



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

**St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church**  
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**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.

**ST. CLARE SCHOOL 632-6327**  
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## From Our Pastor...

### Grateful for Our College Student Parishioners!

It was so great this summer to have our college students home and active in the parish. In the next couple weeks many of them will be moving back to school or leaving home and the parish for the first time. They are such a blessing to our parish and I want to thank all the college students who continue to stay active in the parish.

Some of them help out as altar servers which is a great inspiration to our younger youth members. Some of have been Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Greeters. Many were active in our Vacation Bible School. Some of our best leaders for our annual mission trip to Holeyton are our college kids! They have so much to offer and I want to also thank the parents and grandparents who continue to encourage them to stay active in their parish and faith.

I want to make sure we have the mailing addresses of our college students so we can keep in touch with them while they are away, or living here. Please email your address along with the name of your school, what you are studying and when finals are to Jane Dotson at [janeadotson@yahoo.com](mailto:janeadotson@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at 632-3562. I usually try to have a gathering of the college students over their Christmas break so be sure to look for that date this winter.

We send the students off with our prayers, love & support!  
God's Peace,  
Fr. Jim Deiters

PS: I will be on vacation August 6-14.

### 15 Years of Fun! It's Oktoberfest!

St. Clare's fantastic annual Oktoberfest FUNdraiser celebrates an amazing anniversary this Fall—it's our **15th year!** We're counting on EVERY parish household to pitch in and help make Oktoberfest 2015 the best ever.

**Become a part of the team** by joining the Oktoberfest Committee! More parish leaders are needed to guide this year's many great activities, booths and promotional efforts. We'd also love to mentor new members in preparation for many, many Oktoberfests in years to come! The next meeting takes place **THIS SUNDAY, August 2 at 7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you have a small business or civic-minded employer? By being a sponsor or donor you'll promote our parish AND promote your business, and it's tax-deductible, too! To become a sponsor or to make a donation of cash, merchandise or gift cards/certificates, please contact our Oktoberfest Chairman Ryan Luechtefeld, [ryanluechtefeld@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanluechtefeld@yahoo.com), raffle chair Ellen Gravlin, [ellen.gravlin@charter.net](mailto:ellen.gravlin@charter.net), or call the parish at 632-3562.

**Official Oktoberfest Kick-Off Weekend:**

**Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Clare Oktoberfest: Saturday, September 26**

*Join the celebration!*



## Happy Birthday!!

### August 1

Stan Kombrink  
Linda Bovich  
Jeffrey Lauber  
Michael Yost  
Jim Eilers  
Nora Aguilar  
Shelley Mank  
Carlos Fernandez  
Rick Girard  
Dennis Crain  
Amy Muschler  
Daphne Murphy

### August 2

Bob Braswell  
Bill Musser  
Dorette Arbogast  
Matt Thompson  
Sally Crippen  
Tayleur Stephens  
Clarissa Pavao  
Tyler Schottel  
Katie Thoman  
Tina Thoman  
Sammi Siville  
Sophine Huber  
Gabriela Cotto

### August 3

JoAnn Melesky  
Katherine Mountford  
Michael DeCarpentry  
Joseph Blacharczyk  
Joshua Walker  
Madeline Homrig

### August 4

Percy Menzies  
Sharon Andell  
Michael Bennett  
Dave Cutter  
Lawrence Mank  
Amy Maraia  
Brittany Hardiek  
Joseph Daesch  
Alexis Clary  
Sophia Chappell  
Kaylee Burgess

### August 5

Kimberly Naegele  
Jim Williamson  
Jeffrey Banker  
Greg Distler  
John Gosizk  
Ian Taylor  
Elliot Stolle

### August 6

Tom Fleming  
Michelle Reed  
Priya Menzies  
Hannah Leveling  
Liam Kenney  
Madeline Sheehan  
Connor Sheehan

### August 7

Mark Eichholz  
Jennifer Dunker  
Daniel Shambro  
Jamie Corbier  
Nick Signore  
Stella Tebbe

### August 8

Diane Murphy  
Jeremiah O'Connor  
Chrissie White  
Stuart Mauch  
Kim Abalos  
Jeremy Reno  
Abby Preski

### August 9

Babe Papproth  
Vicki Flath  
Kevin Kenney  
Gina Clary  
Kyle Jurich  
Brooke Trelow  
Tylor Fothem  
Isabelle Day  
Victoria Day  
Garrett Busch  
Claire Haselhorst

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 1

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. George and Dolores Harvilla

### Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Bill Waeltz

10:30 a.m. Sandie Konopelski

Eucharistic Adoration begins at 11:40 a.m.

### Monday, August 3

Weekday

11:40 a.m. Benediction

12:00 Noon Lucille Kombrink

### Tuesday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:30 a.m. Charlotte, Sharon & Steve Sandheinrich

### Wednesday, August 5—No Mass

Weekday, *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

### Thursday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00 Noon Mary Jane London

### First Friday, August 7

Weekday, *St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs;*

*Saint Cajetan, Priest*

7:30 a.m. Bill and Gerry Munie

### Saturday, August 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. George Henken

### Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ted and Patricia Gundlach  
Joan Cavins

10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

### Weekly Readings for August 3 - 9

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2;

Jn 6:41-51



## Next Weekend August 8/9

### Cantors

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Katie Szewo

Donna Kloustermeyer

Amber Harris



### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow, Nancy Karrigan, Julie Hicks  
Nancy Buttimer, Jim Calandro, Russ Hart, Ellen Gravlin  
Scott Brown, Shirley Suski\*, Barb Kovach\*, April Leo\*  
Makayla Saltmarsh\*

Sunday 8:30 am

Kevin & Linda Rademacher, Sharon Ripplinger  
Betty Deschesne, Jim, Pennie & Sarah Pavlin  
John & Suzie Durnford, Ely Gillespie\*, Kathy DeVan\*  
Marie Berry\*, Mary Fleming\*

Sunday 10:30 am

Stephanie Chambers, Mark Arbogast, Gina Beal  
Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Kitty Luehrs, Margaret Andrasko  
Richard Smith, Toni Stanton, Michele Taylor\*  
Steve Bovich\*, Mandi Huelsmann\*, Lea Bautz\*

### Lector

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

Sunday 10:30 am

Ellen Gravlin & Jere Buttimer

Simone Wheeler & Sharon Ripplinger

Kathy Sjoquist & Mark Arbogast

### Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

Thomas Jackson, Eli & Olivia Butters

Josie Nieroda, Lindsey Berry, Natalie Bak

Hannah Sill, Drew & Ava Taylor

### Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

Sunday 10:30 am

Zakharie Stoll, John Winkelmann, Walter O'Dell  
Josh Gansauer, Don Gravlin, Hal Harris

Gary Borges, Brandon Rotz, John Bechtoldt  
Jim Hendricks, Mark Huller, Pat Jurgensmeyer

James Taylor, Jason Holzum, Tyler McDaniel  
John Meise, Mark Stevens, Ruben Abalos

### Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Erin Prest, Matty & Lucy Ueda

Ken, Jeanne & Emily Smith

Blaine, Debbie & Spencer Phillips

### Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Bruce, Amy, Faith & Quin Rackers

Jay, Megan, CJ, Connor, Camden, Carson & Chloe Smith

Gustavo & Alexis Cotto, Tom Knaust

### Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

David Schmitz

Parker Crain

### Bread Bakers

Shelly Mank, Jane Holba, Kathy DeVan

### Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Alicia Luechtefeld

Heather Ertel

### Nursery

Not Available

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, June Dean, Yasuko Estabrooks, Rita Ferreri, Mildred Gerardi, Mike and Linda Gilkerson, Hannah Grubofski, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Jessica Holmes, Elnora Hostetler, Boston Johnson, Pauline Keller, Dan Kimutis, Keith Klein, 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, Madelean Sanford, Michael Schmitz, Clete Schwaegel, Craig Seipp, Diane Gettis-Simmons, Pat Thompson, Jack Titterington, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

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





*Sunday, August 2 from 11:40am  
Until 11:40am Monday, August 3  
Benediction, and Mass at Noon.*

Books and prayer aids are available  
for use during your visit.

**ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION**  
**FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Belleville**  
**Mass at 8:00 a.m. with devotion following**  
**For more information, or to carpool, please**  
**Call our parish office at 632-3562.**

**In This Year of Consecrated Life**  
**The Poor Clare Nuns of**  
**the Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy**  
**invite you to join them in honoring**  
**a great model and exemplar of**  
**Consecrated Life,**  
**their Mother and Foundress**  
**SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI**  
**During her Solemn Novena**  
**August 2—10**



**The Evening Schedule will include:**  
**Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 PM**  
**followed by night prayers and Compline**  
**The Novena Service concluding with Benediction of the**  
**Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 PM**

You are welcome to mail, telephone or bring your petitions to be remembered during these nine days of prayer. The traditional St. Clare's Bread will be blessed on the final night of the novena and also after the Mass on our Holy Mother's Solemnity which will be offered in our chapel by Bishop Braxton on Tuesday, August 11 at 8 AM

The theme of this year's novena reflections is:

**THE MIRROR OF BLESSEDNESS:**

***St. Clare and the Beatitudes***

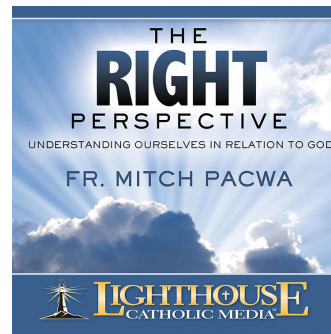
Sunday, Aug 2	St. Clare: Blessed Among the Poor in Spirit
Monday, Aug 3	St. Clare: The Blessed Meek One
Tuesday, Aug 4	St. Clare and Blessed Mourning
Wednesday, Aug 5	St. Clare: Hungering & Thirsting for Holiness
Thursday, Aug 6	St. Clare: Foundation of Mercy
Friday, Aug 7	St. Clare: One Among the Pure Heart
Saturday, Aug 8	St. Clare: Daughter of Peace
Sunday, Aug 9	St. Clare and Blessed Suffering
Monday, Aug 10	<i>Rejoice &amp; Be Glad for Your Reward is Great</i>

***Look into this Mirror every day!***



**GAINING THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE**

In John's Gospel this week, Jesus is asked, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" **The Right Perspective: Understanding Ourselves in Relation to God**, by **Fr. Mitch Pacwa**, expands upon Jesus' response, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the One He sent." Fr. Mitch's inspiring and informative talk compares God's view of sin with our own; explains that we cannot earn God's gift of eternal life, we simply need to say YES to His GRACE. Through the richness of the Catholic Church, Fr. Mitch shows how each of the seven Sacraments leads us closer to God through Jesus' death and resurrection--dying to self so the Holy Spirit can lead us to the Resurrected Christ. "You should put away the old self of your former way of life...and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." *Ephesians 4: 22, 24*



Fr. Mitch is a priest of the Society of Jesus, a highly respected scripture scholar and author, a regular host of EWTN Television and Radio, and the founder and president of Ignatius Productions – a catholic teaching and media apostolate. Listen as Fr. Pacwa describes the "big picture" as the Catholic Faith while explaining the perspective that Catholics ought to have in their relation to and with God.

**Stop by the kiosk in the Gathering Space to see titles from our new shipment of CDs, Books and Booklets!**

***Project Rachel Weekend Retreat***  
**Friday—Sunday**  
**August 7—9**

This retreat is open to any woman who has been affected by abortion. Held in a private, home-like, non-judgmental setting, the focus will be on healing the mind, body and soul. Cost is \$175 with \$50 due at registration, however, financial assistance is available. Please contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net with any questions or to register. Online registration is also available at <https://archstl.org/respectlife/webform/project-rachel-retreat-registration>.

There is Hope after Abortion "There is no grief like the grief that does not speak." Henry Longfellow. The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Project Rachel and Project Joseph provide healing and hope to women and men wounded by abortion. To learn more, go to [ProjectRachel@archstl.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@archstl.org) or [Project.Joseph@archstl.org](mailto:Project.Joseph@archstl.org). All inquiries are kept confidential. Pray that all those wounded by abortion can begin the journey of healing and reconciliation.

## PSR Registration

On line now at  
[www.stclarechurch.org](http://www.stclarechurch.org)

Registration for the 2015-16 St. Clare Parish School of Religion for children in grades K-8 is now open through Aug. 17. Visit the website to register on line or pick up a form in the parish office or gathering space.

Registration also will be available after Mass on Aug 1-2 and 8-9. Classes begin Sunday, September 13. PSR is for children in grades K-8 who are not enrolled in St. Clare Catholic School. PSR meets from 10:30—11:40 a.m. on most Sunday mornings beginning September through April at St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd Street in O'Fallon.

Children wishing to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation must be attending weekend Masses in our parish and be students in St. Clare Catholic School, the Parish School of Religion or an approved home-school program. They also will need to participate in the parish's sacramental preparation program.

For more information, contact Jane Dotson, Director of Family Faith Formation at 632-3562.

**PSR Catechists Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY MOMS!



Faith Based Study & Prayer  
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

**August 2** Eucharistic Adoration 6-6:30 p.m.  
Meeting in Youth Room 6:30—7:30 p.m.

**August 9** Meeting in Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.

**August 16** Meeting in Youth Room 6—7:30 p.m.

**Work is in progress on our new Youth Room,  
thanks to some wonderful volunteers!!  
It will be awesome!!!**

**The Youth Room is currently in the  
basement of the parish office.  
High school youth and youth group alumni  
are always welcome. No need to register.  
Just come on out. Summer meetings are  
more casual with games, food and fun!!**

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**Crazy 8's  
Next Event:  
Back to School  
Bash!!**

**August 23 from 6-8 p.m.  
Youth Room & Lawn**

For 7th & 8th grade youth from any parish  
and any faith! Bring your friends!  
Games & Prizes, Soda & Snacks!!

For more info contact

[janeadotson@yahoo.com](mailto:janeadotson@yahoo.com) or 632-3562

Bring school supplies for kids in need!

**Next event: Bonfire on Sept. 13**

The Nursery Ministry needs a new leader or  
two co-leaders to organize  
volunteers to help in the  
nursery during 8:30 and  
10:30 Mass.

Please contact Jane at  
632-3562

or [janeadotson@yahoo.com](mailto:janeadotson@yahoo.com)

to help with this important ministry!



# Stewardship



## Share God's Gifts

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

### Ministry Signups Coming Soon!

What makes St. Clare Parish special? In part, it's the countless opportunities available to use our talents and time to serve God's Kingdom and each other. There's no better way to meet new people and strengthen your bond to the parish and the Lord than by participating in some of our many, MANY ministries! How many? More than 80, with something for everyone.

To help you prepare for signup weekend, you'll find detailed ministry descriptions and contact information in handy booklets available in the Gathering Space next weekend. Prefer to browse on line? This information will also be posted on our website, [www.stclarechurch.org](http://www.stclarechurch.org). There are lots of ministries perfect for young and not-so-young, singles, couples, friends, or entire families to serve in together, so be sure to take the time to find some ministries that are your perfect match!

Watch the mail for the upcoming issue of our parish newsletter, The Eye Opener, which will include a ministry signup card with space for every member of your household. Mark down the ministries that are right for you, including current ministries in which you wish to continue. Then, bring your card to church and join the celebration at Masses August 22-23 as we come together to offer God our gifts of time and talent in gratitude for all He does for us.

### Important dates to remember:

**August 8:** Ministry booklets available in church and on the parish website

**August 22/23:** Commitment Weekend

Many thanks and blessings for generously sharing your time and talent with St. Clare Parish!

Fr. Jim and the Stewardship Committee

Sunday, July 26, 2015

Tithe.....\$12,186.37

New Church.....\$ 1,750.00

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

## Upcoming Bridges Retreat September 2015 – May 2016

St. Nicholas Parish has been the Metro-East site for the Bridges Retreat for the past three years, a program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The Spiritual Exercises and its principles and prayer methods provide a foundation for Jesuit spirituality and outlook. Pope Francis, our first Jesuit pope, exudes the joy of knowing Jesus, and he views the Gospels in imaginative ways, both reflecting important components of the Spiritual Exercises.

If you are interested in receiving the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, please attend an information session at St. Nicholas Good Shepherd Spirituality Center at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12.

The retreat starts in mid-Sept 2015 and will meet on Wednesday evenings at St. Nicholas through early May 2016. If you cannot attend the session or would just like more information, go to [www.bridgesfoundation.org](http://www.bridgesfoundation.org) or contact Cheryl at (636) 225-8433 or Cindy at 741-8075.

# HOPE TAKES TEAM WORK

## CONVOY OF HOPE

Serving the Poor in Our Midst

On August 15<sup>th</sup> at O'Fallon City Park

St. Clare is participating along with over 30 other Metro east churches. This huge undertaking will require a minimum of 750 volunteers, adults and children! For information, contact Jim Calandro at [colonelc2002@sbcglobal.net](mailto:colonelc2002@sbcglobal.net) or call 257-8643.

## Men's Renewal Weekend

August 22/23

All Men of the parish are invited!



*"This is a weekend that provides a unique opportunity for the men of our parish to grow closer to God and develop a deeper sense of faith, along with forming lasting friendships."*

For information contact Bryan Birchem  
530-4796 or [stclaremenscrhp@gmail.com](mailto:stclaremenscrhp@gmail.com).

**BIBLE STUDY** The Tuesday night group will be studying 2 Corinthians beginning the week after 1 Corinthians ends - **August 25 from 7-8:30 p.m.**



## ALTAR ANGELS August 8:

Jeanette Giebels, Eleanor Henken, Judy Lemansky and Jackie Burke

**SENIOR MEETING** Please join us **August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** For Mexican Food and our featured guest speaker will be Officer Jim Cavins of the O'Fallon Major Case Squad.



**ST. CLARE SCHOOL NEWS** We've had an exciting spring and summer at St. Clare School. We honored 6 beloved teachers who retired after dedicating over 150 year of teaching to our school. The school has been bustling with activity all summer. We are excited to introduce the new teachers as we get ready to kick off the new school year.

**1st Grade - Heather Bruening** My husband, Matt, and I have three sons who attend St. Clare School, Jack (8th grade), Max (5th grade) and Parker (4th grade) and we attend St. Nicholas Church. I taught 2nd grade at Blessed Sacrament and also taught at our Good Shepherd Preschool. Over the years, I have been very active at St. Clare School with Parents and Friends, substitute teaching and aiding at the Good Shepherd Preschool. I am very excited to teach 1st grade at St. Clare!

**3rd Grade - Angie Kohlbrecher** I am married to Kevin, and am the proud mother of two boys, Keegan-7 and Dane-4. I live in Aviston and attend St. Francis Church, and I take my own personal faith experiences to heart and share them with the students I teach. I have been teaching for 12 years in a Catholic school and am extremely excited to now be part of the Saint Clare School family.

**4th Grade - Melissa Funk** I am from Fayetteville, Illinois and a December 2011 graduate from McKendree University. While at McKendree, I majored in Elementary Education and earned Middle School Endorsements in math, social science, and language arts. I spent the past three years at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Smithton, teaching four levels of math and a 5th and 6th grade homeroom. I also worked closely with some educators from St. Clare and other Catholic Schools during our Professional Learning Communities. With that being said, I know what an amazing community St. Clare provides for their families, students, faculty, and staff, and I am ecstatic to be a part of this faith-filled community. Finally, I cannot wait to meet all of the incoming 4th graders and for all of the fun we are going to have this year!

**4th Grade - Jamie Sparks** I am really excited to join the outstanding St. Clare School staff as one of the new fourth grade teachers. I have witnessed the excellent education that St. Clare has provided to my daughter, who has attended St. Clare since kindergarten and will be entering sixth grade this school year. I am looking forward to a year filled with new experiences, challenges, and fun!

**5th Grade - Caitlyn Weier** I have been teaching for five years. I have a BA in Elementary Education and am currently pursuing my MA in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in ESL (Feb. 2016). I am a member of Queen of Peace Parish. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, coaching, playing sports, and spending time with family and friends.



The Encyclical letter on Care for our Common Home by Pope Francis is now available on our webpage [www.stclarechurch.org](http://www.stclarechurch.org).

The Earth Concerns Committee will spend some time studying this document. All are welcome to join in. The purpose of the study is to prayerfully understand what is written and to reflect on the impact it has in our world today.

Youth through age 199 are welcomed and encouraged to register.

**Dates: August 4, 11 & 18**

**5:30—7:30 p.m. Cost is free.**

Location provided upon registration at [pono4all@sammzz.com](mailto:pono4all@sammzz.com)

**PACKET PICK UP DAY** August 5 from 8 a.m. to Noon and 5:30—6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria for all families with students registered in school and new student registration.

**Reminder:** All students who will participate in a St. Clare School Athletic program during the 2015/16 school year must have a yearly physical exam before beginning practices or games. The Physical Exam required by the State of Illinois for grades kindergarten and six and for new students moving from outside Illinois will suffice for the sports physical provided the physician has checked the appropriate boxes on the form.