TRUNK OR TREAT!!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 6:30 PM

St. Clare Church Parking Lot
Hot Chocolate, Hot Dogs, Chili & Chips
Prizes for best decorated trunk and best chili
Please bring a canned food item for our local food pantry!

If you are making chili, please bring it to the kitchen by 6
Chili Cook Off
And Decorating your “Trunk” is optional!!
Music and Liturgy...

Jumping right in from last week, one of the headliners of the Second Vatican Council was the assembly’s active role in the liturgy. Through this change, the pipe organ transitioned from accompanying soft Gregorian Chant and playing incidental music, to a strong, supportive presence to lead the assembly in song. While there is unsurpassable value in the Church’s treasury of music before Vatican II, the statement below is the essence of what the council calls us to…

“One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song.” – Musicam Sacram (1967)

In recent years, our “philosophy” of music at St. Clare has shifted to reflect statements such as the above. Though we are one Body of Christ, there are plenty of opinions and preferences to be shared! I know many people who love to listen to contemporary Christian music; others who prefer a more subdued, reflective style of music; and others that prefer the folk style music that debuted after Vatican II. There are more, but I’m running out of column space! These and similar styles are certainly spiritually valid, and are effective for personal prayer and intimate group settings. But we have to remember that the nature of the Mass is communal, public, and extroverted. Some parts of the Mass certainly are reflective, but they still call for each person’s participation. Even in these moments, all 300 or so people in the pews should be making substantial noise together!

I ended last week by mentioning that the organ’s function in the Catholic liturgy has always been relative to singing, and how the “air-driven” nature of the organ reflects that of the human voice. The organ’s effortless ability to sustain sound makes it practically and acoustically ideal for leading the assembly. While it may be the leader, a leader is nothing without its followers. No one in the assembly should stay silent – your voice is needed! Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!

Stephen Eros  
Director of Liturgy & Music

Recent Deaths:  
Kevin Banker, Son of Jeff & Eileen, Brother of Eric Banker  
Doris Zink, Mother of Caron (Don) Proffer  
May they rest in the peace of Christ. We pray for all who have died and all who are mourning the death of a loved one.
Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Jennifer R. Barajas, Wray Barr, Sister Barbara Ann Bosch, Joyce Correale, Rita Ferreri, Randy Fultz, Sharon Gage, Tom Giger, Jean Green, Allison Hartmire, Rita Haukapp, Margaret Heinke, Jessica Holmes, Patricia Jones, Liz Klingler, Dawn Papproth Kuhn, Abelina Leon, Mary Lugge Nona Morgan, Pauline Puttmann, Dale Reesser, Grace Regutti, Megan Saldanha, Madelean Sanford, Rosa Garcia, Craig Seipp, Mary Ann Seipp, Donna Sparks, Betty Tomasovich, Jake Van Hook, Jenny Vogt, Pat Vollmer, Patricia Weller Steve Wells

Please call the parish office if you have a family member that is homebound or in the hospital.

Please pray for our military families, especially those deployed and separated from loved ones.
It is in the Church, in communion with all the baptized, that the Christian fulfills his vocation. From the Church he receives the Word of God containing the teachings of “the law of Christ.” From the Church he receives the grace of the sacraments that sustains him on the “way.” From the Church he learns the example of holiness and recognizes its model and source in the all-holy Virgin Mary; he discerns it in the authentic witness of those who live it; he discovers it in the spiritual tradition and long history of the saints who have gone before him and whom the liturgy celebrates in the rhythms of the sanctoral cycle.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2030

October 14/15

Tithe: $15,019.00
New Church: $4,947.00

“One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.” Proverbs 11:24
November, The Month of Remembrance

Photos of Deceased Loved Ones
During the month of November, we remember our deceased loved ones by displaying family photos in our shrines to St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother Mary.

You may drop off framed pictures in either shrine for our Art & Environment team to arrange by Monday, October 30. The photos will be displayed through the Feast of Christ the King, November 25/26. Please include your name and number on back of photos. In order to allow us to accommodate as many photos as possible, please no pictures larger than 8” x 10”.

All Saints Day
The Mass schedule for All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1 at 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. (Please note the daily Mass schedule change for that week.)

November 2—Evening of Remembrance 7 p.m.
Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. We remember our loved ones on the Feast of All Souls. At this service, we remember especially our parishioners and deceased loved ones of parishioners who have died in the past year.

A litany of these names will be read, and their family members will light candles in their honor.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year and did not notify the parish office, please email or call Stephen at stephene@stclarechurch.org or 618-632-3562. (If your loved one’s name was in the bulletin or read in the petitions at Mass, we were notified).

Anyone who has lost a loved one—regardless of their faith tradition—is most welcome at this service.

November 4 All Souls Day Mass for Deceased Priests, Deacons and Bishops
The Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. by Bishop Edward Braxton in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Belleville.

Family, Reflections and Experiences At the End of Life

Spirituality of Caring for the Sick and Dying
Join us for an Evening of Reflection On the Gift of Life, Love and Transformative Suffering

Come listen to Fr. Jim and others share about their experiences accompanying loved ones through sickness and death. Go deeper with questions, prayer and conversation.

Monday, November 6 from 6:30—8 pm

There’s More to Life!!

You’re Invited to the Men’s Renewal Experience
November 4/5

DISCOVER:
What’s missing in your life
What matters most, What matters least
What to do about it

DEVELOP
Lasting and Meaningful Friendships

ENJOY
Fellowship, Food and Fun

Contact Dave Zimmer at 618-444-2209 or dbzimm@charter.net
Dan Kimutis at 618-314-4176 or dkimutis@msn.com
**St. Clare Parish School of Religion**
Sundays at St. Clare School 10:30—11:40

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**Confirmation Sponsor Meeting**
Sunday, October 29 from 1—2:15 in the Fellowship Hall.
For sponsors of students who will be confirmed this spring.

**Confirmation Service Opportunities**
Attention 7th & 8th Grade Students

- Babysitting in the Church Nursery during parent meetings:
  - Monday, Oct. 23 from 6:45—8:30 pm
  - Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 6:45—8:30 pm
  - Sunday, Nov. 12 from 11:45—2:30 pm (in the school gym)

- Work of Human Hands Sale in Fellowship Hall
  - Saturday, Nov. 11 from 1—2 p.m and 6—7 p.m
  - Sunday, Nov. 12 from 9:40—10:10 and 11:40—1:30 pm

Contact Jane at janeadotson@yahoo.com or 632-3562

**First Reconciliation Schedule:**
Luncheon for Students and Parents at St. Clare School Cafeteria on Sunday, November 12 from Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Free babysitting for siblings available; call 632-3562 or sign up at janeadotson@yahoo.com.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 10 OR ATTEND PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE DEC 14.**

**XLT Sunday Nov 5**
Live, contemporary Catholic-Christian music, guided prayer and quiet prayer to help praise and worship Jesus Christ!
XLT stands for Exalt, is from 5—5:45 during Eucharistic Adoration

**For All 7th & 8th Graders**
Sunday, October 29 from 5—7 p.m.
St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall
Bring your friends from any parish or any faith!!

**Crazy 8 Murder Mystery Night**

If you would like your college student to receive a college care package from our parish for finals this semester, please send name, address and dates of finals by November 10 to janeadotson@yahoo.com.
Donations for postage accepted!
ALTAR ANGELS OCTOBER 28: Yvonne Earley, Connie Garrett
Bobbi Schaefer, Cathy Sweeney, Carol Williamson

VESPERS EVENING PRAYER SERVICE Sunday, October 22 at 6 p.m. in
the church. October is Respect Life Month and our Social Justice Ves-
pers service this month is for us and our world that we may respect,
promote and participate in God’s gift of life in all of its stages and cir-
cumstances from conception to natural death. John Gomez will offer a
reflection.

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN to benefit Fontebella Maternity
Home. Pick up an empty bottle and fill it with loose change or dollar
bills. Bottles will be collected in two weeks, November 4/5.

ALTHOFF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Students grades 4—8
are invited to attend with their families on Sunday, October 22 from
Noon -2 p.m. Register Online at www.althoffcatholic.org

O’FALLON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPOOKTACULAR 5K RUN/WALK
AND KIDS FUN RUN October 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Carriel Jr. High School.
Egg & I pancakes served at finish line! Contact Maria Worthing at 975-
6138 or www.ofallonhabitat.org for information.

WHY THE SEARCH FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS MAKES NO SENSE FOR
CATHOLICS (and other Christians) A Saint John’s School of Theology
and Seminary Theology Day: Sometimes it seems that every month
there is a new book on Jesus in Barnes and Noble. In fact the search
for the historical Jesus amongst scholars has been going on for over 150
years with little agreement to show for the effort. This theology day
presentation will explore the history of the search for the elusive Jesus
of history followed by a provocative suggestion: the search for the his-
torical Jesus makes no sense for Catholics. Instead we should focus on
the Jesus presented to us in the Gospels, that is, the real Jesus. October
28, check-in and refreshments from 8:30 - 9 a.m. and presentation
from 9 to Noon at Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus School and Parish
Center, 1108 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL. Free event. Registration
is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560
or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

5K RUN FOR FONTEBELLA Saturday, November 4. Registration starts
at 8 a.m., Event begins at 9 a.m. at Rock Springs Park in O’Fallon.
Come dressed in your best “onesie” for a chance at best dressed con-
test! 5K for all ages and Fun Run for 10 and under. Rain or Shine!
More details at erogers@fontebella.org.

THE NEWMAN CENTER AUXILIARY ANNUAL FALL GALA is Saturday,
November 4. The event will include a catered prime rib dinner by the
Knights of Columbus, music, and silent auction to help raise money for
the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale. The Gala will
be held at the Newman Center and will begin with hors d’oeuvres at 6
PM. Dinner will be served at 7 PM and the silent auction will run from
6 – 8 PM. Tickets are $40 per person. For more information, contact
Susan at the Newman Center at 618-529-3311 by Oct 27th.

BAPTISM CLASS NOVEMBER 19 AT 1:00 Please call the parish office to
register or for more details.

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY
Wednesday, October 25 at 2 p.m.
St. Clare Church Library
Hope For The Journey is a ministry
reaching out to anyone
that has experienced the loss
of a loved one, recent or not.
We meet for conversation,
suggested reading, encouragement,
prayer and to walk this journey with you.
For more information, please contact:
Ken & Barb Kenney
726-7587 or kj_kenney@sbcglobal.net

Hope sees the invisible,
feels the intangible
and achieves the impossible!

Two Great CDs
All About Angels!!
For young adults and
adults, Dr. Mark
Miravalle, Professor of
Theology and Mariolo-
gy at Franciscan Uni-
versity of Steubenville,
answers the questions, “Why did God create an-
gels?” “How are they different from humans?”
“How are guardian angels found in Scripture?” and
more, as he explains the nine choirs of angels, their
differing roles and hierarchical order, and how
much angels can help us if we only ask.

Cat Chat!!
Cat Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-
11 to help them learn and love their Faith like nev-
er before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-
filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses
the Catholic Faith while teaching kids powerful
lessons for living out their Faith every day. Join
Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Josh, Hanna, and
friends for an unforgettable experience!