

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
August 13, 2023



19th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., August 14, Saint Maximilian Kolbe

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Frank

5:30pm † *Terry & Jackie Johnson (anniversary)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Tues., August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am † *Helen Drury*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Bob Sheils (all school)*

† *Michelle Haines (living)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., August 16, Weekday

7:00am † *Kristen & Ted Kremer (anniversary, living)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., August 17, Weekday

7:00am † *Edward Colloton*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., August 18, Weekday

7:00am † *Eleanor Rupp*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., August 19, Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Walt

Sat., August 19, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

Sun., August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Randy Kohles*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: Adult Servers (J. Groene & S. Groene)

9:30am † *Jack & Rose Stoll*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: S. Blaha and L. McLaughlin

11:30am † *Eula Lee Orf*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer



Tina Adams
Joan Andrzejewski
Pete Balotti
Patrick Beckman
Jerry Belew
Jim Boyle
Marnie Boyle
Sue Brockelmeyer
Dot Browning
Carol Buerman
Frank Campisi
Butch Carr
Charlene Carson
Peaches Conoyer
Jeff Cook
Gene Dallas
Dorothy Davis
Susan Dauten
Jim Doyle
Maxwell Dutt
Fred Dyer
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Therese Flanagan
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
Mary Gillespie
Randy Gravemann
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
Michelle Haines
Bella Herman
Vi Higgins
Jason Hoag
Erin Hogan
Kathleen Hogarty
Kathy Hugeback
Kelly Hurley
Mary Ellen Jones
Jack Kaiman
Chuck Lammert
Lorraine Lind

C J Lindner
Rose Loos
Joyce Lumetta
Liz McCarthy
Trace Gillam Martin
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Mary Minton
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Barb Oliver
Sandra Perry
Jim Pini
Dave Raley
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Barbara Roth
Walter (Jack) Sammelmann
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Sue Schneider
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Linda Tocco
Barbara Tuma
Mark Valenzuela
Tom Walsh
Dorothea Wallace
Michelle Weinrich
John Whitener
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!



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
† **Jenny Whitman**, mother of Fr. Mark Whitman
May her soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.





PARISH COLLECTION July 30, 2023

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 14,620.30
Online Offertory.....	\$ 7,536.00
Matching.....	\$ 5,555.00

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to those who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!"



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

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

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



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, August 14

5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	CALLAHAN
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	SVDP MEETING	HALL
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	CALLAHAN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	THE CHOSEN	DUCHESNE
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	CALLAHAN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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

ST. CLETUS NIGHT @ THE BALL PARK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
1:15PM	CRNRSTNE MINISTRY TEAM MTG	DUCHESNE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

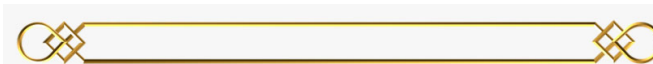
8:00AM	CURSILLO MEETING	BENZ
9:00AM	MINISTRY MEETING	HALL
9:00AM	WAKE	DAY CHAPEL
11:00AM	FUNERAL	CHURCH
12:00PM	FUNERAL LUNCHEON	HALL

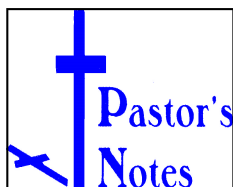
BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER 5:00 MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER ALL MASSES

7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL
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Walking on Water

The story in this Sunday's Gospel is Jesus walking on the water. Peter asks Jesus to call him out to walk on the water at which point Jesus does. Peter gets out of the boat and amazingly begins to walk on water. However, Peter begins to doubt and begins to sink. Jesus stretches out his hand and saves him. He comments about Peter's little faith. I think Peter gets a bad rap. Peter is the only one to ask Jesus to call him out of the boat. All of the other apostles are terrified. Peter is the only one to risk getting out of the boat. No one else does.

Let's just focus on this for a minute. Peter is trying something new. We all prefer to stay in our safe comfy boat. Trying something new in life is a lot like walking on water, isn't it? We can be really shaky. We are afraid we are going to sink. The hardest thing is trusting that Jesus is going to catch us.

When I first started preaching, I decided to not use notes (I may have to use notes at some point because of my memory). It was very scary. It was something like my third time preaching, and I crashed and burned. I couldn't remember some of my points and just stood there frozen. Eventually, I managed to get through it. I know that Jesus pulled me up and got me through it.

What are some of the times you walked on water, when you tried something new? Was it going to high school or college? Was it your first job? Was it when you got married? Was it that first baby? Maybe, it was when you retired.

In our faith, walking on water is about following Christ. Most of us are not that much of risk takers when it comes to following Christ. How often in our decisions in life do we truly seek what God wants? How often do we surrender our will to God? We are called to completely surrender our will to Christ. Is that even a thought? Most people don't do that. After all, that is such a risk. That's crazy talk. However, this is the way to the resurrection, to new life. When we do it our way, the way we think it should be done we miss out on the tremendous potential of what could be. The hard part is to trust that Jesus will catch us. We think he is going to call us in some way that we will get hurt. He is going to call us to love others, but he is also going to call us to love ourselves. We will be persecuted at times, but he does tell us we will be rewarded 30, 60, or 100 hundredfold in this life and the life to come. At the time a normal return would be tenfold during a good summer. That hundredfold in my life has been a rewarding vocation and numerous friendships and being here with you. Most of all it is the promise of life to come.

God bless,
Fr. Chris

PS Thank you for such a warm welcome.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 15, 2023**

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times and Locations

	St. Cletus	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	St. Robert	St. Peter	St. Charles Borromeo
Vigil Mass Monday 8/14	5:30 PM	-----	-----	-----	-----
Tuesday 8/15	7:00 AM 8:00 AM	6:15 AM 8:15 AM 7:00 PM	Noon	6:30 AM Noon	8:00 AM 7:00 PM



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

**Summer and Vacations are in full swing
but September is Just Around the Corner**

Time to start planning for RCIA
If you, a family member, or a friend
are interested in becoming Catholic,
receiving the
Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist,
or learning more about the Catholic Faith,

Contact Fabian Yanez at 505-803-3132
or fyanez@saintcletus.org

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry will be holding an open house on September 6 in the gathering space of church beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you want to learn more about the music ministry or perhaps become involved, this is your chance to speak to current members and get more information. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.



ALL **NEW** Volunteers and Employees for St. Cletus School and any children's programs that hold meetings at St. Cletus Church must attend a "Protecting God's Children" Workshop. There is one scheduled here at **St. Cletus** on Tuesday, **August 22**, in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.

Please register at <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org> Enter passcode: **stlprotect** when prompted and then follow their steps.

Plan to attend if you would like to volunteer in ANY school activities or Parish programs for children.

Please email Mary Peters: mpeters@saintcletus.org with any questions.



Our St. Cletus Respect Life Ministry recently received a letter from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church expressing thanks to the Stitches for Life Ministry for the beautiful hats, blankets, sweaters, and more. They distribute them to families, school children, and Church members. They are extremely grateful.

Thank you to the volunteers who use their skill to help the poor and to anyone who donates material and yarn to the Stitches for Life Ministry.

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for you

A Response to Our Advocacy for the Poor

In May of this year, 186 St. Cletus parishioners signed a letter to Congress advocating full support by our representatives and senators for the 2023 Farm Bill re-authorization, particularly as it affects the poor, the undernourished, and small farmers. Here is the response from Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer.

BLAINE LUETKEMEYER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
3RD DISTRICT, MISSOURI

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SMALL BUSINESS
RANKING MEMBER

July 14, 2023

Parishioners of St. Cletus Catholic Church
2705 Zumbahl Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear Parishioners of St. Cletus:

Thank you for contacting me regarding Farm Bill legislation. I appreciate your views on this important legislation and welcome the opportunity to respond.

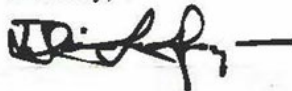
Through the Farm Bill, Congress reviews and sets new legislative priorities that govern a wide range of agriculture and food programs. These programs, which range from crop insurance and Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), affect all areas of the agricultural industry. The current Farm Bill, the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year which is September 30, 2023.

With agriculture as Missouri's leading industry, we must continue important programs that support local farmers in feeding our nation and the world. Over the past few years, devastating floods and natural disasters have put our nation's rural communities on the defensive. The Farm Bill is a critical safety net and risk management tool, providing certainty to Missouri's farmers, families, and consumers.

The House Agriculture Committee will soon begin crafting its version of a 2023 Farm Bill. Although I do not serve on that Committee, I will remain in contact with my colleagues to ensure Missouri's priorities are supported.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or visit my website. I also encourage you to sign up for my weekly newsletter and follow me on Facebook and Twitter to receive all of the up-to-date information on important issues.

Sincerely,



Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress



ADORERS NEEDED:

We have an urgent need for full time Adorers.
The hours needing to be filled are:

Thursdays at 8:00am every other week

Fridays at 9:00am

Please contact Jan DuBray at 636-947-4654



Tickets are still being sold at the church office for the Cardinals' Game on August 17. However, with the low number of tickets sold, we will no longer be able to lead "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Hope to see you there.



A Renewed Love for God

Reflect

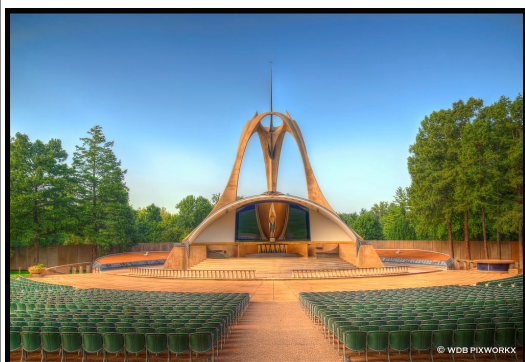
Sometimes the flame of our love for God grows dim. It is then that we must return to the small ways God woos us in everyday life. Our prayer is this:

Pray

Holy God, make yourself known to me in the flames of a fire that gives me warmth, in the smile of a baby that brings me joy, in the touch of a friend that reminds me that I am not alone. Captivate me in the mundane, so I may return to you the love you so lavishly pour on me. Amen

Act

Be alert to the many ways the Spirit of God is wanting to enchant you today. Allow your heart to respond with love back to God.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center
When Mental Illness Hits Home. Cultivating Family Resilience: Enhancing Well-Being Through Compassion, Communication and Connection

Presenters: Ky Miller, MSW, LCSW; Caitlin Embrich; Lt. Patrick Feldhake; Jennifer Gerlach, LCSW

Friday, August 25, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

This annual and unique conference is for friends and family members who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field.

Cost: \$40.00 per person, including lunch. \$75.00 for IL CEU

For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org>



Knights of Columbus Council 823 Sausage Dinner

When: Tuesday, August 15

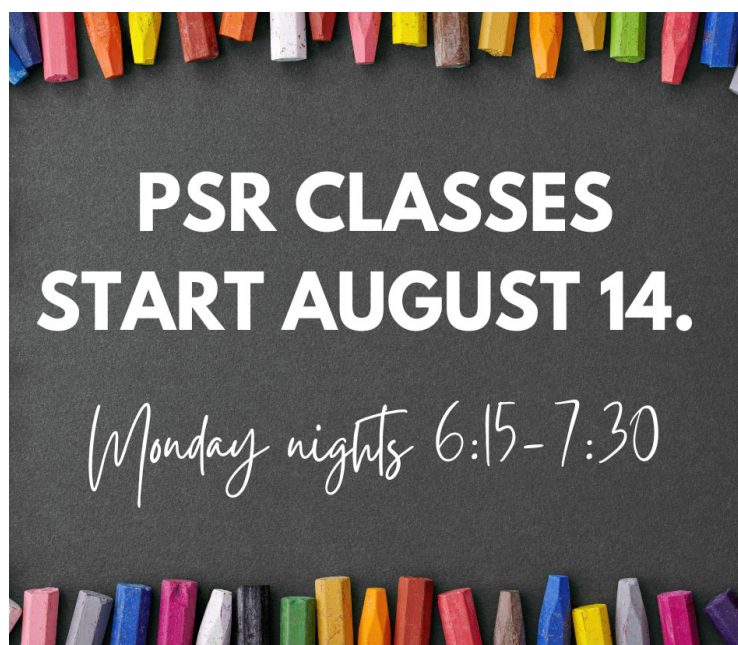
Where: 20 Westbury Drive
St Charles 63301

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Time: 6 - 7 pm



Please call 636.949.0222 for reservations by Monday, August 14



Partners In Mission - Director

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (CPPS) are seeking a Director for their Partners in Mission (PIM) Program. This position is part-time. The Director manages and maintains all PIM activities and functions including, but not limited to, attending board meetings, proposing a budget, overseeing all committees, writing a newsletter, attending all Community and PIM events, planning annual PIM Assemblies and Commitment Ceremony, and implementing the new member education process. Must be willing to become a Partner.


For more info, visit www.cpps-ofallon.org.

Send resumes to Allison Hewitt at ahewitt@collaborativegovernacne.org.



Sock Angel CAMPAIGN

Once again, your church is participating in the sock Angel Campaign sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Central Committee. Last year they collected 20,000 pairs of socks. Because of your generosity, so many underserved citizens received this gift. Many citizens use the socks not only to warm their feet but also their hands. The sock Campaign runs from September 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023. Look for the collection box in the Gathering Space.



Desert Day: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main, O'Fallon, MO on **August 17, September 21, or October 17, 2023, from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm.** The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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: _____