

SPECIAL EVENTS



Annual Scout Religious Awards

Anthony Rizzo
 Harrison Klohr
 Thomas Stamos
 Patrick Stamos
 Christopher Lockert
 Patrick Murphy
 Turner Faulkner
 Nicholas Petty
 Alex Paulochik
 Matthew Doyle
 Kamerson Vrieswyk
 Eric Dahlstrom

Madeline Blair
 Olivia Butters
 Jessica Finck
 Katie King
 Adler Maher
 Clare Catherine Porter
 Zoyalyn M. K. Stoll
 Abby Braswell
 Elizabeth Colson
 Kayla Fisher
 Michelle Kuehn
 Riley Maher
 Alexis Schillinger
 Madison Winkeler
 Katie Barker
 Samantha L. Dunker
 MacKenzie Goetz
 Jessica H. Kuca
 Katherine Macaluso
 Rachel Neubauer
 Faith E. Rackers
 Abby Schuhardt
 Clare Sweet
 Savanna Grace Call
 Anna Flath
 Hanna J. Holland
 Natalie Kunsemiller
 Briana E. McMinn
 Katarina Paulochik
 Emma Ryan
 Madison Signore
 Alyssa Thoman
 Amelia Bryant
 Samantha Hartkop
 Rachel Sabella
 Margaret Sheerin
 Abigail Weidner
 Sarah Dotson
 Kelsey Lentz
 Lindsey Schoendienst
 Olivia Weidenbenner



Night & Silent Auction!

Hosted by **St. Clare Young Adults**
 To Benefit **St. Clare Youth Group**

Saturday, March 6 at the St. Clare School Cafeteria
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00

Admission is \$120 per table/\$15 per person
Tables of 8

Cash Prizes! 50/50 Raffle!
Soda & Beer Provided, Bring Your Own Snacks!

Contact Amy Stahlman at 792-5200 or achamp78@gmail.com
 Reservations not final until payment received:
 Mail or deliver to the Parish Office, 1411 Cross St., O'Fallon



Celebration of Life Dinner & Auction

March 6 ~ Doors open at 5, Dinner at 6:30
McCormick Center, 301 S. 1st Street, Belleville

Proceeds help support the Pregnancy Care Center which offers women assistance during a pregnancy – including the baby and young siblings.

Please call 277-8571 to make a reservation
 (Adults \$15, Children \$7.50).

For information or to make a donation call Celeste at 233-2273 or Gloria evenings at 235-6797.



Women's Renewal Weekend ~ April 24/25

Take some time away to grow in your relationship with Jesus and other women in the parish!

The renewal weekend starts on Saturday morning at 8:00 and finishes by 3:00 on Sunday afternoon. It takes place at church. For more information contact team members: Anna Kimball at 407-2932 or akimball1107@gmail.com or Vicky Bauza at vbauza@sbcglobal.net.

WELCOME

From Our Pastor...

Honoring our Young People...

We work hard around St. Clare to make sure our young people feel welcomed, included, and active in our parish ministries.

Recently we had some of our teenagers help our little children do a painting project for our nursery. If you have not been by there lately, please stop in and see the wonderful display of art pieces they created.

In keeping with our Franciscan spirituality, we had the youth and children reflect on the 'Canticle of Creation' by St. Francis and come up with images of God's creation for the canvases. You may remember that this same poem was used for the artist's creation of our stained glass windows in the church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

I want to thank the following parents, youth, and children for their great artwork: **Ellen Gravlin, Courtney Johnson and Dawn Spain; Shannon Arbogast, Jackie Bayham and Lanie Gravlin; Jessica Kuca, Josie Wilson, Mackenzie and Natalie Spain.**

A reminder that our nursery is open during each Sunday Morning Mass with someone there to care for the little children. With more volunteers, we would be able to have the nursery open for the Saturday night Mass at 5:00. If you are able to help contact Dawn Spain at 628-3239.

God's Peace,
Fr. Jim Deiters



Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jim, Sr. Carolyn, the choir and pianist, Marcia Fix, Leslie Goldberg, Babe Papproth and all of the other liturgical ministers for the wonderful funeral liturgy celebrating my husband, **Frank Puttmann**, who was also dad, grandfather, great-grandfather and mentor to many.

We also celebrate the wonderful ladies that prepared and served the food at the funeral luncheon, along with you, our very supportive faith community. Your outpouring of love has been overwhelming and comforting! Your continued prayers are most appreciated.

Pauline Puttmann, Jana Miller and family.



Birthdays This Week!

February 27

Jane McManemy
Louis Gerardi
Eric Niederhoffer
Belinda Kirchgessner
Brian Spellman
Joseph Kinsella

February 28

Sharon Busch
Brandon Church

February 29

John Boysha
Brendan Girard

March 1

Miguel Cotto
Tatum Hackney
Juliette JnBaptisle
Jay Johnson
Kevin O'Neill
KC Riedle
Taylor Klingelhoefner

March 2

Andy Molnar
Sharon Richey
Susan Hosman
Michael Busch
Christine Goss
Vicky Birchem

March 3

Linda Rademacher
Tom Ohland
Tracy Pace
Monique Spencer
Tony Hippleheuser
Nick Ashbaker
Lanie Gravlin
Nolan Gavin

March 4

Ruth Ann Britt
Judy Gavin
Anette Hagarty
Gabriella Sabatino
Paul Owens
Char Flournoy
Kali Dolson

March 5

Deborah Hackney
Darrell Raynor
Scott Wetzler
Giselle Russell
Daniel Dito
Haley Hadimon
Josie Hopkins

March 6

Donna Mezel
Gloria Arentsen
Kathleen Duckworth
George Fender
Brooklyn Artime

March 7

Mary Koch
Diana Hart
Suzanne Marchesano
John Hataway
Greg Goin



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MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 27

Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. Annie Medina
Ted & Stephanie Bohnak, Anna Marie Arnsman

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m. Jodi Freiderich
Cletus Becherer
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, March 1

Lenten Weekday
6:00 p.m. Rudy Prohaska Family

Tuesday, March 2

Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. Wilfred & Ruth Benhoff
8:35 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

Wednesday, March 3

Lenten Weekday, *Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin*
No Mass

Thursday, March 4

Lenten Weekday, *Saint Casimir*
8:35 a.m. Cletus Koesterer
Mass at School Chapel

First Friday, March 5

Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. Mildred Hillen
8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 6

Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. Alberto Campos

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m. Jerome & Dorothy Warchol
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

March 6/7

Cantors

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Mike Lampe |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Katie Szwedo |
| 10:30 am | Sister Carolyn |

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Jeff & Pat Taylor, Russ Hart, Julie Hicks, Kristy Turner Shirley Suski, Mary Vrieswyk, Karen Sheesley Sella Roman, Carl Lurk*, Tom Grimmig* Jack & Patty Leisure* |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Mary Lee Hillen, Sara Wise, Ely Gillespie, Linda Cipfl Jana Bechtoldt, Frank Lopez, Virginia Leninsky Victoria Gainor, Pennie Pavlisin, Toni Stanton* Kevin & Linda Rademacher*, Judy Lemansky* |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Karen Holzum, Ken Hatfield-Baker, Anne Shambro Angi Klohr, Dan & Tara Ashbaker, Joe Chappell Dominic & Rena Sabatino, Sharon Vance* Margaret Andrasko*, Patty Klingelhoefner* Richard Smith* |

Lectors

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Scott Brown & Jennifer Wilson |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Travis Menning & Judy Menzies |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Nick Ashbaker & Kathy Sjoquist |

Servers

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Destin Reid, Andrew & Aurora Wallace |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Drew Wise, Emily Flournoy, Kyle Rademacher |
| 10:30 am | Mary Jines, Adrienne DeGonia, Tyler Klingelhoefner |

Ushers

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Scott & Brian Cusimano, Jeff Wallace Ken & Jeanne Kenney, Hal Harris |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Robert & Nick Cherry, John Bechtoldt Don Proffer, Pat Jurgensmeyer, Jim Hendircks |
| 10:30 am | Joe Barajas, Jose Mendez, Roy Rogge Paul Garrett, Jason Holzum, Paulo D'Amico |

Gift Bearers

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Dennis, Andy & Abbey Holdener |
| Sunday 8:30 am | Lori Cherry, Jenna & Cheryl Druse |
| 10:30 am | Tom, Mary, Peter, Kelly, Nicholas, Evan, Colin & Maggie Fleming |

Greeters

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Beth Adams, Mary Lugge, Kelly Swettenham Rosemarie Jones |
| Sunday 8:30 am | George & Eleanor Henken, George & Mona Peach |
| 10:30 am | Matt & Stephanie Chambers, Margie Carthy Vernell Rogers |

Sound Board

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | Dylan Lurk |
| Sunday 8:30 am | David Schmitz |
| 10:30 am | Mark Holmes |

Nursery

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| Sunday 8:30 am | Missey Dobson, Erin Fann, Scott Semko |
| 10:30 am | Amy Reeser, Kimberly Stolle, Erica Wilson |

Bread Bakers

Marley Watkins, Amy Short, Hailley Luehrs



Weekly Readings February 28-March 7

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1
Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 1-4,6-8,11 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Gina Beal, Peggy Berens, Victoria Boschert, Jack Bradshaw, Jim Carroll, Mabel French, Mildred Gerardi, Fr. Steve Gira, Maggie Grimmig, Kate Hastings, Rita Haukapp, Vincent Lepes, Irene Lickenbrock, Paul Louis, Madison Luechtefeld, Dorothy McArdle, Helen O'Connor, Melvin Seipp, Dianne Guithes-Simmons, Charlie Smith, Marie Tarrant, Charleen Vernier, David Wilke, Denise Yunker

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Fridays of Lent



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| February 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Earth Concerns Committee | Stations of the Cross with Creation |
| March 5* | 6:00 p.m. | Father Von Deeke | Stations from the Holy Land |
| March 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Father Jim Deiters | Mediation on Stations—O'Guinn |
| March 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Father Von Deeke | Stations according to Luke |
| March 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Group | Living Stations |
| April 2 | 3:00 p.m. | Father Jim Deiters | Good Friday |

*First Friday, Mar 5, Mass at 7:30 a.m.; Adoration at 8:00 a.m.; Rosary at Noon; Benediction after Stations



Tree of Healing and Hope

During Lent we once again have a Tree of Healing and Hope, located in the St. Joseph Shrine. This is a visual sign of our call to conversion. Tie a purple ribbon on the tree for those areas of your life in need of God's healing grace; use a green ribbon for each hope you have for your Lenten Journey.



This Spring, you will be invited to participate in an important new campaign designed to benefit both our church and St. Clare School. As part of the groundwork for this project, video crews will be capturing images of our parish before, during and after Masses this Sunday. Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation as we prepare for this new endeavor.

Our campaign theme, "*Give God Glory*," reflects our belief that all we have, all we do, and all we can give serve to glorify and further the reign of God. Join us as we pray for a successful start to this effort and a fruitful return!

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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| Weekly tithe for Operating Budget | \$19,431.01 |
| Ash Wednesday | 3,199.00 |
| Donations for the New Church | 2,062.00 |

**When you give to God,
you discover that God gives to you!**

**LENTEN PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT:
Celebrating the Three Scrutinies with Our Elect**

In the early centuries of the Church, Lent was created to be a season in which catechumens preparing to be baptized underwent a 40 day period of final purification and enlightenment. These catechumens were called "the elect" because the Church recognized that God had truly elected them to be members of the Body of Christ through baptism. Baptized members of the Church prayed and fasted with the elect as a way of reflecting more deeply on their baptismal commitment. Central to this period of purification and enlightenment were three scrutinies in which the elect allowed the Holy Spirit to scrutinize their lives in the light of Christ. After 1400 years of not having the catechumenate, the Second Vatican Council restored the catechumenate to the Church and thus reinstated the original purpose of Lent including the same three scrutinies that were celebrated then.

The first Scrutiny will take place Saturday, March 6 at the 5:00 Mass. The Church states that the readings for a Mass with the Scrutinies should always be the Cycle A readings which have a strong baptismal theme. The Gospel reading for the first Scrutiny is the story of the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. The focus of this scrutiny is our thirst for God and the false and sinful ways that we attempt to satisfy that thirst. During the scrutiny prayers, we proclaim the power of Jesus over all these sins. During the Scrutiny, we too examine our lives in light of God's word.



Preparing for the First Scrutiny

Scripture: John 4:5-42

Questions to Prepare for the First Scrutiny

- ◆ We each have a thirst deep down that only God can satisfy. Who or what are the false gods or idols in our lives which ultimately do not satisfy our thirst and take us away from the one true God?
- ◆ Who or what are the sources of God's living water that truly satisfy our thirst?

Note: Because we now have a second priest who can prepare a separate homily on the readings for Cycle C of the lectionary which we are in this year, we will use the Cycle C readings at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. These readings have more of a penitential theme which came to be a later focus for Lent after the catechumenate was no longer observed.

FAITH FORMATION

Parish School of Religion News!

February 28 from 10:30—12:00

No PSR for 7th Grade

March 7 from 10:30—Noon

No PSR for 2nd & 7th Grades



**Peace by Piece Seminar
for High School Youth
February 28
6—7:30 p.m.**

Church Choir Room

Learn about safe dating, healthy relationship skills and avoiding domestic violence.

Confirmation Activity Night!

Games hosted by Youth Group

March 7 from 6—8 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Help stock shelves and clean at the O'Fallon Food Pantry

March 13 from 9:30—11 a.m.

1st come basis! Only 8 can work at a time.

Ice Cream Social and Bingo for Senior Citizens at

Cambridge House on March 21 from 2—3:30

Only 15 can work at a time!

You must contact Jane at janeadotson@yahoo.com
or at the parish office at 632-3562.



Monday, March 1

Mass at 6:00 pm

Soup at 6:30

Presentation at 7:00

Catholic Sacramentality and Caring for God's Creation

This Week's Theme:

Scripture and Creation

Presented by Tobias Winright

Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at St. Louis University

- ◆ How do Catholics understand the Bible?
- ◆ What the creation stories in Genesis tell us about our relationship with the rest of God's creation?
- ◆ What does the Bible tell us about our responsibility to care for creation?

Advance registration is appreciated.

Contact Cheryl at cherylsommer@yahoo.com

or the Parish office at 632-3562.

Childcare is available upon request.

Monday, March 8

Science and Creation Spirituality

Presented by Sr. Corlita Bonnarens

Artist and Spiritual Director at Mercy Center in St. Louis

Monday, March 15

Teaching of our Popes and Bishops on Caring for Creation

Presented by Tobias Winwright

Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at St. Louis University

Monday, March 22

Eucharist and Our Call to Care for God's Creation

Presented by Maurice Lange

Director of Eco-Justice for

The Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

RETREATS:

CONFIRMATION REAP RETREAT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 FROM 1—5:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR BOTH THE
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE AND SPONSOR



FIRST COMMUNION BLESSING CUP RETREAT

MARCH 7 FROM 1—4:00 PM

ST. CLARE SCHOOL

FOR 1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS & PARENTS

Youth Commission Meeting:

March 1 at 6:30 pm

In the Youth Room

CHRISTIAN LIFE & OUTREACH

ALTAR ANGELS MARCH 6: Celerina Colins, Arlene Cruz-Peel, Ely Gillespie
Bette Lehman

PURIFICATORS: February 28: Carolyn Vogt; March 7: Retta Dent

LISTENING CAMPAIGN Interviews Build Stronger Relationships at St. Clare
We are now halfway through our listening campaign. Our listeners have been greatly blessed to hear the stories of dozens of parishioners and to build a relationship with you. If you haven't had your 30 minute appointment to share your story, dreams, and concerns, please contact John Gomez at 416-1616 or gomezclan@aol.com.



Catholics at the Capitol: Wednesday, March 3 A Powerful Faithful Citizenship Day in Springfield

The Catholic Conference of Illinois in association with the bishops of Illinois, is hosting this day for Catholics to meet with our elected officials in order to promote our gospel values. We will start the day with Mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield followed by an overview of the issues of the day. These issues include support of funding for Catholic schools, services to the most vulnerable, defending the dignity of all human life and services for pregnant women and infants, and preserving programs for immigrants. Bus transportation will be provided.

To register, contact Jenny Vogt, parish legislative quickline coordinator at jennyvogt72@aol.com or 632-0542. ***“In the Catholic tradition responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”*** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Earth Concerns Suggestions for Going Green!

Tip for the Week:

Be careful when you clean! When you use spray cleaners, pollutants are released into the air. Make sure to spray cleaners into a towel and use in a properly ventilated area.

Consider using more green, earth-friendly products. Be sure to read labels and stay away from products with Warning and Caution labels.



THANKS to everyone who purchased or donated items for the Youth Group Bake Sale. We made \$475 to help pay for our participation in the DYC!

THANKS to the Confirmation students and parents who collected items for the O'Fallon Food Pantry at Schnuck's in O'Fallon and to everyone who donated. The students collected five large boxes of items and \$424.30. A special thanks goes to Schnuck's for allowing the students to collect at their location!

THANKS to everyone who attended the St. Clare School Open House and to the parents, students, teachers, staff & friends who helped with the preparations for the big day. If you missed the open house and still need to tour the school, please contact Principal Ken Pajares at 632-6327. Kindergarten registration for the 2010-11 school year will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3.