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From the Desk of Father Andrew



Blessed Easter Season!

This is already the Fifth Sunday of Easter and eighth since the "stay home stay safe" order by our Governor. We have experienced a lot and learned a lot (at least about ourselves or our family members). Our hair grew longer, our cooking skills

improved, and perhaps we have gained a pound or two. However, we look back on these 8 weeks - we are blessed to have each other, blessed to have ways in which we can study, communicate, see and share the news, concerns, as well as pray for each other. This is not a coincidence that we live in this time. The wheels of history rolled into our lives, places of work, worship and leisure. We have the opportunity now, to be those vessels through which God's grace and blessings, healing and mercy flow, after all we are His people, people of the Risen Lord, chosen, royal, holy, and set apart. Assured today not to be afraid - let's be Bold, Holy and Catholic in response to it.

Mother's Day

It is fitting that during this month of May – month of Mary, the mother of Jesus – that we celebrate our earthly mothers. With physical distancing it will be difficult to celebrate this day the "old fashioned way". Perhaps, you can join our Facebook evening Rosary? How about as a family help me lead the prayer with others during one of the days of our novena? On this special day we remember our mothers. We thank them, we pray for them, we admire them, and we love them. Here is a wonderful poem in their honor:

A Mother's Love - Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your Heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and given me wings to fly. Thank you, Mom.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day Novena

It is been our tradition at St. Clare to pray for 9 days following Mother's Day with Masses offered as Spiritual Bouquet for our mothers living and deceased. If you would like to offer this spiritual gift to your mother, please send me an email with her name and the day you would like the Mass to be said between May 10 and May 18. Your donation can be dropped into our mailbox or sent via snail mail.

Graduations

With all this time at home I can take advantage of writing more in our bulletin. As I said at Mass this weekend, many milestones are being reached but the celebrations are not happening; birthdays, anniversaries and graduations. Let's share the good news of our community on our Facebook page, in our bulletin and during the announcements at Mass. For our young scholars, please send me an email, photo and where they are graduating from and future plans. We will compile and recognize these accomplishments. Same thing for birthdays and anniversaries, let me know and I am happy to announce on Sundays! We may be physical distancing, but we can keep our community close and in touch with each other this way. In the same way if someone in your family is in need of prayer due to illness, please let me know. Prayer is what brings us together, the glue of our faith. Your intentions can be private or public but let us lift each other together. St. Michael pray for us.

School Year

Slowly the school year with on-line learning is coming to its end. The last day at St. Clare is May 22. Our school Masses for the next two weeks will shift to Friday at 9:00 am. Join us via St. Clare School FB page.

Speaking about our school, Saturday, May 16 was scheduled to be the St. Clare Alumni Day with Mass and activities. Currently this is not possible. In lieu of this I invite St. Clare Graduates to share their stories, perhaps some pictures of St. Clare school, teachers, sisters etc., either on the parish or school Facebook pages or via the bulletin. Let "I am St. Clare

Father Andrew continued from page 1

resound!" See articles from Ann and Sam in the school section.

Saints of the week



Wednesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima, this is the title given to Mary based on her appearance to three children in Portugal in 1917. Our Lady asked children to pray rosary for peace, end of the war, and offer their sacrifices for others.

Thursday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle – chosen by lots to join the ranks of the Apostles. The only Apostle not chosen by Jesus himself.

Friday, May 15 - St. Isidor,

(c.11 century) known as "the farmer" was a Spanish farmworker known for his piety toward the poor and animals

Calming the Storm

The Archdiocese of Detroit is announcing a new campaign to assist people in need during the coronavirus pandemic: To help people get the physical, mental, and spiritual support they need to get through this pandemic, the team of missionaries has launched a new spiritual outreach and support initiative. Please help us spread the word! Anyone who needs assistance can call 313-237-4646, text 'SOS' to 313-315-5758, or visit http://calmingthestorm.org/

2020 Census

The Catholic Church and other service providers rely on an accurate census to more effectively serve those in need. The US Bishops have called for all to be counted as society "cannot risk missing this opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed." Unfortunately, the census has too often undercounted households with young children; with higher rates of poverty, unemployment, or low education attainment; with racial minorities and with English as a second language, which leads to underfunding critical programs and services. Make sure you are counted by responding before July 2020. information is available More www.micatholic.ora/2020Census

Wishing you blessed week

Fr. Andrew

BONANZA 2020

Drawings are Off and Running!

Congratulations to the Bonanza winners who were drawn last Sunday, May 3. All Bonanza drawings take place online from the Church Social Hall on Sundays after Mass. Join us LIVE from Facebook for the fun! Facebook.com/stclarem

May 3 - Drawing 2				
Amount	Number	Winner	Seller	
\$1,000	395 B	Dechy Family	Dave Grout	
\$500	182 C	Jim Palmer	Jim Palmer	
\$250	177 C	Bill Ventimiglia	Bill Ventimiglia	
May 3 - Drawing 3				
Amount	Number	Winner	Seller	
\$1,000	195 D	Pat Radnick	Sue Buckley	
\$500	097 C	Mike Moore	Sylvia Herrington Robert L. Mabarak	
\$250	219 C	Charles R. Rutherford	Charles R. Rutherford	

Next Drawing

Sunday, May 17 at 10:15 AM LIVE from the parish Facebook page http://facebook.com/stclarem

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Sunday Collection Report May 3, 2020				
Loose Collection	\$1,965			
Total Collection:	\$14,177			
Budgeted Collection:	\$10,331			
Over for the week by:	\$3,846			
Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.				
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From the Archdiocese of Detroit

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the Body of Christ, the Church in all her sons and daughters has been enduring a time of severe trial. As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the spread of coronavirus, I write today with deep gratitude for all of you, the faithful of southeast Michigan, who have been walking the path of love for one another, particularly the most vulnerable among us, by sacrificing your ability to gather together for Mass during these last several weeks. Thank you for your witness and your faith.

Many of you have shared your sadness and devoted desire to return to Mass. Please know that I listen to your longing for the Eucharist and have taken them to prayer as I have discerned each step of the Archdiocese of Detroit's response to this global pandemic. I share your desire to return to normal liturgical life and reestablish the rich spiritual and communal life of our parishes and schools.

We are grateful to God that public Masses are once again becoming a possibility in a few other dioceses less affected by the pandemic. While we do not yet have a firm date when it will be safe to resume public gatherings here, please know that we continue to monitor the incidence of coronavirus in southeast Michigan and are following the lead of local health officials and civil authorities. We will resume public Masses, and other parish events, when we are confident that doing so will not pose undue risk to the health and well-being of the members of our community.

Meanwhile, let us look with joyful hope toward some more gradual returns to normalcy. Last week, we published updated liturgical guidelines allowing for the celebration of weddings, funerals, and baptisms, as long as these gatherings adhere to current social distancing practices. Families wishing to postpone these events until it is safe to gather in larger numbers are welcome to do so, except when there is danger of death and baptism is urgently necessary.

It is important to note that the sacrament of Pen-

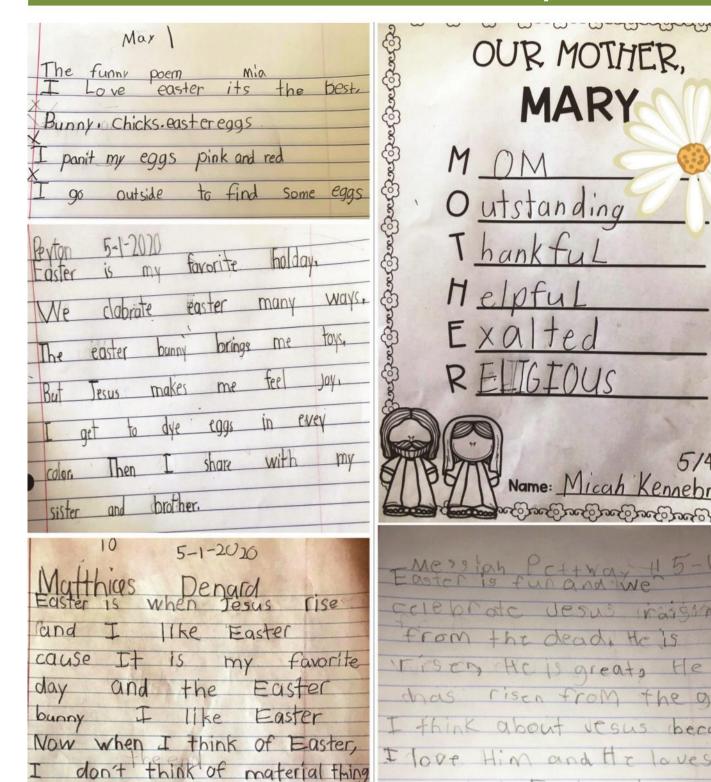
ance and Reconciliation has not been prohibited during the pandemic in the Archdiocese of Detroit and pastors have been encouraged throughout to use their discretion to determine how to safely administer this sacrament to the faithful. Likewise, Anointing of the Sick and the pastoral care of the sick and the dying have continued as clergy are able and with respect for individual hospital or home policies. For more information about all these guidelines and other resources, please visit www.aod.org/emergencyresponse.

It is my fervent prayer that we will gather again soon for Mass, in one form or another. We know that this return will look and feel different from what we are used to experiencing. As we move forward, we must remember God's unending love for us and his ability to bring good from our trials. He created each of us to live in this moment, during this pandemic so that we might give witness to our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death. Please pray that I may rise to this challenge, as I will pray for you.

Let us also continue to pray for our heroic health care workers, for those who are ill or who have died from the virus, and for their families. We entrust them and our entire Archdiocese into the loving care of Our Lady of Lourdes, patron of the sick. To this end, I invite all to join me for a Rosary and renewal of the consecration of our Archdiocese to Mary, live-streamed at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Facebook and online. With this prayerful act we unite ourselves once again with the faithful of Canada and Latin America to entrust all our nations to the Blessed Mother. Through her intercession, may God bring about an end to the pandemic and grant healing and protection to the people of southeast Michigan and beyond.

Please know of my prayers for you and our whole State of Michigan during these days. Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit



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Easter Poems

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Christian Service Corner



Gift of Life

We are happy to host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in our Social Hall on **Friday June 19**. We have a strong history of supporting the Red Cross with our blood drives. Now more than ever, the Red Cross needs blood. Also, they collect plasma from recovered Covid-19 patients that is used in treatment. **They area committed to create a safe environment to donate.** Please see the flyer below and the links to sign-up. Agnes Topacio is our Parish Nurse and will be coordinating the blood drive.

Mike McDevitt | 313-647-5025 Christian Service Commission mmcdevitt@stclarem.org

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St. Clare School



Greetings Everyone:

Happy Mothers' Day everyone. This week was a special week as it was Teacher Appreciation Week. Each teacher is truly a mother figure in her classroom at St. Clare of Montefalco. Mothers are very protective of their children. They want the very best for

them and will go the extra distance to make sure their children have what they need. St. Clare of Montefalco parishioners you need to know the women in the classrooms at St. Clare of Montefalco school stepped up when this pandemic broke out.

The challenge was great as the school only recently updated its technological footprint in the educational world. Despite only recently updating, immersion took place immediately. The teachers knew they needed to be present and ready for their young people when Distance Learning began March 23, 2020. March 12, 2020, the day the children were sent home with their belongings, began an entire new approach to planning for our young Falcons.

Day in and day out the collective group of teachers helped each other gain the expertise they needed to navigate in this new virtual world. Every day at the end of the day for five weeks the teachers met up after their 9:00 to 2:00 online connections with their students and families. They met up in zoom to talk about their

achievements and their struggles. Words of congratulations were exchanged, and volunteers stepped up for those who felt they needed more guidance. Zoom meetings became common ground for staff to gain their footing and feel safe themselves as they guided and protected their students.

It was at these daily meetings that the teachers shared concerns for children they felt needed some attention or were suffering loss of some sort. Staff members made it a point to reach out to these children and their families. Staff members made sure families struggling had their needs met as best as could be done during this pandemic. All these women teachers were all mothers in their own ways to the children of St. Clare of Montefalco. Happy Mothers' Day to all women who serve in the capacity of mother in any form it takes.

Being a mother myself and part of the school community I am asking St. Clare of Montefalco Alumni to be present though not physically on May 16. See the brief article by Ms. Cooley in today's Bulletin. I look forward to posting photos and stories you share on Facebook, so our young Falcons know more about their roots in this amazing Catholic School.

Peace, love, and good health is wished to you,

Ann K. Crowley

Principal: St. Clare of Montefalco School



St. Clare School

St. Clare School Alumni Update

Due to the governor's executive order requiring residents to stay home and stay safe, the Alumni Celebration Event scheduled for May 16 will be postponed. We are saddened that we may no longer gather in person that day to celebrate our esteemed alumni, but the health and safety of everyone in our community is of the utmost importance. We will follow all social distancing guidelines as we decide how to proceed with this event, and we intend to continue with this event at a later date.

Although we cannot gather in person, we still want to celebrate our alumni. We are asking all alumni to share your photos and memories from your time at St. Clare of Montefalco on May 16 as a way to reminisce and connect virtually. Please share your photos and memories in the alumni Facebook group; St. Clare of Montefalco School Alumni. If you are not already a member of this group, please join! It is a great way to connect with alumni students, faculty, and families.

Thank you, Samantha Cooley



The Spirit

We hope you are receiving and reading our parish bulletin. It contains information, links, and suggestions that may be helpful during this difficult time. There are multiple ways to view the parish bulletin.

- 1. **Discovermass.com:** Go to <u>discovermass.com</u>, set your parish to St. Clare of Montefalco and sign up for email notifications.
- Constant Contact Newsletter: Text STCLAREM to 22828 to be added to our constant contact email list and receive our news/bulletin via email.
- 3. Website: Go to https://stclarem.org/bulletins
- Facebook: Watch for the "Good News from St. Clare Parish" post our Facebook page once the bulletin has been published for the week.
- 5. **Parish App:** Download the *myParish* App and set your parish to St. Clare of Montefalco Parish. Click on Bulletins for the latest issue.

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Reading for the Week of May 10

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Monday Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday Memorial of Saint Isidore

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



God Bless OUR MOTHERS

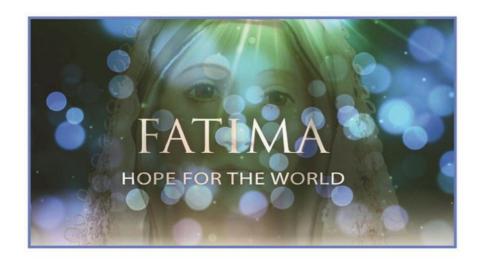
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Saturday, May 9

4:00 PM Margaret La riviere (22nd Anniv.)

Sunday, May 10

9:00 AM Josephine Buhagiar

Eleanor O'Rourke Giovanna Catalfio

Robert & Margaret Root

Maggie Casser

11:00 AM Wanda Barth

Viola Depue

Kathryn Regner

5:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Barbara Boks Evelyn Kirles

Monday, May 11

Maggie Gravion

Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 12

Emanuel Buhagiar Maggie Casser

Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 13

Tracy Anne Batol

Leo Denard

Derric Denard

Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 14

Bonnie Knaus

Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 15 - School Mass (FACEBOOK)

9:00 AM Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 16

4:00 PM Josephine Buhagair

Grace Detloff

Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM Andrew & Angela Bagby

11:00 AM Elizabeth "Betsy" Kovack

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Mother's Day Novena

Please keep in your prayers all the doctors, nurses and first responders working hard everyday to make sure we are all taken care of.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Michael Anderanin II Sr. Kathy Avery Marti Benedetti Anne Berschback John Blondin Karen Bolton Krista Brenneman

Henry & Charles Brenneman

Betty Burt

Ann Carson

Juan Cepeda

Marie Ciaramitaro

Glenn Closurdo

Robin Dalby

Kathie DeMumbrum

Terry DeRosa

Donna Dettmer

Helen Edmonds

Karen Galkowski

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Jim Olinzock

Kathy Overton

Katerina Palucai

Mary Beth Panas

Carol Provencal

Bob Phillips

Anne Purvis

Lawrence Radgowski

William Rigg

Larry Rochwalski

Osvaldo Rodriguez

Kathleen Ruggero
Charles Rutherford
Karen Sapp
Michael Scanlon
Barbara Shaheen
Father James Smalarz
Dolores Stefanski
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Diane Sullivan
Tracy Tripp
Jeffrey P. Valentic
Lois Watson
Robbie Williams
Bill Zablocki

To add/remove from the prayer list go to:

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Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





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