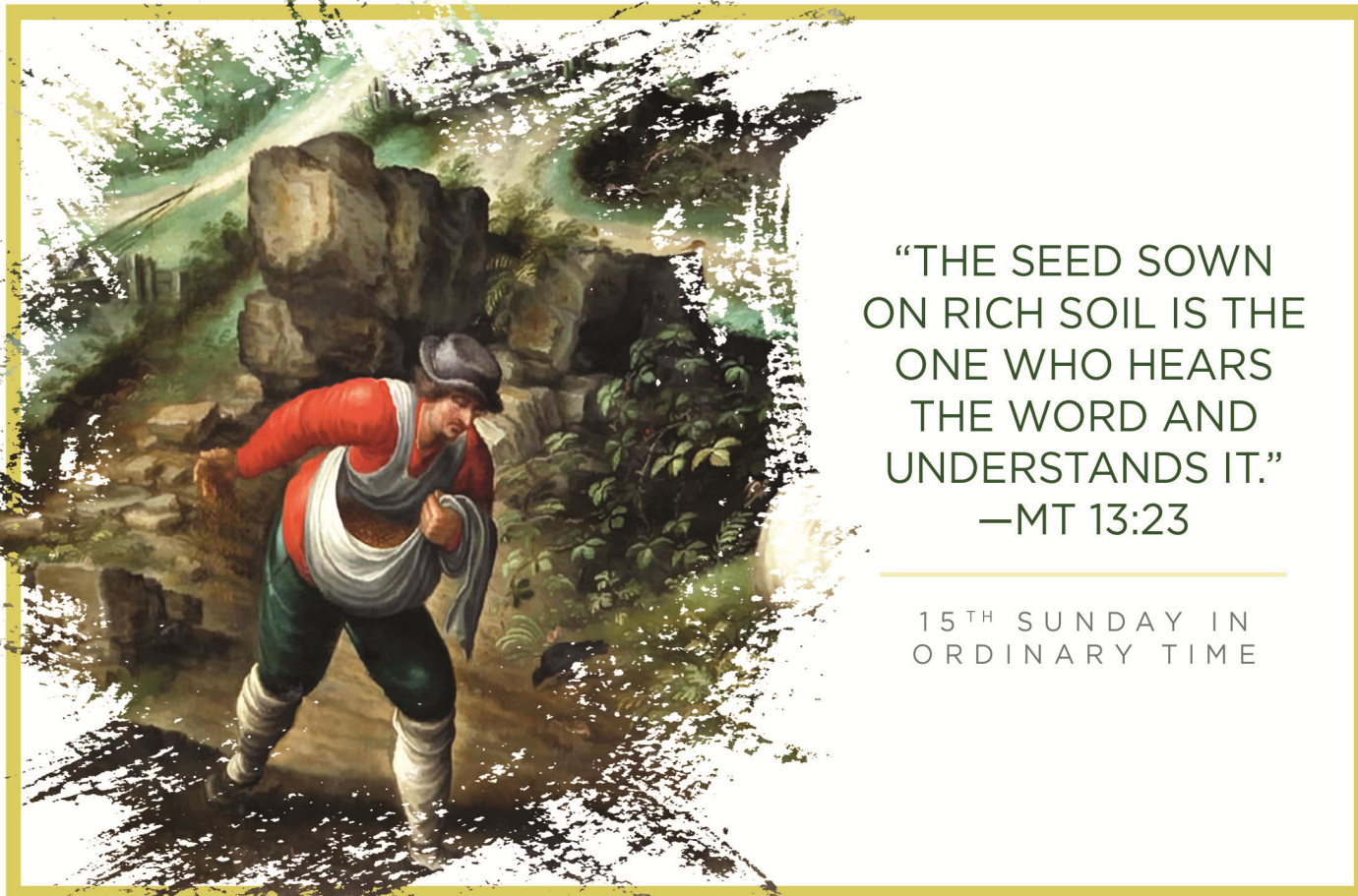


St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
July 16, 2023



“THE SEED SOWN
ON RICH SOIL IS THE
ONE WHO HEARS
THE WORD AND
UNDERSTANDS IT.”
—MT 13:23

15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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**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

Mon., July 17, Weekday

7:00am † *Joe Simon*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Walt

Tues., July 18, Weekday

7:00am † *Bill Worland*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Ceil Gruenloh*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., July 19, Weekday

7:00am † *Janet Simon*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Harold Buescher*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Thur., July 20, Weekday

7:00am † *Jean Schaeffer*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Bob Glenn*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Fri., July 21, Weekday

7:00am † *Margaret Worland*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Joe Worland*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Sat., July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00am † *Harold Buescher*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., July 22, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Roy & Madonna Thoele*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: R. Maples and L. Pezold

Sun., July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *June Miller*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: M. Furlong and C. Schneider

9:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: E. Conway and T. Conway

11:30am † *Paul Orso*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer



Tina Adams
Joan Andrzejewski
Pete Balotti
Patrick Beckman
Jerry Belew
Jim Boyle
Marnie Boyle
Sue Brockelmeyer
Dot Browning
Carol Buerman
Harold Buescher
Butch Carr
Charlene Carson
Peaches Conoyer
Jeff Cook
Gene Dallas
Dorothy Davis
Susan Dauten
Patty Derhake
Jim Doyle
* Maxwell Dutt
Fred Dyer
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
Mary Gillespie
Randy Gravemann
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
Al Hagedorn
Michelle Haines
Bella Herman
Vi Higgins
Jason Hoag
Erin Hogan
Kelly Hurley
Jack Kaiman
Chuck Lammert
Lorraine Lind
C J Lindner

Joyce Lumetta
Liz McCarthy
Trace Gillam Martin
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Mary Minton
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Sandra Perry
Phillip Peters
Jim Pini
Dave Raley
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Barbara Roth
Walter (Jack) Sammelmann
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Sue Schneider
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Bob Sheils
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Linda Tocco
Barbara Tuma
Mark Valenzuela
Tom Walsh
Dorothea Wallace
Michelle Weinrich
John Whitener
Jenny Whitman
Richard Wieck
Shelly Wilfong
Fred Wilkinson
Mason Wlodarski

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





PARISH COLLECTION July 2, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 16,771.00
Online Offertory.....	\$11,741.00
Matching.....	\$ 1,385.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$ 1,592.00

July

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 17

9:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	HALL
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	CLETUS
6:30PM	PEACE & JUSTICE	DUCHESNE

TUESDAY, JULY 18

8:00AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
9:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	DUCHESNE
10:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	HALL
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MTG	RECTORY
7:00PM	SVDP MEETING	HALL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
8:30AM	MORNING SOCIAL AFTER 8:00AM MASS	HALL
9:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	CLETUS
12:00PM	READING BOOT CAMP	DUCHESNE
5:00PM	SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MEETING	
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	

THURSDAY, JULY 20

8:00AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
9:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	DUCHESNE
10:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	HALL
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, JULY 21

9:00AM	READING BOOT CAMP	HALL
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SATURDAY, JULY 22

8:30AM	SERRA CLUB	HALL
9:00AM	KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP	DUCHESNE

SUNDAY, JULY 23

NO ACTIVITIES



In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold." This

week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle), know that together they will produce fruit a hundred-fold.

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

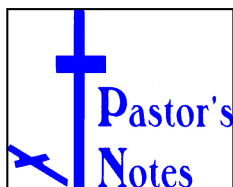
BULLETIN DEADLINE: 10 Days Prior to date

In writing or email to: secretary@saintcletus.org

"Each and every one of you has the power, the will and the capacity to make a difference in the world in which you live in."



HARRY BELAFONTE



WITH US HAVING CELEBRATED OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY LAST WEEK, AGAIN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER AND TO PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS:

(From the History Channel, continued from last week) [46 Surprising Facts about our 46 Presidents](#): Each commander in chief brims with uniqueness. Read facts about every president, in order of their service, from a 19th-century hotshot with a taste for dueling to a 20th-century veteran who nearly died after being hit by anti-aircraft fire in World War II.

23. [Benjamin Harrison](#) (1889-1893): Harrison was the first president to hire a female White House staffer.
25. [William McKinley](#) (1897-1901): McKinley's likeness appears on the \$500 bill, which was discontinued in 1969.
26. [Theodore Roosevelt](#) (1901-1909): Roosevelt was the youngest president, taking office at age 42.
27. [William Howard Taft](#) (1909-1913): Famous for his corpulence, Taft was the first president to hurl the ceremonial first pitch at a Major League Baseball game.
28. [Woodrow Wilson](#) (1913-1921): In a 1914 proclamation, Wilson officially established the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.
29. [Warren G. Harding](#) (1921-1923): Prior to taking office, Harding wrote a series of lurid love letters to his mistress, the wife of one of his best friends.
30. [Calvin Coolidge](#) (1923-1929): A quiet man, Coolidge purportedly replied, "You lose," to a visitor who bet she could get at least three words out of him.
31. [Herbert Hoover](#) (1929-1933): An Iowa native who spent part of his boyhood in Oregon, Hoover was the first president to hail from west of the Mississippi River.
32. [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) (1933-1945): The longest-serving commander-in-chief claimed to be distantly related to 11 other presidents, including his fifth cousin Theodore Roosevelt.
33. [Harry S. Truman](#) (1945-1953): The "S" in Harry S. Truman was just an initial; it didn't stand for any name. (The "S" in Ulysses S. Grant didn't stand for anything either.)
34. [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) (1953-1961): World War II hero "Ike" was the first president to ride in a helicopter.
35. [John F. Kennedy](#) (1961-1963): After being injured and honorably discharged in World War II, Kennedy was briefly employed as a journalist during the waning weeks of the war.
36. [Lyndon B. Johnson](#) (1963-1969): Johnson's first career was a teacher. He worked at a school near the U.S.-Mexico border for four years before launching a career in politics.
37. [Richard M. Nixon](#) (1969-1974): Nixon became such a skillful poker player while stationed in the Solomon Islands during World War II that his winnings helped launch his political career upon his return to the United States.
38. [Gerald Ford](#) (1974-1977): A star football player at the University of Michigan, Ford turned down offers from both the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers.
39. [Jimmy Carter](#) (1977-1981): When his father died in 1953, Carter gave up his successful military career to move back to Georgia and work on their family's peanut farm.
40. [Ronald Reagan](#) (1981-1989): Reagan worked as a lifeguard and sportscaster before becoming an actor and, later, a politician.
41. [George Bush](#) (1989-1993): While a student at Yale University, Bush was captain of the baseball team and a member of Skull and Bones, an elite secret student society.
42. [Bill Clinton](#) (1993-2001): Clinton played the saxophone and famously performed on the Arsenio Hall Show when he was a candidate for president.
43. [George W. Bush](#) (2001-2009): Post-presidency, Bush took up oil painting, exhibiting his work at the Museum of the Southwest in Texas.
44. [Barack Obama](#) (2009-2017): Prior to becoming the first African American president, Obama won two Grammy Awards for "Best Spoken Word Album." His wife, Michelle, has likewise won a Grammy.
45. [Donald J. Trump](#) (2017-2021): Before becoming president, Trump was a real estate developer, entrepreneur and host of the NBC reality show, "The Apprentice."
- 46: [Joe Biden](#) (2021-present): Biden overcame a debilitating childhood stutter after enduring bullying over the condition in grade school.

ALL MINISTRY HEADS, PLEASE NOTE:

June 30 was the last day of our most recent activity year which ran from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This means that it is time for me to assemble information about it for our **Stewardship Report for 2023**. With Fr. Chris Holtmann just starting his time of service here at St. Cletus, I volunteered to compose that report for this past year; however, Fr. Chris will write the cover letter for it. If you are the head of one of our parish ministries or if you have any spectacular photos taken this past year or if you have some great highlights or insights to share about this recently passed year, please send me whatever you may have so I may possibly include it. Please send it ASAP to jbenz@saintcletus.org. Thanks! **Father Jim Benz**

HELP WANTED

The Parish School of Religion is looking for teachers in multiple grades for the 2023-2024 school year. No experience necessary- just a love for your faith and children.

Contact Laura Henderson at
636-255-1717 or
lhenderson@saintcletus.org.



God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.

*...It will take all of us to win this fight...**From the President ~*

While June 24, 2023—the first anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's Dobbs decision to overturn Roe v. Wade approached, I reflected on the events of the past year.

First, it was jubilation, YES! We had a victory on a national scale. It felt good. It validated what all of us knew—Roe was a horrible decision. There is some justice after all.

Shortly after the euphoria, reality set in. Now what? The abortion industry was, and is, livid that killing innocent children was being challenged.

And they went to work, utilizing our sympathetic social media, a willing press and mega donors to demonize pro-life people and our values as extreme. They said women will die. Freedoms will be lost. Democracy is at stake. They lied.

But their lies and the millions of dollars behind them convinced voters in half a dozen states to defeat pro-life initiatives and promote abortion. These defeats took my breath away.

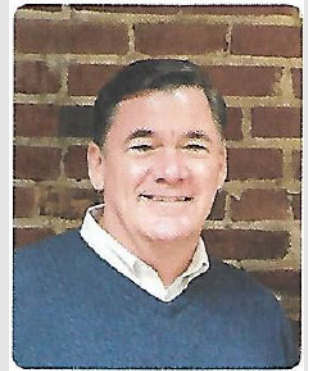
Missouri Right to Life was instrumental in making Missouri the first state in the union to ban abortion after Roe was overturned. That also angered the abortion industry. They recently filed Initiative Petitions in Missouri to enshrine abortion into our state constitution. Reading these petitions makes your blood run cold.

If passed, our ban would fall. Abortions, with no restrictions, would not only be legal up to the moment of birth, but YOU, the taxpayers of Missouri, would pay for them. If that's not enough, anyone could perform abortions. Anyone! And abortionists would not be held liable for maiming, and even killing, the mother. Is that how the abortion industry defines "women's health care"?

Missouri Right to Life has been preparing for over a year to fight this battle. Our "Keep Missouri Pro-Life" committee has been doing polling, research, education, fundraising, and much more to meet this threat head-on. We're organizing a coalition of pro-life organizations and people across our state. It will take all of us to win this fight.

What can you do? First, and most importantly, pray. Pray fervently. Get with your local Missouri Right to Life Chapter, or contact our state office at 573-635-5110, and offer to help. And, ask your family and friends to join you.

Together we will defeat this evil. Thanks for all that you do for Life and God bless!

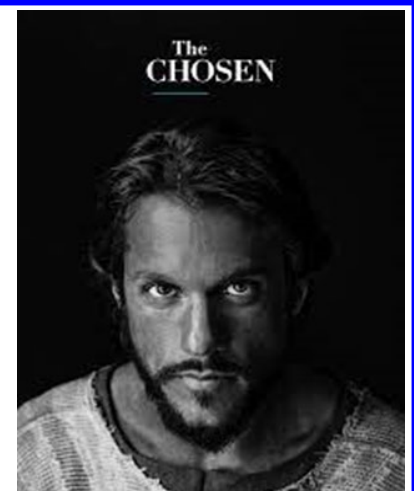


Steve Rupp
MRL President

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THE CHOSEN

Please remember that we will be showing the third year of "The Chosen" on Wednesday evenings beginning July 26 and running through September 13. We will be doing so in the Duchesne Room in the Church's lower level at 7:00 PM. While maybe you have viewed Year Three previously on your own, it is most interesting to hear what scenes, words, comments, and insights the other viewers have, gems that you would miss if you only view it on your own. Just come. No reservations or registrations are necessary. All are welcome!





Saint Cletus Men's White House Retreat 2023

Do you find it difficult to find time to truly relax, quiet your mind and talk to God? A retreat at White House, (A beautiful 80-acre campus high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River) is the perfect opportunity to find the peace, quiet and inspiration your soul is looking for. It's like a 3-day vacation with God! Join the men of our parish on our annual retreat from 17 August 2023 to 20 August 2023. Retreats at White House are silent, guided retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. All of your meals are provided and everyone receives their own private accommodations. There is no set fee to attend; White House operates on a free-will offering basis. To register or to receive more information, call Rich Marquard at 314-791-2330 or email him at rickenmarq55@gmail.com. You can also visit www.whretreat.org to find additional information.

The Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

The First Saturday devotion is a Catholic devotion of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which was requested by the Virgin Mary in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain, in 1925. It is associated with the private revelations of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. It involves going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion, saying five decades of the Rosary, and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes on the first Saturday of any five consecutive months.

Please join us the first Saturday of every month at 8am for Mass, followed by praying of the Rosary.

For more information on First Saturday devotions, go to

Fatima.org/first-Saturday-devotion

For information about the legion or to submit Rosary requests please email us at legionofmary@saintcletus.org



**Knights of Columbus
Council 823**

Chicken Dinner



When: Tuesday, July 18

Time: 6- 7pm

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Where: 20 Westbury Drive

Please call 636.949.0222 for reservations by Monday, July 17



Addressing GUN VIOLENCE

Promoting a culture of life

A one-day summit exploring the Catholic perspective on the crisis of gun violence in communities throughout the Archdiocese.

Welcome by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

SATURDAY, JULY 29
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

More information & to register:
archstl.org/addressing-gun-violence




We will once again be having our St. Cletus Night at the Cardinals Game. This game will be on Thursday, August 17, at 7:15 p.m. The tickets will be sold for \$25 a piece and will be available at the church office and the school office. One bonus... we will also be leading the fans in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

All-U-Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, July 30, 2023
8:00am - 11:30am



St. Robert Bellarmine Church
1424 First Capitol Drive, South
St. Charles



Adults - \$12.00
Children (6 to 11) - \$6.00
Children (5 & under) - Free

Includes: Made to order Omelets, Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, Juice, Milk, Coffee



"Family And Friends
Make Everyday Special"

Sponsored by the St. Robert Bellarmine
Knights of Columbus (Council #12037)



Good Food

Community Spirit



Fellowship

Social Event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:...

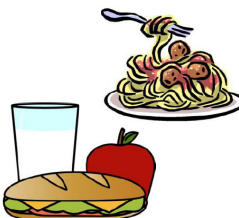
Every 1st Wednesday of the Month...10:30am-2:00pm
(No Luncheon in January & July)

Senior Citizen Luncheon



Come and be our guest at:

St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall
1424 First Capitol Drive, South
St. Charles, MO 63303



Lunch

We want to reserve your place at this special luncheon....

We know you will enjoy it!

- COST: \$10.00 per person
- Men and Women 55 and up
- Delicious meal provided
- Prizes
- Doors open at 10:30am
- Lunch served 11:30am-12:30pm
- Bingo/Activities 12:30pm-2:00pm
- **Reservations required by the Friday prior to the Luncheon**



*Please call us today at (636) 946-6799 and leave a message with:
Your name & phone number and names & phone numbers of all those attending.
(PLEASE SPELL ALL THE NAMES)*

YOU ARE INVITED TO A YOUNG ADULT BARBECUE



1PM-7PM (EATING @5)

Sunday, July 23rd
Des Peres Park Pavilion
12325 Manchester Rd.



CONTACT INFO:
JACEZJAC1600@GMAIL.COM
EMKBECK@GMAIL.COM

**RSVP TO OUR FACEBOOK
EVENT: "YOUNG ADULT BBQ!"**

MORE INFO:
Bring your picnic blanket and
sunscreen! Lemonade, hot dogs, and
sides provided.
****NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED****

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, August 5th

St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry Hosts A Half-Day Workshop...

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

ST. CLETUS CATHOLIC CHURCH - PARISH HALL
2705 ZUMBEHL ROAD
ST. CHARLES, MO
63301

A Presentation and Discussion on the Racialization of America and Housing Segregation

PRESENTERS:

JOYCE JONES
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF RACIAL HARMONY
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

JEFF SCHULENBERG
FACILITATOR,
PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY
SACRED HEART, VALLEY PARK

Comments of Past Participants

"Very well done - uplifting and inspiring!"

"Certainly explains some of the problems we're experiencing today. I had no idea of this part of St. Louis past; I never learned this in my history classes!"

"I think it's important to talk clearly and transparently about race and elevate the work of anti-racism."

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 5, 2023
9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.



Register Here

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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: _____