St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
January 29, 2023

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
MATTHEW 5:9

FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME
JANUARY 29, 2023

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Liturgic Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., January 30, Weekday
7:00am † Gerry Schoene
Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Communion Service
Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., January 31, Saint John Bosco
7:00am † Janet Simon
Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Ben Graybill
Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., February 1, Weekday
7:00am † Sue Wehde
Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Joe & Georgie Horvatin (all school)
Presider: Fr. Whitman

Thur., February 2, The Presentation of the Lord
7:00am † Special Intention
Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Ruth Orf
Presider: Fr. Benz

Fri., February 3, Weekday
7:00am † Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Mike Sepe
Presider: Fr. Whitman

Sat., February 4, Weekday
8:00am † Jean Schaeffer
Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm † Nancy Constantine
Presider: Fr. Whitman
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: E. Krupich and L. McLaughlin

Sun., February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am † Leroy Orf
Presider: Fr. Whitman
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: M. Lemkemann and C. Schneider
9:30am † Florence Karll
Presider: Fr. Benz
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: S. Blaha and M. Windisch
11:30am † Our Parish Family
Presider: Fr. Benz
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: A. Ermeling and R. Maples

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
† Gerald (Jerry) Fris, father of Caroline Gore
† Carrie Schwartz, foster daughter of Jim and Nancy Schoonover
May their souls rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace
In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.
MORE ABOUT SEEK 23—A sampling of comments from our parishioners:

From Mary Jane Young:
The evening event of adoration was so impressive. From the beginning with the procession with the Monstrance, the genuine emotions on the young adults faces and the silence. 17,000 people strong and not a sound except for background music. Truly breathtaking. Talking with other convention goers and hearing their testimony was a refreshing reward. There was such a strong outpouring of love for Jesus, the church and humanity. We have a strong army out there ready to tackle evil. Last, I was not disappointed in any of the speakers. They were highly qualified and eloquent speakers. It was three full days of learning, listening and enjoyment. Thank you for this opportunity.

From Jill Joeckel:
Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform yourselves to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” I feel this is a fantastic glimpse into my main takeaways from SEEK 23, including the following summarized points: 1. Our life here on earth is the prologue to the end goal: eternal life with God. We get caught up in the desires of the world instead of orienting ourselves to the true end goal. 2. It is possible to be going through the motions of the Catholic faith while simultaneously failing to live out the call of Jesus to love and uphold the dignity of all people. We must do a better job of answering that call while devoutly practicing our faith at the same time. 3. Love is a decision towards emptying self for the good of others.

From Lori Geisman:
1. HOPE for the future of our Church. Heartwarming and humbling to see so many young adults so active in their faith. I was awestruck by their reverence and their respect for Jesus, religious and lay people attending. So many of these children of God already “get Jesus”- way younger than I did! 2. Definitely gave me the spiritual renewal I was looking for and gave me an inner peace about “All Things New.” God is in control and I readily accept his will. Church is definitely the people - not the building or location.

From Mike Boschert:
It was very heartwarming to see the thousands of committed Catholic youth from across our nation learning and furthering their Catholic Faith. While we would all love a God-Moment where he speaks to us directly, we had a God moment walking to our car to drive home. Jeff and I were right at our car and had just passed two people on the street. About to get in the car when one of the two other said “did someone lose a wallet?” Sure enough! Jeff lost his wallet when getting his keys out. God had our backs! The resources and availability of learning the Catholic Faith are boundless. If you want to learn more about Catholicism, there are hundreds of people and organizations that can help!

From Cheryl Borgsmiller:
Insight! Where do I start? Our church is in good hands with the young people I met last week! Evangelization is for all of us, not just priests and deacons and religious. We are all called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in some way, in our communities, parishes and families. Jesus wants us to reach out to everyone we meet to spread the good news.

From Nancy Hesselbach:
At the Seek23 conference this past Wednesday evening, following 2 amazing presentations, I was privileged to experience the glorious presence of Jesus in the most moving, magnificent adoration. God’s love was so present, so powerful, so beautiful it took my breath away. My tearing eyes were focused only on Jesus’ presence and the silence that surrounded me and the other 17,000 people that were there with me. I felt his love for me in that present moment with all my shortcomings. He only wants me to ask for his help, his grace, his mercy. He wants me to be BOLD in my conviction and to be a disciple of our faith and the truth. I am to be a light in the darkness and to proclaim his message of love and salvation. This task simply starts through a word or two of friendship and kindness to our fellow man. Love Jesus. Love his word. Be bold. Be committed. Be a disciple of the Lord!!

From Paige Finklang:
This conference gives you so many different things to think about such as how to pray, prayer groups. and prayer organizations to join. I had this exact type of experience at Seek. At Seek there was a medical talk that was going to teach people how to spread the love of faith through your job. I was the most excited about this talk all week, but sadly it was maxed out. God opened another door. I remembered about a medical booth in Mission Way which was called the Catholic Medical Association so decided to stop at their booth. I spent a lot of time there talking to a lot of medical people thinking about my next steps to my career. This one girl from the association had giving a talk that afternoon and asked if I was able to go I said no. A minute later she gave me her note, and I still have them. I took them to adoration with me later this day and now thinking of the next step.

From Jeff Buchholz:
I thought it was very invigorating/encouraging to see so many young folks so infused with faith and enthused about the Church and spreading the gospel. A key takeaway from the Making Missionary Disciples discussions was the distinction made between “feeding” people and “making missionary disciples.” Unfortunately I don’t remember the speaker, but s/he said that ‘feeding’ people with a good video or book discussion or bible study is great, but far more could be accomplished by making disciples.
God wants you to experience the JOY he created you for. So do we. Here’s how. It all starts by following 9 simple rules.

Every success in life is meaningless without joy. Joy is God’s dream for you. Heaven is called a “wedding banquet.” And Jesus’ whole mission was to share that joy with you. He said it himself: “I’ve told you these things so my joy may be in you.” Think about that. The joy of GOD IN YOU. The experience of that joy eternal starts now. And it doesn’t start with a change in your circumstances but a change in you.

Chris Stefanik’s book “Living Joy” is intended to help us find the joy for which God has created us.

His nine rules are:
#1 Give Thanks
#2 Practice Silence
#3 Love Yourself
#4 Have Fun
#5 Engage Your Body in the Battle for Joy
#6 Make Friends
#7 Rest
#8 Serve
#9 Frame Your Mind with Faith

Plus Chris has created two short accompanying videos for each rule.

You can hear Chris describe this book and its process learning more about them by going to: https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy

While this book and its accompanying videos will be beneficial to anyone who reads it and uses the videos, our parish’s Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to invite you to consider using this book and its videos in a more impactful way by doing so in small groups.

You can form your own small group comprised of your friends and/or family members (we will provide you with a small group guide which you can use). However, we would also invite you to become a member of one of our parish’s small groups. Our parish small groups are intended to be a part of our observance of the Season of Lent (the first four rules) as well as our observance of the Season of Easter (the last five rules). Our parish’s small groups will either be in-person or by a Zoom meeting. If you wish to be a member of one of our parish’s small groups, we ask you to complete the following form and return it to our office by Feb. 1:

Name(s): ____________________________________________

Phone number: ____________________________________________

E-mail address if you have one: ____________________________________________

I would like to participate in an in-person small group: ___

I would like to participate in a Zoom small group: ___

I am willing to be a small group leader via Zoom: ___ in-person: ___
This Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 pm, Father Benz will present "The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick". Come and join the RCIA group and other interested Catholics in the Duchesne Room for this opportunity to reflect on the power of grace in the time of physical and spiritual need.

OLD PALMS
Please bring your old palms to church when you come to Mass next weekend and place them in the baskets at the door to be burned for Ash Wednesday. If you will be unable, the appropriate disposal of a sacramental, like palm, is by burying it or its ashes in the ground.

THE LEGION OF MARY PRESENTS
A DISCUSSION ON FAITH AND SCIENCE
Location: St. Cletus Catholic Church
Date: February 4, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Following 8:00 AM Mass and first Saturday devotions
Presenter: Shawn Mueller

An Announcement
Recently our Business Manager Joe Gogel, who has served our parish for over three and a half years, resigned his position here in order to accept a newly created position with another not-for-profit, the Lutheran Association of Specialized Education. Joe is excited about this new opportunity to serve and leaves St. Cletus in a very strong position financially.
Joe, thanks for your very faithful service here at St. Cletus. We are grateful, and we wish you well!
I think we have “all of the bases covered” with Joe’s leaving. If you have a need, please either call the Parish Office or send an email to bmtransition@saintcletus.org.
St. Cletus Open House

We would like to welcome families interested in St. Cletus Preschool and Elementary School to attend an upcoming Open House.

Please join us today, 10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. or Wednesday, February 1, from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Individual tours are available upon request.

Please join us if you have questions regarding the school program or call Rosann Doherty at 636-946-7756. We look forward to seeing you!!

You’re Invited:

Come to the Feast-
The Eucharist as a Meal

Dates: February 2 & 9

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Place: St. Cletus Parish Hall

Please join us for food, fun, & fellowship with Father Mark Whitman sharing how the Mass feeds our souls

Babysitting is available on request

Register via signup genius on the parish website: www.saintcletus.org
Or text/call 314-808-4513

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA4AE2DA0FE3-come1

CYC Golf Registration is now open.

- Registration: 1/3 – 2/6
- Grades 1-4, 7 weeks, $120
- Grades 5-8, 10 weeks, $165
- https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/cyosaintcharlesmo/current-programs
Our parish’s Respect Life Ministry donated the following books to the St. Charles Public Library. They are on the shelves and can be checked out now. The first six listed are suited for 12-year-olds and over. The others are suitable for younger children.

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St. Charles Senior Care and Home Services is a new all-in-one assisted living service provider whose goal is to help seniors maintain a safe, high-quality of life while living in their own homes. We are a small, Catholic, family-run business that provides many essential services for the elderly of the St. Charles area, such as basic senior care and assisted living services, handyman & home maintenance services, computer and technology help, safeguard visits, downsizing & organizing assistance, and more. Please visit our website at [www.saintcharlesseniorcare.com](http://www.saintcharlesseniorcare.com) to learn more or contact us at [info@saintcharlesseniorcare.com](mailto:info@saintcharlesseniorcare.com)
World Marriage Day

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm., Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12.
Welcome New Parishioners!

To receive a registration form or indicate an address change or move from the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or call the Parish Office (636-946-6327).

Names: ________________________________________
Adults_______                 Children________
Address: _______________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________

From the family of Terry Johnson – a sincere THANK YOU to all who prayed, called, texted, sent cards, sent food, came to the visitation and/or funeral of our loved one, Terry Johnson. The outpouring of loving support from our St. Cletus family was immeasurable and was of such great comfort to all of us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Jackie Johnson
Rob, Jennifer and Megan Warren
NOTE:
Please print 625 copies
Thank You!