St. Cletus Catholic Church Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others February 11, 2024



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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., February 12, Weekday

7:00am † Communion Service Presider: Deacon Frank

Tues., February 13, Weekday

7:00am † *Ed Wolf*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann Wed., February 14, Ash Wednesday

7:00am † *Dennis Gray*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann 8:00am † Loretta Dolan (all school)

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

5:30pm † *Liz McCarthy*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., February 15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00am † *Michele Haines*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., February 16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00am † *Timothy Peters*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00am † Communion Service Presider: Deacon Mark

Sat., February 17, First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: C. Anderson and R. Maples Sun., February 18, First Sunday of Lent

7:30am † *Jeanie Hoester*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: Adult Servers (J. Rogles & T. Schoolfield)

9:30am † Joe Simon

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

11:30am † John Stoll

Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: C. Brody and L. Henderson





Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† Carol Buerman

† Bernice Stiegemeier, mother of Craig Stiegemeier and grandmother of Billy, Mary, and Charles

May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.



Individual's name will be The Sick included for one month. Please contact us if you wish to have the time extended.

> Jack Kaiman **Lorraine Lind** Joe Marzaloes Mary Fran Oldani Louise Orf Jim Pini Eric Reinholz

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

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

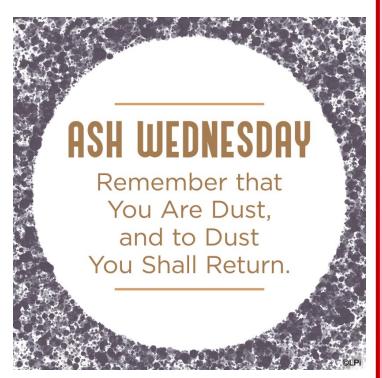
Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE: 10 Days Prior to date In writing or email to: secretary@saintcletus.org



PARISH COLLECTION January 28, 2023

Regular Offertory	\$ 21,651.58
Online Offertory	\$ 8,246.73
Matching	\$ 338.00





'Appy Hour Update

Due to the upcoming Discovering Christ event, there will not be an 'Appy Hour in

February or March. Please mark your calendar and plan to join fellow parishioners on Thursday, April 11, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Bring an app to share and your beverage of choice. Invite a friend to come also! Any questions, call Sue or Steve Schutz at 314-973-8707.



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00AM CORNERSTONE HALL/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
5:00PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BENZ
6:15PM PSR CLASSES SCHOOL

TUESDAY, FEBURARY 13

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING CALLAHAN
7:00PM RCIA RECTORY BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
6:30PM MEN'S CLUB GEN MTG SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
4:00PM DISCOVERING CHRIST RETREAT HALL
5:00PM DISCOVERING CHRIST RETREAT ALL ROOMS
7:00PM RITE OF SEND REHEARSAL CHURCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
4:00PM FISH FRY SCHOOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00AM CONFIRMATION RETREAT HALL & ALL ROOMS

BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER 5:00 MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER ALL MASSES

9:30AM RCIA (RITE OF SENDING) CHURCH



In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering. By your gift to the Soci-

ety of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.





The Leper

What's the worst thing you can do to a person? The worst thing you can do is isolate them, exclude them from community. We were made for community. We were made in the image of God who is a perfect community. The most painful experience in life is to be excluded. This is the life of a leper. They were declared unclean to live in community. The thought process is that they must have sinned or their parents must have done something sinful for them to have ended up unclean. They were considered disgusting. It was right for them to be excluded from community. This is the crazy logic. And when Jesus comes across the leper, he does the exact opposite. He touches them, unheard of. He brings them back to communion.

So who are the ones who are excluded from community? Who are the lepers in our society even in our church? Is it the stranger, the immigrant, the divorced, the racial minority, the sexual minority? Do we treat them as diseased people? In the way we have treated them in the past is it enough to let them come to us? Or, is it some responsibility on us to go out to them and make them feel wanted? We are looking for home. Church is to be home to those who have been excluded. Is it time for us to reach out of our comfort zone and welcome them home as Jesus reached out to the leper?

God bless, Fr. Chris





Bridge Bread Quarterly Report

The last quarter for 2023 set some amazing records that we would like to share. In October we had a sellout collecting \$769 and had donations totaling \$207. The 5:00 Mass set a record high collecting \$288!

November was also a sellout collecting \$841 which was a record high of which \$208 was collected at 7:30-another record! Donations were \$259-also another record!

In December we had leftovers of which were taken to Mt Carmel totaling \$76.50. \$683 was collected resulting in a net donation of \$177.50.

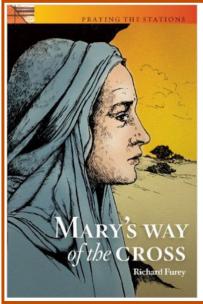
New products added this past year include turnovers, Danish, and donuts. We will have cookies for sale next weekend so stop by our table in the gathering space after mass and see what all we have to offer.

2024 looks promising for more records to set and it's all because of your loyalty and generosity -and for that, we thank you! Bridge Bread is available on the weekend of the third Sunday of the month.

The St. Cletus Respect Life Apostolate will host a special showing of *The Sound of Freedom*, one of the largest grossing films of 2023, in the Parish Hall at 1:00 pm today. *Sound of Freedom* is based on the incredible true story a former federal agent who commits himself to penetrating the world of child trafficking to rescue children from this horrible abuse and enslavement. Starring Jim Caviezel (*The Passion of the Christ*), *The Sound of Freedom* is an extremely powerful film that shines light on one of the darkest areas of contemporary society. The running time is about two hours.

Refreshments will be provided. No charge.





Mary's Way of The Cross

It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditate on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made that first way of the cross. These stations, called Mary's Way of the Cross, attempt to present that viewpoint. In these stations we see through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. Then we try to make practical applications to our lives.

Please join us in the Day Chapel to pray this wonderful devotion to our blessed Mother on Tuesday, February 20, March 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30pm.



90 Prayer Days for Life

February 5 - May 5, 2024

Archdiocese of St. Louis Prayer Campaign to Save Preborn Children and Protect Women in Missouri



"Only with prayer...will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a Culture of Life."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Through May 5, pro-abortion supporters are attempting to collect signatures for a ballot initiative to insert abortion language into our state constitution. Committed to saving preborn children and protecting Missouri women, the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates to unite in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord to stop these efforts.

During 90 Prayer Days for Life, individuals, families, groups, schools, and parishes are invited to:

- 1. Choose a day to pray.
- 2. Sign up online or via the QR Code below.
- Pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, through our Blessed Mother's intercession, specifically for this intention on your scheduled day.

Pro-Life Prayer Resources

U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops usccb.org/pro-life-prayer

Walking with Moms in Need walkingwithmoms.com/pray-for-moms

Respect Life Apostolate archstl.org/Portals/0/agency/1000267respectlife/Step1PrayerDetailResource-BallotInitiative.12.2023.pdf?ver=2024-02-05-181108-497



Join 90 Prayer Days for Life:

bit.ly/90DaysForLife-2024



For additional resources about the Missouri

Ballot Initiative, contact:

Respect Life Apostolate - Archdiocese of St. Louis

prolife@archstl.org—STLRespectLife.org





ST. CLETUS 2024 FISH FRY

DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU

4 - 7pm (Dine-In) & 4-6:30pm (Drive-Thru)

Every Friday - except Good Friday

No substitutions please

MEALS

ALL meals are served with your choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Hush Puppies, Cornbread, Green Beans, FAMOUS Cole Slaw & a Dessert. (while supplies last)

#1 - Fried Cod \$	14.00)
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#2 - Fried Catfish \$14.00

#3 - Baked Cod \$14.00

#4 - (8) Fried Shrimp \$14.00

#5 - Crab Cake Meal \$14.00

SMALL MEALS

ALL meals are served with your choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Hush Puppies, Cornbread, Green Beans, FAMOUS Cole Slaw & a Dessert. (while supplies last)

#6 - 1pc Cod \$10.00

#7 - 1pc Catfish \$10.00

#8 - Whole Cheese \$12.00

Pizza (no sides)

SODA & BOTTLED WATER = \$1

WEEKLY SPECIALS

(No Sides)

\$7.00

EVERY week - Crab Cakes (2 for \$5)

Week 1: February 16 Lobster Rangoons

Week 2: Feburary 23 Shrimp Poppers

Week 3: March 1 Lobster Rangoons

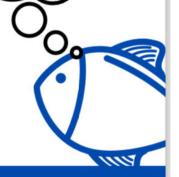
Week 4: March 8 Shrimp Poppers

Week 5: March 15 Lobster Rangoons

Week 6: March 22 Shrimp Poppers

Jumbo Shrimp Cocktails

are back for \$5! Dine in Only.





TO REGISTER PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION OF FLYER ALONG WITH PAYMENT
TO THE OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 17, 2024
(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. CLETUS PTO)

NAME OF	
ATTENDEES	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	
TOTAL AMOUNT \$	
FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT SARAH WILLIS 636-33	28-142



St. Cletus Open House

We would like to welcome families interested in St. Cletus Preschool and Elementary School to attend our upcoming Open House. There are two more opportunities in the coming months to visit an Open House:

- Sunday, February 25, from 10:30AM – 1:00PM
- Tuesday, March 5, from 6:30 8:00 PM.

Please join us if you have questions regarding the school program or call Rosann Doherty at 636-946-7756.

We look forward to seeing you there!!





PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO BENEFIT

MEN'S CLUB AND PTO

Knights of Columbus 823 Fish Fry

When: Wednesday, February 14

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13.00

Dine in or carry out available.

Reservations: Please call 636.949.0222

by Monday, February 12.

THE FOUND SHEEP

The Society of the Found Sheep will meet again on February 13 at 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. in the chapel at St. Peter to pray for our loved ones who have left the church or are struggling with the church teachings. All are welcome! If you have questions or want details, contact Charlie & Ann Sickmann at 636-947-4650 or casickmann@gmail.com

English anyone?

Sister Francine is organizing English classes for anyone wanting to improve English skills. Classes are free and will be offered at St. Cletus weekly. If you desire to learn please contact Sister at 417-231-5914. Thank you!

Habrá clases de inglés. Son semanal y gratis. Si quieren participar o tengan preguntas, favor de avisar a la Hna. Francine a 417.231.5914. Gracias!

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Sunday School

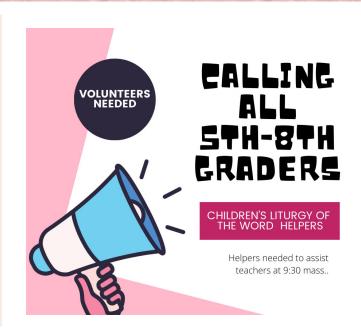
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 DURING 9:30 MASS.

\$25 DONATION REQUESTED TO HELP COVER THE COST OF SUPPLIES.



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER







You may soon see paid signature gatherers in public places in our region asking you to sign a pro-abortion initiative petition. The ballot summary is very deceptive claiming to protect women's health and "reproductive health care." However, this initiative petition will put in the Missouri constitution a right to dangerous late-term abortions with taxpayer money without parental consent for minors and without the oversight of health agencies to protect the health of Missouri women. Those signature gatherers need to get a certain number of signatures from six out of eight congressional districts to put this deceptive and extreme anti-life measure on the November 2024 ballot. Please protect our constitution and defend life in Missouri by declining to sign if you are asked to sign this petition. For more information go to www.missourilife.org. Call the Missouri Right to Life hotline to report the location of signature gatherers at 417-413-4134.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15,

18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/

Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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: