

The 10th Annual St. Clare Oktoberfest is less than a week away! We count on every parishioner to be a part of our largest fund-raising event. *How can you help? We're glad you asked!*

Five Things You Can Do To Make Oktoberfest a Success:

1. **BUY O-SCRIP IN ADVANCE!** For the first time, Oktoberfest will be using a scrip system on Saturday night. You'll need O-Scrip to purchase beer, wine, and all food served at stands on the blacktop. Kids' games and grown-up games of chance, the basket raffle, bingo---all will be accepting O-Scrip instead of cash. And while O-Scrip will be sold on the blacktop the night of the Fest, *we STRONGLY encourage you to avoid the lines and buy in advance* after all Masses this weekend, in the parish office during the week, at the Brauhaus on Friday night, and at the 5K Saturday morning. Volunteers will also sell scrip outside St. Clare School at the end of the school day this Thursday and Friday. O-Scrip costs 50 cents apiece; for lots of fun pick up sheets of 20 for \$10!
2. **Volunteer your time.** Oktoberfest committees will be working around the clock from food prep Thursday night, September 23, through clean-up Sunday. Whether you can swing a hammer, stir a pot, clear tables or shuffle cards, there's an important job that you can do. Even an hour helps! Contact information for Oktoberfest's committee chairs appears at the end of this column---give one of them a call!
3. **Donate!** We need quilts for Quilt Bingo (store-bought are fine!), homemade desserts for dinner, whole cakes for the Cake Wheel, filled gift baskets for the Basket Raffle, and "deluxe" items for the Silent Auction---condo stays, event tickets, weekend getaways and such. Drop off non-perishable items at the parish office; bring cakes and desserts to the school cafeteria between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, September 25.
4. **Buy and sell raffle tickets.** We're counting on you! Every parish household has received tickets for our Big Otto \$10,000 Raffle. Once again, we're offering a \$250 CASH BONUS to the seller of the winning Big Otto ticket---*it could be you!!* And don't forget our \$10 Li'l Otto raffle, with prizes valued at over \$1,500!
5. **Bring friends and family of all ages!** The Saturday morning 5-K Rennen/Weg includes a half-mile kids' fun run. Once again at the Fest we'll be taking over 3rd Street to give kids an awesome array of inflatables, games and attractions just for them! Face-painting, sno-cones, funnel cakes...kids love Oktoberfest, so bring them along! And, from the rollicking German-style fun and music of the St. Clare Brauhaus on Friday night to the food, games and good times at Oktoberfest, there'll be lots to share with your relatives, neighbors, co-workers...the more the merrier! Be an "ambassador" for our parish and share the fun and fellowship of Oktoberfest with the whole community. Please call to volunteer:

Event Set Up & Clean Up	Carl Lurk	624-8191
St. Clare Brauhaus	Page Belongy	628-8047
	Rob & Shelly Messer	344-9398
Brat Stand	Art Stutsman	628-8499
Raffle Stand	Ellen & Don Gravlin	628-3484
Kids Games	Scott & Theresa Voss	624-8152
Kids Rides	Bruce Rackers	628-2348
Basket Raffle	Peg Harter	409-2429
Funnel Cakes	Tom Wiegert	624-1865
Spiral Spuds	Don Proffer	604-5982
Pull Tabs	Jim Collins	628-9090
Big Six Wheel	Eric Bauder	624-4910
Poker	Dan Ashbaker	632-9064
Bingo	Dennis Holdener	972-9467
Dinner Prep	John Gomez	416-1616
Dinner Servers	Mary Lee Hillen	632-5074
Cake Wheel	Kathy Riedle	624-4475
Silent Auction	Peg Harter	409-2429
Beer Tent	Anne King	910-9988
	Jeff Harris	314-445-1790
Ticket Sales	Bill & Ann Millikin	808-0055
Wine Garden	Jane Dotson	624-8408
	Kathy Sjoquist	628-1840
5-K Rennen & Weg	Alicia Luechtefeld	531-0220

WELCOME

From Our Pastor...

New this year...O-Scrip!

As we gear up for Oktoberfest next weekend I have asked the Committee to explain this year's change called "O-Scrip":

To shorten lines and enhance security on the Oktoberfest grounds, a new scrip system will be in place on Saturday night. Cash will not be accepted at individual food, beverage and gaming stands on the blacktop or on the Kinderplatz on 3rd Street. Instead, Fest-goers will need to purchase tickets called "O-Scrip" from centrally-located booths at the festival.

O-Scrip will exchange dollar-for-dollar for all your Oktoberfest purchases. For example, a \$1 soda will instead cost 2 scrip tickets; a 50 cent basket raffle chance, 1 scrip ticket; and so on. No fumbling with change for you, and less loose cash to keep track of for our busy volunteers—everyone benefits!

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to buy O-Scrip in advance for themselves and their friends. By doing this, you will avoid the long wait we anticipate on the night of Oktoberfest and instead get right to the evening's fun! O-Scrip tickets cost 50 cents apiece, or \$10 for convenient sheets of 20. O-Scrip will be sold in advance at the parish office, on the St. Clare School blacktop after school Thursday and Friday, September 23-24; at the Friday night Brauhaus and Saturday morning 5K run; and on the Oktoberfest grounds prior to the "official" event opening at 4 p.m.

As an added convenience, credit cards will be accepted for scrip purchases on the Oktoberfest grounds. Thank you for your support of Oktoberfest! See you there!

A very special thank you to all who turned in your Time & Talent Commitment Cards. Your contact information has been sent to all Ministry Heads and you will be contacted in the next couple of weeks. I am happy to report that 838 individuals (366 families) returned cards! Thank you for your commitment to serve God in the various ministries in our parish and community!
Fr. Jim Deiters



September 18

- Patti Leisure
- Dan Ashbaker
- Nancy Gourley
- Leah Wilson
- Jess Gooden
- Drew Bridgeman
- Anne Britton
- Athena Fernandez
- Dylan Minor
- Sophia Ryan
- Avery Gansauer

September 19

- Jim Hicks
- Don Henson
- Russell Arentsen
- Kimberly Nolan
- Emily Rautio
- Phoebe Dalman

September 20

- Joseph Johnson
- Gerald Parker
- Bert Whitlow
- Gina Chorma
- Christopher Guinn
- Cristol Klicker
- Steve Gorom
- Nahtan Koch
- Nicholas Lampe
- Kelly Brahmhatt
- Lily Beal

September 21

- Colleen Richter
- Marcia Bedard
- Bob Wilson
- Jean Sturgill
- Adam Kuhl
- Brian Earley

September 22

- Rick Hess
- Bobbie Bess
- Rita Zinn
- Jennifer Fischer
- Russell Talbott
- Sophia Cherry
- Isaac Chambers

September 23

- Kathy Ortiz
- David Guebert
- Elizabeth Johnson
- Katie Missey

September 24

- Peter Glennon
- Larry Henken
- Samar Heimann
- Lou Siville
- Amanda Fender
- Scott Eversgerd
- Katie Vance

September 25

- James Rummer
- Clark Wells
- Tom Kloeckner
- Donald Gendron
- Lisa Kortkamp
- Peggy Snyder
- Margaret Durnford

September 26

- Ron Hillen
- Cheryl Raynor
- Cheryl Druse
- Eva Fischer
- Patrick Ward
- Paul Mishorich
- Urania Lopez
- Sylvia Longmire

Reminder:

Mass on Saturday, September 25 will be at 4:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 due to our Oktoberfest!

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1:00 p.m. Wedding of Amie Mayden and Keith Kaiser
5:00 p.m. For Our Parish

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
60th Wedding Anniversary Walter & Virginia Woods
10:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
67th Wedding Anniversary of Leo & Irene Lickenbrock
Teodora Loorcra

Monday, September 20

Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, priest & martyr, and
Saint Paul Chong Hasang, martyr and their companions, martyrs
12:00 p.m. **No Mass**

Tuesday, September 21

Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist
7:30 a.m. Kathy Hug
8:35 a.m. Mass in School Chapel

Wednesday, September 22

Our Lady of Sorrows
No Mass

Thursday, September 23

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, priest
(8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Clare School Chapel)
8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Friday, September 24

Weekday
7:30 a.m. Eleanor Wiegman

Saturday, September 25

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Ed Kloustermeyer
Gisele Brunet

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
65th Wedding Anniversary Dr. & Mrs. Tom Prosser
10:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Weekly Readings September 19-26

Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2,4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b,5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104,163
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17bc Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b,2abc,3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a,4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31

September 25/26

Cantors

Saturday 4:00 pm Donna Kloustermeyer
Sunday 8:30 am Simone Wheeler
10:30 am Sister Carolyn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 4:00 pm Kristy Turner, Dennis Holdener, Shirley Suski
Jessica Kalmer, Nancy Karrigan, Brigid Sternberg
Tom Grimmig, Lucy Mixen, Julie Hicks, Barb Kovach*
Russ Hart*, Jack & Patti Leisure*
Sunday 8:30 am Sara Wise, Toni Stanton, Kristin Jordan, Ely Gillespie
Ryan Luechtefeld, Leslie Goldberg, Percy Menzies
Lesley Coleman, James Carroll, Frank Lopez*
Mary Anne Orr*, Judy Lemansky*, Pennie Pavlisin*
Sunday 10:30 am Dominic & Rena Sabatino, Joe & Mary Anne Burroughs
Gary Goldberg, Ellen Gravlin, Robert & Edna Braswell
Angi Klohr, Amber Harris*, Madonna Harris*
Dan & Tara Ashbaker*

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Diane Dito & Andy O'Guinn
Sunday 8:30 am John Gomez & Tina Whitlow
Sunday 10:30 am Kathy Sjoquist & Steve Mensing

Servers

Saturday 5:00 pm Nathan Lampe, Katelyn Sternberg, Ariel Bevers
Sunday 8:30 am Drew Wise, Aurora Wallace, Anna Corbier
10:30 am Kristin Sjoquist, Emily Ashbaker, Paula Goldberg

Ushers

Saturday 5:00 pm Hal Harris, Michael & Carol Dowling Bennett
Pete Mamino, Josh Gansauer, Matt Wilson
Sunday 8:30 am Mark Huller, George Martychenko, Brad Kloustermeyer
10:30 am Lynette Gage, David Baran, Don Proffer
Mark Stevens, Tyler McDaniel, Joe Barajas
Paul Garrett, Brian Fix, John Meise

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 pm Lee & Anne Crowe
Sunday 8:30 am Members of the Prosser Family
10:30 am Tom, Patty, Megan & Joey Wiegert

Greeters

Saturday 5:00 pm Nora Aguilar, Carol Williamson, Jeannie Haukapp
Sunday 8:30 am Brian, Sarah, Autumn, Hannah, Nicole & Faith Dorsey
10:30 am Skip & Gayle Keniley, Danny & Anna Kimball

Sound Board

Saturday 5:00 pm Mark Holmes
Sunday 8:30 am KC Riedle
10:30 am Gary Borges

Nursery

Sunday 8:30 am Scott Semko, Katie Vance, Erin Prest
10:30 am Megan Blair, Erica Wilson, Lauren Patterson

Bread Bakers

Shelley Mank, Sarah Henken, Zinnia Adkins

**MINISTERS
OF THE LITURGY**



Please pray for the sick, their loved ones and caregivers: Peggy Berens, Jim Boyd, Tristan Callahan, Delores Elliott, Mabel French, John Gass, Mildred Gerardi, Fr. Steve Gira, Maggie Grimmig, Dolores Harvilla, Kate Hastings, Rita Haukapp, Marie Johnson, Marcy Lanter, Abelina Leon, Irene Lickenbrock, Madison Luechtefeld, Margaret Nettles, Evelyn Riebold, Melvin Seipp, Dianne Guilthes-Simmons, Charleen Vernier, Kathleen Wilson

**Great Guide
for Children
Ages 5—9!**



We have obtained 150 copies of a wonderful children's version of the Magnificat, a prayer resource which many of our parishioners use, called **MAGNIFIKID!**

Each packet contains four booklets, one for each of the Sundays of October. They contain the parts of the Mass, Scripture readings, and home activities which reinforce the Scripture message. There is also a parent guide with other ideas.

These will be available in the Gathering space after the Masses next weekend, Sept 25th-26th, on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have children ages 5-9 please take a packet, use it with your child throughout October and see if you might like to order a subscription for him/her.

**12 Week Catechism Study
Christian Morality:
The Faith Lived**



**12 Consecutive PSR Sundays
from Sept 26—December 19**

(No Meeting on Oct 10 & Nov 28)

10:30—11:45 a.m. in St. Clare School Teachers Lounge

This study uses the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which uses the Ten Commandments as the structure for the section on morality. You may purchase your own catechism for \$20 or use one provided by the parish. The study is facilitated by Cheryl Sommer. To register, contact her at 632-3562.

Confirmation Service Opportunities:

St. Clare Oktoberfest Volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 25 Sign up this weekend after Mass to work games, kitchen, face painting or email janeadotson@yahoo.com by 9/20.

Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, Sept. 25 at Althoff High School. Register after Mass in the Gathering Space.

Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 from 2—3 p.m. No need to register, just come out with your family!

**Nationally Known Biblical Scholar to Speak in Belleville
*How Catholics Can Become a People of the Word***

Presented by Stephen Binz

Saturday, October 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville

The morning presentation, "A Catholic Approach to Conversing with God in Scripture" will draw on the ancient practice of lectio divina as a time-tested way of listening to God in Scripture and responding to God in heart-felt prayer. Participants will learn how to move from attentive listening to reflective prayer to contemplative action. The afternoon presentation, "A Catholic Approach to Interpreting and Teaching the Bible" will make reference to the documents of the Pontifical Biblical Commission in helping us in studying the Bible. Lunch is provided. To register contact Cheryl Sommer at the parish office or cherylsommer@yahoo.com. Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar, psychotherapist, popular speaker, and award-winning author of more than two dozen books on the Bible and spirituality, including the acclaimed new series, Threshold Bible Study. He speaks frequently at churches and national conferences on Biblical study and spirituality.

¡Atención personas de habla hispana! Tenemos misales en español en los estantes debajo del tablón de anuncios, localizado en el vestíbulo. Favor de usarlos y devolverlos después de la misa. Gracias

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Weekly tithe for Operating Budget \$17,579.00

Donations for the New Church \$ 5,003.00

*"It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive.
God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to
us when our hands and hearts cling to things."*

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH GROUP!

Open to all high school youth.
No registration necessary.

September 19—Adopt a Highway at 5:00 p.m.

Sept 26 from 6—7:30 p.m.

PSR NEWS

Sept 19	Open House	10:30—11:00
	PSR Class	11:00—11:40
	Parent Meeting (Cafeteria)	11:00—11:40
Sept 26	PSR Class	10:30—11:40
Sept 28	7th Grade Parent Meeting	7:00 PM
	Church Fellowship Hall	
Oct 3	PSR Class	10:30—11:40
	2nd Grade Soup Kitchen	During Class



CRAZY 8'S

Sept 19 from 6—8 p.m.
Youth Room
For all 8th grade students
No registration necessary



Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Important Meeting For Parents Only of all 7th graders and other students who want to prepare for Confirmation.

Save the Date! Luke 18 Retreat
January 14—16, 2011

UCM'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 10 FROM 4—5:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church
2160 Delmar, Granite City, IL

Congregations from throughout the metro-east will come together in prayer and concern for our communities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our faith-based community organizing group.

In our own O'Fallon area, our UCM Churches have been busy establishing a Habitat for Humanity Chapter. This is a first response to what people are telling us of a need for housing that is affordable for all of our workforce including those who work in lower paying service and retail jobs. We will be asking for the support of city government officials as well as the citizens of O'Fallon.

Other UCM taskforces will be making presentations on hiring local people for the new Mississippi River Bridge and the need for a responsible state budget. We hope to have at least 100 St. Clare people present to witness this appeal for support. We will meet at St. Clare at 3:15 to carpool. For more information, contact John Gomez at 416-1616.

Magisterial Teaching

Strangers No Longer:

Together on the Journey of Hope

A Presentation on the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on Immigration
by Sister Kate Reid, ASC*

Tuesday, October 19 from 6:30—8:00 p.m.

St. Clare Church Fellowship Hall

As we hear a lot of emotionally charged opinions on immigration reform in this election season, it is important to form our consciences with Catholic teaching. We are blessed to have the magisterial teaching of our pope and bishops to guide us in forming our consciences and to make wise decisions when we vote for candidates and when we communicate with our legislators.

Strangers No Longer, written by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 2003 includes scriptural background on our teaching on immigration, references to papal encyclicals, and insights related to our current challenges regarding immigration. Childcare is available if you contact Cheryl Sommer at 632-3562 or cherylsommer@yahoo.com.

Sr. Kate Reid, ASC is Justice and Peace Coordinator for the Adorers of the Blood of Christ and also works for the Immigration Law Project of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. She holds a masters degree in pastoral ministry from Boston University.

CHRISTIAN LIFE & OUTREACH

ALTAR ANGELS Sept 25: Christine Baran, Vickie Haeffner, Cathy Sweeney
Corrine Wright **PURIFICATORS** Sept 19 & 26: Retta Dent

ALTAR SODALITY NEWS Ladies, don't forget our potluck dinner meeting on Monday, September 20 beginning at 6:00. Please remember to bring your quilt raffle tickets to turn in as well as any unsold tickets you might have.

KC LADIES AUXILIARY POTLUCK—Thursday, September 23 at 7 PM. Bring a side dish to share, meat will be provided. Games will follow the meeting! For more information, call Kitty at 632-6061.

METRO EAST LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 3 God has called us to be witnesses of the truth. Join other Christians from all denominations to peacefully and prayerfully proclaim that Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption the Loving Option. On October 3 from 2 to 3 p.m. we will line Highways 50 and 159 in Fairview Heights to proclaim these truths along with over 1,300 other cities. Join us to make a difference! If you are planning on participating, please contact Dave Richey at daverichey50@sbcglobal.net.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS & FRIENDS... Please join the Women's Health Professionals of the Hospital Sisters Health System "Health Fair with a Twist" **SheFest** on **Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** here at St. Clare Church. Free Screenings, Prize Drawings, Health Talks and Vendor Booths will be available. Book signing by Margie Heinzmann author of "**Cancer—My First 20 Years**".



As the fall season quickly approaches, here are some friendly tips to help optimize reducing your carbon footprint:

- Check the air pressure in your tires. Cooler temperatures lower tire pressure and that, in turn, lowers fuel efficiency. So check your tires and make sure that they are properly inflated.
- Clean and test the furnace. It collects all kinds of dust and debris which not only affects its performance but could cause a fire. Before you really need the heat, get out your owner's manual for instructions on how to clean it. If you have a gas furnace, have it professionally inspected once a year.
- Remove window air conditioners for the winter. If they can't be removed, seal them with caulking or tape and cover them with an airtight, insulated jacket.
- Vacuum the refrigerator coils to keep the compressor running efficiently. It's also a good time to check that the refrigerator is level ... the door should automatically swing shut instead of staying open. Check the seal on the door ... try closing it on a dollar bill. If you can pull the bill out easily, it's time to replace the gaskets. Not over-filling your refrigerator helps efficiency by allowing room for cool air to circulate and keep everything at the right temperature.
- Clean the ducts and area behind the dryer.



St. Francis and our patron, St. Clare, lived a spirituality we have come to call "Franciscan". It is characterized in part by a simplicity of life and a reverent awareness of the presence of God throughout creation. Under the leadership of our Earth Concerns Committee we will observe Francis' feast on the weekend of October 2/3.

Our Pet Blessing will be held Saturday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. with booths featuring eco friendly pet products, courtesy of Doggie Day Care & Petco.

After each Mass we will show "**The Awakening Universe**", an amazing visual depiction of the origins of our universe. Everyone is welcome!

To heighten our awareness of the scarcity of water around the world and the problem of plastic water bottles, stainless steel bottles bearing ecofriendly logos will be on sale.

Earth Concerns will have information about the "**St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor**". (see www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org)

Each of us can take small but significant steps in forming a spirituality of reverence for our world. Saints Francis and Clare, pray for us!