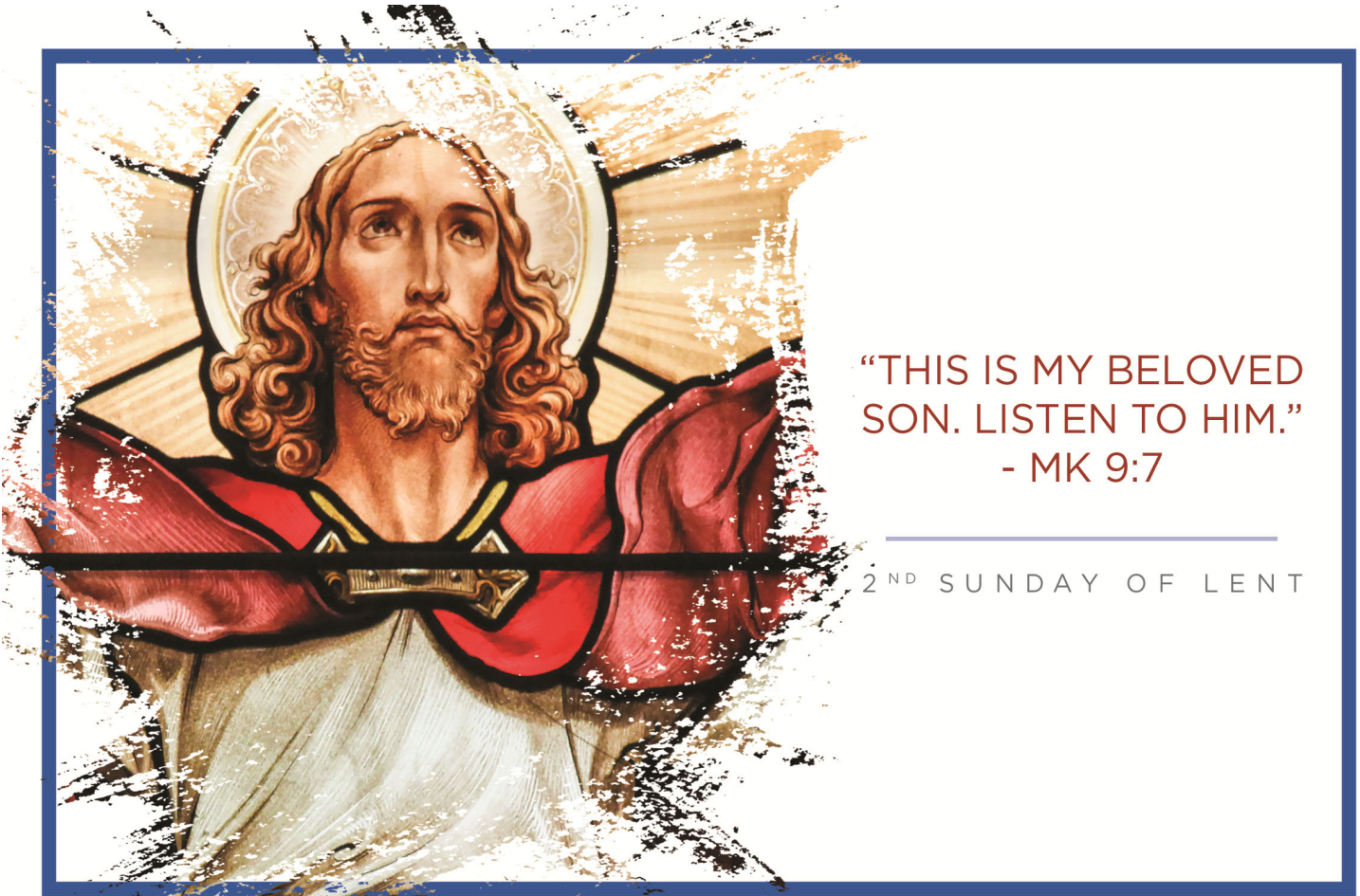


St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
February 25, 2024



“THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”
- MK 9:7

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., February 26, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Frank

Tues., February 27, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Celsus Saale*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., February 28, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Lyle Leu*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., February 29, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Dorothy (Dot) Saale*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Loretta Dolan (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., March 1, Lenten Weekday

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

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark

Sat., March 2, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: C. Autry and E. Krupich

Sun., March 3, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am † *Jack Sammelmann*

Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: Adult Servers (J. Groene & S. Groene)

9:30am † *Jack & Bernadine Egerer*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Furlong and M. Windisch

11:30am † *Aleen Schreiber*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: S. Blaha and E. Hockmeyer



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† **Francisca Yanez**, mother of Dan and Fabian, grandmother of Mike and Rachel, and great-grandmother of Kailyn, Joseph, Isaac, and Luke

† **Mary Ann Martin**

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



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

- Maxwell Dutt
- Jack Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz
- Daniel Travers

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 February 11, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 22,068.00
Online Offertory.....	\$ 8,844.00
Matching.....	\$ 235.00

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle) will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

EUCCHARISTIC Adoration

ADORER NEEDED

We are in need of a full time adorer on Wednesday’s from 5:00-6:00pm.

Please contact Jan DuBray at 636-947-4654 if you can fill this opening.



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26		
9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	HALL/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
5:00PM	MEN’S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
6:39PM	PSR RECONCILIATION SERVICE	CHURCH
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY CURIA	DUCHESNE
7:00PM	STEWARDSHIP MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	PARISH PENANCE SERVICE	CHURCH
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28		
8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
2:00PM	SCHOOL ADORATION & BENEDICTION	CHURCH
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	ROSARY MAKING	HALL
6:30PM	PEACE & JUSTICE MEETING	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	MEN’S CLUB EXEC MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	DISCOVERING CHRIST PROGRAM	HALL
FRIDAY, MARCH 1		
9:00AM	WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	DAY CHAPEL
4:00PM	FISH FRY	SCHOOL
SATURDAY, MARCH 2		
12:00PM	BREAD MAKING	HALL
SUNDAY, MARCH 3		
7:30AM	BLOOD DRIVE	HALL
9:30AM	RCIA (FIRST SCRUTINY)	CHURCH





My Theological Manifesto

Let's talk about primitive theology. The first reading is about Abraham and Isaac and about God stopping Abraham from sacrificing Isaac. This is primitive theology. This is how primitive man solved the problem of evil. Where does this whole idea come from? There are all kinds of cataclysms in this world, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, hurricanes, to name a few that kill thousands of people at a time. If you look at primitive religion, the logic is that for some reason God must be angry at us. We must have sinned or did something to incur God's wrath. So this is the basic equation. Offer something to appease (atone) the angry God and soothe his temper for the future. So then came the sacrifices of the harvest. That's not working. We need to be more dramatic, let's sacrifice animals. Still not good enough. Bad things are happening. Let's offer up people. Still not good enough. Let's offer up our children. After all God is an angry God. There has got to be some way to control this angry, hungry, violent God. Most people still use this theology. Jesus had to die to fix our transgressions. After all God is an angry God, he needs blood. It's a nice equation. God is angry. Jesus pleads our cause and offers himself instead. Isn't this true? Isn't this mainline theology. It is even scriptural to some degree.

Let me offer a different theology that is also scriptural, although a minority view, but still accepted within the church. The previous view is the atonement theory. What I think that we can't see which makes sense theologically is that the Father is actually pouring himself into Christ, and through Christ all things came to be, the universe. The Father is pouring himself into Christ, into us. We believe in a trinitarian God where each person pours himself into the other. The Father is not about taking life, but giving life emptying himself, "dying" into Christ, dying into us which is what is giving us life. Think about it, the Father is emptying himself into us in every moment (giving us life). We still have the problem of original sin, but maybe that is the cost so that we could have free will. Why does this make a difference? Jesus is no longer offering himself up to appease an angry Father. Rather, he sees what the Father is doing. The Father is pouring himself out in love of us. That is God's love and will. Jesus sees the Father and what he is doing and so chooses to be one with the Father. It is what the Father is doing that gives life. And so Jesus pours himself out like the Father for us. He gives life. What seems to end life gradually brings greater life for one and for all, the resurrection. As Jesus says numerous times, he is only doing what the Father is doing. Their will has become one.

Jesus saves us because he is the blueprint for how to live, how to love. Life is living, dying and rising. Nothing changed on Calvary. God was always a loving, forgiving God. No, Jesus revealed what was true since the beginning of time. God has been pouring his life out for us. God the Father is not an angry blood-thirsty God of revenge. Jesus did not come to change the mind of an angry Father, but to change our mind about God. Is it any wonder that most people were afraid and unable to relate to an angry Father (still are)? Now we have a safe God who will do anything for us. Do you seek to be one with God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? Then it is about turning our will over to God as Jesus and the Father turned their will over to us. I believe Jesus caught visions of the Father's love along the way. The biggest of that is what happens in the Gospel today, the transfiguration. This is why he comes down the mountain, to make God's love a reality. To show us the pattern, living, dying and rising.

I want to show one shining example, Alexei Navalny. I hope you all know Alexei Navalny. Alexei died fighting a tyrant. His way was non-violent. He died to change the people of Russia's mind. Apparently, Alexei was an atheist. But he had a conversion along the way. He did not die to appease an angry Father. He died to change Russia's mind about love. He chose to be one with God. He chose to be Christ in his own unique way, our goal. Now our life may not be as dramatic, but we are all called to turn our will over to God, to Love who is God. It happens in many small ways and sometimes in big ways. We are all called to die to our selfishness. Isn't this what Lent is about, how we can be more one with Christ. Remember it's not sacrifice that God seeks, but mercy (the words of Jesus).

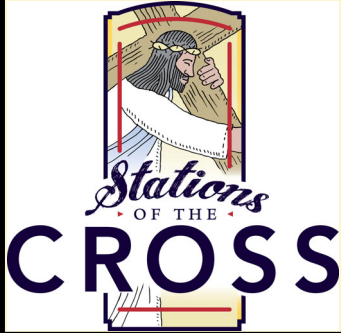
God bless,
Fr. Chris

P.S. The old way, mainline Christianity, is still acceptable, but I got to tell you, it doesn't work for me. These are mainly the thoughts of blessed John Dun Scotus that were never condemned by the church.

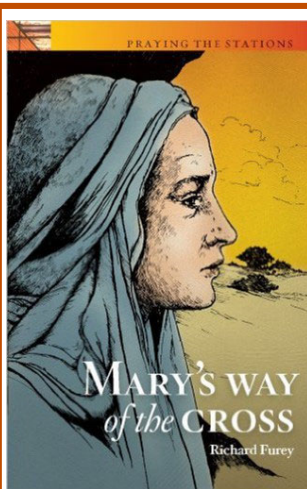


Tuesday, February 27 @ 7:00 pm

The Lenten season has just begun. Tuesday will be an excellent way to begin this penitential season of preparation for Resurrection by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Five priests will be available.



**Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m.
in the Day Chapel**
**Good Friday, March 29, at 1:00 p.m.
in Church**



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 **view-point**. 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, March 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30pm.

MARCH ON THE ARCH

Register Now for March on the Arch!

Registration is now open for the 2024 March on the Arch! The march is planned for Saturday, March 23, in downtown St. Louis with a rally at 11 a.m. and a pleasant one-mile walk to the Arch at noon, suitable for all ages and abilities. Visit www.stlmarch.com and show your support today. Participants can register for free or choose an upgraded \$10 registration that includes a march backpack and additional gifts. Registration is important because it allows organizers to plan for logistics. And if you mark your calendar now and sign up, you will have more time to invite lots of friends and family! We hope to count you among the numbers marching together to show our support for moms and for the unborn. If you have any questions about this year's march, visit www.stlmarch.com.



Protect the health of the preborn and their mothers **by keeping this pro-abortion initiative off the ballot in Missouri.** **DO NOT SIGN** the Initiative Petition, "Constitutional Amendment to Article 1 relating to reproductive healthcare", claiming to protect women's health. In reality, this is designed to enshrine abortion into Missouri's Constitution.



Scholastic Book Fair



Please join us on Friday, March 22, for the Scholastic Book Fair in the gym during fish fry from 4-7pm. Open to everyone!! Unable to join us but still want to support the school library, please use the QR code to order your books online. Thank you, Tara Florek, Book Fair Coordinator



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 to visit an Open House:

Today, February 25, from 10:30AM – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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!!



GIVE BLOOD.

SAVE LIVES.

**MARCH
1 THROUGH 31**

CHOICE OF GIFT CARD,
TREES PLANTED IN A
US FOREST, OR BONUS
POINTS TO STORE!

St. Cletus Catholic Church

Sunday, March 3 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Church Hall 2705 Zumbahl Road

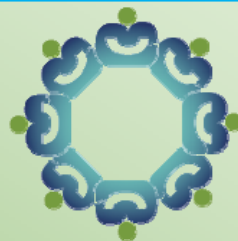
Please join us & help to save lives in our community!

Appointments required.

To schedule an appointment, **scan QR code**

call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10052



Birthright
St. Charles

Call for Volunteers

Have you felt like doing more for the pro-life cause? helping mothers? the unborn?

Birthright St. Charles will be training volunteers to do just that right here in your community. Could you be that one that the Lord is calling to support a mom in need and help save a baby from abortion? Please prayerfully consider attending a training to find out more. Our time requirement is one half day each week. Simply complete a volunteer application at www.birthrightstcharles.org, under the "How You Can Help" tab and we will follow up.

Call for Counselors

We are HIRING! 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 challenging pregnancies. If interested, please submit your resume and cover letter to sheri@birthrightstcharles.org. Visit our website at www.birthrightstcharles.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
#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 Pizza (no sides)	\$12.00

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: February 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.

Totus Tuus will be held the week of June 17 at St. Charles Borromeo this year. Totus Tuus is a fun, weeklong summer program to help kids and teens grow in the faith. It is led by college missionaries and open to young people from any parish. The day program is for kids going into grades 1st-6th. The evening program is for teens going into grades 7th-13th. Registration will open in March. Contact Kristin Jacoby with questions - scbyouthminister@gmail.com.

Drive-Thru

FISH FRY INFO

DINE-IN

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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:
Please send homemade desserts every Friday from 8am-3pm.

Volunteer through signupgenius.com:

** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.

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Retrouvaille

... a lifeline for Marriages

RETRouvaille ST LOUIS

March 15 - 17, 2024

Do you need RETROUVAILLE?
Has your romance failed?
Do you argue without reaching resolution?
Are you more like roommates than soulmates?
Have you grown apart?
Retrouvaille can help you.

Register now - 800-470-2230 (24-hour confidential hotline) or visit: helpourmarriage.org
Questions? Tom & Kerry 314.753.2022

HOLYLAND ART



Saint Cletus Catholic Church

On the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd Ashraf and Samia Saed a Catholic couple from the Holy Land will be visiting our Parish to market Olive Wood carved religious articles made by the Christian Artisans in the Holy Land.



With the hostilities worsening in the Holy Land due to the lack of Christian pilgrims. The outlets for the Olive Wood hand carving have been closed, leading unemployment to increase up to 75%.

All proceeds will go directly to the Christian Families. Holy Land Art Group are proud to announce that our group is working directly with School of Joy for special need kids in Bethlehem, the school was founded by a Catholic priest to help and teach special need kids.

Checks and Credit Card are WELCOME.

Please Visit us at :

**4109 Mexico Rd
Saint Peters, MO, 63376**

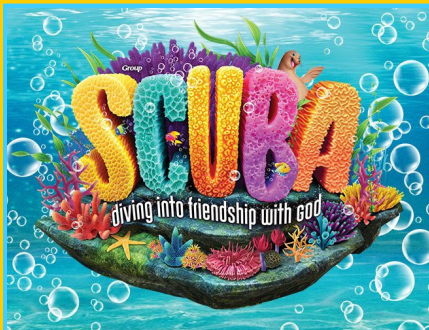
www.holylandart.org

holylandart@hotmail.com

636-634-1999



THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS



Vacation Bible School is diving into plans for our SCU-BA week **June 10-14**. Registrations will be coming soon but make sure to save the date in the meantime.

We are looking for adult volunteers to help run the stations. You will have wonderful teens helping and all plans are already made.

If you would like to help, please text or call Erin McMillian 615-424-3405.



Hey Young Adult: are you ready for an adventure with Christ, where you'll transform virtuously and be equipped to share the Gospel of Life and the message of hope from pregnancy resource centers across the nation?

 **BIKING FOR BABIES** wants **YOU** for the **NATIONAL RIDE FORMATION PROGRAM**

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL MARCH 1, 2024; PROGRAM BEGINS 3/13
 Questions? Contact Aubrie!
aubrie.faust@bikingforbabies.com




ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,
21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14,
15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8,
12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/
1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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: _____