



*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...

### New Year Goals and Dreams

I have been praying about what kind of goals I have for us as a parish in 2017, especially as we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish. My tops are: 1. everyone being more **actively engaged in the Mass**, bringing renewed energy with us to give God full praise in the way we sing the hymns and pray the responses. 2. Each of us **being changed by the Mass** and more actively taking God's Light and Joy to others in our homes and workplaces. There are other hopes and goals I have for us that I also bring to my daily prayer, including prayers for all marriages to be renewed in God's Love...and for our parents to be more focused on raising faithful Catholic disciples.

But I also wonder what kind of hopes you have for our parish and what you can do to make them happen? I am always inspired by the large number of our parishioners who are actively engaged in the parish with their time and talent being shared regularly. As we begin a new year together, I pray for our parishioners who do not feel very engaged or included for whatever reason to find a new 'niche' in one of the many ministries we offer. Look closely at this bulletin each week and notice that each section and column is a personal invitation to YOU to grow, learn, help, share, or pray. I encourage you to grow in your relationship with God and your Catholic faith in a new way this year!

Thanks for being here faithfully each week and trusting that God is always with you in your challenges. In this New Year, let us work more closely together to do all we can to make St. Clare parish a real 'light' to others.

God's Peace,  
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](http://www.stclarechurch.org).



We extend our loving and prayerful sympathy to Jim Colombo on the death of his mother, **Louise Colombo**. May she rest in the peace of Christ. We continue to pray for all who have died and all who are mourning the death of a loved one.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### December 31

Andrea Harris  
Owen Hubbard

#### January 1

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

#### January 2

Ken Burns  
Lori Cherry  
Ryan Young  
Noah Thomas

#### January 3

Mary Kombrink  
Jeanne Silverstrini  
Aaron Hohm  
Brian Gourley  
Tyler Corbier  
Ryan Schmidtke

#### January 4

Diane Lutfy Friedrich  
Connie O'Donnell  
Kevin Allison  
Kim Distler  
Jennifer Jones  
Roselyn Migliorini  
Katerina Borgren

#### January 5

Lonny Roberts  
Todd Kortkamp  
Arlene Cruz-Peel  
Lisa Mojzis  
Derrick Jansen  
Breanna Blacharczyk  
Patrick Hayden

#### January 6

Shawnee Magparangalan  
Crystal Hutchison  
Heather Lee

#### January 7

Lynn Bowen  
Kevin Mulheran  
Amy O'Connor  
Silvana Kandala  
Alvin Ruckwardt  
Scott Wobbe  
Alyssa DeBourge  
Alexandria Krause  
Sasha McCauley  
Delaney Nieroda

#### January 8

Carolyn Wottowa  
William Stoll  
Ofelia Jozwiak  
Cindy Stewart  
Theresa Chaney  
Mia Friederich

### Students Helping Hondouras

Eleven years ago, three Notre Dame Sisters moved to a remote Honduran village to live among the poorest of the poor. For the past 10 years Althoff students have been working with the Sisters as part of their Senior Service project. They have built a coffee cooperative that provides income for over 80 families. The students have hauled rock, sand and mud blocks, as well as solicited donations from area parishes. This year, **Donovan McKnight** will be working in Honduras. Next weekend he and some fellow students will be here seeking prayers and financial support for the Honduran coffee farmers and the co-op.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, January 2**

Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

12:00 p.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 3**

Christmas Weekday The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 a.m. Nelson Kapp

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

**Wednesday, January 4 No Mass**

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Thursday, January 5**

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

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

**First Friday, January 6**

Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. Virginia Leninsky

**Saturday, January 7**

The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

**Sunday, January 8**

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Robert Peterson

10:30 a.m. James Mannix, Sr.  
Michael DeCarpentry

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## Weekday Readings January 2—8

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## Next Weekend: January 7/8

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00

Jorge Avila, Stacey Cutter, Tom Grimmig  
Nancy Karrigan, Jack & Patti Leisure, Shirley Suski  
Kevin Mulheran, Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow  
Brigid, Katelyn & Stephanie Sternberg

Sunday 8:30

Marie Berry, Betty Deschesne, Mary Fleming  
Ely Gillespie, Peggy Haselhorst, Michael Howk  
Frank Morski, Mark & Amie O'Connor, Sara Wise  
Ken & Jeanne Smith

Sunday 10:30

Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Lee Bautz, Ksana Bialick  
Stephanie Chambers, Jay Davila, Heather Ertel  
Lindsay Goldberg, Krystle Hatter, Karen Holzum  
Mandi Huelsmann, Richard Smith, Samantha Vojak

### Lectors

Saturday 5:00

John Jackson & Dennis Holdener

Sunday 8:30

John Gomez & Suzanne Huffines

10:30

Tanja Ramsby & Mark Arbogast

### Servers

Saturday 5:00

Aiden Cutter, Nolan Gavin  
Isabella Ponciroli, Kyle Sternberg

8:30

Colin, Kelly & Peter Fleming, Jordan Nguyen

10:30

Ryan Clancy, Allison LaSalvia

Hannah Sill, Tyler Stanton

### Ushers

Saturday 5:00

Theresa Bevers, Noah Cutter, Josh Gansauer  
Don Gravlin, Richie Meile, Richard Ransom

Sunday 8:30

Gary Borges, Glen Christensen, Mark Huller  
Pat Jurgensmeyer, George Martychenko  
Sharon Ripplinger

Sunday 10:30

Glen Christensen, Joe Ertel, Su Holmes  
Jason Holzum, Tyler McDaniel, John Meise

### Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00

Bruce, Amy, Faith & Quin Rackers

Sunday 8:30

Jeff, Susan, Evan, Marin & Lauren Price

10:30

Ray, Noelle & Jennifer Matherne

### Greeters

Saturday 5:00

Bo, Cyndi, Eli & Olivia Butters

8:30

Audra Driscoll, Jaclyn Gross

10:30

Judy Lemansky & Lee Strayhorn

Drew Ferguson, Mandi, Abby & Brain Huelsmann

### Sound Board

Saturday 5:00

David Schmitz

Sunday 8:30

Jacob Nguyen

10:30

Gary Goldberg

### Bread Bakers

Sherry D'Amico, Laura Pacatte, Tanja Ramsby

### Children's Word

Saturday 5:00

Lucy Ueda & Alex Eichholz

Sunday 8:30

Alicia & Madison Luechtefeld

10:30

Barb Smith & Hunter Barr

Nursery 10:30

Amanda Mergen & Maggie Jackson



**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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  
\$15,361.00**

**New Church  
\$6,257.00**

*"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

### 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](http://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.

### New Program to Honor Youth Volunteers

St. Clare Church is now an official Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Youth and others are invited to submit information on their hours of service to our church from June 2016 to May 2017 in order to be eligible for this award. This is a great way for our youth who helped out with the Hoyleton Mission Trip and Vacation Bible School and other parish projects to be recognized for their many hours of service. Visit [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) and click on volunteers to register. If the volunteer is under age 14, an email is sent to the parent for permission to participate. You will register under St. Clare Church and use the ROS code: GPV-6279.

### 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.



### 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

**Girls Group!!** Thursday, January 5 *New Year Goal Setting*  
*How to get closer to Jesus*  
6–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room



### 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.

### 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

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](http://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.





**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](mailto: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](mailto:janeadotson@yahoo.com). Other training dates available at: [www.diobelle.org](http://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](http://dps.diobelle.org/respectlife).

## You Did It For Me



Sakeena 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 near-by Lebanon. With the help of Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Australia, children like Sakeena are able to learn, play and heal in a safe environment.



**CARITAS**  
FAMILY SOLUTIONS

**Parishioners to receive Heart & Soul Award**

**Jim and Barbara Calandro**, active parishioners at St. Clare, are being recognized by Caritas Family Solutions for their tireless and selfless dedication to the social service agency's mission.

Barbara served on the Board of Directors for seven years (chairperson for three years) and Jim is an active volunteer at St. John Bosco Children's Center. The couple will be presented with an award at the **Annual Heart & Soul Gala on Saturday, February 11, 2017** at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights. Discounted tickets are available for any St. Clare parishioner to attend this year's gala in honor of the Calandros. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. For more information about Caritas Family Solutions, please visit [caritasfamilysolutions.org](http://caritasfamilysolutions.org).



**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](http://stclarechurch.org)**