

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
April 7, 2024



RECEIVE
THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., April 8, The Annunciation of The Lord

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Frank

Tues., April 9, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Julia Nucci Kelly*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., April 10, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Barbara Roth*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., April 11, Saint Stanislaus

7:00am † *Beatrice Crawford*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., April 12, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Michael Sepe*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Mary Rothermich (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., April 13, Easter Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon: Frank

Sat., April 13, Third Sunday of Easter

5:00pm † *Robert L. & Lois E. Graves*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: K. Ayers and M. Ayers

Sun., April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury & R. Marquard)

9:30am † *Bill Worland*

Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: E. Hockmeyer and B. Clem

11:30am † *Paul LaVictoire*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: J. Lowery and R. Maples



Individual's name will be included for one month. Please contact us if you wish to have the time extended.

- Adele Fagan
- Arthur Flannagan
- Theresa Flannagan
- Jim Holterman
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
† **Doris Taylor**, mother of Sharon Ehlmann
May her soul 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 24, 2024

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 11,176.90
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,708.00
Matching.....	\$ 1,535.00



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ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, APRIL 8

10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
11:00AM	CORNERSTONE MASS	DAY CHAPEL
12:00PM	CORNERSTONE LUNCHEON	HALL
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:30PM	PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
3:00PM	DAISY GRIL SCOUT MEETING	DUCHESNE
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB GEN MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM	ST. DOROTHY SPRING MTG	HALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MTG	BENZ
6:00PM	DISCOVERING CHRIST REUNION	HALL
6:00PM	WEDDING REHEARSAL	CHURCH
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

CUB SCOUTS CAMP CARDS SALES AFTER MASS

9:00AM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
12:30PM	WEDDING	CHURCH
5:00PM	WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL DINNER	HALL

SUNDAY, APRIL

CUB SCOUTS CAMP CARDS SALES AFTER ALL MASSES

12:45PM	BAPTISM	CHURCH
4:00PM	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	HALL
4:00PM	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	CHURCH
6:00PM	ELL MEETING WITH TEACHERS	CALLAHAN



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle) you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



Due to a conflict in the Parish Hall in April, there will not be an 'Appy Hour on April 11. Also, with spring coming, all future 'Appy Hours have been canceled.



Our Pastor's Message

Believing is Seeing

What is going on in this Gospel. I don't know about you, but don't we all want to see the risen Christ. Why is Jesus frustrated with Thomas? Jesus is frustrated because Thomas won't believe all the obvious evidence. We all think that seeing is believing, but when it comes to our faith it is believing that is seeing. Blessed are those who believe because in the end they will see the risen Christ not just in the afterlife, but also in this earthly life. If we believe we will see the risen Christ in this life. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be open. I have lived in a pretty dark place for a period of time in my life in the past. During this time I shared this with my friends. They all encouraged me to believe that one day I would see the risen Christ. I believed. I walked the path and one day I saw the risen Lord. He raised me up. My life is full of a joy and confidence that I never thought possible. Believing is seeing.

Do you believe? Don't give up. I've seen many an alcoholic who believed that if they worked the steps, they would see the risen Lord. They have and they have been raised up to a life greater than their addiction. Have you already seen the risen Lord? We need to share our stories of the risen Lord so that others will believe and see for themselves. Even I as a priest need to hear stories of the risen Lord. We all need stories to reinforce our faith and further praise God.

God bless,
Fr. Chris

Divine Mercy Sunday

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 pm

Episodes 3 and 4 Sunday, April 28, 2024 1:00pm

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

Bridge Bread Quarterly Report

The new year proved to continue to produce strong Bridge Bread sales. In January we had a sellout with a record-high in sales of \$846 which also included a record high donation of \$294!

Six-packs of cookies were introduced in February and seem to be popular. We ended up with \$41 of unsold products taken to Mt Carmel. We had a very, very generous parishioner donate \$200 which shattered the previous record-high sales of \$1054 which was sent to Bridge Bread. Our net donation was \$485-another record broken!!

With the increasing number of parishioners attending mass, more Bridge Bread items were ordered for March sales. It was another awesome sellout bringing in \$967 of which \$320.50 was a donation to Bridge Bread!

We appreciate your patronage and support. The smiles on your faces when you say, “keep the change” or those folded bills you slip us show God’s love. It all adds up to a successful outcome for the bakers at Bridge Bread providing them with an income to make a better life for themselves and their families. We are truly blessed!



VOCATION DAY

OPEN WIDE YOUR HEART



STRIVE
TO BECOME A SAINT

DEEPEN
YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST

DISCERNING
THE CALL

BE
A EUCHARISTIC SOUL

SCAN FOR MORE INFO:



SAINT GIANNA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 20, 2024
7:30AM-4:00PM

6-12 GRADERS, FREE
MUST RSVP BY APRIL 10



St Charles K of C 823
will hold a Sausage Dinner on
Tuesday, April 16
20 Westbury Drive
Time 6 - 7 pm
Dine in or carry outs
\$12.00 per person
Please call 636 949 0222
for reservations by
Monday, April 15

PARISH



SAVE THE DATE

St. Cletus Parish Picnic
May 18 & 19, 2024

Food • Rides • Games • Prizes

Live Music by
Anthony Russo & Co. and Brewtopia

Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors

The new session of our exercise class, a 7- week session, is starting **April 9, 2024**, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30-9:30am, \$35 for the session.

For more information contact:
Marianne Belcke, MHS, OTR/L,
314-265-5231 sbelcke@gmail.com;
or Judy Voss, Certified Personal
Trainer, 314-330-5831
judvoss@sbcglobal.net



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

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>



Grow in understanding of:

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



Saint Cletus Respect Life Apostolate

ST. CLETUS RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE THANKS YOU...

The Parish's generous support of the work of our Respect Life Apostolate has been able to assist mothers and babies through the following recent activities:

Birthright of St. Charles: \$855 from Christmas Card Sales; \$200 from the St. Cletus PSR Confirmation Class Baby Bottle challenge, March 2024. Birthright assists pregnant women with counseling, medical care, and items for mother and baby needs.

St. Martha's Hall: \$250 from St. Cletus School Baby Bottle Challenge, March 2024. St. Martha's Hall is a nationally accredited home providing emergency and confidential shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence in attempt to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Queen of Peace Center: \$250 from St. Cletus School Baby Bottle Challenge, March 2024. Queen of Peace provides family-centered care for women with substance abuse, their families and at-risk youth through treatment, housing, prevention programs and education services in residential and outpatient setting.

Mary Queen of Angels: A truckload of baby bottles, blankets, diapers, baby clothing, wipes, etc. from our Silent Baby Shower, March 2024. This organization provides baby supplies, clothing and personal care needs for mothers and fathers, their babies and for pregnant women. Located in O'Fallon, MO.

Missouri Right to Life Coalition, \$50 annual membership in this organization which works for laws protecting the life of the unborn.

Please watch the bulletin for upcoming Respect Life Apostolate activities. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Benz Room of the Parish Center. Please join us!



Protect the health of the preborn and their mothers **by keeping this pro-abortion initiative off the ballot in Missouri.** **DO NOT SIGN** the Initiative Petition, "*Constitutional Amendment to Article 1 relating to reproductive healthcare*", claiming to protect women's health. In reality, this is designed to enshrine abortion into Missouri's Constitution.



Welcome Neighbor STL

Dinner to Benefit Afghan Refugees

Saturday April 13th St. Cletus Parish Hall 6:30 pm

A Special Savory Meal Prepared by Afghani Chefs

Adult Menu - \$40/person

- ▶ **Bolani** (popular pan-fried flat bread with stuffing)
- ▶ **Kabuli Polaw** (Basmati rice with spices, raisins, nuts and julienned carrots)
- ▶ **Mantu** (Afghan dumplings with beef, lentils, tomatoes and spices)
- ▶ **Ashak** (fresh pasta with scallions, leeks and spices)
- ▶ **Ghosh E-fil** (fried sweet pastry)
- ▶ **Beverages** coffee (decaf), water, iced tea, lemonade (also soda, wine and beer for a donation)



**AFGHAN DINNER
IN PERSON**

AT CHURCH OF ST. CLETUS

WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 6:30PM
2705 Zumbuhl Rd, St Charles, MO 63301

Child Menu (12 and under) - \$20/child

- ▶ **Kabuli Polaw** (Nut-free)
- ▶ **Mantu** (Vegetarian)
- ▶ **Gosh E-Fil** (Nut-free)



Supporting Immigrant and Refugee families

The Church of St. Cletus invites you to a Welcome Neighbor STL Supper Club to support immigrant and refugee families in St. Louis. Enjoy food, conversation, and catching up with friends – old and new. From cultural exchange to just plain fun, look forward to a great evening.

These meals present an opportunity for immigrant and refugee families to share knowledge and skills unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse into their culture. These fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their lives here in the USA.

Carryout option is available (You can pick up your meals from 6:30 pm to 8 pm).

Pre-registration

Pre-registration and payment required (guests can specify seated dining or take-out when registering)

St. Cletus registration link to our dinner on April 13th:

<https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/afghan-dinner-at-church-of-st-cletus-april-13-in-person/>

Sponsored by St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry

All Proceeds Go to Afghan Refugees in St. Louis Region



We've gone DIGITAL!

Buy your ticket online and possibly win your choice of \$150,000 toward a new home construction by Fischer & Frichtel Homes OR \$120,000 CASH! (one payment)

Early Bird Deadline is April 19
Early Bird Drawing is April 24
Ticket Sales End May 24
Grand Prize Drawing is May 29

PLUS 24 other CASH PRIZES are up for grabs!



Buy your ticket TODAY!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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: _____