

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
December 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
- Lk 2:40

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., January 1, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am † *Liz McCarthy*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Tues., January 2, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00am † *Antoinette "Toni" Schaeffer*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., January 3, Christmas Weekday

7:00am † *Karen Nick*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00am † *Bill & Nancy Hesselbach (living)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., January 5, Saint John Neumann

7:00am † *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *John Droste (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., January 6, Christmas Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Walt

Sat., January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm † *Gene Rothermich*

† *Antoinette "Toni" Schaeffer*

Presider: Visiting Priest

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: R. Maples and I. Yanez

Sun., January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am † *Jeanie Hoester*

Presider: Visiting Priest

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: M. Lemkemann and C. Schneider

9:30am † *Reinholz Family*

Presider: Visiting Priest

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: C. Anderson and J. Lowery

11:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Visiting Priest

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Martin and X. Martin



- Jack Kaiman - 2
- Lorraine Lind - 1
- Joe Marzaloes - 1
- Barb Merriman - 1
- Dan Noah - 3
- Jim Pini - 2
- Tim Schneider - 4



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
† **Linda Fehrmann**, sister of Peggy Whalen
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 December 10, 2023

Regular Offertory.....	\$19,500.50
Online Offertory.....	\$10,540.73
Matching.....	\$ 35.00

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families with rent, utilities, food and other bills. Thank You!



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED



TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MTG	DUCHESNE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:15PM	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	PEACE & JUSTICE MTG	BENZ

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
1:00PM	STAFF MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	CALLAHAN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

11:00AM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

DONUT SUNDAY

9:30AM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
1:00PM	RETREAT TRAINING	HALL
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN	HALL

ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE

LISTEN TECHNOLOGIES

"PLEASE SEE AN USHER OR DEACON TO OBTAIN A DEVICE"





Simeon

The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Christ. Upon seeing Christ he tells God that God can let him go. I would like to say, “not so fast Simeon.” I don’t know where the Holy Spirit says he would immediately die. It just said he would see the Christ before he died. I think the party is just getting started. Now is the time to go out and share that experience. Isn’t that what Christmas is. Christmas is the inbreaking of our God into our tangible world where spirit and matter meet and are fused together (see the Eucharist). So advent we pray for it to happen to be able to see God in this physical world. Whenever we experience God in this physical world we are experiencing Christmas. Surely you will not die before you see the Lord come in your life. If you haven’t experienced it, pray, watch, pay close attention. As Jesus says wake up. Don’t be caught off guard and asleep like the rest of the world, sleepwalking through life. Trust, he will come.

Once that happens, now we have a message to carry to give hope to those who haven’t seen that they will see too. How wonderful it is to help other people to see, to see love (God). One day they may wake from the tremendous pounding of our love waking them up. So often I hear conversion stories about how people could not explain how other people continued to love them until they finally succumbed to God themselves.

God bless,
Fr. Chris

“Let someone love you just the way you are—as flawed as you might be, as unattractive as you sometimes feel, and as unaccomplished as you think you are. To believe that you must hide all the parts of you that are broken, out of fear that someone else is incapable of loving what is less than perfect, is to believe that sunlight is incapable of entering a broken window and illuminating a dark room.” Marc Hack

CURIOUS ABOUT THE **MEANING** OF YOUR LIFE?

Seek answers at Discovering Christ.



A great (free) dinner



An engaging video message



Conversation about the message

SEVEN THURSDAY NIGHTS
February 8th - March 21st, 2024
6:00-8:30 pm
St. Cletus Parish Hall

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for a special retreat day
to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

To learn more contact Paul Borgsmiller at
636-399-7268 or pborgsy@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 6!



Catholic Social Teaching: OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE: The church calls on all of us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. A fundamental measure of our society is how we care for and stand with our brothers & sisters in need.



BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Collecting: Socks • Beanies • Gloves • Rain Ponchos

Donations Accepted This Weekend or Next!!

Blessing Bags serve **those without shelter** by providing them with **comfort items** to be kept in your car and handed to an unhoused person on the street. The items we are collecting can help make life on the street just a **bit less challenging, especially during Winter**. Last year Peace & Justice underwrote the entire cost of the **Blessing Bag supplies**. This year due to cost increases and budget restrictions we appreciate **your help** by bringing some of the items above.

Sign-ups: Dec 30-31, Jan 6-7

Distribution of Blessing Bags: Jan 13-14

Due to fantastic support from our parishioners last year, **Peace & Justice**, in a joint project with **PSR** and **Stitches for Life**, is once again sponsoring Blessing Bags. Our **PSR** students will fill the bags with necessary items including the **Socks, Beanies, Gloves and Rain Ponchos you donate**.

Please consider signing up for a Blessing Bag to hand to a person in need. They can be picked up the weekend of January 13/14 after Mass. Fr. Chris will bless them before distribution. We invite you to **make a difference** for the unhoused and **see Christ in the face of others**.



PLEASE JOIN US IN HELPING THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY!



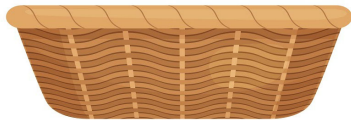
St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry
Bill Weisrock 636-284-0451
Jim LaVictoire 314-308-8462

Discovering Christ Prayer

Please pray for the success of this event.

Heavenly Father, today we pray for the Discovering Christ retreat that is being planned in our parish. Many plans regarding the logistics and details surrounding this event have been made, but we know that only You can determine our steps. If it is in accordance with Your will, we pray that You make this a successful event. Moreover, we pray that we honor You in the planning process. Please give those planning this event, patience, peace, and contentment as we prepare. We pray that You bless this event. May everything happen according to Your will. Help us to rest in knowing that You are the Great Provider, and You know our exact needs and desires. You already know everything that is to happen at this event. We know that You will provide and so we pray that this event will glorify You in the end. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

PASS the BASKET



St. Cletus ushers are looking for volunteers to assist passing the

collection baskets at Mass. This only takes about 10 minutes. If willing to help please text Dan Peters 314-496-0879. Please include the Mass you can help at. Thank you.



The ladies of Stitches for Life thank you for all the sewing items, material, yarn, etc. that is put in our

tote in the back of church. Thank you also from Knit Wits who use the yarn to make prayer shawls, hats, etc. Thank you again and bless you.



I would like to shout out a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the people who helped decorate our church for both Advent and especially Christmas. Carl & Leann Scibetta, Mark & Sherry Knoblauch, Mary Hemann, JoAnn Graveman, Jim Groene, and from the Men's Club; Nick Ferguson, Chris Carson, young Abby Carson, Doug Crisanti and Josh Tohtz. You all were amazing and the church looks beautiful!

We are always looking for extra help and would love to have you, especially for Christmas and Easter in addition to Ordinary time. The need is greater in coming years and we will be looking for someone to shadow us to be able to take over directing operations. We especially need some

younger folks that are not afraid to climb ladders for hanging banners and wreaths. If you are willing to lend a hand please contact one of us. It is a fun and rewarding ministry!
Cindy's email: clegg@saintcletus.org

Mike & Cindy Clegg
Environment and Art

ONLINE GIVING

As we enter the new Church year, we ask that everyone consider increasing their weekly offertory gift. If you do not already do so, please consider electronic giving. This helps the parish with the budget process each year, and is an easy and convenient way for you to ensure your gift is received.

Instructions on how to donate with OSV

- Go to WWW.saintcletus.org
- Select **Giving** (this will take you to the OSV webpage)
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- **First Online Donation:**

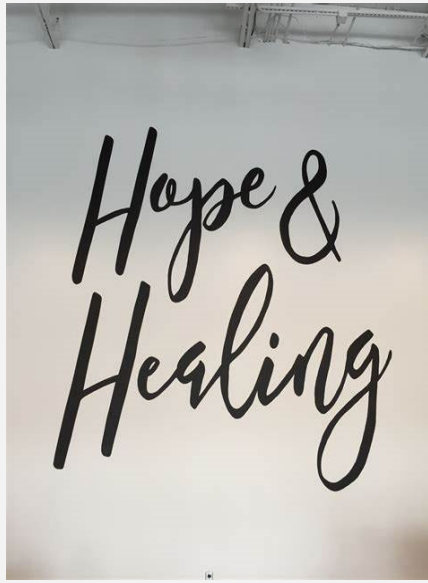
Follow the following steps.

- Select which fund you want to donate to by clicking on the Give Now spot on the fund you want to donate to.
 - Example: Weekly Contributions
- Click on the (v) for additional options.
- Enter your gift amount
(Example: \$20.00, \$30.00, etc.)
- Gift Type (either **One Time or Recurring**)
- Frequency (Choose from Weekly, Biweekly, Monthly, etc.)
- State Date you want donations to start.
- Click Continue
- Enter your Information
- Enter payment information (Choose either Checking Account or Credit Card)
- Enter Payment Address
- Click on save my payment
- Enter **your new password**
(It will be needed every time you log in)
- Click on submit gift.
- Click back to Fund List to donate to other funds or Log Out.

Editing your weekly gift:

- Log in to the OSV using your email and password. If you have forgotten your password, press "Forgot Password" and follow the instructions.
- Select your current contribution
- Edit the amount
- Save your changes

If you have problems signing on to the OSV Online giving website, please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886.



MONTHLY ROSARY FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Please join us in the **Daily Chapel, 6:00-6:30 p.m.** on the **First Tuesday** of each month as we come together to pray the Rosary for your special intentions as well as those intentions that others have asked us to remember in prayer. In addition to our personal intentions, we pray for healing and hope for our world and for our Church. There will also be opportunity to place your prayers at the altar in the prayer basket.

The next gathering will be Tuesday, January 2.

“Where two or three are gathered, there I am...”



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the St. Cletus Nursing Home Ministry - to help with the setup for the Communion Service at Aspen Point Health and Rehabilitation - it requires approximately one hour - one Thursday per month.

Please contact Joan Buchheit at 314-706-6402 or joanbuchheit@att.net. Thank you.

Harvester K of C 2024 Winter Cornhole Tournament

When: Saturday, 1/27/2024, Registration 11am, Bags fly Noon

Where: Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, 4116 McClay Rd, St. Charles, MO 63304

Cost: \$50 per 2-person team, Each team guaranteed 5 games

All ages are welcome. Cash prizes and raffles.

Food and beverages available at tournament.

Please pre-register with Tim Plawski at tbonepack@sbcglobal.net or

314-910-8670 or contact Tim for sponsorship opportunities



Seeking English Teacher

Sister Francine is looking for someone to meet weekly with a lady from Mexico who wishes to improve her English. No Spanish is required. Sister can meet with you for orientation to see if you are interested. Please contact her with any questions at 417-231-5914 or francinessnd@gmail.com.

Introduction to Theology of the Body
January 12-13, 2024

Friday: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm

St. Patrick Church, Wentzville

\$20 per person

\$25 per couple

Registration includes:

Comprehensive Workbook

Light Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday

Please register by Thursday, January 4

Engaging Video Series with Christopher West

Insightful Discussions and Reflections

Practical Application to Daily Life

Unlock the Wisdom of John Paul II's Teachings

Come discover the master plan for your life and your relationships, God's plan for humanity; the origin, history and destiny, the why's of Catholic teaching, the logic of Christianity as it corresponds with the desires of the human heart. This teaching is approachable, easy to understand and perfectly timed for the world of today.

This workshop is for adults, but age 16-17 are welcome with a parent.

Sign up online at bit.ly/TOBstp

For questions, please contact

Maureen Nettles at 314-494-5466 or Lisa Stricker at 314-420-1688

Theology of the Body



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/ Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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: _____