3rd Sunday of Easter

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”

- Lk 24:33-34

To keep current with our sick list above, please let us know when we need to add or remove anyone. Thank you!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
† June Hildebrand, mother of Steve
† Joe Eberhard, husband of Ann
† Christine Sheils, sister of Bob
May their souls rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.

Mon., April 24, Easter Weekday
7:00am † Jane Cissell
       Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Communion Service
       Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., April 25, Saint Mark
7:00am † Lloyd Whitman
       Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Richard Shriver
       Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., April 26, Easter Weekday
7:00am † Edward Colloton
       Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Katie & Kent Hadler (living)
       Presider: Fr. Whitman

Thur., April 27, Easter Weekday
7:00am † Michael Roch Zerr
       Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Ted Leverenz
       Presider: Fr. Benz

Fri., April 28, Easter Weekday
7:00am † Beverly Kaiman
       Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Gert Nanney & Paul LaVictoire (all school)
       Presider: Fr. Whitman

Sat., April 29, Saint Catherine of Siena
8:00am † Denny Haislip
       Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., April 29, Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:00pm † Wally Blei
       Presider: Fr. Whitman
       Deacon: Mark McCarthy
       Servers: m. Martin and V. Martin

Sun., April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:30am † James R. Butler, Sr.
       Presider: Fr. Whitman
       Deacon: Mark McCarthy
       Servers: Adult Servers (J. Groene & S. Groene)
9:30am † Richard Helfrich
       Presider: Fr. Benz
       Deacon: Frank Olmsted
       Servers: S. Blaha and M. Windisch
11:30am † Our Parish Family
       Presider: Fr. Benz
       Deacon: Frank Olmsted
       Servers: M. Basler and R. Basler
PARISH COLLECTION April 9, 2023

Regular Offertory ........................................ $ 7,629.50
Online Offertory ........................................... $ 5,034.00
Matching ................................................................ $ 100.00
Easter Sunday ................................................... $ 8,553.00

In this Sunday’s Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families with rent, food, utilities, and other bills. Thank You!

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. Monday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. Saturday (live streamed) 8:00 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday in the weekday chapel

COMMUNION SERVICE: Monday at 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Monday 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

HOMILIES:
Sunday homilies can be found at:
www.saintcletus.org

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

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ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 24
10:00AM LIVING JOY GROUP MTG CLETUS
5:00PM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLETUS
6:15PM PSR CLASSES SCHOOL
6:30PM PSR PRACTICE CHURCH
6:30PM PEACE & JUSTICE DUCHESNE

TUESDAY, APRIL 25
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
11:00AM PASTORAL TEAM MEETING CALLAHAN
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING CALLAHAN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
10:00AM BIBLE STUDY W/FR. MARK DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
6:30PM MENS CLUB EXEC MTG SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY LDR MTG CLETUS
7:00PM ST. DOROTHY MEETING HALL

THURSDAY, APRIL
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM MARRIAGE MINISTRY DUCHESNE

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
9:00AM WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
NO ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
8:00AM PRIVATE HALL
9:30AM 1ST GR & KNDRGRTN COMMITMENT CHURCH
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT HALL
A CONTINUED HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL! I admit it may seem a bit unusual to see here what I admit is an Easter card on this Third Sunday of Easter, but, if we understand that the Easter Season is, in fact, fifty days long, is it really unusual? I think not. Please notice the prayer below. It concludes Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation The Joy of the Gospel as he highlights Mary as the mother of evangelization (#284–288). Should we not all be filled with the joy of the Gospel as she was based on the Good News of Easter, Jesus’ Resurrection?

Mary, Virgin and Mother,  
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,  
welcomed the word of life  
in the depths of your humble faith:  
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,  
help us to say our own “yes”  
to the urgent call, as pressing as ever,  
to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Filled with Christ’s presence,  
you brought joy to John the Baptist,  
making him exult in the womb of his mother.  
Brimming over with joy,  
you sang of the great things done by God.  
Standing at the foot of the cross  
with unyielding faith,  
you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection,  
and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit  
so that the evangelizing Church might be born.

Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the resurrection,  
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life  
which triumphs over death.  
Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,  
that the gift of unfading beauty  
may reach every man and woman.

Virgin of listening and contemplation,  
Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast,  
pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are,  
that she may never be closed in on herself  
or lose her passion for establishing God’s kingdom.

Star of the new evangelization,  
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,  
service, ardent and generous faith,  
justice and love of the poor,  
that the joy of the Gospel  
may reach to the ends of the earth,  
illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel,  
wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones,  
pray for us.

Amen. Alleluia!
God’s grace lives in all of us, and so it is important that we share it with our brothers and sisters and fill their hearts. When Jesus arose from the tomb after being crucified, He chose to reach out to help His followers understand what had happened. In one of these instances, Jesus prevented the eyes of two disciples from seeing Him, but when He broke bread and reached out to them, they could see Him and fully understand the wonders of His boundless grace.

In the same manner, we, as Catholics, must “Reach out in Love” to those who yearn for the Bread of Life. This week, we are launching the Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. The Appeal provides us an opportunity to allow the Lord to work through our hands as one Church, sharing His grace with those who need it most. Please consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. You can pick up your pledge card after each Mass in the Day Chapel for the next three (3) Weekends or make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting
Sheri, Director of Counseling at Birthright, wrote this thank you note to St. Cletus parishioners. She has been a counselor at Birthright since 2003.

“Thank you so much for your generous donation of a variety of baby items which will be used and appreciated, as you know. Your support is so important to us and brings a fountain of relief to our clients. You are in our prayers. Blessings, Sheri”

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The Links at Dardenne
Friday, May 19, 2023
11:00 a.m. – Lunch/Registration
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
Dinner / Awards / Raffle – at conclusion of golf

Golf & Combo Ticket - $175
(includes golf, putting contest, 1 mulligan, 20 raffle tickets)
Individual Golfer - $150 per person
Combo Ticket - $25 per person
(includes putting contest, 1 mulligan, 20 raffle tickets)

***EARLY BIRD SPECIAL***
Register and pay by May 5 – special drawing for $100!
To register: www.easternregionmrl.org
Senior tees for 65 and over
The Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

In the Alban Hills, not far from the city of Rome, lies the little town of Genazzano, where the miraculous image of Our Lady of Good Counsel is venerated. The story of the picture dates back to 1467. Pilgrims assembled on the feast of St. Mark were startled by a mysterious rustling sound and strains of sweet music. Looking toward the sky, they beheld what seemed a soft cloud. Slowly it descended and rested in front of the unfinished wall of the church dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of Good Counsel. The picture rests suspended in the air without any visible means of support to maintain its stable condition, and this for five centuries! Although painted on a piece of plaster no thicker than an ordinary visiting card, the image has withstood the ravages of time. The artist of the painting is unknown.

The feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel is April 26th.

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

St. Dorothy Gardening Group

We are having our 2023 Spring meeting on Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

The purpose will be a fun get-together to reconnect with each other and meet any new members. We will also discuss projects for the coming year.

Please bring a light snack to share. We will provide bottled water. Please bring any other drink that you prefer.

If anyone from the parish is interested in becoming a member of the gardening group, please feel free to join us for this meeting.

Please RSVP via email: jeaniem54@sbcglobal.net or call 636-723-3128

Thanks,
Jeanie and Jim McCoy
SAINT CLETUS ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

As part of our parish’s 40th anniversary observance in 2005, St. Cletus conducted a capital campaign to eliminate our parish’s debt but also to establish an endowment. The St. Cletus Endowment was created to support our parish's mission and ministries. The time period for Ministry’s leaders to apply for a portion of this year's proceeds extends from now through **May 14**.

All chairs of our parish ministries are asked to check with their members to consider if there are any extra projects for which they would want to seek funding. Grants will be awarded in July. For an application, please contact Fr. Jim Benz, at jbenz@saintcletus.org or 636-946-6327, ext. 1711.

Reflect

“There are the most faithful people in our society are the men and women who learn from their mistakes and thus grow in virtue. We all make mistakes and plenty of them; so did the saints. We can take the negative path and beat ourselves up or blame someone else. Or we can take the positive path and ask, “What is God teaching me right now?” When our children mess up, don’t we ask them, “What did you learn?” Mistakes are teachable moments coming from an all-loving God. Are you involved in a special project? Keep it up! Don’t be afraid of making a mistake.”— from *Three Minutes with God*, by Msgr. Frank Bognanno

Pray

God of mercy and compassion, I’ve been wrong so many times and have wronged so many people, even those I profess to love. My heart sinks when I consider the damage I’ve caused, the unnecessary hurts, the sins of omission; but you won’t let me stay in that place of darkness and cynicism. Thank you, Lord, for being so patient with your student.

Act

Identify one mistake you made today—not to feel bad about yourself, but to remember that God loves us through them. Every mistake, no matter how small, is a door to encountering God the teacher. What door will you walk through today?
PLEASE JOIN ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FOR A

Spring High School Fair

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Hosted by DeSmet Jesuit High School in the Gym
233 N New Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141
Parking will be available at the Emerson Entrance

Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to visit with representatives from St. Louis' best all-girl, all-boy, and coed high schools:

Bishop DuBourg
CBC High School
Chaminade
Cor Jesu Academy
De Smet Jesuit High School
Duchesne High School
Incarnate Word Academy
Nerinx Hall
Notre Dame High School
Rosati Kain Academy
Saint Louis Priory School

St. Dominic
St. Francis Borgia High School
St. Joseph's Academy
St. Louis University High School (SLUH)
St. Mary's South Side Catholic
St. Pius
Ursuline Academy
Vianney High School
Villa Duchesne
Visitation Academy
It is that time of year again. Please check your closets, basement, garage, and barn for those items that you never use and donate them! We accept all items that are clean and in working condition. We are also looking for help Sunday, May 7, to box items after the 11am Mass.

Questions, contact Brian Niehaus:
314.341.5269 brianstgianna@gmail.com

Sale Times:
- Friday, May 5 — 3:00pm - 7:00pm
- Saturday, May 6 — 7:30am - 6:00pm
- Sunday, May 7 — 9:00am - 12:00pm

Items can be dropped off at the parish hall:
- Thursday, May 4 — 9:00am - 7:00pm
- Friday, May 5 — 9:00am - 12:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
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
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10