



St. Clare of Assisi, Pray for Us!

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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From Our Pastor...

Merry Christmas!

Our parish staff and I express a special welcome to all visitors and all those in our midst who have been away and are 'coming home' for Christmas. It is always encouraging to see the church so full for Christmas and I hope and pray that those 'returning to Church' today will be inspired to join us every Sunday as we all seek to keep God and Sunday Mass as our top priority each week. Thanks to all of our parishioners who are here so faithfully each week to worship God and support your parish.

St. Clare parish is a place of Christ's light and hope. Especially as we see the divisions, violence, and terrorism both in our country and around the world, we as a parish will continue to be a 'safe haven' of peace, hospitality, and hope in all we say and do. Our open doors and prayerful liturgies are our way of being a 'manger' of God's love and welcome to all! Think about how you are a sign of God's hospitality each time you greet someone at church whom you have not met before. In a world of isolation and individualism, we at St. Clare are committed to being a family community with care and concern for both our members and those beyond our doors.

It is such a joy to be your pastor and I am so grateful for your support, love, and prayers throughout the year. I am also very thankful to those of you who sent me a Christmas card or gift!

Please notice the bulletin page that lists all of the activities and faith formation opportunities coming up in the next few months. I am challenging each person to sign up for at least one or two of these faith growth opportunities.

May the Christ Child bring you Peace and Joy!

Fr. Jim Deiters

P.S. Be sure to check out our parish website for weekly updates, parish activities and other important information. My Sunday homily is also posted on our website each Monday for your reflection: www.stclarechurch.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 28 continued

George Boone
Chad Mayden
Connor Duckworth
Andrew Walters
Taryn Geis
Layla Sloan
Aibhlinn Bute
Abigail Bute

December 24

Kelley Hemesath
Jesus Gonzalez
Christina Gonzales

December 25

Mike Crupe
Rich Burke
John Jackson
Marion Meduga
Kelly Swettenham
Stephanie Bordenave
Phillip Glennon
Kennedy Shamblin
Alicia Jimenez

December 29

DeAnn Winkeler
Bret Huber
Samantha Katzer
Michael O'Neill
Kyle Rademacher
Thomas Jackson
Mason Konze
Luke Claxton

December 26

Donna Sparks
Sarah Klostermann
Audra Driscoll

December 30

Rollie Brave
Leo Milo
Megan Smith
Nick Smoot
Calista Pavelschak
Brandi Kombrink
Brady Luechtefeld

December 27

Anne King
Brian Kocher
Brian Huelsmann
Michelle Venne
Renee Mueth
Stephanie Ramirez
Peyton Randolph
Jude Holtgrave

December 31

Francisco Gonzalez
Andrea Harris
Owen Hubbard

December 28

Kathleen Walton
Douglas Walton
Margaret Nigra
Michelle Reilly
Brian Gruenloh

January 1

Dan Becherer
Jose Mendez
Eileen Banker
Len Ratajczyk
Chris Simpson
Greg Wisnasky
Jack Schottel
Will Theismann

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Years Eve and New Years Day



Saturday, December 31 Mass at 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass through Sunday, January 1 at 8:10 am

Sunday, January 1 Mass at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

“Ring” in the New Year in the silence of Jesus’ presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

On this, the Solemnity of Mary, the holy Mother of God, we pray for peace... in our families, communities and world, the sanctity of life, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

To commit to an hour, sign up sheets will be on a table in the Gathering Space, or drop by anytime during the night and morning. Welcome Jesus into your New Year!

MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Hilda Schaefer
Vincent and Marian Schifferdecker
11:00 p.m. Eleanor Thoman, Bob Waeltz
Brian Hendricks, Peggy Berens

Nativity of the Lord, Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Joe Burroughs
Dorothy, Jim and Steve Strayhorn

Monday, December 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
12:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
7:30 a.m. Clarence Reilly
8:30 a.m. No School Mass

Wednesday, December 28 No Mass

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday, December 29 No Mass

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, December 31

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
5:00 p.m. Joan Cavins
Wilma Seel

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:10 a.m. Benediction
8:30 a.m. James Carroll
10:30 a.m. Bob and Marilyn Kemp

Weekday Readings December 26—January 1

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

December 31/January 1



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 Nancy Buttimer, Julie Hicks, Dennis Holdener
Barb Kenney, April Leo, Carl Lurk, Ann Millikin
Walter O'Dell, Leonard Ratajczyk, Paulette Roberg
Sella Roman, Jeff & Pat Taylor

Sunday 8:30 Marie Berry, Ashley Brown, Kathy DeVan
Fred Favela, Jeanette Giebels, Ely Gillespie
John Gomez, Mark & Donna Meyers, Caron Proffer
Sharon Ripplinger, Simone Wheeler
Scott & Pamela Wiederholt

Sunday 10:30 Margaret Andrasko, Lea Bautz, Ksana Bialick
Mary Anne Burroughs, Suzanne Huffines
Ray Matherne, Laura Pacatte, Tanja Ramsby
Elizabeth Reichenbach, Betsy Weinell
Chris, Tara & Hannah Sill

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 Barbara & Jim Calandro
Sunday 8:30 Leslie Goldberg & Bill Matzker
10:30 Glen Christensen & Patty Klingelhoef

Servers

Saturday 5:00 Noah Cutter, Cassidy Lurk
Ian Ratajczyk, Kyle Zimmerman
8:30 Lindsey Berry, Josie Nieroda
Henry & Mason Wiederholt
10:30 Connor Chapple, Drew Ferguson
Joseph & William Kinsella

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 John Boysha, Hal Harris, Ken Kenney
Scott Leo, Eric Sheesley, Scott Voss
Sunday 8:30 John Bechtoldt, Mike Lafferty, Walt Leninsky
Ryan Luechtefeld, Don Proffer, Craig Sewell
Sunday 10:30 Joe Barajas, Matt Chambers, Brian Huelsmann
Christopher Stapenhorst, Mark Stevens, Zac Stoll

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 Bill, Joanna, Will & AJ Theismann
Sunday 8:30 Ken, Jeanne & Emily Smith
10:30 Dan & Tara Ashbaker

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 Lucy Mixen, Walter O'Dell, Pat Reeser
8:30 Barry, Kim, Blaine, Averie & Elliott Stolle
10:30 Wade, Betsy, Claire & Wes Weinell

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 David Schmitz
Sunday 8:30 Gary Borges
10:30 Jim Colombo

Bread Bakers

Kathy DeVan, Betsy Perkins

Children's Word

Saturday 5:00 Renae Pierre & Sophie Ratajczyk
Sunday 8:30 Megan Blair & Maddie Blair
10:30 Barb Smith & Hunter Barr

Nursery

Alexis Cotto & Jaclyn Gross

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, Bill Bettorf, Bob Braswell, Shirley Carroll, Linda Cipfl, Yasuko Estabrooks, Rita Ferreri, Sharon Gage, Tom Giger, Jean Green, Hannah Grubofski, Raymond Haselhorst, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Dee Hochoer, Jessica Holmes, Emil Kirchessner, Liz Klingler, Ami Kovach, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Abelina Leon, Mary Lugge, Matthew MacAinsh, Carol Martz, Nona Morgan, Doris Prosser, Dale Reeser, Megan Saldana, Madelean Sanford, Craig Seipp, Mary Ann Seipp, Richard Smith, Betty Stogner, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Patricia Weiler, Steve Wells, Virginia Woods

**If you have a family member that is homebound due to illness or hospitalized, please call the parish office.
Please pray for our military men and women, especially those separated from loved ones by deployment.**



Share God's Gifts

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

Want to Save on Your Taxes??

Are you at least 70 ½ years old and not met your Required Minimum Distribution this year? If so, please consider the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) provisions of the IRS tax code as an effective way to give to your Parish or the Parish's Capital Development Campaign, reduce your taxes, and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution Requirements all at the same time.

A QCD is a tax-free direct transfer from your personal retirement account(s) to a charitable organization. You must be at least 70 ½ years old to make a QCD and the transfer must come from IRA's or inherited IRA's. A QCD from employer sponsored programs such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans is not permitted. There is an annual limit of \$100,000 per person. If you file a joint return, your spouse can also make a QCD the same year. The distribution must be made directly to a 501(c)(3) organization such as St. Clare Church, St. Clare Church Capital Development Fund, St. Clare School or the St. Clare School Capital Development Campaign.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution can be beneficial to those whose Required Minimum Distribution would push them into a higher tax bracket, increase taxability of Social Security income or reduce phase-outs affected by adjusted gross income. The QCD is not included in your gross income in the year of transfer and counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution if the transfer is made by December 31st. QCD's are not deductible on your return as a charitable contribution. If you use the standard deduction you will still obtain the benefits of the QCD. Please contact your Tax professional for detailed information and your account administrator for details on how to make the transfer. For general information questions, please call Ed Seipp at the parish office.

December 17/18, 2016

Tithe
\$12,246.00

New Church
\$5,257.00

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



Spread the Joy of Your Faith!

While you're shopping for gifts this Christmas, don't forget the perfect gift Jesus wants for all humanity: Himself!

Give a gift that will help foster a growing relationship with Our Lord. Stop in the Gathering Space to find a fully stocked kiosk with NEW and BEST SELLING CDs and BOOKS.

Make this Christmas and the New Year a time for personal growth or for evangelizing by picking up some of the following titles:

CDs:

*Why Go To Mass?

*Angels Explained:

What You Should Know About the Nine Choirs

*Our Lives Change When Our Habits Change

*15 Things To Do in the Midst of Suffering

*Anger and Forgiveness *Confession

*Put Not Your Trust in Princes

*Abba or Allah *Lectio Prayer

*Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

*Calming the Emotional Storms

*How to Date Your Soulmate

BOOKS:

*The Faith for Beginners *Jesus In You

*Introduction to the Devout Life

*If You Really Loved Me

CDs \$4 3 for \$10 Books \$5 Booklets \$3

Christmas and End of Year Giving Made Simple with WeShare!

Thinking about making a gift to St. Clare Parish as Christmas draws near and the year comes to a close? Use the fast and easy on line giving option: **WeShare**. A simple click on our parish home page will lead you step by step through giving via credit card, debit, checking or savings. With WeShare you can donate to any collection, take advantage of end of year tax savings with a one time gift, or set up recurring draws such as a weekly or monthly tithe or church mortgage payments. The WeShare site allows you to direct your donations to specific causes so you know your gift will go exactly where you wish. God has blessed us all abundantly, and it's never been easier to share! Go to our website: stclarechurch.weshareonline.org

You Are Invited!

To an Intimate Relationship with Jesus

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat! Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life.” (Isaiah 55: 1ab, 3a)

“I came so that they might have life...

...and have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Faith Formation Opportunities

“Resisting Happiness” — Your Best New Year Ever!

Merry Christmas! Christ Has Come! God Is With Us! St. Clare of Assisi Parish is happy to present our parish households with a free copy of Matthew Kelly’s book, “Resisting Happiness,” so that this Christmas and New Year can be a time of true joy and happiness!

Cornerstone Bible Study: Exodus

Wednesdays, Jan. - April, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Join us in exploring how God’s Word applies to our life today. Guest day is **Jan. 11**. This is an orientation to the study, so new members must come to this session. Contact Kristy Turner at 402-0885 or kristturner@hotmail.com.

Movie Night: Little Boy

Friday, Jan. 27, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
All are welcome! Please bring snacks and drinks to share. RSVP to John Burke at jburkeil@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Romans and Galatians

Feb. 7 - May 9, 7 - 8:30 pm, in the Church Library
Explore St. Paul’s theology of grace, salvation, and more. Register at 632-3562 **by Jan. 25**. Cost is \$20.

JustFaith: Migration, Theology, and the Human Journey

Thursdays, Feb. 9 - March 30, 6:30 - 9 pm
Join in sharing stories about our ancestors’ journeys to America while learning about present-day journeys in the context of Church teaching and public policy. Contact Margaret Andrasko by **Jan. 22** at v.andrasko9010@att.net for information and registration. Cost is approximately \$50 for reading materials.

Lenten Soup Series: The Mystery & Reality of the Church

Mondays, March 6 - April 3, Mass at 6:00 pm, Meal and Presentation at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Enjoy food, fellowship, prayer, and faith formation. Each session focuses on a different aspect of the mystery and reality of the Church, in which we participate as members.

Faith Formation Groups

Young Adults

Meets monthly
Are you a young adult looking for fellowship, faith formation, and growth? Contact Sally Ayoob at sallyayoob@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook: Young Adults Group of Saint Clare of Assisi - O’Fallon, IL.

St. Clare Catholic Men for Christ

Sat., Feb. 25, 8 - 10 am, Fellowship Hall (7:30 am Rosary)
Get fed bodily and spiritually with St. Clare men. John Gomez will discuss devotion to St. Joseph. Group meets monthly.

Special Events

Marriage, Divorce, and Annulment: Realities and Myths

Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Presented by Father Jim Deiters
Learn about the Church’s definition of “marriage” and the difference between a divorce and an annulment. This session is good for all, including any person who hopes to get married one day. It also covers what is involved in the annulment process in the Church and how an annulment can bring great healing.

Marriage Enrichment

Saturday, Jan. 21, 6:15 - 8:45 pm, Fellowship Hall
Presented by Father Jim Deiters
Celebrate a “date night” of laughter and surprises as you learn how “Christian Marriage Math” will keep your marriage healthy and holy. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Register at 632-3562 or janeadotson@yahoo.com **by Jan. 16**.

Natural Family Planning Day

Sunday, Feb. 12, starts with 10:30 am Mass, at St. Clare
Event coordinated by the Diocese of Belleville
Charting gotten dry? Rejuvenate with food, fellowship, and inspiration at this event for couples who use natural family planning. Contact Matt and Emily Joost at mejoost@diobelle.org or 979-8902 for information or to register. Childcare provided.

Retreats and Conferences

Quiet Retreat for St. Clare Men: Your Goodness is My Home

Jan. 6-8, at King’s House Retreat Center in Belleville
Take time for personal reflection and spiritual growth. Register with Len Ratajczyk at lenratajczyk@gmail.com or 363-8776 **by Jan. 3**. Donations taken for payment.

Women’s Renewal Weekend

Saturday, Feb. 18, 8 am to Sunday, Feb. 19, about 3 pm
Join other women of the parish for a weekend of fun, food, and spiritual renewal. Contact Leah Wilson with questions or to register at 979-8514. Register **by Feb. 12**.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference

Saturday, Feb. 18, Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)
Looking for spiritual rejuvenation? Join the men from St. Clare! Participants meet in the church parking lot and carpool; contact John Burke at jburkeil@sbcglobal.net. Details and registration can be found at catholicmenforchrist.org.

Catholic Women for Christ Conference

Saturday, March 25, Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)
Experience Christ, Community, and Catholicism with women from St. Clare. Details at catholicwomenforchrist.org. Contact Kristy Turner at 402-0885 or kristturner@hotmail.com for carpool and group registration.

PSR

Parish School of Religion

St. Clare School, 214 W. 3rd Street, O'Fallon

Calendar

No PSR on December 25 and January 1

- Jan 8 PSR Class CPP Training (all)
- Jan 15 NO PSR Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 22 PSR Class
- Jan 29 Soup Kitchen Activity Kindergarten & 5th

Confirmation Schedule:

January 10.....Turn in proposed Saint Name to janeadotson@yahoo.com for approval
 January 30....Confirmation Saint Report Due

First Communion Parents Education Meeting:

Thursday, February 2 from 6:30—8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Required for all parents of students preparing for 1st Communion in 2017. Free babysitting with RSVP (by January 18) to janeadotson@yahoo.com.



Youth Room lower level of St. Clare School

DECEMBER 25—JANUARY 1 NO MEETINGS

- Jan 8 Luke 18 planning meeting at Noon at Corpus Christi Youth group ice skating party 5:30—8:30 p.m. at Eckert's in Belleville Carpool from Church
- Jan 15 NO Youth Group, recover from Luke 18
- Jan 22 NCYC meeting 6 p.m. in Youth Room for students, Parents & Chaperones
- Jan 29 Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m. Youth Room

Luke 18 Bringing fun and faith together for an awesome weekend retreat. For all 8th graders. January 13—15 at St. Clare School. Hosted by high school and college students.

Planning meetings: High School and college students must attend at least one planning meeting:
 Next Meeting: January 8 at Noon at Corpus Christi

Thanks! Our high school and college youth thank St. Clare Parish for our study bags for finals. We gave out 66 bags and 18 college care packages with notes of encouragement. Thanks to the generosity of Time and Talent by the Food for Youth/Support for Youth ministry in our parish!



Help Youth Group

Clean out your closet for our Clothing Drive —coming in early 2017! This fundraiser will help our youth travel to the National Catholic Youth Conference. More details coming soon!



Girl's Group
 Thursday, January 5
 New Year Goal Setting:
How to get closer to Jesus
 6—7:30 p.m.
 Youth Room

High School Students

Experience your Catholic faith in an amazing, spiritual, fun weekend with other teens.
 Try a TEC or Quest retreat!



TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is for juniors & seniors
 Quest is for freshmen and sophomores
 This is a wonderful and powerful weekend
 Upcoming Dates:

- Jan 14-16 TEC #261 St. Mary's, Mt. Carmel
- Jan 28-29 Quest #141 St. Kateri, Ridgeway
- Feb 18-20 TEC #262 Gibault High School, Waterloo
- March 25-26 Quest #142 St. Dominic, Breese

Visit bellevilletec.org for more details, to see the great video and get an application on TEC and Quest. Paper applications are also available in the parish office.

Youth Group Ice Skating Party at Eckerts Sunday, January 8 5:30—8:30 p.m.

Carpool from St. Clare Church

Please let Karen know you will attend so we have enough drivers. Parents are invited to help drive to event. Siblings are welcome if parents drive.



ALTAR ANGELS JANUARY 7: Rose Brennan, Celerina Collins
Ely Gillespie, Babe Papproth, Judy Wylie

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING Saturday, January 7 at 1 p.m. in the Spirituality Center of St. Nicholas Parish, O'Fallon. Please register at secretary@stnicholasofallon.org or 632-1797 by January 3. **Arrive by 12:45.**

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY FOR VOLUNTEERS The Diocese of Belleville Child Protection Policy requires background checks and training for all volunteers over 18 and out of high school and who will work with children in St. Clare Parish, School or Scouting organizations sponsored by the school or parish. Volunteers who have not attended the training in the Belleville Diocese must take the two hour training course once and then an online refresher each year; both are free of charge. Registration is required. School or Scout volunteers may obtain forms from the school office, others should pick up forms at the parish office or email janeadotson@yahoo.com. Other training dates available at: www.diobelle.org.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE—Save the Date! February 10 from 6:30—8:30 in Fellowship Hall.



Join the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 27

Youth and Adult Chaperones: The Diocese of Belleville will send a bus load to the Youth Rally, Mass and March for Life. Leave on January 26 and return on January 28. The cost is \$125 per person (does not include cost of meals). Only 50 tickets are available. Register today or get more information at dps.diobelle.org/respectlife.



'Tis the Season for Faith, Family & Friends! We'll be out of the office for a few days to spend time with our families but we will be checking messages and mail daily.

Thank you for all the Christmas wishes and goodies! The parish staff appreciates your support throughout the year and we wish you all the best this Holy Season!!

American Red Cross

Blood Drive at St. Clare School Cafeteria
214 West 3rd Street, O'Fallon
Thursday, December 29 from 3—7 PM
Sponsored by the O'Fallon Rotary



Please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: RotaryOfallon to schedule an appointment. Free long sleeve Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last



St. Clare School Open House

Sunday, January 29 from 1:30—3 p.m.
Registration available for Kindergarten—8th Children entering K must be 5 years old before September 1, 2017. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth and baptismal certificates. \$50 registration fee per family

It's St. Clare's Anniversary!

Our parish has a rich history and exciting future... and you're a part of it!

Join the celebration, be a part of

St. Clare's 150th Anniversary Family Album

Partnering with Lifetouch professional photographers, we invite you to sit for a portrait to be included in this new parish directory. Each parish household that participates will receive a complimentary directory and an 8 x 10 photo.



Photos will be taken at St. Clare Church on **January 5-7** (dates especially encouraged for families with college students home on winter break) as well as **February 21-25**.

You may schedule your appointment Online at stclarechurch.org

You Did It For Me



Takeena Mteir is an 11 year old who lived in Bekaa Valley in Syria with her family. Violence and conflict forced her family to seek refuge in nearby Lebanon. With the help of Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Australia, children like Takeena are able to learn, play and heal in a safe environment.