Will you share them?*

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** Can you help by writing notes of encouragement and support to college or high school students for finals? Donations of all types of snacks and shoe boxes for college care packages are needed. Please place your packaged items on the west counter of the Fellowship Hall by **April 26**. We also need help putting the packages together on **Tuesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**.

**HELP WITH DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT** Can you help us make a special adult faith formation session a success? The Dynamic Catholic program, *The Good Life* by Dr. Allen Hunt, is coming to St. Clare Parish on **Saturday, June 6**. We need help selling tickets after Masses in May and with greeting, sales, set up and clean up on the day before and day of the event. Contact Rita Zinn at rzinn@charter.net or the parish office at 632-3562.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS** We need adult and/or college age co-leaders in registration, outdoor recreation, dance or Bible games (especially if you want to do some fun "science experiments"). This year's VBS will be held mornings **July 13-17** at St. Clare School in conjunction with Corpus Christi Parish. Contact janeadotson@yahoo.com. Youth helpers (incoming grades 6-12) will sign up in May.

### SPECIAL QUARTER AUCTION THANK YOU!!!

Our Quarter Auction raised \$3,300 for our youth! Thanks for your support! A special thanks goes to Jaclyn Gross, a parishioner who helped solicit prizes from businesses and Kristy Turner, a Youth Commission member who led the set up efforts. Your leadership and the help of youth, their families, parish staff members and parishioners made this event a huge success!!

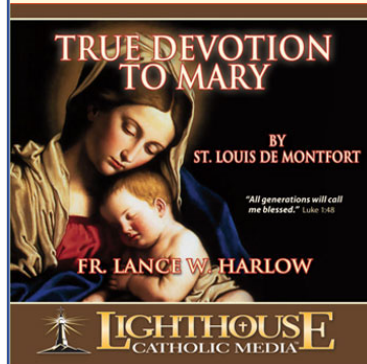
### *The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... accept the challenge...*

Heartfelt thanks to all those who have responded with a gift to the 2015 Appeal. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges—in any amount—are needed. Please consider making your gift today. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!



### *The Best and Simplest Way to become Holy...*

This Tuesday, April 28, we celebrate the feast day of St. Louis de Montfort. St. Louis lived from 1673—1716, only 43 years, 16 years of which were as a priest. He taught *"the best way to become holy is to follow the example of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She is the one who brings us to the heart of Jesus."* His lifestyle, known as **The True Devotion** or **Consecration to Jesus through Mary**, has had many followers, including St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, St. John Paul II, and Pope Francis. Many in our own parish have made this Consecration to Jesus through Mary using the book, **33 Days to Morning Glory** by Fr. Michael Gaitley. The Consecration is a 33-day "home retreat" that takes only minutes a day. Through it we personally receive self-knowledge; knowledge of Mary and of Jesus; our need of a savior in our everyday lives; strength to die to ourselves; and greater love, humility and purity. The fruits for our parish are greater and stronger Mass attendance, an increase in Eucharistic Adoration, and in people returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



St. Louis de Montfort's classic work on Marian consecration, **True Devotion to Mary**, provides a well-trod path to the profound graces that the Lord offers through Mary's prayers for those who trust in her intercession. In this presentation, **Fr. Lance Harlow** offers clear and insightful commentary drawn from the Saint's text to help explain this consecration to Jesus through Mary and the spiritual effects one can expect. This will greatly benefit all who are interested in Marian devotion.

*Why go through Mary? "She is the best means of attaining union with Jesus because God chose her to bring Jesus in to the world. [Through her fiat,] she is our best ally, our best strength. The devil cannot get hold of her...she crushes his proud head with her heel." ...Fr. Lance Harlow*

Please check our kiosk in the Gathering Space for new CD and book titles. Great for youth and adults! Suggested donations are: CDs - \$3.00, Books - \$4.00, Booklets \$2.00. Please place payments in the slots on either side of the kiosk. Thank you!!

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Tithe.....\$22,304.04

New Church....\$2,185.00

*"One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; Another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." Proverbs 11:24*

**ALTAR ANGELS May 2:** Rose Brennan, Celerina Collins, Babe Papproth, Eli Gillespie

**BAPTISM CLASS** will be held on **Tuesday, May 5** from **7-9:00 pm** in the catechumen room. If you are desiring to have a child baptized May-August, this would be the class to attend. Please call Sister Carolyn to sign up for the class - 632-3562.

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS REQUEST** A parishioner has told us that he cannot receive the Body of Christ in Communion because of gluten intolerance. We would like to know if there are others in the same situation so that we can make a plan to address their needs. On **Sunday, May 6** we will have a brief meeting in the Fellowship Hall at **9:45** (following the 8:30 Mass) of anyone who is gluten intolerant and would benefit from gluten-free hosts. If you cannot attend that meeting, please email Sister Carolyn at [scmcw2001@yahoo.com](mailto:scmcw2001@yahoo.com).

**SENIOR GROUP** Our St. Clare Senior Group will be going to the Casino Queen on **Tuesday, May 12**. The buffet for that day is buy 1, get 2nd one free! Grab a friend/spouse and split the cost. You will also get \$5 free play added to your Casino Queen card. If you do not have a card, you may get one that day (bring your picture ID). Carpooling from church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. **You must RSVP to Judy at 632-5482 or 444-4772 by May 2. Other upcoming events include The Grizzlies Game on June 16 and Fairmont Race Track on July 7.** Any parishioner over 55 is invited to join the Seniors group, which usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall for evenings of great food, lots of laughs and a variety of entertainment and guest speakers. The seniors group is strictly social; no work or fundraising is involved. For more information, please contact Judy at 632-4074.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** On **June 7 at 1 p.m.** Bishop Braxton will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter honoring the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples married 25, 30, 40, 50 & 60 plus years are invited to attend. Please call the parish office if you will be celebrating a milestone anniversary this year!

**SAVE THE DATE...COSMIC BINGO ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 AT THE O'FALLON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL! Proceeds benefit the youth trip to NCYC.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**Parish Pentecost Picnic**

**Sunday, May 24**

International Food Sampling, Entertainment, 50/50, Kids Games,  
Horse Buggy Rides & More!

**Tickets will be going on sale soon!**  
**\$5 single or \$15 per family**

**Watch the bulletin for more information.**

"We show our very respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is **a requirement of our faith.**"

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*)

"Today the great gift of creation is exposed to serious dangers and lifestyles which can degrade it...We must pledge ourselves to **take care of creation and to share our resources in solidarity.**" (Pope Benedict XVI)

"It is my hope that the inspiration of St. Francis will help us to keep ever alive a **sense of "fraternity" with all those good and beautiful things** which Almighty God has created. And remind us of our serious obligation to respect and watch over them with care, in light of that greater and higher fraternity which exists within the human family." (Pope John Paul II: *Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All of Creation*)



**St. Nicholas Parish**

1st Annual NickFest Family Festival  
**May 15 & 16**

Featuring fabulous food,  
18 amusement rides,  
15 games, 5K Run/Walk, Bingo,  
IDOODIT, Live Bands including  
The Pedestrians on Friday Night and  
Whiskey Dixon on Saturday Night,  
Irish & Salsa Dancers,  
Princess Character Visits,  
Horseback Rides & More!  
Advanced Ride Tickets available for  
20% off after PSR this weekend or  
St. Nicholas Parish Office 632-1797

Visit: [stnicholasofallon.org](http://stnicholasofallon.org)