“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

MATTHEW 16:19
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:
† Mary Minton
May her soul rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.
PARISH COLLECTION August 13, 2023
Regular Offertory $11,761.50
Online Offertory $7,802.00
Matching $3,035.00

Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK
MONDAY, August 28
5:00PM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY BENZ
6:30PM OPENING PSR MASS CHURCH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
7:00PM THE CHOSEN DUCHESNE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
9:00AM WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
NO ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
DONUT SUNDAY
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT HALL

Sock Angel CAMPAIGN
Once again, our 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.
Who is Jesus?

In the Gospel, Jesus asks what the people are saying about him. They respond basically that they are saying he is a prophet. Now Jesus asks the money question, “who do you say that I am?” Peter says that he is the Christ, but this is the question that we all must answer for ourselves. Think carefully because what you say has huge ramifications. The ramifications may be that you have to commit. I think most people don’t want to answer that question because they don’t want to commit. No one wants to commit their life anymore. Vocations are down. We may just be thinking of the religious life, but also the number of marriages are down. And how long do we commit to these things? We like to keep our options open, don’t we?

We don’t like to be limited, but we are limited beings. Keeping our options open in the end can hurt others and hurt ourselves. I’m not saying that we don’t take the time to discern. Discern who Jesus is in your life. Make a conscience decision. Living on the fence is painful. Remember Jesus’ two great commandments. Love God with your whole heart and soul, not second or third. Then, love your neighbor as yourself. This includes loving the least and loving your enemy. This is the real commitment of calling Jesus the Christ.

You might be saying “why do this?” This is the way to abundant life. I was reading the promises of Alcoholics Anonymous. What struck me is that the promises were also true for Christianity. Here are a few. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. Being true Christians allows us to lose our fear. It helps us to know God is for us. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in others. Most importantly, we will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. This is what happens when we claim Jesus to be our Christ and act on it.

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.

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood have several job opportunities to join them in their mission: Spiritual Care & Community Life Director, Accountant, and Partners In Mission Director. Please visit www.cpps-fallon.org “What’s New” section to view the full job descriptions.
Cletus Folks,
Thank you for the beautiful vestment. I am settling in well at St. Paul. The people here remind me very much of the people of St. Cletus: warm, supportive, and filled with strong faith. I will always remember in prayer, when I wear this chasuble, all of you. God Bless you!

Do you know anyone who is interested in the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic?
Do you know anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation?
This would be the perfect opportunity to invite them to attend the RCIA Inquiry Sessions that will begin in September.
It is during these informal sessions that questions are asked and answered about the Catholic faith.
One explores his or her relationship with Christ and how that relationship might be enriched and deepened by joining the Catholic community.
For more information, please contact Fabian Yanez at (505) 803-3132 or fyanez@saintcletus.org.

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.

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY
We invite you to join us for our upcoming study of The Prophets of the Old Testament; an opportunity for adults to deepen their faith thru study of the inspired Word of God.
Weekly meetings are held on Mondays September 18, 2023, thru March 2024 at St. Cletus Parish.
For information:
contact Sue Witte – 314-550-3326
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
Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

The First Saturday devotion is a Catholic devotion of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which was requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain, in 1925. It is associated with the private revelations of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. It involves going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion, saying five decades of the Rosary, and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes on the first Saturday of any five consecutive months.

Please join us the first Saturday of every month at 8am for a communion service followed by praying of the Rosary.

For more information on First Saturday devotions, go to Fatima.org/first-Saturday-devotion

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

Annual St. Paul Parish Picnic
St. Paul, MO Sunday, September 3, 2023

Prime Kettle Beef and Chicken Dinners Served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“All You Can Eat” Dinner - Air Conditioned Dining Carry Out Available

Live entertainment and games for all ages!

Directions from St. Louis / St. Charles Counties
Take I-70 to Hwy 79 North (Exit 220)
5.5 miles to Hackmann Road. Follow Signs.

Directions from O’Fallon
Take Hwy K to M (Main St.)
Left (west) on Hwy P. Follow the signs.
St. Cletus Monthly H’Appy” Hours
Second Thursday of the month
From 5PM - 7PM in the Parish Hall

Please plan to come and join fellow parishioners at the monthly H’Appy Hours on the following
dates:

Thursday, September 14
Thursday, October 12
Thursday November 9
Thursday, December 14

Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage to drink
We hope to see you there!
Questions? Please call Sue Schutz at 314-973-8707

Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of
Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4).

This is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew
its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and
commitment together. In other words, the Season of Creation is the annual ecumenical
celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

This year’s theme is Let Peace and Justice Flow. Each week St. Cletus will explore a
different aspect of that theme including incorporating native plants, Nasty Plastics, defini-
tions of key terms, and a showing of a movie The Letter, a message for our earth, from
Pope Francis.
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:___________________________________________

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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.

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
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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