

WELCOME

From Our Pastor...

Happy New Year and A Blessed Epiphany!

As people make New Year's resolutions, I invite you to consider this one: being more bold and proud of our Catholic faith. This can be done in several ways, but primarily I invite you to be more active in inviting others to join us here at St. Clare for our liturgies, our adult education, bible studies, etc. Just this month we have several great opportunities for you to help spread the faith:

- 1. Parish Mission** Along with you and your family invite someone new each of the four nights described in greater detail on the next page. I especially hope that you will make this Mission a priority on your own calendar (January 16-20) as a renewal of faith for yourself. Most people do not have time to take a week off for a full retreat, so this is a wonderful way to have a 'mini-retreat' with four evenings of inspiring talks by Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, known for his passionate preaching.
- 2. Bible Study** Starting this Monday night and for the next six Mondays, a study on how to use the Psalms for a deeper prayer experience with God. The psalms were written to help us know how to talk to God about our various life experiences. Come and discover this important part of the bible.
- 3. Rediscovering Catholicism** This Thursday night, January 7, I will lead this conversation about some of the core teachings of Catholicism. Please go out of your way to invite someone you know who may feel disconnected or away from the Church or has simply asked you questions about Catholicism. You may also use this night as a 'refresher' course for yourself.

Thanks for being witnesses to Christ and the richness of the Catholic faith!
Christmas Peace to you,
Fr. Jim Deiters



With Special Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to Fr. Jim, Fr. Von, Fr. Don Eichenseer, parish staff, our fellow parishioners, family members, choir members from St. Clare and St. Nicholas, accompanist, Carolyn Federhofer, cantors, Sr. Carolyn, the St. Clare Altar Sodality Luncheon ladies, John and Peg Harter, the ushers, pallbearers, Kim and Jim Sabella for assisting us in the planning of the funeral of our dear husband and father, **Ed Kloustermeyer**. We also wish to thank all those who attended the wake and funeral, called, sent flowers, memorial donations, Mass cards and sympathy cards. All the love and support we received during this difficult time was absolutely overwhelming and heartwarming. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We are proud to be members of this faith community. **Donna, Brian and Brad Kloustermeyer**

We also wish to thank our parish, Fr. Jim, Fr. Von, and all priests that concelebrated the funeral Mass for our brother, **Bill Munie**. Thank you to Sr. Carolyn and the choir, the Altar Sodality, the Belles, the Welcome Committee and all the ladies of the parish that served food at the funeral luncheon. Special thanks to John and Peg Harter for stepping in and taking control of so many arrangements. Thank you to the Squires for attending & participating in the wake and funeral. **Bill was very proud of you!** And a very, very special thanks to Jim & Kim Sabella of Wolfersberger Funeral Home for your kindness and guidance. Thanks to all who made donations to the Church and Squires in memory of Bill. We can never thank everyone enough for all the prayers and support shown to us. We are blessed by the people of St. Clare!
Marcia Fix, Julie Hicks, Mary Munie & Sharon Cuvar



Birthdays This Week!

January 2

Ken Burns
Nan Muehlhauser
Lori Cherry
Brooke Wuebbels
Ian McKay

January 3

Mary Kombrink
Mark Williams
Jeanne Silversrtini
Brian Gourley
Tyler Corbier
Ryan Schmidtke

January 4

Rod Haselhorst
Sara Wall
Kevin Allison
Jennifer Jones
Madison Wetzler

January 5

Rose Mary Sturm
Mary Ann Michard
Ruth Holmes
Lonny Roberts
Todd Kortkamp
Arlene Cruz-Peel
Rebecca Hopkins
Amy Stahlman
Patrick Hayden

January 6

Shawnee Levrault
Heather Lee

January 7

Elaine Elrod
Lynn Bowen
Amy O'Connor
Silvana Kandala
Alyssa DeBourge
Alexandria Krause
Delaney Nieroda

January 8

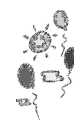
Carolyn Wottowa
William Stoll
Ronald Markarian
Tomica Mishorich
Cindy Stewart

January 9

Melinda Parker
Diane Dito
Jenifer Consunji
Anna Oelgoetz
Barbara Boyles
Lisa Hardimon
Myra Danyelko
Michael Swanson
Josie Certa

January 10

Linda Gilkerson
Linda Lee Hodges
LeVette McKnight
Janet Allen
Andy Rodriguez
James Wall
Jeremy Walker
Kelly Fleming



All Are Welcome!
**Welcome to all Visitors
And New Parishioners!**
**Registration forms
are on the Welcome Table
in the Gathering Space.**
We look forward to meeting you!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rediscovering Catholicism

For Inactive Catholics Wanting to Get Reconnected to Their Church

Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

Led by Fr. Jim Deiters

Fr. Jim will present Catholicism as a lifestyle based on Jesus' final command, "*I give you a new commandment: Love one another.*" He will refer to seven pillars of Catholicism as described in the book, "*Rediscovering Catholicism*" by Matthew Kelly. These seven pillars include:

1. The Bible—God's Word
2. Contemplation—Developing an Inner Life of union with God in silence
3. The Mass—a weekly community prayer of Thanksgiving with Jesus
4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation—one of the most misunderstood parts of Catholicism
5. Fasting—a spiritual discipline that connects us to the larger world where so many have so little
6. Spiritual Reading
7. Mary and the Saints



AWAKENING OUR FAITH IN CHALLENGING TIMES

What is a parish mission?

A parish mission is a series of services designed to help us fire up our faith, like the Catholic version of a revival. Parishioners and guests are invited to hear the speaker's powerful messages at daily Masses and evening mission presentations – each with a different theme designed to appeal to our spiritual needs. By simply encountering new insights into the mystery of Jesus and praying about what we hear, we will have an opportunity to deepen and clarify our faith response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The parish mission will send us forth with a renewed and heightened commitment to Jesus, His mission and the life of the Church. A parish mission gives us an opportunity to be transformed into the best Catholics we can be. We can then join together with our parish family to renew our efforts to be witnesses to the Good News!

What is the St. Clare Parish Mission about?

The St. Clare Parish Mission's theme, "*Awakening Our Faith in Challenging Times,*" **invites us to focus** on God's immense love, forgiveness and healing power. Father Dennis Koopman, OFM, a Franciscan friar who preaches missions around the country, will present our mission. Here is an overview of each day:

Sunday, Jan. 17 – Living in the Embrace of God's Love

We proclaim that God does indeed hold us in a loving embrace, giving us both the strength to carry on and the ability to reach out to those in need. In challenging times, God's loving embrace will carry us through the storms of life.

Monday, Jan. 18 – Forgiveness as a Path to Peace

We proclaim a God who is merciful and always seeks to forgive. In accepting his gift of mercy for ourselves, we are then called to be peacemakers by forgiving those who have wronged us. Yet, real peace and reconciliation must include justice. Reconciliation will be available.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 – Healing the Human Heart

Pain and suffering are a very real part of the human condition. In spite of that, we proclaim that, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, people will find healing and hope. Anointing of the Sick will be available.

Wed., Jan. 20 – Witnesses of the Good News in Our Times

Renewed and restored to life through love, forgiveness and healing, we are called to share this life with others by spreading the Good News to all people.

Why should I go?

Isn't it worth it to take a little time for yourself and do something that can change your life? You take time to help with your family's needs. You take time to do that extra project at work to move up the ladder. You take time for doctor's visits and vaccinations to improve your health. You enjoy a vacation to relax. Why not make the time to be refreshed with God's Word and God's love so you can better approach your daily life?

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 2**

Epiphany
5:00 p.m. Brian Hendricks

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany
8:30 a.m. Everett Pfeiffer
Nick Dekum
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, January 4

Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
12:00 p.m. Dolores Hillesheim

Tuesday, January 5

John Neumann, bishop
7:30 a.m. Rudy Prohaska
8:35 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

Wednesday, January 6

Weekday after Epiphany, Blessed Andre Bessette, religious
No Mass

Thursday, January 7

Weekday after Epiphany, Raymond of Penafort, priest
8:35 a.m. Wilfred & Ruth Benhoff

Friday, January 8

Weekday after Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Anna Marie Arnsman

Saturday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Ed & Margie Pfeiffer

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Margaret & Emory Harrison
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Weekly Readings January 3—10

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-12a Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17 Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30
Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

January 9/10**Cantors**

Saturday 5:00 pm Sister Carolyn
Sunday 8:30 am Joe Motowski
10:30 am Andy Bridgeman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Barb Kovach, Jessica Kalmer, Jeff & Pat Taylor
Carl Lurk, Jere & Nancy Buttimer, Lee & Anne Crowe
Scott Brown*, Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow*, Eric Morski*

Sunday 8:30 am Tina Whitlow, Jana Bechtoldt, Mary Vrieswyk
Kevin & Linda Rademacher, Diane Wallace
Frank Lopez, Donna Meyers, Lesley Coleman
Andrea Harris*, Virginia Leninsky*, John & Suzanne
Durnford*

Sunday 10:30 am Jane Dotson, Bobbie Bess, Sharon Richey, Sharon Vance
Karen Holzum, Brian Wuebbels, Ken Hatfield-Baker
Joe Chappell, Margaret Andrasko, Richard Smith*
Marcia Fix*, Joe & Mary Anne Burroughs*

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Ellen Gravlin & Nick Wojtal
Sunday 8:30 am Fran Tyson & John Gomez
Sunday 10:30 am Patty Klingelhoefner & Tara Ashbaker

Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm Nathan Lampe, Kassie Riedle
Mason Shubirg, Destin Reid
Sunday 8:30 am Daniel & Nicholas Takacs
10:30 am Kyle Rademacher, Tommy Stoeckl
Kristin Sjoquist, Rachel Sill
Emily Flournoy, Rachel Sabella

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm Scott & Brian Cusimano, Josh Gansauer
Richie Meile, Chris & Kathy Riedle
Sunday 8:30 am Robert & Nick Cherry, Don Proffer
10:30 am George Martychenko, Mark Huller, Gary Haselhorst
Roy Rogge, Matt Chambers, Brian Fix
Paulo D'Amico, Jose Mendez, Tyler McDaniel

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm Shirley Suski, Elizabeth Correale, Yasuko Estabrooks
Sunday 8:30 am Sarah, Allie, Rebecca & Maya Huller
10:30 am Hannah, Tara & Christopher Sill

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm Dennis & Abbey Holdener, Beth Adams, Carol Williamson
Sunday 8:30 am Jeremy Kmetz, Muriel Barber, George & Mona Peach
10:30 am Bo & Cyndi Butters, Stephanie Chambers, Nora Aguilar

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm KC Riedle
Sunday 8:30 am Gary Borges
10:30 am Consuelo Munoz

Bread Bakers

Hailley Luehrs, Tammy Wayne, Amanda Dolson

**MINISTERS
OF THE LITURGY**

**WE
CELEBRATE**

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Gina Beal, Peggy Berens, Victoria Boschert, Jack Bradshaw, Mabel French, John Gass, Fr. Steve Gira, Loretta Gregorich, Maggie Grimmig, Kate Hastings, Rita Haukapp, Steven Krick, Vincent Lepes, Irene Lickenbrock, Paul Louis, Madison Luechtefeld, Helen O'Connor, Frank Puttmann, Esther Range, Melvin Seipp, Dianne Guithes-Simmons, Marie Tarrant, Charleen Vernier, David Wilke

Donations have been made in Memory of our Loved Ones:

Adolph Gerardi	Leo & Bernadine Kaiman	Ray Schmid
Gilbert Maier Family	Harry & Mildred Hillen	Leo Halloan
Francis Byrne Family	Robert Hillen	Florence Arbogast
Cletus Becherer	Rosemarie Heil	Curt Britt
John & Bertha Becherer	Daniel Thompson	Patricia Gerardi
Julius & Elizabeth Meyer	Doris Wilke	Ruth Gerardi
Thelma Slavens	Robert Dent	Thomas Leo Kovach
Clarence Fohne	Mary Skiera	Louise Ruchtie
Merril Fohne	Henry Skiera	Carlito Gamboa
Jason Siebert	Dorothy Strayhorn	Rufina G. Empancho
Karen Rogers	Frank, Esther Strayhorn	Felix M. Empancho
Msgr. Edmund Lugge	Billie Dean Strayhorn	James E. Collins, Sr.
Walter Woods, Sr. Family	Elizabeth Schlattweiler	Zola Kettinger
Lewis Fitch Family	Joe, Dolores & David Lemansky	Dorothy Vander Ven
Wesley Wieman	George Sturm	Lou & Ervin Vollmer
Norman Heinke	Cecil & Lorene Johnson	Gerry & Charles Kloustermeyer
Bernard & Johanna Wille	Al & Bernice Lanter	Ed Kloustermeyer
Henry & Clara Siekmann	Darrell Lanter	Mary & Adolph Miller
Russell & Eleanor Thoman	Aaron Lanter	Truus & Jan Giebels
Victor & Marie Thoman	Kenney & Gionet Families	Arthur Zinn
Delores Thoman	Kenney & Edwards Families	Podwojski & Wright Families
Marie Munie	Robert Hebden	Francis & John Santoro
Adele Thoman	William & Sylvia Hebden	Amelia & Walter Vernier
Viola Thoman	Edward Pfeiffer	Peter & Theresa Gausepohl
Devin Hockman	Margie Pfeiffer	Emma & Lawrence Havel
Dirk & Rita DeReu	Bill & Gerry Munie	James T. Vogt
Nora Money	Bill Munie, Jr.	Marcel & Viola Huller
Elmer & Juanita Johnson	Ginny Merritt & Sherral Hicks	John, Dorothy, Pat & John Costello, Jr.
Ryan Gross	Vincent Ferreri	Leo E. Wells
Rose & Conway Pinkston	Maura Keniley Pedersen	Choe Man Sue
Helen Barber	Tom Awerkamp	Richard & Beverly Cosner
Don Wagner	Emily Gravlin	Alison Cosner
Dean Wagner	Kenny Gravlin	Jim Culkin
Frank & Pat Schmitt	Thomas Brennan, Jr.	Joseph & Ernestine Stuck
David Woodward	Eleanor O'Connor	Marilyn Kemp
Rick Woodward	Michael O'Connor	Hattie Carlson
Vivian Nostgor	Frank Sheesley	Marie Collins
Virginia Otto	Raymond Boos	Alma Boyce
Haag & Sabatino Families	Roberta Gainor	Mary E. Allen
Charles F. Murphy	Dave Porter	D'Amato Sholl Families
Tim Dempsey	Bernard & Dorothy Henry	Robert Haukapp
Kirsch & Willman Families	Chris Gregorich	Wayne Haukapp
Lillian Chambers	Carl Gregorich	Donna Haukapp
Paul Brychta	Mary Sally Haselhorst	Charlotte Sandheinrich
Elaine M. Dean	Nancy Haselhorst-Wright	Sharon Sandheinrich
George W. Sanford, Jr.	Patricia Nooney	James Riedel
Tyrone Sanford	Margaret Beadle	Ruth Wilke
Marilyn Kemp	James Beadle	Richard Spradling
Grzeskowiak Family	Marie Sanford	Christy Rae Schwaegel/Stephans
Peters Family	Abram Sanford	Jean Marie Schwaegel
Sjoquist Family	Bernard & Anna Schmitt	Thomas/Casey Families
Mary & Frank Lopez	Margaret Schmitt	Jones/Rogers Families



Sunday, December 20, 2009

Weekly tithe for Operating Budget \$17,003.04
 Donations for the New Church 2,216.00

Christmas Collection
 \$24,089.12

FAITH FORMATION

Parish School of Religion News

TODAY, January 3
NO PSR

Classes Resume on January 10, 2010



Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday, January 3
6:00 PM
St. Clare Church

Join our Youth each First Sunday
of the Month for Eucharistic Adoration

Youth Dodge Ball Tournament

Sunday, January 10 from Noon—??

St. Clare School Gymnasium

Please bring snacks to share!

Drinks will be provided. Free admission.

Questions? Call Phil at 624-6038



Donations Needed for Fontebella Maternity Home

If you would like to donate something for the home, contact Suzie Durnford @501-425-4591 or jpdford@charter.net for more information on what is needed. For more information on Fontebella go to www.fontebella.org.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Don't forget to add
"Time for your Marriage"
to your New Year's Resolutions!
The next Marriage Encounter is

February 5—7, 2010

Early registration is recommended.
Call 888-889-9963 or go online to
www.aweekendofdiscovery.org

Bishops Urge Changes to Senate Health Care Bill

Representative Bishops from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops have stated that the currently approved Senate Health Care Bill does **not**:

- ♦ **Keep in place current federal law on abortion funding and conscience protections on abortion**
- ♦ **Protect the access to health care that immigrants currently have and remove current barriers to access**
- ♦ **Include strong provisions for adequate affordability and coverage standards**

Please contact our US Senators and Congressmen on these issues.

Senator Dick Durbin
309 Hart Senate Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-2152 (phone)
(202) 228-0400 (fax)
<http://durbin.senate.gov>

Senator Roland Burris
387 Russell Senate Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-2854 (phone)
(202) 228-3333 (fax)
<http://burris.senate.gov>

Congressman Jerry Costello
2408 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-5661 (phone)
(202) 222-0285 (fax)
<http://costello.house.gov>

PLEASE see www.usccb.org for more information.

Save Your Denny's Receipts For UCM

Denny's donates 10% from your receipt to UCM. UCM uses the money to train people with lower incomes to have an effective voice in speaking out for affordable housing, local jobs, access to healthcare and more. You can put your receipts in a marked envelope and put it in the Sunday collection.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND OUTREACH

ALTAR ANGELS FOR JANUARY 9:

Jeanette Giebels, Eleanor Henken,
Judy Lemansky, Mary McDaniel

PURIFICATORS: Jan. 3 & 10: Zinnia Adkins

THANK YOU! The Altar Sodality would like to thank everyone for supporting the Christmas Cookie Sale again this year.

YOUNG ADULT PIZZA NIGHT The Young Adults will be getting together at Fr. Jim's home on Sunday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF LIFE!

The 37th Annual National March for Life will take place in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22, 2010. A caravan will depart from Our Lady of the Snows Shrine on January 21 and return on January 23. More information will be available this weekend after all the Masses. Members of the Respect Life Ministry will be available in the Gathering Space to answer your questions. The deadline to register for the March for Life is January 8.

SVDP AND CUP NEED YOUR HELP Diocesan staff at Catholic Urban Programs and SVDP are struggling to meet the needs of the people who contact them daily for assistance. If you can help with the following wish list, contact Gerry Hasenstab at 398-5616 or Pat Hogrebe at 799-8505.

Wish list: Men's gently used shoes (dress & tennis), belts, jeans, suits, sport coats, dress & casual shirts, volunteers for office work and sorting clothing, drivers for pick up and delivery/errands and soup bus. Hand made quilts and afghans for fund raising events, items to list on e-bay, jewelry, furniture and appliances, etc. Pick up is available.



Music Trivia Night Saturday, January 30

O'Fallon K.C. Hall, 402 East Hwy 50
Doors open at 6:30 and Trivia begins at 7:00 pm

\$100 per table (no more than 10 persons per table)

1st Place—\$200

2nd Place—\$150

3rd Place—\$100

"Best Table Decorations" Contest—\$50

50/50 Raffle

Contact Ellen Gravlin at 531-9151 or
stclaretrivia@gmail.com

Reservations not final until payment received:

Mail or deliver to the Parish office
1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, IL 62269

All proceeds benefit the St. Clare of Assisi Building Fund

Please support the St. Clare School
Spaghetti Dinner at the school
214 West 3rd St., O'Fallon

Then, come play Music Trivia!!

Help Support Althoff Senior Service Project

Margaret Durnford of our parish is a senior at Althoff High School which is our local Catholic High School. She will be traveling to Honduras with other seniors in January to help the School Sisters of Notre Dame assist the Lenca people of Monte Verde Honduras. This weekend Margaret and other seniors will be collecting monetary donations.