St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
February 26, 2023

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”
MATTHEW 4:4

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PLEASE FIND OUR EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN. NUMBER OF: 636-946-6327

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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week**

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

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usch.org/ccee.
PARISH COLLECTION February 12, 2023
Regular Offertory …………… $ 16,219.30
Online Offertory …………… $ 7,246.00
Matching …………………….. $ 135.00

Pentecost is a call to “give alms 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. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 636-255-1750 so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

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

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
9:15AM CORNERSTONE HALL
5:00PM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY CLETUS
6:15PM PSR CLASSES SCHOOL
6:30PM PEACE & JUSTICE MTG DUCHESNE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
10:30AM WWP HALL/CLETUS/CHURCH
11:00AM PASTORAL TEAM MTG CALLAHAN
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MTG CALLAHAN
7:00PM WWP HALL/CLETUS/CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
10:00AM FR.MARK BIBLE STUDY DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY MTG DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
6:00PM ROSARY MAKING W/2ND GRADERS HALL
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM RCIA DUCHESNE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
9:00AM WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING CLETUS
4:00PM FISH FRY SCHOOL
7:00PM MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT HALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
9:00AM EVANGELIZATION 101 WORKSHOP HALL
12:30PM PRIVATE EVENT HALL
5:00PM RCIA PENTENTIAL RITE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
7:30AM BLOOD DRIVE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
12:45PM BAPTISM CHURCH
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT HALL
A LENTEN THOUGHT FROM SACRED HEART PARISH IN TROY, MO:
Recently I had a funeral at Sacred Heart Parish in Troy. I must admit that celebrating and presiding at a Mass in a parish where one has never done so can be rather unnerving because everything is so different. I like to compare doing as being like “sleeping in a strange bed.” The microphone systems are different. The musicians are different. The singers and what they sing are different. The servers and what they do are different. Sacristies are different, and where things are located in sacristies is different. The list is almost endless. While I was happy to help the family whose loved one had passed, I was very grateful to return to “home sweet home,” St. Cletus, where at least I know where the bathrooms are. However, there was one great gift that I experienced by visiting Sacred Heart, the two posters you will find below. I have no idea how old or how recent they are. All I know is that they are prominently placed in their Gathering Space. I share them with you now because it strikes me that they are a great summary of what Lent is all about. Please clip & save them for this season:

**THIS WEEK WE BEGIN OUR “LIVING JOY” SERIES: RULE 1: GIVE THANKS**

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — Saint Paul (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**Questions to consider:**
1. What are 3 things that you are grateful for today?
2. Think of a time when you were carrying a heavy burden. Share 3 things that you were grateful for even in the midst of that difficult time. Did being aware of those things lighten the load?
3. Do you devote prayer time to giving thanks in a disciplined way? Or was Chris’ challenge in Rule 1 new for you?
4. Solanus Casey said, “Be sure, if the enemy of our souls is pleased at anything in us it is ingratitude—of whatever kind.” Where are you failing at gratitude in your life today?
5. How would more gratitude help and heal difficult relationships in your life?

**The Challenge:**
1. Count your “grateful” each morning. (Start this week by writing down as many as you can think of.)
2. Let trials “trigger” your gratitude. Start practicing this: Every time you feel annoyed, stop and pray in praise and thanksgiving.
3. Say “thank you” often. Start the practice with 5 times a day. (Try this: Maybe put a pen mark on each finger till they’re all tipped with ink!)
February Is Black History Month
***Highlighting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King***

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929. His grandparents and parents were strong influences in his life of activism. As a young child, he also loved hearing his father preach, and he decided to become a minister, ordained in 1948. In 1954, he gave his first sermon as the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. His full-flowed participation in the Civil Rights movement came in response to Rosa Parks' arrest. He was president of the group that demanded equal treatment on buses. Over the next 13 years, Dr. King faced all kinds of brutality, harassment, and imprisonment because of his activism. He drew strength from the witness and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. He was assassinated in April, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

BOOKS FOR THE FAMILY:

MEMPHIS, MARTIN AND THE MOUNTAINTOP. Alice F. Duncan (author), R. Gregory Christie (illustrator) Calkins Creek, 2018. (7-10 yrs.) This book tells the story of the 1968 Memphis sanitation strike and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the eyes of Larraine Jackson, a fictitious 9 year old.

MY UNCLE MARTIN’S BIG HEART. Angela F. Watkins (author), Eric Velasquez (illustrator). Harry N. Abrams. 2010. (4--7). The author celebrates the special relationship she had as a very young girl with her “Uncle M. L.”

DEAR MARTIN. Nic Stone (author). Ember, 2018. (ages 14-17). This book is the author’s attempt to examine current affairs, especially the shooting deaths of unarmed African American teens, through the lens of MLK’s teachings.

MOVIES

SELMA. 2014. This movie tells the gripping story of the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

MY FRIEND MARTIN. 1999. This animated children’s movie features two teens who go back in time and spend time with Martin Luther King.

MLK/FBI. 2020. This documentary delves into the FBI’s attempts to discredit Dr. King, highlighting all the harassment.

This information was provided by St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry, through the courtesy of the Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative (catholicracialjusticestl.org)
FOR THE NEXT TWO THURSDAYS, NANCY HAMMOND AND PAUL BORGSMILLER WILL BE PROVIDING THE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE RCIA GROUP. ON MARCH 2 AT 7:00 PM, THEY WILL PRESENT PART ONE OF "RESPECT FOR LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY". COME AND JOIN THE RCIA GROUP AND OTHER INTERESTED CATHOLICS IN THE DUCHESNE ROOM FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT THIS CALL TO MORAL RESPONSIBILITY BY ALL IN THE CHURCH.
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)

Volunteer through signupgenius.com:

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

** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.

WEEKLY SPECIALS: $5.00

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FEbruary 24
Cletus Spirit Night

MARCH 3
STL City Soccer Night

MARCH 10
Surprise Musical Guest

MARCH 17
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

MARCH 24
Book Fair, Doozles Night

MARCH 31
Cardinals Baseball Night

Questions? Email wearestcletus@gmail.com or call Becky Williamson at 314-630-6696
DEACON DIAPER DRIVE
AND
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY
BABY SHOWER

We will be collecting diapers and baby items on the weekends of March 18/19 and March 25/26. Diapers are costly so the need is great. We will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults to assist families in our community. Sizes 3, 4, and 5 are especially needed, but all sizes are definitely accepted.

Baby items needed: pacifiers, onesies, sleepers, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment, receiving blankets, crib blankets or quilts, teething toy, crib sheets, baby bottles, hooded towels, and washcloths. Any handcrafted items such as hats and blankets are appreciated also. The items will be taken to agencies in St. Charles that help mothers and their children in need.

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 Thursday March 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30pm, following 5:30pm Mass in the Church

Missouri Right to Life
“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Action Day
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Missouri State Capitol

Bus transportation is available from several sites in the St Louis metro and surrounding areas. Bus registration deadline is March 1. Sign up online at www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday.
Or contact Missouri Right to Life-Eastern Region at 314.434.490
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](http://www.meatlessmonday.com)

Save energy and add some beneficial humidity to your house by **air-drying** some or all of your laundry.

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**Mercy Moments**

If someone prays for patience, you think God gives them patience, or does he give them the opportunity to be patient?

If he prayed for courage, does God give him courage, or does he give him opportunities to be courageous?

If someone prayed for the family to be closer, do you think God zaps them with warm fuzzy feelings, or does he give them opportunities to love each other?

Morgan Freeman as God in *Evan Almighty*
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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**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:** ____________________________