

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
February 4, 2024

**5TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., February 5, Saint Agatha

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., February 6, Saint Paul Miki & Companions

7:00am † *Elizabeth Houska*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., February 7, Weekday

7:00am † *Reinholz Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., February 8, Weekday

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

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., February 9, Weekday

7:00am † *Bob Sheils*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Loretta Dolan (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., February 10, Saint Scholastica

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Frank

Sat., February 10, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: E. Krupich and J. Yanez

Sun., February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Jack Sammelmann*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury & R. Marquard)

9:30am † *John Genenbacher*

Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: C. Autry and L. Pezold

11:30am † *Madelene Peitz*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer



OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to church when you come to Mass next weekend and place them in the baskets at the door to be burned for Ash Wednesday. If you will be unable, the appropriate disposal of a sacramental, like palm, is by burying it or its ashes in the ground.



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.

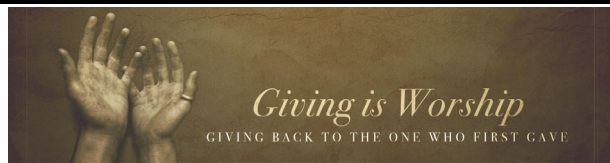
MARRIAGES:
Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Contact Deacon Mark McCarthy

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 January 21, 2023

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 11,089.33
Online Offertory.....	\$ 10,356.73
Matching.....	\$ 1,035.00



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
 6:00PM ROSARY FOR HEALING & HOPE DAY CHAPEL
 6:30PM P & j LGBTQ+ MEETING CALLAHAN
 6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
 7:00PM RCIA RECTORY BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
 3:30PM DAISY GIRL SCOUT MEETING DUCHESNE
 6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
 6:15PM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CALLAHAN
 7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY MTG DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
 1:00PM STAFF MEETING CALLAHAN
 5:00PM DISCOVERING CHRIST HALL & ALL ROOMS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
 10:00AM MEMORIAL MASS CHURCH
 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:00PM RCIA DAY CHAPEL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30AM 4TH GR COMMITMENT MASS CHURCH
 10:30AM DONUTS FOR 4TH GR FAMILIES HALL
 12:45PM BAPTISM CHURCH
 1:00PM SOUND OF FREEDOM MOVIE HALL



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

- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Jack Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Mary Fran Oldani
- Louise Orf
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† **Barb Merriman**, mother of Michelle Thomlison and Jean Merriman, and grandmother of Alek and Kael Billingsly
 May her soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.



In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness, and dread.

“In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.” (Thank you Albert Schweitzer)



Spread Our Love

A marvelous thing happens, Jesus is in Peter's town of Capernaum. He preaches the good news in the synagogue. This is really the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He goes to Peter's house where his mother-in-law lay sick. Jesus heals her and the next thing he knows is that the whole town comes out to be healed. Jesus heals the many. Then mysteriously, early the next morning, Jesus goes off to a deserted place to pray. I think this is a pivotal point in Jesus' ministry. Things are going pretty good here in Capernaum. Should he set up shop and continue to be the town's hero or is he called to go out? In his prayer, he has determined that he is called to go out to the other towns to bring the good news and heal many more. He decides to spread his love and go to the other towns.

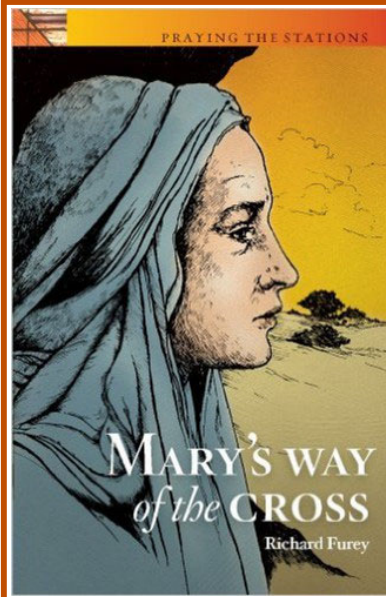
It's a temptation to rest on our laurels. We can stay put to just love the ones we love or we can stretch ourselves. As we know, love only grows when we stretch it. One person put it wisely to me, "if you are not progressing, you are regressing." In other words, if you are stagnating, you are really regressing. I fear for those people who come to the end of their lives when a great loneliness overwhelms them because they have no more friends. They have chosen to stagnate with the few friends they had in life and now they are gone. They have missed the point of what communion is all about. True, we lose many friends as we grow older, but we also have the ability to increase the number of friends we do have both old and young and the older we get the more wisdom we have to share with the young.

Apparently in Paul's letter in the second reading today, they see Paul as some great hero for preaching the Gospel. Paul basically says that he is no hero. He is doing his job, spreading God's love. Why, because that is where the joy is. I will say it again. There is nothing greater than being a part of changing someone's life for the better, no better game in town. We are all called to spread our love. What are you doing? I can help you.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



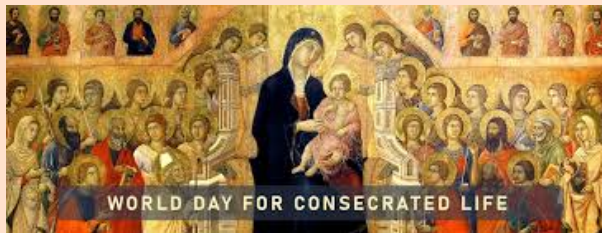
This year of 2024 has been designated as The Year of Prayer. Covenant Network Catholic radio is here to help you to increase or begin to create a structured prayer life. In addition to our engaging programming, the day is laced with prayer. You can pray the Angelus, the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and much more with us. Don't miss the opportunity to enrich your day with prayer. Tune in to KHOJ 1460 AM or 102.9 FM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



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.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life in 1997. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord otherwise known as Candelmas Day (the day on

which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ as the light of the world on February 2, and celebrated in parishes on the following weekend. Those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life especially our own Sisters Rose and Francine, School Sisters of Notre Dame

Mark your calendars!

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 on Sunday, February 11, 2024. *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.





JOIN US FOR

ST. CLETUS MEN'S CLUB & PTO *Breakfast*

Sunday February 18, 2024

following 7:30 and 9:30 Masses
LOCATED IN ST. CLETUS CAFETERIA

**PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO BENEFIT
MEN'S CLUB AND PTO**



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 three 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!!

SAINT CLETUS PTO
presents

BACK *to*
80's

*Father Daughter
Dance*

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024

SAINT CLETUS PARISH HALL

FEATURING:

DJ, PHOTOBOOTH, SNACKS, AND MORE

6:30-9:00PM

\$20/COUPLE \$5 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD

PREK-8TH GRADE

**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 636-328-1428

ST. CLETUS

Sunday School Registration

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



'AWAKENING'

2 Night Retreat

Calling all area college students (ages 18-28):

STL Awakenings hosted by the UMSL Catholic Newman Center is our most popular retreat of the year and we would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (seriously). You do

not have to attend UMSL, just be college aged.

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, February 23, at 4:00pm and return on Sunday, February 25, at 3pm.

The cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend. If you register online before February 12, you get \$10 off!! The final registration deadline is Friday, February 19. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website: cncumsl.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe at joe@cncumsl.org.


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.




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



THEOLOGY ON TAP

All young adults aged 20-39 are welcome to join St. Charles Borromeo Young Adults on Thursday, February 29, for their next event – P3 Theology on Tap! There'll be Adoration and Reconciliation in church from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a talk by Fr. Theby. Then join us downstairs in the St. Charles Room afterwards to socialize and enjoy some adult beverages. P3 stands for prayer, penance and pub. Contact Kristin Jacoby with questions – scbyouthminister@gmail.com.



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 further details, contact Charlie & Ann Sickmann at 636-947-4650 or casickmann@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL 5TH-8TH GRADERS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD HELPERS

Helpers needed to assist teachers at 9:30 mass.



Looking Beneath the Surface: Does Human Trafficking Happen in Your Backyard?

Thursday, February 8
6:00-8:00 pm
6:00-6:30pm Appetizers and Drinks
6:30-8:00pm Program

\$25 in-person
\$15 live stream
live stream group rate contact:
Dawn 314-909-4656

Presenter:
Kimberly A. Ritter



Kimberly Ritter is the Director of Operations specializing in large event planning and overseeing the daily operations of the team at Nix Conference & Meeting Management. She has over 35 years of experience in the hospitality industry, has received numerous awards and been featured as a speaker for her expertise.

Kimberly also spearheads the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) trafficking initiative, bringing awareness to the issue of sex trafficking through speaking engagements, written articles, and press interviews. Nix has been dedicated to combating child sex trafficking in hotel properties since 2008. It has been a Top Member of The Child Protection Code of Conduct for 15 years and received international recognition as one of thirteen U.S. companies who are true leaders of child protection in tourism.

Kimberly is the Director for Development for Exchange Initiative, an organization formed by Nix in 2013 to educate, empower, and engage individuals and organizations with real resources to help put an end to sex trafficking. Exchange Initiative has developed a Smartphone app, TRAFFICKAM, which invites travelers to capture hotel room images improving the ability of investigators to match photos being searched online for missing children.



St. Louis is a target city because of our diverse community that includes many immigrant communities. The State Department estimates more than 27 million people are victims of human trafficking.

Human trafficking cases have been reported in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 185 major areas. St. Louis does not "seek out" trafficking and it can remain hidden.

Missouri ranks fourth on the list of the states with the highest human trafficking rate in the United States, with 4.50 per 100,000 citizens.

St. Louis is a part of a trafficking circuit that links us to Chicago, Indianapolis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Kansas City. We are a crossroads destination - HWY 70, 40, 44, 55 are all veins to larger cities.

MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER
2039 NORTH GEYER ROAD - SAINT LOUIS, MO 63131 - 314-966-4686 - MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG



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 or to help tutor please contact Sister at 417-231-5914.
Thank you!

Habr  clases de ingl s. Son semanal y gratis. Si quieren participar o tengan preguntas, favor de avisar a la Hna. Francine a 417.231.5914. Gracias!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5
and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31,
39-40/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36,
37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab,
12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5,
11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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: _____