

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
April 23, 2023



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

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

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



Tina Adams
Jenny Andrzejewski
Joan Andrzejewski
Shiela Bachtell
Pete Balotti
Patrick Beckman
Jerry Belew
Marnie Boyle
Sue Brockelmeyer
Dot Browning
Carol Buerman
Harold Buescher
Butch Carr
Charlene Carson
Peaches Conoyer
Jeff Cook
Gene Dallas
Dorothy Davis
Susan Dauten
Patty Derhake
Jim Doyle
Fred Dyer
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Joe Flood
Alexandra Ford
Margie Fortman
Randy Gravemann
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
Al Hagedorn
Michelle Haines
Bella Herman
Vi Higgins
Jason Hoag
Kelly Hurley
Jack Kaiman
Vivian Koester
Chuck Lammert
C J Lindner

Joyce Lumetta
Liz McCarthy
Trace Gillam Martin
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Mary Minton
Kathy Muegge
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Amelia Paquette
Dave Raley
Jim Pini
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Rita Reeves
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Barbara Roth
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Bob Sheils
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Linda Tocco
Barbara Tuma
Tom Walsh
Dorothea Wallace
Michelle Weinrich
John Whitener
Jenny Whitman
Richard Wieck
Shelly Wilfong
Fred Wilkinson
Mason Wlodarski

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



Pray for the Deceased

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.

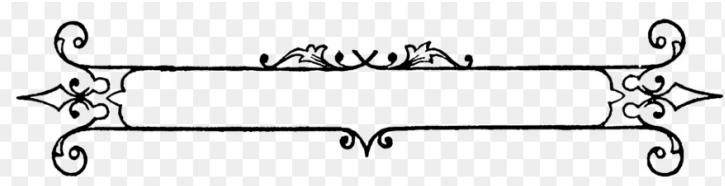


PARISH COLLECTION April 9, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 7,629.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 5,034.00
Matching.....	\$ 100.00
Easter Sunday.....	\$ 8,553.00



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




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.

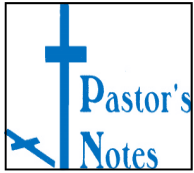
MARRIAGES:
Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Contact Deacon Mark McCarthy

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



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.*

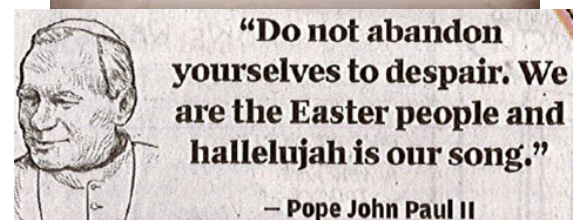
*Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life
which triumphs over death.
Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,
that the gift of unfading beauty
may reach every man and woman.*


*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!





REACH OUT IN LOVE
AND FILL EVERY HEART WITH HOPE

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
BUILD MY CHURCH

Your every act should be done with love. —1 Corinthians 16:14
Please consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal and let those we serve experience the Lord's love in our embrace.

SCAN TO GIVE or visit aca.archstl.org TEXT TO GIVE Text "ACA" to 243725

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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





St. Cletus Picnic

May 20-21



Thank
you
so
much

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"



**MISSOURI RIGHT
TO LIFE
'FORE LIFE'
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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

"Some of 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

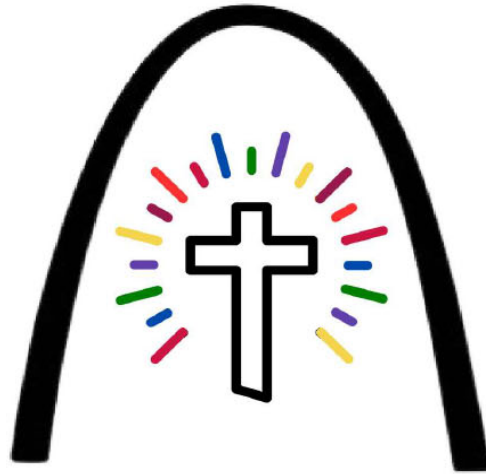
Pray

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

Saint Gianna Catholic Church



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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 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
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 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

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: _____