

## GARDEN OF LIFE

*When we seek or  
celebrate life and healing.*

Most plants in this garden have edible or medicinal components. Some plants may be familiar like wild strawberry or black currant. Others may be new discoveries like the edible spring flowers and fall seeds of the Red Bud tree.



Anise Hyssop

**May we remember that we  
are daily surrounded by  
God's abundant gifts .**

## GARDEN OF THE CROSS

*For times of  
struggle or loss.*



All plants in this garden live in places that are rocky, challenging or dry. They are found on crumbling cliff sides continually battered by wind or in dry river beds rarely watered by flash floods. Despite their living conditions, they continue to bloom and thrive adapting to their daily struggles.

**Like the cross nestled in this  
garden grotto, we are reminded  
that in the midst of hardship,  
beauty and hope remain.**

## GARDEN OF THE RESURRECTION

*To commemorate new  
beginnings or  
for help in letting go.*

All plants in this garden attract and nourish butterflies. The butterfly's entombment in a chrysalis until it emerges ready to fly has become a symbol of the resurrection.



Monarch Butterflies on Marsh Milkweed

**The delicate flight of the  
butterfly reminds us of God's  
grace gently leading us  
to new life.**

## Praying the Garden

The prayer garden consists of three garden beds edging the grassy space in front of the church. Each bed reflects the life, death or resurrection of Jesus. The Garden of Life is closest to the Fellowship Hall, the Garden of the Cross is the middle rock garden and the Garden of the Resurrection is closest to the driveway.

There is no one, particular way to use this garden . It is meant to be a meditative place where one can simply enjoy the beauty of the wild-life or one could enter more reflectively with a prayer intention in mind. The inside guide may help you get started.

## About the Garden

### Honoring St. Clare's First Church

This garden was designed and built by parishioners in 2011 on the site of St. Clare's first church. The "tan house" that once stood here held the chapel where, on Sept 9. 1951, Fr. Francis Walsh began celebrating mass. The stone and brick that edge the garden beds come from the foundation and chimney of this first church.

### Kentucky Native Habitat

All the plants in the garden are native to Kentucky and are naturally found in the fields, forests and cliff sides of the area. Each bed creates a tiny ecosystem that provides nectar, shelter and seed to wild life and reflects our Catholic commitment to care for God's creation .

*For more information about the native plants in this garden or about St. Clare Catholic Church visit <http://stclarebera.org/Blog/>*

## St. Clare Prayer Garden



**A meditative walk  
through the life, death and  
resurrection of Jesus**