THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, “O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU AS YOU WISH.” —MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PLEASE FIND OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND THE EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN NUMBER OF: 636-946-6327

PASTORAL TEAM:
Rev. Chris Holtmann, Pastor: frchris@saintcletus.org or ext. 1711
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Mrs. Laura Henderson, Religious Education Coordinator: lhenderson@saintcletus.org or ext. 1717
Mr. Bob Hamer, Director of Youth Ministry: bhamer@saintcletus.org or ext. 1716

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School: 636-946-7756
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 636-255-1750
Stephen Ministry: 636-255-1739
www.facebook.com/StCletus
Twitter: @saintcletus
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:

† Kenneth Happe, son of Julie
† Madelene Peitz, wife of Robert

May his soul rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.
PARISH COLLECTION August 6, 2023
Regular Offertory ........................................ $29,754.00
Online Offertory ........................................... $11,031.00
Matching .......................................................... $  385.00

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use... and donate it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store (1069 Regency Parkway, St. Charles, MO).

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 21
5:00PM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ......................... BENZ
6:15PM PSR CLASSES .................................. SCHOOL
6:30PM PEACE & JUSTICE MTG ....................... DUCHESNE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS .............. HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING ........................ BENZ
6:30PM PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WRKSHP HALL
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA ................. DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING .................. CALLAHAN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
8:30AM QUILTERS ...................................... HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING ........................ BENZ
6:30PM MEN’S CLUB EXEC MTG .................... SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM THE CHOSEN .................................. DUCHESNE
7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER MTG .... BENZ
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS .............. HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING ........................ BENZ
5:00PM CELEBRATING W/ THE SAINTS .......... HALL
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY .......................... DAY CHAPEL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
9:00AM WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP .............. DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING ........................ BENZ
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
8:30AM SERRA CLUB ................................ HALL
9:00AM KNITTING/CROCHETING GRP ........... DUCHESNE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
1:00PM WEDDING VOW RENWAL/BLSSING .... DUCHESNE
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT .......................... CALLAHAN

The Knights of Columbus, Council 823, would like to invite all fellow knights, their families and all parishioners to join us for a Marian devotion on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Saint Peters Church in Saint Charles. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., include the rosary, and last about an hour. We will be asking our Blessed Mother to return our country back to her son. Please join us!
The Lost Sheep

In the Gospel, we hear the famous story of the Canaanite woman. She is the only person that gets the best of Jesus in all of the Gospels and she is a woman. We have to understand the Jewish thought is that the Messiah would only come to gather the lost sheep of Israel. Jesus even says that when he sends them on their mission two by two to go to the lost sheep of Israel. I like to think that he knows that his mission is bigger. But will his followers accept a bigger vision, a vision of reaching out to those who don’t even believe in the same God or in God at all? How does he get his followers to see a bigger picture? It is a quandary for Jesus as it is for all ministers with their flock. How far to push your flock before they push you off a cliff? The Canaanite woman cries out to the Lord for help. Is this the time to challenge his disciples? Canaanites clearly believe in other gods. Does this Canaanite woman have the chutzpah to teach everyone a lesson. Jesus goads her into a deeper level, “it is not right to throw the food of the children to the dogs.” This is a common thought among the Jews about outside people and Jesus mirrors it for effect. Then comes the humblest and sweetest line in scripture, “even the dogs eat the scraps from the table.” Touché and this is the avenue for Jesus to reveal the larger plan. His plan is for Jews and gentiles.

The Father’s plan is bigger than we can imagine. We live in our family, our clan, our tribe, the tribe of St. Cletus. Life is much much bigger than that. We worship the God of the universe. The challenge is to welcome all. The worst thing we can do is to meet someone with a lecture of how they don’t belong. One of my priest friends put it rightly. First, we need to listen, listen, listen and then love, love, love. We need to start off listening. Who is this person? Who is their family? What is their situation in life? Are we compassionate? Are we sensitive or do we write these people off. Remember Jesus hung out on the fringes. He hung out with the poor and the outcasts. Who are the poor and the outcasts? Those are people that are typically ostracized by society for not being “normal.” There is a special place in Jesus’ heart for these people. I have found that this is exactly where I meet Jesus. We are called to bring in the lost sheep of the world.

God bless,
Fr. Chris
Could Jesus be calling you to follow him by becoming an Altar Server?

If you are not sure, and in 5th grade or above, check it out by coming to one of the first meetings. They will take place in the Daily Mass Chapel on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 pm and repeated on Wednesday, September 6, at 3:00 pm (right after St. Cletus School lets out). You will receive handouts and hear about becoming an Altar Server. The meeting will take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Come to either one to help you decide if this is how Jesus is calling you to follow him.

If you think it is, there will be three (3) additional meetings you will need to attend. Each of the three will be on a Tuesday and repeated on Wednesday. You can come on either day, but you will need to come one day for 3 weeks to become an Altar Server.

Meeting #1: Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 6, at 3:00 pm
Meeting #2: Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 12, at 3:00 pm
Meeting #3: Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 20, at 3:00 pm
Meeting #4: Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 27, at 3:00 pm

All of the meetings will be in the Daily Mass Chapel and will last approximately 1-1/2 hours. Please contact Deacon Mark at 636-946-6327 ext. 1712 or at mmccarthy@saintcletuschurch.org if you have any questions.

ADORER NEEDED:

We have an urgent need for a full time Adorer. The hour needing to be filled is: Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Please contact Jan DuBray at 636-947-4654
Our greatest legacy is our faith. It is time to begin considering those with whom you wish to share your riches. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), inquiry meetings for the 2023-24 journey of faith will begin Thursday, September 7, at 7:00pm.

Christ calls, modern-day disciples, to “go out and make disciples of all nations”. It is not too soon to invite a family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker to explore the prospect of the Catholic faith. Now is a great time to encourage them to inquire about becoming Catholic, to become full participants in the life of the Church or to re-energize their Catholic faith.

Contact Fabian Yanez (505) 803-3131 or at fyanez@saintcletus.org for more information.

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 6:30pm. 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.
A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins in September!

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary’s earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Cletus in the church hall.

**This is an eight-week bible study**

Our evening session will begin on Tuesday, **September 19 at 7:00 pm**.

Our morning session will begin on Tuesday, **September 26 at 10:30 am**.

Registration will be held on August 19-20 and August 26-27.

Please contact Cheryl Borgsmiller at 636-751-6592 or cborgs413@yahoo.com
**THE LEGION OF MARY**

**How does it work?**

Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in the day chapel. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of our spiritual director.

**Who can belong?**

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who: Faithfully practice their religion; Are animated by the desire to participate in the Church’s apostolate through membership in the Legion; Are prepared to fulfill each and every duty which active membership in the Legion involves.

**How do I start?**

The first step is to be a guest at a meeting of the Legion of Mary. Guests are always welcome. Meetings are on Thursday nights 6:30—8:00 in the day chapel.

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

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**Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors**

The new session of our exercise class, a 7-week session, is starting **August 29, 2023**, 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
Birthright St. Charles is seeking a part time master's level, licensed preferred, counselor or social worker to join our team.

The candidate will provide counseling and support services to women facing an untimely pregnancy using a blend of case management and clinical interventions. Applicants must support the agency's pro-life mission.

For more information about Birthright St. Charles, see our website www.birthrightstcharles.org.

As fires continue to take over the island of Maui, let us come together and offer prayers for the deceased, injured, displaced, and for emergency personnel.

We are in the process of updating our Annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When Why and How of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Lee Plesofsky at 901-833-2889 or email leehplesofsky@gmail.com.
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023

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:__________________________________________
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
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Christ Alive Through Mary, WOMEN’S WITNESS MINISTRY

Like Mary leads us to her Son, this ministry brings Christ to women as We share this spirit of gratitude. Listen as we hear of one woman’s Experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Come, Bring a friend, and rejoice in the presence of The Lord.

Speaker ~ Sr. Mary Rachel Nerbun, RSM  Come enjoy breakfast with your friends (and make new ones!); pray, praise and listen to Sr. Mary Rachel share her topic "Do whatever He tells you: A life of prayer and service"

Date: September 16 ~ Time: 9:00 am - noon, registration at 8:30 am
Cost: $20 ~ Place: St. Charles Borromeo, 601 N 4th St, St. Charles
Register: by Sept. 7 Online - archstl.org/renewal OR call 314-731-6100. Parish contact Cathy Espinosa 636-578-0154

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 22, 2023. Look for the collection box in the Gathering Space.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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.

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