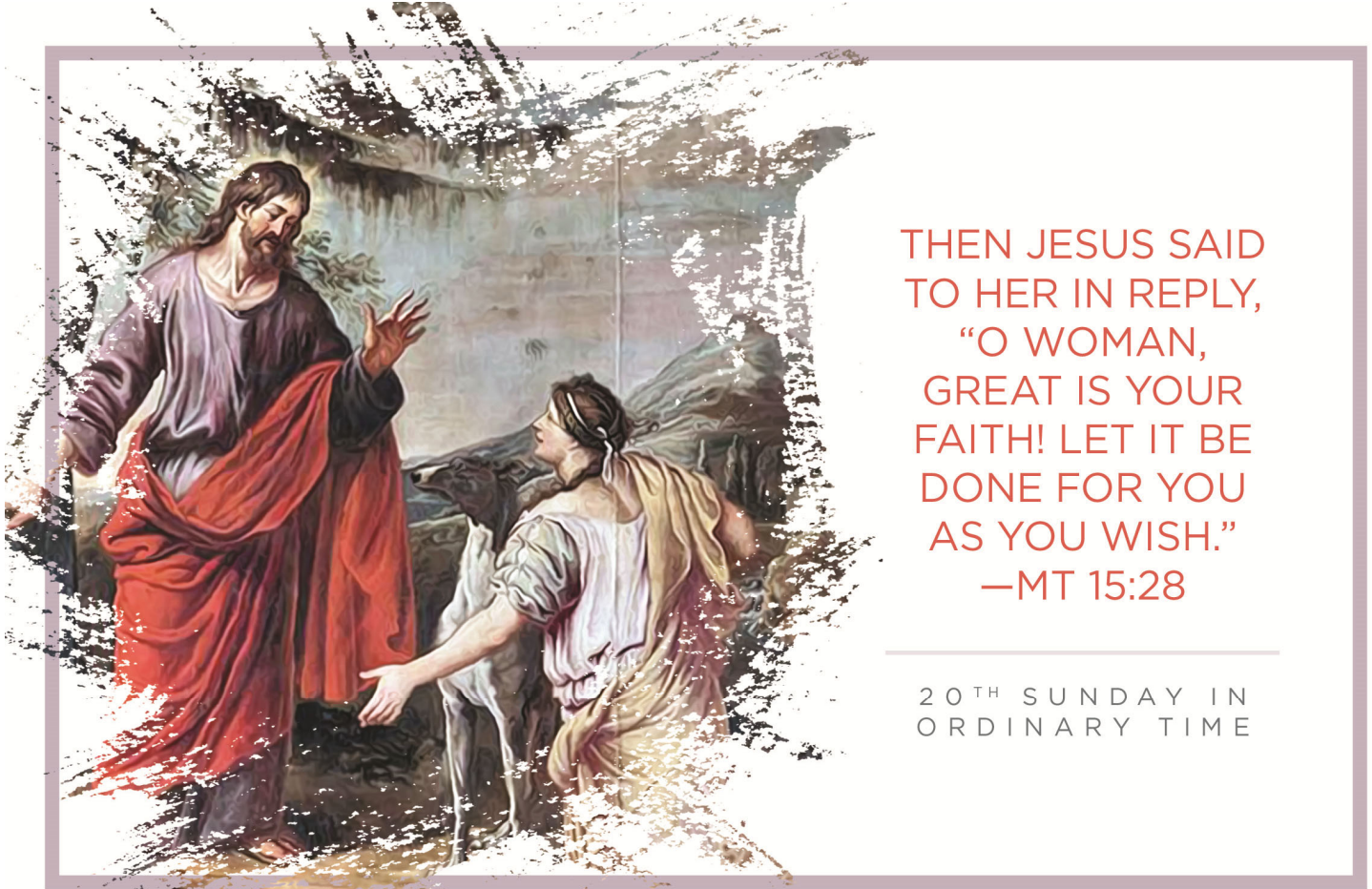


St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
August 20, 2023



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

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., August 21, Saint Pius X

7:00am † *Communion Service*
Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am † *Leo Echele*
† *Deceased members of the Viscomi Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., August 23, Weekday

7:00am † *Leo & Amelia Paquette*
† *Deceased members of the Ceneviva Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., August 24, Saint Bartholomew

7:00am † *Marco Barrios*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., August 25, Weekday

7:00am † *Harold Buescher*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Jack Stoll (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., August 26, Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*
Presider: Deacon Frank

Sat., August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Sam & Elaine DiCarlo*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: M. Basler and E. Krupich

Sun., August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Helen Forstmann*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury & M. Marquard)
9:30am † *Nova Jean Watson*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: C. Anderson and M. Windisch
11:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: A. Ermeling and M. Sheils



Tina Adams
Joan Andrzejewski
* Angie Arnold
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:
† **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

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 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

| | | |
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| 5:00PM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | BENZ |
| 6:15PM | PSR CLASSES | SCHOOL |
| 6:30PM | PEACE & JUSTICE MTG | DUCHESNE |

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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| 8:30AM | SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS | HALL |
| 12:00PM | PRIVATE MEETING | BENZ |
| 6:30PM | PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WRKSH | HALL |
| 6:30PM | LEGION OF MARY CURIA | DAY CHAPEL |
| 7:00PM | STEWARDSHIP MEETING | CALLAHAN |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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| 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

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| 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

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

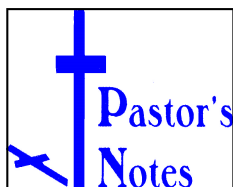
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| 8:30AM | SERRA CLUB | HALL |
| 9:00AM | KNITTING/CROCHETING GRP | DUCHESNE |

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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| 1:00PM | WEDDING VOW RENWAL/BLSSING | DAY CHAPEL |
| 7:00PM | LIFE TEEN NIGHT | HALL |



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

Altar Server Training

Boys and Girls 5th Grade & Up

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

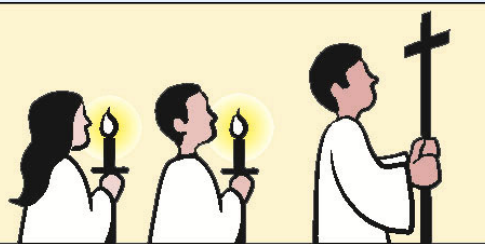
Meeting #2: Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 12, at 3:00 pm

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.

Altar Servers



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.

Protecting God's Children

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.



Foster Adoption Support Team

Help a Child Start the School Year in Style!

Repurpose Your **Like-New/Gently Used** Children's & Teens Clothing

FAST is working hard to expand our selection of fashionable clothing for our fragile children. We need your help! Your donations can make a huge difference in the lives of our foster children.

Your donation directly impacts our community of foster and adoptive families supplies much needed self-confidence to our children, and preserves our environment through recycling!

We are also DESPERATELY in need of children's books and learning toys for toddlers.

Items to Donate for girls and boys ages 0-18 years:

**Please no items with a school or work logo on it*

- Winter coats/jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts and hoodies
- Dresses and skirts
- Pants and jeans
- Shirts, T-shirts, and blouses
- Shoes and socks
- Accessories

- Books for children & teens
- Learning toys for babies and toddlers

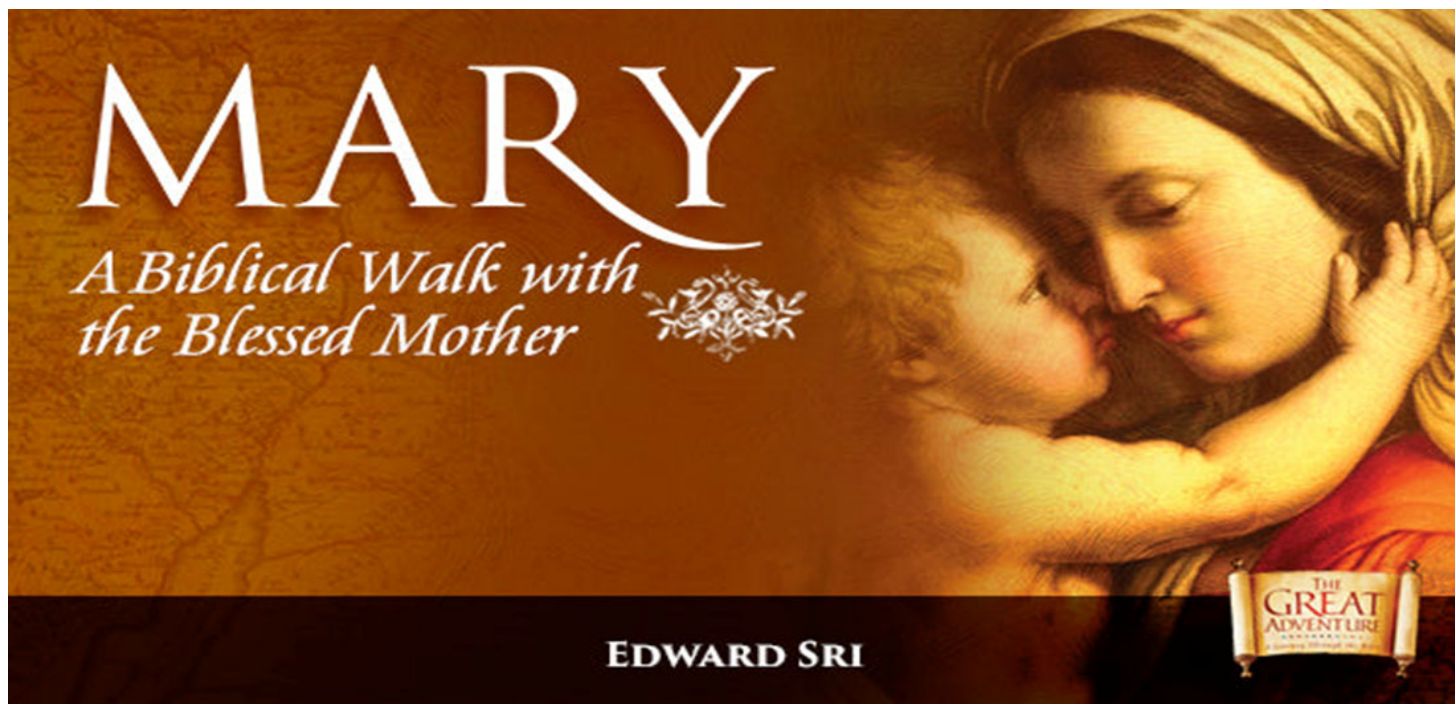
A TAX RECEIPT CAN BE SUPPLIED. We are a 501(c)3, non profit organization.

PLEASE CONTACT VICKI HOUSKA

314.496.8479 text or call
vhuska@fosteradoptscc.org

An appointment will be scheduled for drop off at:
1806 Boone's Lick Road Unit B (located behind OASIS Thrift Store)
St. Charles, MO 63301

LADIES OF ST CLETUS!



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



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.

Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress.

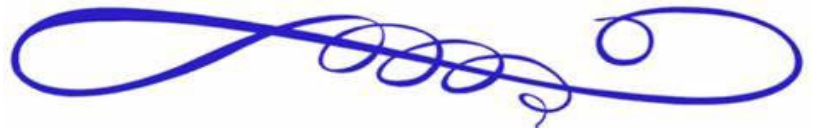
PSALM 31:9

God, bring consolation and relief

to Maui.



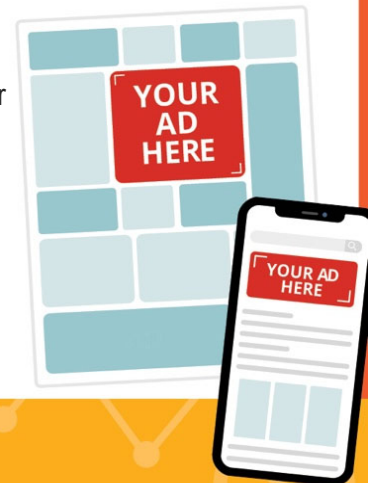
As fires continue to take over the island of Maui, let us come together and offer prayers for the deceased, injured, displaced, and for emergency personnel.



AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Kelly from LPi, our bulletin printer, is securing new ads for our church. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Kelly Lewis
800-477-4574 x 6115
klewis@4lpi.com



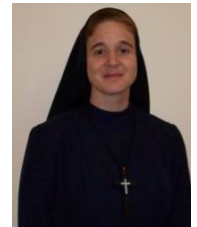
We are in the process of updating our Annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When Why and How of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses 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.



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



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.



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.

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
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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: _____