

THE PILGRIM

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ST. ELMO

St. Clare
ALTAMONT

St. Anne
EDGEWOOD

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HOLY MASS

Saturday

5:30pm - St. Mary

Sunday

8:00am - St. Anne

10:00am - St. Clare

Weekday

Mon. No Mass

Tues. 5:30pm - St. Mary

Wed. 8:00am - St. Clare

(1st Wednesday of the month
9:30am - LCC or as announced)

Thu. 8:00am - St. Anne

Fri. 8:00am - St. Clare

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass - 6:30pm - St. Clare

RECONCILIATION

1st Sunday of the month,

7:00-7:45am - St. Anne

3rd Saturday of the month,

4:45-5:15pm - St. Mary

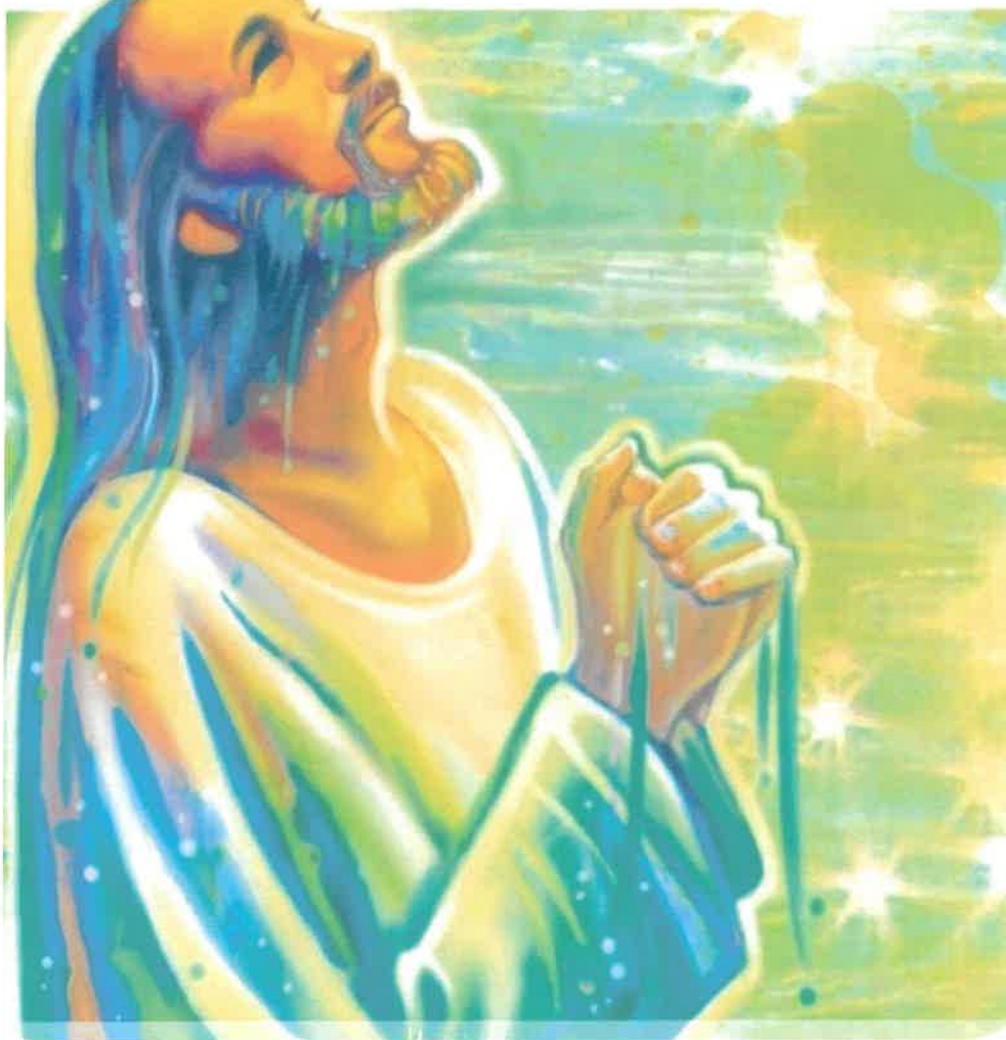
Saturday,

11:00-12:00pm - St. Clare

outside of the regular schedule,
call for an appointment.



**HEAVEN WAS OPENED
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM**



JANUARY 15, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

Fr. Ron



Mass Intentions

January 12 — January 19, 2025

SUN THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1.12.2025 8:00am Pro Populo
10:00am Those Suffering From Diabetes
by Gary & Anna Goldstein

MON Weekday (Frist Week in Ordinary Time)

TUE Weekday

5:30pm +Rita Dial
by Jon & Nathalie Stout

WED Weekday

8:00am Thanksgiving
by Mr. & Mrs. Ha

THU Weekday

8:00am +Joe Bushue
by The Family

FRI St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Gary & Anna Goldstein

SAT Saturday Mass THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30pm +Donna Hannagan
by Gary Hannagan

SUN THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1.19.2025 8:00am +Joe Bushue
by The Family
10:00am Pro Populo

Important Dates to Keep

Jan. 26, Second Collection for Church in Latin America
Feb. 3, Memorial of St. Blasé
Mar. 5, Second Collection for Aid to Church in Central/Eastern Europe
Mar. 5, Ash Wednesday
Mar. 3 - Apr. 16, CRS Rice Bowl
Mar. 16, Second Collection for Catholic Charities
Mar. 19, PSR First Reconciliation
Mar. 30, Second Collection Catholic Relief Services
Apr. 2, PSR Penance Service (3rd-8th Grade)
Apr. 18, Holy Land Good Friday

Stewardship of Gifts

January 5, 2025

St. Mary	\$ 872.00
St. Anne	\$ 726.00
St. Clare	\$ 495.00

"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents wishing to have a child baptized are required to be registered as members of the parish and have a preparation class with Fr. Ron Lorilla. To schedule an appointment please call the parish office at 618.483.5346 or email Fr. Ron at rlorilla@dio.org.

First Reconciliation

Children who were baptized as infants prepare for this sacrament in second grade through our Parish School of Religion (PSR).

First Communion & Confirmation

Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist takes place once each year for the 3rd graders. In order to be confirmed, students must participate for at least one year of preparation through our PSR classes.

Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married in the Church are to contact Fr. Ron at least **six (6) months** prior to the proposed wedding date. Please contact the parish office for more information at 618.483.5346.

Anointing of the Sick/Shut-in Communion

Call the office anytime, and for emergencies, call Fr. Ron's private number at 217.697.7110.

*As soon as Jesus was baptized,
He went up out of the water.
At that moment heaven was opened,
and He saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove upon Him.
And a voice from heaven said,
"This is my Son, whom I love;
with Him I am well pleased."*

Matthew 3:16-17

Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

JoAnn Herboth, Mary Rutledge, Michael Baucum, Amanda McKinney, Don Herboth, Jessica Arnold, Anna Harris, Louise Bushue, Barbara Stewart, Bertha Voss, Sean Hannagan, Todd Verdeyen, Jan Niemeyer, Heather Davis, Melissa Baucum, Barry May, Jenifer Seibert, Paul Seibert, Pat Porter, Madonna Goeckner, Rita Barns, Lucinda Herboth, Debi Will, Sally Aebel, Lamina Buzzard, Darren Baucum, Delores Vogel, Ed Schatz, Martha Bushue & Bridie Baucum.

To add or remove a person's name from the list please email the office or drop the request in the collection basket.

Happenings in our Tri-Parish and Beyond

CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS

In anticipation of inclement weather, the photo sessions scheduled for Monday, January 6th have been rescheduled to Monday, January 20th at St. Clare. If you have not been contacted, please reach out to one of the Committee members to reschedule your time.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SUBMISSION DEADLINE 1/15/25

For parishioners who are homebound, in a nursing home, or out of town during the photo sessions, photo submission is available. The cost to submit a photo is \$15.00 which helps offset the cost of the directory. Each person submitting a photo is entitled to a directory.

For photo requirements and submission instructions, please contact one of the committee members Terriann Tharp, 217-343-3985, Lisa Niemeyer, 217-343-6655, Vicki Conner, 618-267-5293 - after 5 pm

SERVERS, ST. CLARE

Terrianni will be taking a group photo of the servers before PSR class(6:00pm inside St. Clare Church) on January 15th.

LOOKING FOR CHURCH PHOTOS

If anyone has a photo of any of our 3 parishes from spring, summer or early fall of 2024, we would love to consider it for inclusion in the new directory. We'd prefer a high resolution digital photo. No people in the photo please. If you have a photo you would like us to consider, please email the file to Terriann Tharp at ttharp07@outlook.com. Thank you for your help.

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BAPTISMAL ANNOUCEMENT

We would like to congratulate Elenor Paige Kuhns on her baptism on December 29, 2024 at St. Anne in Edgewood. Elenor is the daughter of Matt & Claire Kuhns.

SNOW REMOVAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Dennis & Charlie Goeckner, Dean Goeckner & George Landsberger for clean up of the snow last weekend. We are looking for more volunteers for future snow removal. If you can help with this please contact Bryan White at 618-553-1306.

ST. CLARE CHRISTMAS DINNER ALTAMONT, IL 1/19

The St. Clare Paris Christmas dinner will be Sunday, January 19th after 10:00am mass. This will be a catered dinner provided by Deb's Catering. All members of the parish are invited. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Please sign up with your name and number attending, so we know how much food needs to be ordered.

ED SCHATZ CARD SHOWER 1/24

The family of Ed Schatz is having a card shower for him. Ed will be 96 on January 24th. He is a resident of Lutheran Care in Altamont. Cards can be sent to:

Ed Schatz
Lutheran Care Center
702 W. Cumberland Rd.
Room 11-1 Altamont, IL 62411

ST. CLARE CHURCH BREAKFAST, 2/16

St. Clare's Annual Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 7:30am - noon. The menu consists of sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sweet roll/ bread. This will be a free will donation.

Each family is asked to donate a dozen sweet rolls and/or a loaf of sweet bread and \$20 for the purchase of supplies. This donation can be put into the collection in an envelope marked "Breakfast Donation." A worker's list is available at the church.

ALTAMONT FOOD PANTRY REPORT & NEEDS FOR JANUARY

There was no Food Pantry on Tuesday January 7th due to the inclement weather.

For January the pantry is in need of Milk, Kids Cereal (Hot or Cold), Spam, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mustard & Ketchup. Thank you to everyone for your help & generosity.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST TEUTOPOLIS, IL 1/19

The 49th annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 19th from 7:00am-Noon at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall. Free will donation accepted for breakfast, which includes whole hog sausage, eggs, and a variety of home backed breads, along with juice, milk & water. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle

DAY OF PRAYER AND MASS FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN TEUTOPOLIS, IL 1/22

St. Francis Church in Teutopolis will host a pro-life Mass at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22. The U.S. Bishops ask that January 22 be a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. A pro-life Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM prior to Mass. Following Mass, the Deanery Pro-life Meeting will be held in St. Clare Hall, adjoining the church. Pro-life events and issues will be discussed and refreshments will be served.

WALKER & ROSIE BYRAN MEMORIAL FUN PARK FUNDRAISER TEUTOPOLIS 3/29

Benefit for Walker & Rosie Bryan Memorial Fun Park will be held on March 29th at the Teutopolis KC Hall 210 Pearl St. Teutopolis, IL. All proceeds from the benefit will help build the Walker & Rosie Bryan Memorial Park in Beecher City, IL. The committee aims to highlight the inspirational legacy of Walker & Rosie Bryan despite the setting of tragedy. Walker & Rosie were two beautiful souls who left too soon on 9/29/23 alongside their loving father Kenny due to an anhydrous leak in Teutopolis, IL. By coming together to create this park, everyone is choosing to focus on the beauty, love & joy Walker & Rosie brought into the world. Doors will open at 4:00pm, Meal will be provided from 5:00-7:00pm, Live auction begins at 7:00pm & Bryor Rhodes Band will begin after the auction ends.

Visit the Facebook Page "Walker & Rosie Bryan Memorial Fun Park" for event details/updates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EFFINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Effingham Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers! The Food Pantry needs volunteers to pick up, sort, put away, and help to give out food. Second Hand Rose is in need of volunteers to run the cash registers. These volunteer opportunities are available M-F. Please call the Effingham CC office at 217-857-1458