

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
April 14, 2024



PEACE
BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLEASE FIND OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND THE
EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN
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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., April 15, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Communion Service*
Presider: Deacon Walt

Tues., April 16, Easter Weekday

7:00am † Diane Echele
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., April 17, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Mary Ann Martin*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

7:00pm † *Barbara Roth*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., April 18, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Bernice Stiegemeier*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., April 19, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Rich Middendorf*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Rose Andrzejewski (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., April 20, Easter Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*
Presider: Deacon: Walt

Sat., April 20, Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm † *Walter Blei*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: C. Anderson and E. Krupich

Sun., April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: M. Windisch and C. Schneider

9:30am † *Joseph Dung Anh Bui*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

11:30am † *Gert Nanney*
Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: E. Blaha and L. Henderson



- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Shari Gardocki
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Jim Pini
- Dave Raley
- Eric Reinholz



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- † **Catherine "Kay" Simon**
 - † **Roseann Arbuthnot**, mother of Ron, and grandmother of Jane and Jake
- May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.*

- SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 (live streamed), 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
- WEEKDAY MASSES:** 7:00 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday
- ADORATION:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
- COMMUNION SERVICE:** Monday at 7:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Thursday 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment
- BAPTISMS:** Please contact Deacon Mark McCarthy to arrange for date and time.
- MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Contact Deacon Mark McCarthy
- SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** By appointment
- OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm
- BULLETIN DEADLINE:** 10 Days Prior to date In writing or email to: secretary@saintcletus.org





PARISH COLLECTION March 31, 2024

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 7,027.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 11,792.00
Matching.....	\$ 438.00
SVDP.....	\$ 8,313.71
Holy Land.....	\$ 2,125.42
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 561.32
Easter Sunday.....	\$ 12,881.63



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 PM in the Duchesne Room.



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, APRIL 15

10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	P&J PANEL DISCUSSION	HALL
7:00PM	SVDP MEETING	DUCHESNE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
9:00AM	LITURGY MEETING	CALLAHAN
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	CONFIRMATION	CHURCH
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MTG	BENZ
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER ALL MASSES

9:30AM	BAPTISM DURING MASS	CHURCH
1:00PM	THE CHOSEN (S4 E 1&2)	HALL



Register to attend Vitae Foundation's Pro-Life Dinner on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac. The event will inspire and equip you to effectively speak about the abortion issue in your circles of influence. The keynote speaker is Seth Dillon, the CEO of *The Babylon Bee*. Dillon's experience with censorship and de-platforming has placed him on the front lines of the battle for free speech. For more information on attending or sponsoring the event visit vitaefoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.



Our Pastor's Message

The Physical Resurrection

In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples. The disciples are startled and terrified. Jesus says he is not a ghost. He is real. He is flesh and bone and he asks for something to eat. Jesus is showing the disciples that the resurrection is a physical reality. It is a real thing. Not a hypothetical thing. Have you experienced the physical reality of the resurrection.

The problem with the average person who is sleepwalking through life is that they put the physical resurrection into only the afterlife. The resurrection is something to be experienced now. Many people choose not to die to themselves. They choose the darkness. Yet if they would just die to themselves, they could experience such a greater life now. When we die to our selfishness, we have such a greater experience of communion with one another.

I was talking to this one person (I have her permission to share) who said she was experiencing this emptiness in her life. She felt like she was going in the wrong direction. She began to search and she found our parish. She searched deeper and found the RCIA (the process of becoming Catholic). The RCIA opened her eyes. She began to share what she was experiencing in the RCIA with her husband who had never been baptized. She chose to get confirmed and he was baptized at the Easter Vigil. The whole experience was life changing. Both her and her husband had risen from the dead. You can physically meet and touch these people.

Another man had built up such a great business for 20 years. He had everything: houses, cars, boats, whatever he wanted. He was not happy. His business collapsed and he lost everything. He could have become bitter, but he decided to let go and to embrace what was happening. He simplified everything. He began to turn to God. He found the work he wanted to do. He finally had time for his family. He now is happy and has such a deep relationship with God. This is someone who was dead. He is now the living embodiment of the resurrection.

The resurrection is a physical thing both now and later. Have you taken the deep dive into life? Have you truly turned your will and your life over to God? It is a scary choice, isn't it? Will he catch me? I know it works for me. This is what scripture tells us. There are all these witnesses of the physical resurrection. Reach out to God and take his hand.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



The Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

“May the Most Holy Virgin, who was the First to practice the gospel perfectly and in all Its severity, even before it was proclaimed, Spur us on to follow closely in her footsteps.”

St. Padre Pio

Please join us in the day Chapel to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 and 9:30 Mass times on Sunday mornings.

For information about the legion or to submit Rosary requests, please email us at legionofmary@saintcletus.org or call 636-946-6327 Ext. 1733



Did you know that St. Cletus Peace and Justice Ministry has been publishing a quarterly newsletter *THE CHANNEL* to highlight our efforts to promote Catholic social justice and peace? In the Peace Prayer of St. Francis we sing "Make me a channel of Your peace...". We hope this newsletter can be a "channel" for you to learn more about social justice issues, help us promote the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and inspire their fulfillment within our faith community, and in the wider world.

We focus on:

- Education and Communication
- Promotion of social justice awareness in our youth and young adults,
- Encouragement of care for our planet and all creation, and
- Engagement in Outreach to the marginalized in our community.



To receive this newsletter by email, please register at www.saintcletus.org/peaceandjustice. To see our April issue, use the QR code **ABOVE**.

ST. CLETUS

BBQ

GIVING DAY PARTY



FRIDAY APRIL 26 4PM-9PM



FOOD MUSIC FUN

WE NEED
your
SUPPORT!

COME HUNGRY AND READY TO PARTY

ST. CLETUS PARKING LOT

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Sweet
Donations



Desserts Wanted

Please bring to the school cafeteria with a note marked "giving day bbq".

Ode to Dirt

Tribute for Earth Day, April 22, 2024

(An unusual lawn and garden blessing)

Dear Dirt,

I am sorry I slighted you, I thought that you were only the background for the leading characters—the plants and animals and human animals.

It's as if I had loved only the stars and not the sky which gave them space in which to shine. Subtle, various, sensitive, you are the skin of our terrain, you're our democracy.

When I understood I had never honored you as a living equal, I was ashamed of myself, as if I had not recognized a character who looked so different from me, but now I can see us all, made of the same basic materials—cousins of that first exploding from nothing—in our intricate equation together.

O dirt, help us find ways to serve your life, you who have brought us forth, and fed us, and who at the end will take us in and rotate with us, and wobble, and orbit.

By Sharon Olds

Are we grounded...sinking into life?

We are on Holy Ground...the hiding place for the holy. "Through your goodness, we have received the bread and wine we offer you, fruit of the earth and of the vine, the work of human hands."

Common Ground: Cultivating Connections between faith, food, and climate. The theme for this year's Earth Day from Interfaith Power and Light, a religious response to global warming.

From Laudato Si: "God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement."

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

Back by Popular Demand
St. Cletus Parish Picnic Game Prize Donations

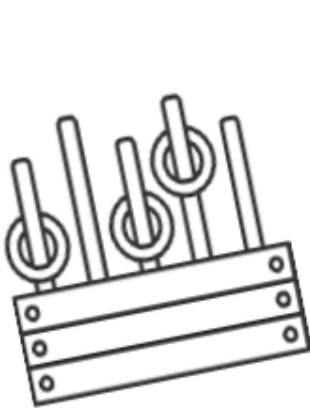
We ask for donations to make our game prizes the biggest and best! Last year our community helped out by purchasing from our wish list. Scan the QR code below and purchase a prize or two from our Amazon Wish List.

For your convenience prizes ship directly to the games coordinator if purchased directly from the list or arrange pickup/drop off.

NEW this Year: Purchase an Amazon gift card from our STP program, arrange to get to the games coordinator, and she will purchase the prizes directly from the list for you!

Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024

SCAN



Parish Picnic Games Wish List

Tara Florek
Parish Picnic Games Coordinator
314-443-8429
dreamsndw2010@gmail.com

Other great items include leftover party favors from birthday parties or small items!

LGBTQ+ PERSONS & THE CHURCH: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER ~ A PANEL DISCUSSION

Panelists:

Fr. Charles Bouchard

OP, STD,

Aquinas Institute of Theology

Dr. Michael Meehan

PhD, Clinical Psychologist,
Chief Care Officer,
Catholic Charities

Ms. Julia Erdlen

MDiv, Campus Minister,
St. Louis University

Ms. Barbara Buzzacco

Parishioner,
All Saints Parish

Grow in understanding of:

- Catholic Theology
- Spirituality
- Sexuality
- Lived Experiences of LGBTQ+ Persons
- Need for Acceptance & Outreach

April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm

St. Cletus Parish Hall



Hosted by St. Cletus
Peace & Justice Ministry

Please register using the link or the QR code:

<https://forms.gle/r7rbE3dUhRQPPqHU7>





SAVE THE DATE!

**The Run for Life and Learning is June 1!
Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis**

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.



Scan to Register

For sponsorship opportunities, Email: run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

The CHOSEN

SEASON 4

Come watch The Chosen, Season 4 at Saint Cletus. We have received the rights to share this season at no cost. Episodes will be shown in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

Episodes 1 and 2, Sunday, April 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Episodes 3 and 4, Sunday, April 28, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Remainder of the Episodes (5-8) will be scheduled as they become available

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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: _____