

SPECIAL EVENTS



Rediscovering Catholicism

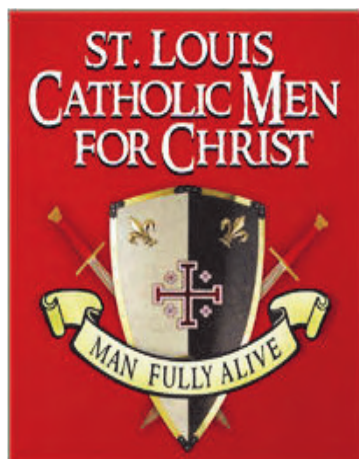
For Inactive Catholics Wanting to Get Reconnected to Their Church

Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

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:

- ◆ **The Bible**—God's Word
- ◆ **Contemplation**—Developing an "Inner Life" of union with God in Silence
- ◆ **The Mass**—A weekly community prayer of Thanksgiving with Jesus
- ◆ **Reconciliation**—One of the most misunderstood parts of Catholicism
- ◆ **Fasting**—A spiritual discipline that connects us to the larger world where so many have so little
- ◆ **Spiritual Reading**
- ◆ **Mary and the Saints**



Announcing the 3rd Annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference

Saturday, February 6, 2010

At the America's Center

Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

**Meet Deacon Dennis Vander Ven at the Shiloh-Scott Metro for the 6:33 a.m. Train.

"MAN FULLY ALIVE"

The Glory of God is Man Fully Alive

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

Cost is \$45. Register online today at www.catholicmenforchrist.org



Souper Bowl Sunday Challenge Sunday, February 7

Bring cans of hearty soup to Mass
OR

Donate money for the O'Fallon Food Pantry

O'Fallon Ministerial Alliance challenges all area congregations to this friendly competition for the Food Pantry. The deadline is next Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Each can of soup or dollar donated counts for one point. The congregation with the most points per member in attendance will be the winner and be awarded the Souper Bowl Sunday traveling trophy. Let's donate lots of soup and win back the trophy!



ST. VALENTINE DAY DINNER AND DANCE

Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

\$45 per person

Hosted by St. Clare Hospitality Committee

Grab your sweetheart and get ready for a special evening planned just for you!

The Elegant evening includes a sit down dinner, dancing and a chocolate fountain at

The Fountains!

Tickets are \$45 each so grab your friends and get a table together for a "Sweetheart" of an evening.

Please Contact Connie Garrett (632-8062) or Angi Klohr (624-7150)

for more information or reservations. ggz43@sbcglobal.net or aklohr@charter.net

WELCOME

From Our Pastor... Celebrating Catholic Schools

Each year at the end of January, Catholic parishes around the country celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We do this for several reasons:

1. To thank all of our parishioners for their prayerful and financial support of this important ministry in our parish.
2. To promote the value of Catholic Schools to those who may not be familiar with this parish ministry that helps parents pass on the faith to their children.
3. To help the school children realize the uniqueness of their Catholic education they are privileged to be receiving in a country that allows religious freedom.

Our own St. Clare School does a tremendous job of keeping a Catholic identity in its mission in the way it teaches the core Catholic teachings to the children. They also get involved in a wide variety of charity and justice outreach activities.

We are also grateful to have two Catholic High Schools relatively close to our parish that I encourage our parents to also consider for continuing their children's faith formation. Althoff Catholic High School is in Belleville and Mater Dei (my Alma Mater) is in Breese, both of them within a half hour drive. I know that some of our parents also choose the excellent Catholic high schools in St. Louis.

Of course our parish also supports those who choose to be a part of our PSR program on Sunday mornings. But for one week a year we make an extra effort of promoting our Catholic School for parents to consider as an excellent way to help them teach the faith to their children. Thanks for your support.

God's Peace be with you,
Fr. Jim Deiters

PS: Next weekend I will be gone as part of my annual required week of continuing education. The conference I will be attending is focusing on the 'sanctifying' role that priests have in their ministry. The other two main areas of a priest's job are 'governing (administration)' and 'teaching' – these two areas were covered in the past two years conferences I attended. Thanks for understanding my need to keep updated on my own 'job' as a priest.



Birthdays This Week!



January 30

W.C. McNease
Terre Dudley
Linda Nagle
Joe Hardimon
Winnie Kenney
Jason Harms
Jeremy Benedick
James Collins
Alex Rutkowski
Brittany Gerke
Nolan Melesky
Kirsten Economou
Erin Ford

January 31

Andrea Martin
Timothy Hackney
Paul O'Brien
Mary Sheehey
Patrick Moss
Michelle Erb
Courtney Kombrink
Tyler Klingelhofer
Mark Williams
Ansley Ori

February 1

Paul Riley
Jim Stejskal
Bernard McManus
Stephanie Gentry
Matt Steinkamp
Alexa Kissinger
Rachel Baines
Eric Banker
Jimmy Hendricks
Lilianna Klostermann

February 2

Nancy Fuccillo
Mary Anne Hempsted
Katie Gilroy
Maggie Papproth-
Pauley

February 3

Michelle Strube
Celerina Collins
Rick Klingelhofer
Joe Michalski
Amy Ori
Matt Herrriott
Megan Koch
Marissa Walker

February 4

Gail Jurgensmeyer
Mary Pressnall
Theresa Borges
James Newbold
Alex Heitzman
Taylor Haney
Myah Markovich
Rhianna DeBourge

February 5

Helen Costello
Judy Kocinski
Scott Cusimano
Greg Schwartz
Allison LaSalvia

February 6

Bob Guithues, Sr.
Judy Wylie
Ken Katzer
William Auclair
Adam Gonzalez
Aidan RoosEvans

February 7

Jana Stephens
Monica Day
Michele Kombrink
Victoria Nowak
Andrew Jones



LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Thomas Brennan, Jr.

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. For Our Parish
10:30 a.m. Gerry Munie

Monday, February 1

Weekday
12:00 p.m. Bernadine Kaiman

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
7:30 a.m. Special Intention
8:35 a.m. Mass in the School Chapel

Wednesday, February 3

Weekday, *Saint Blaise, bishop, martyr; Saint Ansgar, bishop*
No Mass

Thursday, February 4

Weekday
8:35 a.m. Eleanor Thoman
Mass at School Chapel

First Friday, February 5

Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr
7:30 a.m. Charlotte & Sharon Sandheinrich
8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 Noon Rosary and Benediction

Saturday, February 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Clayton Missey
Angie Guithues
10:30 a.m. Francie Gazzini

February 6/7

Cantors

Saturday 5:00 pm	Katie Szwedo
Sunday 8:30 am	John Gomez
10:30 am	Sister Carolyn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm	Jessica Kalmer, Sella Roman, Joe & Carolyn Wojtal Barb Kovach, Carl Lurk, Dennis Holdener Eric Morski, Ellen Gravlin, Tom & Mary Lou Pawlow* Lee & Anne Crowe*
Sunday 8:30 am	Leslie Goldberg, Frank Lopez, Donna Meyers Lori Cherry, Victoria Gainor, Kristin Jordan Mary Vrieswyk, Diane Wallace, Pennie Pavlisin Mark & Amie O'Connor*, Kevin & Linda Rademacher*
Sunday 10:30 am	Kim & Hannah Sabella, Patty Klingelhoef Sharon Vance, Marcia Fix, Bobbie Bess Amber Harris, Angi Klohr, Rebecca Coley Sharon Richey*, Joe Chappell* Dominic & Rena Sabatino*

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm	Judy Menzies & Jere Buttmer
Sunday 8:30 am	Tina Whitlow & Jim Oelgoetz
Sunday 10:30 am	Nick Ashbaker & Julie Goin

Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm	Josh Brown, Nathan Lampe, Mason Shubirg
Sunday 8:30 am	Aurora Wallace, Tommy Stoeckl, Kyle Rademacher
10:30 am	Kelly Brahmabhatt, Sarah Dotson, Mary Jines

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm	Don Gravlin, John & Luke Winkelmann Richie Meile, Ken & Jeanne Kenney
Sunday 8:30 am	Don Proffer, John Bechtoldt, Gary Haselhorst Jim Hendricks, George Martychenko, Mark Huller John Meise, Joe Barajas, Robert Gilmore Steve Mensing, Mark Stevens, Ruben Abalos
10:30 am	

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm	Taylor & Jenny Bennett, Yasuko Estabrooks
Sunday 8:30 am	Brady, Emilee, Matt & Stacey Steinkamp
10:30 am	Nolan, Jim & JoAnn Melesky

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm	Edith Hock, Jackie Brown, Rosemarie Jones Jeannie Haukapp
Sunday 8:30 am	Muriel Barber, Lynette Gage, Jim & Corrine Wright
10:30 am	Elyse, Anna, Doug, Nicholas & Vicki Flath

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm	Ken Hatfield-Baker
Sunday 8:30 am	Gary Goldberg
10:30 am	David Schmitz

Bread Bakers

Adrian & Shirley Rivera, Jeanne Haselhorst
Carolyn & Jenny Vogt



Weekly Readings January 31-February 7

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 Ps 71:1-6,15,17 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31,47,50-51 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a,3-8 Ps 138:1-5,7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or
15:3-8,11 Lk 5:1-11

Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Peggy Berens, Victoria Boschert, Jack Bradshaw, Mabel French, Fr. Steve Gira, Maggie Grimmig, Kate Hastings, Rita Haukapp, 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, Denise Yunker

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND OUTREACH

Immigration Reform Prayer Vigil at Congressman Costello's Office:

Fridays from 4:30—5:00 p.m.

February Prayer Vigils: Congressman Costello's Granite City Office, 2060 Delmar Ave., Suite B

Our scripture and Catholic teaching take a strong stand for the dignity of immigrants and our pope and bishops have made strong statements of support for immigration reform.

Due to the nature of our political systems, we have a narrow window of time between now and May to get these needed reforms passed or else we will have to wait three years.

Representative Jerry Costello is a representative whose heart and mind is moving on this issue. While not giving specific details, he has told representatives of United Congregations of Metro-East that he supports immigration reform in general. UCM is sponsoring prayer vigils at his office. We will meet at 4:00 at St. Clare Church to carpool to Congressman Costello's office. For more information, contact Cheryl Sommer at 632-3562 or cherylsommer@yahoo.com.



Men's Renewal Weekend — February 20/21

This weekend gives men a chance to talk about faith in a comfortable setting with other men.

Mass is celebrated each day and Reconciliation will also be offered.

The weekend is presented by a team of other men from our parish.

The weekend starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

It is open to men from St. Clare and from other parishes. For more information, contact:

Steve Sharpe at sharpie130@att.net or steve.sharpe-02@scott.af.mil.

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 newly renovated Cathedral in Springfield followed by an overview of the issues of the day. These issues include support of funding for Catholic schools and for services to the most vulnerable in our state, defending the dignity of all human life and supporting services for pregnant women and infants, and preserving programs for immigrants by ensuring state funding is not reduced. 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

Please Help us Purchase a Heart Defibrillator

Our parish is planning on purchasing and installing a heart defibrillator which helps treat sudden cardiac arrest, in the church building. The price is approximately \$2,000. If anyone is interested in making a donation toward this, please enclose it in an enveloped marked "Defibrillator" and drop in the Sunday collection during February. Thank you very much!

Brendan Karwoski, a 6th grade student at St. Clare School is shaving his head in support of children with cancer. Please visit his website to make a contribution for the St. Baldricks Foundation to help find a cure for childhood cancer. <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/participantid/364647>. Some of you may remember his Grandmother, Maria Karwoski, who was a lector at St. Clare Church for many years!

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Weekly tithe for Operating Budget	\$16,389.00
Donations for the New Church	1,120.00

FAITH FORMATION

Parish School of Religion News!

PSR January 31 & February 7
10:30—12:00



High School Youth Group

January 31

6—7:30 p.m.

In the Youth Room

Super Bowl Party ~ February 7

Meet at Church at 4 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration.
 Group leaves for Audrey Crain's house at 4:30!
 Bring a snack or soda to share!

AFTER LUKE 18: WHAT NEXT?

CRAZY 8'S MEETING

JANUARY 31st IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Open to ALL 8th Graders!

Youth Commission Meeting—February 1
6:30—8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

First Communion Parents Meeting

"Understanding the Eucharist"

Tuesday, February 2 from 7—9:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Service Opportunity

February 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Schnucks.
Collecting donations for the O'Fallon Food Pantry.
Delivery and Tour of the Food Pantry at 2 p.m.

"Based in Faith"

The Belleville Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)

Will be held March 13-14, 2010 at the

Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

The conference will include featured speakers, workshops, liturgy, a banquet and dance & much more!
 To register, contact Youth Ministry Leader, Karen Jalbert
All paperwork must be in by February 7.

The Church and Life Everlasting

US Catholic Catechism Classes Resume:

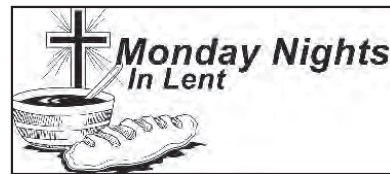
Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon
St. Clare School Cafeteria
January 31 and February 7 & 21

Tuesdays from 8:45—10:15 a.m.
St. Clare Church Library
February 2, 9 & 16

Using the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, we will focus on the following topics:

- ◆ The Church Reflecting the Light of Christ
- ◆ The Four Marks of the Church
- ◆ Mary, The Church's First and Most Perfect Member
- ◆ Our Eternal Destiny

You may purchase your own catechism or borrow one from the parish. To register, contact Fr. Von Deeke at 632-3562 or vondeeke@hotmail.com.



Catholic Sacramentality And Caring for God's Creation

For five consecutive Mondays starting February 22, we will start with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a simple soup supper and a speaker at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme was chosen as a result of our parish planning process two years ago at which we said we wanted to be known as a parish that was actively involved in caring for God's creation. Advance registration is appreciated.

Young Adults

This is a group of 20 & 30 somethings that get together for fellowship, faith and fun. Please join us at our events:

February 1st: Theology on Tap at Schlafly Tap Room, 2100 Locust Street in St. Louis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7. The topic is *The Catholic Church Meets YouTube: What does one generation offer another?* Presented by Fr. Gregory Helle, OP.

March 6th: Trivia Night to benefit St. Clare Youth Group! Volunteer in planning, working or getting a team together for the night! Contact achamp78@gmail.com or 792-5200.

CHRISTIAN LIFE



CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRY SALE Orders will be taken after Mass this weekend and next. Pick up will be Sat., February 13 after 2 p.m. and after all weekend Masses. To order, call Corrine at 632-4062 or Mary Anne at 632-3736. Cost is \$14 a dozen or \$7 a half dozen.

ALTAR ANGELS FEB 6: Celerina Collins, Arlene Cruz-Peel, Ely Gillespie & Bette Lehman
Purificators: Jan 31: Barb Kovach and Feb 7: Beth Ann Lockert

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS Please submit your **unavailable dates** for our schedule to jamaeshubirg@yahoo.com or call the parish office. The next schedule will run from February 21 through May 16. Your dates are due in the office by February 8.

MANY THANKS FROM FONTEBELLA Thank you to St. Clare Parishioners for your donation of over 500 items for Fontebella.



BLESSING OF CANDLES ~ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 7:30 A.M. MASS
We will have a blessing of candles before the 7:30 a.m. Mass this Tuesday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as **Candlemas**. If you have any candles at home that you would like blessed, please bring them to Mass.



Free Throw Contest
St. Clare School
Sunday, January 31
1:00 p.m.

Doors open at 12:30 for registration and practice. Open to all boys and girls from ages 10–14 as of 1/1/10.

Sponsored by the O'Fallon KC Council 4239

Winners will advance to the District level competition!
For questions, contact Jay Reeser at 624-8404.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

St. Clare Catholic School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6

The school community thanks the parish for their prayers and support. Please know that we offer our prayers for the parish all year long. God bless you for your love and care!

St. Clare Catholic School in O'Fallon invites everyone interested in learning more about St. Clare School to an **Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 21.**

Come meet members of our St. Clare School family – teachers, parents, students, priests, School Board members and administration – and tour the school to learn more about the high quality Catholic education St. Clare provides. The St. Clare Parents and Friends Club will host a reception during the Open House and present a special video that showcases the unique opportunities available at St Clare.

The Open House will be especially helpful for parents of pre-kindergarten children who are currently considering enrolling their children in school next year or in the future.

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-11 school year will be held at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 3.** For more information, call Principal Ken Pajares at 632-6327.

SVDP SOCIETY QUILT BINGO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

ALTHOFF HIGH SCHOOL

Doors open at 10:30
Social begins at 1 p.m.
Lunch items available
Basket Boutique

Bring a canned good for a free card per tally.

Donations of baskets or items for baskets are also needed. To donate contact Pat at 799-8505.