



***Saint Clare of Assisi,
Pray for Us!***

**Reverend Michael G. McGovern
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 - 4:30 or by appointment. Community celebrations are also offered every Advent and Lent.

MATRIMONY—Contact Pastor a year prior.

ANOIDING 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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Giving Tree

NOVEMBER 20-DECEMBER 6

This year, due to COVID, we will be doing online sign ups for gifts instead of tags on a tree. With over 300 gifts for 52 families, each name belongs to a family member being helped by our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

This year, adults and children 15 and older will receive one gift card of their choice for a minimum of \$25 (you may choose to give more). Children 14 and younger will receive 3 gifts of their choice. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Giving Tree Ministry!

➤GO TO STCLARECHURCH.ORG/GIFT➤

Go to stclarechurch.org/gift to click on the "Giving Tree Gift Tag" link.

➤SELECT & SUBMIT➤

Click the box next to gift or gifts you would like to select and purchase. When you are done choosing, be sure to hit the **Submit and Sign Up button** at the bottom of the page. You will then get a confirmation email listing the gifts you have chosen.

➤SHOP FOR THE GIFT➤

If ordering gifts online, please make sure they will be delivered before Sunday, December 6.

➤WRAP & PUT ON LABEL➤

Wrap the gift or gift card (no bows or ribbons).

Fill out a tag, including the

Family #, Recipient's Name, and Gift.

Securely tape the tag to the **OUTSIDE** of the gift.

➤RETURN BY DECEMBER 6➤

Gifts can be returned any time between now and December 6 to the Gathering Space.

SVDP team will have to shop for any items not returned.

If you do not have access to the online registry and would like to contribute a gift, please call Jamae at the parish office 618-632-3562 for assistance in choosing a gift.

DON'T FORGET TO TAPE THE TAG TO THE GIFT!!

FAMILY # _____

NAME _____

GIFT _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 28

Theresa Kuca
John Gehrs
Nancy Busler
Meagan Vandiver
Shawn Dunn
Mary Brooks
Alexis Fuentes

December 3

Bette Lehman
Lisa Meile
Betsy Dean
Hollie Stoltz
Aisha Hataway
Emma Ryan

December 4

Pete Mamino
Stella Copper
Barbara Hitt
Jim Adams
Paul Winkeler
Monte Mister
Barrett Sill
Maggie Grimmig

December 5

William Theismann
Steve Ignatz
Pam Risavy
Humberto Gonzalez
Brett Camfield
Scott Baird
Alyssa Mackey
Emilee Steinkamp
Liam Driscoll
Bryson Kombrink

November 29

Jane Corbier
Josh Biggs
Michelle Kinsch
James Larson
Jacquelyn Spencer
Sophia Fox
Olivia Bow
Clair Weinel
Alexandra Turner
Felix Chambers

November 30

Gib Vollmer
Ron Cavins
Dennis Holdener
Leigh Ann Kombrink
Angelica Cruz
Aubrey Heins

December 1

Edith Hock
Sydney Griffin
Casper King
Penelope Lewis

December 2

Greg Klaus
Kent Newbold
Brigid Sternberg
Julie Meier
Olivia Meduga
Isabella Dembeck
Lucy Guignon

December 6

Connie Dwyer
Chuck Doucette
Chris Artime
Amy Signore
Dan Gaspar
Katie Wilke
Ella Lampe
Eric Toftemark
Katherine Toftemark
Lexi Epplin
Isabella Poncioli
Alexis Konze
Jonathan Sill
William Juenger
Natalia Rivera

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00 p.m. Paul Rusnack

Sunday, November 29
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8:30 a.m. Mary Missey
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, November 30
Saint Andrew, Apostle
12:00 p.m. Lee Kyoung Young

Tuesday, December 1
Advent Weekday
7:30 a.m. Michael Pavlisin
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 2 - No Mass
Advent Weekday

Thursday, December 3—No Mass
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

First Friday, December 4
Advent Weekday, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor
of the Church
7:30 a.m. Emma Bugger

Saturday, December 5
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:00 p.m. Shirley Gunn
Leora Fujarski

Sunday, December 6
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 a.m. Annie Compton
10:30 a.m. Barbara Utnage
Brennen and Finley Bereda

Readings of the Week Nov 29—Dec 6

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

The new schedule for Liturgical Ministers was not available at the time of bulletin printing. Please check www.stclarechurch.org under Liturgy for the new schedule.



Please pick up an
Advent Booklet
to Help You Meditate
this Advent Season

*I admit that we are all weak,
but if we want help, the Lord God has
given us the means to find it easily...*

You must realize that for us, nothing is more necessary than meditation... The prophet says: *I will pray, and then I will understand.*

Meditate on what you are doing. Reflect on the sacrifice you are offering. When you pray, think about the words you are saying and the Lord to whom you are speaking. When you take care of people, meditate on how the Lord's blood has washed them clean so that all that you do becomes a work of love.

This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work: in meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in other men.

(Excerpts from a sermon by Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop)

2020 St. Clare Christmas Ornament



All ornaments will be pre-paid online only this year.

You can choose to purchase your ornament for
PICK UP or TO BE SHIPPED.

Ornaments to be picked up after Mass on the weekend of
December 12-13 are \$12 each.

Ornaments to be shipped directly to your home address
are \$15 each. Order your St. Clare 2020 ornament at
stclarechurch.weshareonline.org/Ornament2020

Front: St. Clare image from our crucifix above the altar
Back: "Totally love Him who gave Himself totally out of
love for you." -St. Clare of Assisi



FIRST RECONCILIATION AT-HOME RETREAT

Parents:

Watch for an email with instructions for your at-home retreat for your child. You have the opportunity to be the leader for your child and do this retreat before 1st Reconciliation, but on your own schedule.



Parish School of Religion Classes
10:30—11:40 a.m.

** Watch for an email from your teacher with Zoom info

Nov 29	No PSR Class
Dec 6	PSR Class online
Dec 13	PSR Class online
Dec 20	No PSR (Christmas Break)
Dec 27	No PSR (Christmas Break)

For more information, contact Jane Dotson
Director of Family Faith Formation at
618-632-3562 or janeadotson@gmail.com



Welcome to our new youth group assistant, Anne Marie Fraser. This wonderful young adult is helping with our group on Sunday nights. She is interested in starting a group for high school girls. Contact Jane or Karen if your daughter is interested.

- Nov 29 No Meeting for holiday
- Dec 6 Youth Group 6—7:30 p.m. Youth Room
- Dec 13 Youth Group 6—7:30 p.m. Youth Room
- Dec 20 "Advent Anticipation"
- Dec 27 No Youth Group

High school youth may come to Youth Group at anytime. There is no formal membership. Youth meetings are in the Youth Room at St. Clare School (enter through middle doors). At this time, we are splitting high school youth into two smaller groups on Sunday nights with a health check in, masks and social distancing required.

Are You A Young Adult?

Text YAs to 84576

to get more connected to St. Clare and other young adults in our parish!



First Reconciliation
Saturday, December 5
10:00 a.m. in Church

Sadie Andriacco
Holden Chapple
Kai Cullen
Ryder DeWerff
Quinn Graham
Chad Grubofski
Bethany Huber
Lacey Huber
Jack Huelsmann
Abram Imes
Elodia Johanningmeyer
Brady Johnson
McKenzie Juenger
Lillian Kalmer
Colton Kessler
Annabelle Kinsch
Jaxon Ladowitz
Josephine LeChien
Nate Lewis

Henry Mojzis
Hikari Oyakawa
Victoria Palomino
Julia Pfeiffer
Elizabeth Pierre
Hudson Restall
Logan Russo
Izabella Sabillano
Ellie Sanchez
Lucas Snyder
Malia Spengler
Audrey Tebbe
Lucas Terrell
Nicholas Timpson
Skylar Voss
Easton Walter
Nora Warchol
Harper West



Luke 18

Luke 18 Mini, the retreat for 8th graders in our local parishes, has been postponed from the January dates due to the rising COVID numbers. We hope to be able to still offer the retreat at a later date, and we appreciate your patience with this delay. Parents should watch for an email from the Luke 18 retreat team with more information.

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY

Wednesday, December 16 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3

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, prayer, suggested reading, encouragement and to walk this journey with you.

For more information or questions, please contact Ken and Barb Kenney
726-7587 or Kj_kenney@sbcglobal.net



We Are Here For You! If you find that you need help in any way due to being quarantined, at risk, or other circumstances, please contact the parish office at 618-632-3562 or email Matt Flynn at matthewflynn5@gmail.com. We have volunteers who are willing to talk with you, and/or run errands and tasks for you. If you are facing financial hardship, please contact our area St. Vincent de Paul helpline at 618-632-4270.



The O'Fallon Area Habitat for Humanity is taking Applications!

Family selection for the O'Fallon home will take place soon! Building begins Spring of 2021. Public information sessions for applicants will be held on dates below. During the orientation, you will learn more about Habitat for Humanity, the homes we build, how to qualify and application process. The O'Fallon Area

Lewis and Clark Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that works with families to build affordable housing. Families are selected according to: Need, ability to pay and willingness to partner.

**To obtain an application, YOU MUST attend a one-hour orientation session:
Due to Covid 19 restrictions you must RSVP to one of the meetings. Attendance is limited.
You must wear a mask**

**Tuesday, November 24, Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m.
St. Clare of Assisi Church, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon IL**

For additional information, questions or to RSVP, contact Karen at 618-670-6632 or kshees@aol.com