St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
February 19, 2023

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
Matthew 5:44

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Liturgie Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., February 20, Weekday
7:00am † John Sinclair
Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † Communion Service
Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., February 21, Weekday
7:00am † June Miller
Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † Jeanne Zipp
Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., February 22, Ash Wednesday
6:30am † Deacon Bob Birkenmaier
Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † Jon Stewart (all school)
Presider: Fr. Benz

7:00pm † Terry Johnson
Presider: Fr. Benz

Thur., February 23, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:00am † John Droste
Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † Gerald Goedert
Presider: Fr. Benz

5:30pm † Deceased Legionnaires
Presider: Fr. Whitman

Fri., February 24, Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00am † George Freber
Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † Michael Bell
Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., February 25, Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8:00am † Celeste Knox
Presider: Fr. Whitman

Sat., February 25, First Sunday of Lent
5:00pm † Our Parish Family
Presider: Fr. Benz
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

Sun., February 26, First Sunday of Lent
7:30am † Marilyn Klutenkamper
Presider: Fr. Benz
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: Adult Servers (R. Marquard & T. Schoolfield)

9:30am † Ken Peters
Presider: Fr. Whitman
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: A. Poulter and E. Poulter

11:30am † Stephen Ellison
Presider: Fr. Benz
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: M. Basler and R. Basler

To keep current with our sick list above, please let us know when we need to add or remove anyone.
Thank you!

Pray for the Deceased
† Raymond Lynch, brother of Kevin Lynch
† Tom Mason, brother of Deb Young
May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace

Tina Adams
Jenny Andrzejewski
Joan Andrzejewski
Shiela Bachtel
Pete Balotti
Patrick Beckman
Jerry Beliew
Marnie Boyle
Sue Brockelmeyer
Dot Browning
Carol Buerman
Harold Buescher

Peaches Conoyer
Jeff Cook
Gene Dallas
Dorothy Davis
* Patty Derhake
Jim Doyle
Fred Dyer
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
Randy Gravemann
Carol Green
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
Al Hagedorn
Michelle Haines
Dennis Haislip
Bella Herman
Vi Higgins
Jason Hoag
Kelly Hurley
Jack Kaiman
Vivian Koester
Chuck Lammert
C J Lindner
Joyce Lumetta

Jennifer Garthoffner
Liz McCarthy
Trace Gillam Martin
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Mary Minton
Kathy Muegge
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Amelia Paquette
Dave Riley
Jim Pini
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Rita Reeves
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Jim Rogles
Barbara Roth
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Bob Shels
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Barbara Tuma
Tom Walsh
Dorothea Wallace
Michelle Weinrich
John Whitener
Lloyd & Jenny Whitman
Richard Wiek
Shelly Wilfong
Fred Wilkinson
Mason Wlodarski
Janet Yanez
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. Monday thru Friday and 8:00 a.m. Saturday (live streamed) 8:00 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday in the weekday chapel

COMMUNION SERVICE: Monday at 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Monday 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

In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: “You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families with rent, utilities, food and other bills. Thank You!

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:15AM CORNERSTONE HALL
5:00PM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLETUS
6:30PM PEACE & JUSTICE MTG DUCHESNE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
10:30AM WWP HALL/CLETUS/DUCHESNE
11:00AM PASTORAL TEAM MTG CALLAHAN
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
7:00PM SVDP MEETING CALLAHAN
7:00PM PARISH COUNCIL MTG RECTORY BASEMENT
7:00PM WWP HALL/CLETUS/DUCHESNE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
10:00AM FR.MARK BIBLE STUDY DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
6:30PM MEN’S CLUB EXEC MTG SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY LDR MTG CLETUS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
5:00PM PRIVATE EVENT HALL
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM RCIA DUCHESNE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES AFTER 5:00PM MASS
6:30PM FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE HALL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES AFTER MASSES
2:30AM BLAZE MEETING DUCHESNE
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT HALL
“We are not mere creatures of the Creator or servants of an almighty deity. We are called to an intimate relationship with this infinite God as His children, made in His image.”

CURTIS MARTIN & DR. EDWARD SRI
The Real Story

Nothing is more practical than finding God,
That is, than falling in a love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings,
What you will do with your evenings,
How you spend your weekends,
What you read,
Who you know,
What breaks your heart,
And what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.
—Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

A Step By Step Guide How to Register for the Living Joy Program:
1) Go to https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/
2) Scroll down to “Living Joy: 9 Rules that Will Change Your Life”
3) Click “Learn More”
4) Click “Get Access Now.”
5) Ignore the $97.00 charge—it doesn’t apply to us
6) Add your email address, full name, phone number, click the agreement square, as well as “complete my purchase.”
7) Complete the password fields creating your account, and you have access
8) Click “Access Your Course” and see the videos and other items
God wants you to experience the JOY he created you for. So do we. Here's how. It all starts by following 9 simple rules.

Every success in life is meaningless without joy. Joy is God’s dream for you. Heaven is called a “wedding banquet.” And Jesus’ whole mission was to share that joy with you. He said it himself. “I’ve told you these things so my joy may be in you.” Think about that. The joy of GOD in YOU. The experience of that joy eternal starts now. And it doesn’t start with a change in your circumstances but a change in you.

Chris Stefanik’s book “Living Joy” is intended to help us find the joy for which God has created us.

His nine rules are:
#1 Give Thanks
#2 Practice Silence
#3 Love Yourself
#4 Have Fun
#5 Engage Your Body in the Battle for Joy
#6 Make Friends
#7 Rest
#8 Serve
#9 Frame Your Mind with Faith
Plus Chris has created two short accompanying videos for each rule.

You can hear Chris describe this book and its process learning more about them by going to: https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/living-joy

While this book and its accompanying videos will be beneficial to anyone who reads it and uses the videos, our parish’s Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to invite you to consider using this book and its videos in a more impactful way by doing so in small groups.

You can form your own small group comprised of your friends and/or family members (we will provide you with a small group guide which you can use). However, we would also invite you to become a member of one of our parish’s small groups. Our parish small groups are intended to be a part of our observance of the Season of Lent (the first four rules) as well as our observance of the Season of Easter (the last five rules). Our parish’s small groups will either be in-person or by a Zoom meeting. If you wish to be a member of one of our parish’s small groups, please complete the following form and return it to our office THIS WEEK:

Name(s): ________________________________

Phone number: ________________________________

E-mail address if you have one: ________________________________

I would like to participate in an in-person small group: _____

I would like to participate in a Zoom small group: _____

I am willing to be a small group leader via Zoom: _____ in-person: _____
This Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm, Father Mark Whitman will present "The Sacrament of Holy Orders." Come and join the RCIA group and other interested Catholics in the Duchesne Room for this opportunity to reflect on this sacrament that provides for the continuation of ordained ministry to the Church.

Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors
The new session of our exercise class, a 7-week session, is starting February 21, 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
FISH FRY INFO

Thank you for your time & for making our Fish Fry a success!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - FRIDAY, MARCH 31
4-7 pm for Dine-In & 4 -6:30 pm for Drive-Thru

WE NEED YOU!

School families:
Please work 3 shifts
(Service hours available for students)

Desserts:
Now accepting homemade desserts every Friday from 8am-3pm.

Volunteer through signupgenius.com:

** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.

WEEKLY SPECIALS: $5.00

EVERY week
Week 1: February 24 Crab Cakes (2 for $5)
Week 2: March 3 Lobster Rangoons
Week 3: March 10 Mac & Cheese Bites
Week 4: March 17 Shrimp Poppers &/or Jalapeño Cheese Ravioli
Week 5: March 24 Lobster Rangoons
Week 6: March 31 Mac & Cheese Bites

ALL ABOVE *While Supplies Last

MARCH 3
STL City Soccer Night

MARCH 10
Surprise Musical Guest

MARCH 17
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

MARCH 24
Book Fair, Doodles Night, & Cletus Spirit Night

MARCH 31
Cardinals Baseball Night

Questions? Email wearestcletus@gmail.com or call Becky Williamson at 314-630-6696
NICU Blanket Drive

Sponsored by St. Cletus
PSR, Day School, and Peace & Justice

February 18 - March 12

New blankets donated can be used as gifts for needy families, small baby isolette covers, bed linens for under baby (never covering); often used in NICU linen supply rotation!

This collection helps us respond to the Catholic Social Teachings Call to Family, Community and Participation / Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18227JHVT2QP0?ref=wl_share
https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/stcletusnicublanketdrive
February Is Black History Month
***Highlighting Rosa Parks***

Rosa Parks was born in 1913. In the early 1940’s she became a member and then secretary of the NAACP in Montgomery, Alabama. She was also an advisor to the NAACP Youth Council. She tells the story of a 15 year-old African American high school girl whose action was a big motivator for Rosa’s own decision with regard to the bus. In March of 1955, the girl refused the driver’s order to vacate her seat on the bus and was arrested. Rosa was very disturbed by this, and on December 1 of that year, she was riding the bus home from work. She was seated in the seats behind the white section. The driver came back and told her and three other Blacks to stand so he could seat one white person. Rosa refused and was arrested and taken to city jail. The decision was made to see her case to challenge racial segregation on the Montgomery buses. The young people in the community immediately suggested that they get the word out to the entire Black community not to ride the buses. That boycott was in many ways the visible beginning of the Civil Rights movement of the 50’s and 60’s.

In 1987, with longtime friend Elaine Eason Steele, Parks founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. The organization runs “Pathways to Freedom” bus tours, introducing young people to important civil rights and Underground Railroad sites throughout the country. In 1996, Parks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She died at age 92 in 2005.

SOME BOOKS FOR THE FAMILY:

**ROSA.** Nikki Giovanni (author) Bryan Collier (illustrator). Square Fish, 2007. 4-8 years. This is the story of Rosa Parks, told from a unique and compelling perspective.


MOVIES/VIDEOS FOR THE FAMILY:

**BOYCOTT (2001)** The movie BOYCOTT is one of the best films that describe life in the 50’s. You get to understand the tension, dangers, and impact of Park’s refusal to stand up on the Montgomery bus.

**MIGHTY TIMES: THE LEGACY OF ROSA PARKS (2002)** This film is exceptionally educational for college students who want to write a paper on the heroine and impact on the civil rights movement.

This information was provided by St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry, through the courtesy of the Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative (catholicracialjusticestl.org)

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Lent 2023 Care for Creation and Justice

*Two actions to consider this week*

**February 22-March 4**

If the world reduced meat consumption by 15% it would save the same greenhouse gas emissions as taking 240 million cars off the road each year.

Consider planning for meatless Mondays during Lent. Learn more and get recipe ideas at www.meatlessmonday.com

Save energy and add some beneficial humidity to your house by air-drying some or all of your laundry.
“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Pray for married couples struggling with infertility: May the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace.

Knights of Columbus 823
20 Westbury Drive
Saint Charles, MO 63301

Fish Fry

When: Wednesday, February 22
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm.
Cost: $12.00 per person
Serving: Cat Fish Fillets

Please call 636-949-0222 for reservations by February 20

ALSO:

CHICKEN DINNER

When: Sunday, February 26
Cost: $12.00 per person
Donation of a desert for the school dinner would be appreciated
Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

This dinner will benefit St. Cletus and St. Charles Borromeo schools and St. Peter Early Learning Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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:___________________________________________