

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
*January 21, 2024*



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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

**Mon., January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

7:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Walt

**Tues., January 23, Weekday**

7:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Frank

**Wed., January 24, Saint Francis de Sales**

7:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Mark

**Thur., January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul**

7:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Walt  
8:00am † *Communion Service (all school)*  
Presider: Deacon Mark

**Fri., January 26, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus**

7:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Frank

**Sat., January 27, Weekday**

8:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Mark

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**Sat., January 27, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*  
Presider: Visiting Priest  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: C. Anderson and E. Krupich

**Sun., January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † *Mildred Olmsted*  
Presider: Visiting Priest  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: Adult Servers (K. House & J. Butler)

9:30am † *Ed & Rose Andrzejewski*  
Presider: Visiting Priest  
Deacon: Mark McCarthy  
Servers: E. Blaha and L. Henderson

11:30am † *Paul Smith*  
Presider: Visiting Priest  
Deacon: Mark McCarthy  
Servers: R. Maples and I. Yanez



**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](mailto:secretary@saintcletus.org)





<b>PARISH COLLECTION December 31, 2023</b>	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 26,050.00
Online Offertory.....	\$ 10,451.73
Matching.....	\$ 435.00



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA DAY CHAPEL
- 6:30PM 1ST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING HALL
- 7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING CALLAHAN
- 7:00PM RCIA RECTORY BASEMENT

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

- 8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 3:00PM DAISY GIRL SCOUT MEETING DUCHESNE
- 6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
- 6:30PM PEACE & JUSTICE MTG DUCHESNE
- 6:30PM MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG SCHOOL CAFETERIA
- 7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING CALLAHAN

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 6:00PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
- 7:30PM ADULT FAITH FORMATION MTG DUCHESNE

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

- 9:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

- 9:00AM KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP DUCHESNE
- 6:00PM TRIVIA NIGHT GYM

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

- 9:30AM RCIA DAY CHAPEL
- 10:30AM OPEN HOUSE SCHOOL
- 1:00PM RETREAT TRAINING HALL



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

- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Shari Gardocki
- August Hughes
- Jack Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Barb Merriman
- Keith R. Noah
- Eric Reinholz



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of

God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Our next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us!



## Metanoia

This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Jesus calls us to repent. Repent is a word that is used often in scripture. It conjures up in my mind exactly what happens with Jonah and the Ninevites. The Ninevites repent and mortify themselves. They put on ashes and sackcloth. However, this is not necessarily the repent that Jesus is talking about in the Gospel. In the Gospel, repent is interpreted from the Greek word metanoia. Meta in Greek means change and noia comes from the word nous which basically means mind. The literal translation of metanoia means to change your mind. Pair this word with the translation of Gospel which translates as good news and the statement Jesus makes is “change your mind and believe in the good news.”

As one spiritual writer asked, “whose mind needs changing?” We think it's all about changing God's mind so that we can get what we want. It's not God's mind that needs to change. It's our mind that needs changing. So often we need to unlearn. Let's take one example. So often I hear people confess that they miss Mass on Sunday even though they had a legitimate excuse e.g. they were sick, or their car broke down. They are still convinced that they have committed a mortal sin. When we were children, we rightly learned that missing Mass was a serious thing. We know how children are. They only see things in black and white and that we need to be very clear and concrete. Children persist in their questioning as to why. How do we teach them how important things are? Therefore, most rules need to be black and white. It's only in junior high and high school that we can begin to understand beyond black and white. It's only then that we can fathom the deeper meaning of Mass and commitment. Mass is about being in communion, a constant challenge. Something we must work at every day. After all, the goal and final joy will be to be one with God and one with one another, that ecstatic experience. Chase other things if you wish, but in the end outside of deep relationships is the hell of isolation and selfishness. Choosing against God is choosing against love and relationship.

As an aside, many of us run from deep relationships. They are not easy are they? They can be real messy. We risk rejection. However, true joy will only be achieved in deep relationships and not just one (codependency) but a whole network of friends starting with God (God is the master of relationships). The good news is that eventually real relationships become easier.

What was I talking about, oh yes relationship provides the colorful reasons of why we go to Mass. As an adult there are times that there are reasons that we can't get to Mass. We have to move beyond a childish rigidity that sees God as the great punisher making a list and checking it twice or our lackadaisical teenager that rebels against any form of commitment. Unfortunately, many people's theological development stops at 8<sup>th</sup> grade (if not their whole development).

Change your mind and believe the good news. It requires a lot of unlearning of the punishing god and the new learning of a loving God.

God bless,  
Fr. Chris

## Contribution Statements

You are now able to view/print your contribution statement. You will receive an invitation from: [no-reply@servantpc.com](mailto:no-reply@servantpc.com) Just click on the blue area that says "Manage My Family" If you have not set up a login and password, it will invite you to do that. From there you should be able to view/print your contributions for the present and past.

We will send out an invite on January 24.

If for some reason you have problems logging in or such, please call the rectory and we will be able to help you or re-invite you.



Here am I,  
*Lord;*  
I come to do  
*your* will!

### 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.



## Day of Prayer for the Unborn

### Did you know?

"In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, **January 22** shall be observed as a particular **Day of Prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the Right to Life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed

through acts of abortion." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373)

Please see the insert in today's Bulletin for the special novena, "Nine Days for Life" that can be prayed for the protection of the unborn and for reverence of all human life.

# discovering Christ

**Registration is now closed!**

Thanks to all who registered for the Discovering Christ program! We have reached the maximum number of participants for this session. A number of late registrations have been put on a waiting list in the event that someone notifies the leadership team that they are not able to participate.

This program will be presented in the future so if you were not able to register or if you registered but were not moved from the waiting list, there will be an opportunity to participate at a later date.

## Gift Card Drive

Lighten your wallet if you are holding gift cards that you may not use!

We give these cards to our Neighbors in Need when we meet with them during our home visits. We especially like to give restaurant, fast food, and cards for Doozles. They are always grateful, and it is a special treat for them!

Any amount or type of cards are appreciated. Thank you for all you do for our St. Vincent DePaul Society!



Please place your gift cards in the collection basket during any Mass in January.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## COMPOSERS' CONCERT

The annual Liturgical Composers Concert will be held Thursday, January 25, 7:00-8:30 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Rd. in Frontenac. Celebrate

this evening of music and song with the composers who have enhanced our worship throughout the years. \$25 general admission. \$50 preferred seating (includes reception after the concert with the composers.) Livestream: \$15 individual, \$30 party of two, \$40 household. Register at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)



### World Marriage Day

On **Sunday, February 11, 2024, at the 12:00 pm Mass**, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivotuso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, who now is sponsoring this event on February 11.

# 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, TRAFFICKCAM, 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 U.S. insular 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 4.30 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.



### ONLINE GIVING

As we enter the new Church year, we ask that everyone consider increasing their weekly offertory gift. If you do not already do so, please consider electronic giving. This helps the parish with the budget process each year, and is an easy and convenient way for you to ensure your gift is received.

#### Instructions on how to donate with OSV

- Go to [WWW.saintcletus.org](http://WWW.saintcletus.org)
- Select Giving (this will take you to the OSV webpage)
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- **First Online Donation:**

#### **Follow the following steps.**

- Select which fund you want to donate to by clicking on the Give Now spot on the fund you want to donate to.
  - Example: Weekly Contributions
- Click on the (v) for additional options.
- Enter your gift amount  
(Example: \$20.00, \$30.00, etc. )
- Gift Type (either **One Time or Recurring**)
- Frequency (Choose from Weekly, Biweekly, Monthly, etc.)
- State Date you want donations to start.
- Click Continue
- Enter your Information
- Enter payment information (Choose either Checking Account or Credit Card)
- Enter Payment Address
- Click on save my payment
- Enter **your new password**  
(It will be needed every time you log in)
- Click on submit gift.
- Click back to Fund List to donate to other funds or Log Out.

#### **Editing your weekly gift:**

- Log in to the OSV using your email and password. If you have forgotten your password, press “Forgot Password” and follow the instructions.
- Select your current contribution
- Edit the amount
- Save your changes

If you have problems signing on to the OSV Online giving website, please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886.



**Save the Date!**

**Quilt Social Bingo Event on Saturday, February 10, 2024.**

**Quilt and Cash Prizes -- Quilt Raffle -- 50/50 Drawings**

**Sts. Joachim and Ann School Cafeteria  
4110 McClay Road, St. Charles 63304**

Doors open at 9:30 am -- Games begin at 11:00 am  
Food and drinks available for purchase.

**No** pre-registration required. Must be 16 to participate.  
Handicap parking available.

Ladies and gentlemen are welcome to play.

**Questions?** Contact Laura at 314-369-7631 or [LauraLFree@att.net](mailto:LauraLFree@att.net).



The VFW and American Legion are hosting a benefit dance on January 27, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This dance is to help Ukrainian soldiers pay for prosthetic legs and arms through the superhuman foundation.

For tickets, information, or to make a donation, contact Gordon Steinhoff at 636.389.7362

**HELP US HELP THEM!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/  
Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**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: \_\_\_\_\_