16th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”
- Mt 13:43a


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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!

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<th>Day</th>
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| Mon., July 24, Weekday | 7:00am † Tom Hamer  
Presider: Fr. Benz  
8:00am † Communion Service  
Presider: Deacon Mark |
| Tues., July 25, Saint James | 7:00am † Bob Sheils  
Presider: Fr. Whitman  
8:00am † Fr. Jim Benz (retirement)  
Presider: Fr. Benz |
| Wed., July 26, Saints Joachim and Anne | 7:00am † Randy Kohles  
Presider: Fr. Whitman  
8:00am † Rose Andrzejewski  
Presider: Fr. Benz |
| Thur., July 27, Weekday | 7:00am † LaVern Luisetti  
Presider: Fr. Whitman  
8:00am † Jack Stoll  
Presider: Fr. Benz |
| Fri., July 28, Weekday | 7:00am † Audrey Dingledine  
Presider: Fr. Whitman  
8:00am † Leo & Amelia Paquette  
Presider: Fr. Benz |
| Sat., July 29, Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus | 8:00am † Billy Dittmar  
Presider: Fr. Benz |
| Sat., July 29, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5:00pm † Edward Colloton  
Presider: Fr. Benz  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem |
| Sun., July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7:30am † Sr. Loretta Butler  
Presider: Fr. Benz  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: Adult Servers (J. Rogles & T. Schoolfield)  
9:30am † Ryan Belcke & Helen Swab  
Presider: Fr. Benz  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: L. Conway and L. Conway  
11:30am † Our Parish Family  
Presider: Fr. Whitman  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: R. Basler and M. Sheils |

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
† Bob Sheils, father of Maggie and Mike and grandfather of Gillian, Henry, Charles, Maximilian, Marcella, and Jude  
May his soul rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.
Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom. This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

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

One grain of faith is more precious than a pound of knowledge.
JESUS H. HALL
LEARNING FROM THE COMIC STRIPS: I have mentioned many times before my interest in reading the comic strips in the Post-Dispatch. I read them not only because of their humor but especially because of the wisdom they contain. Of all the comics that I have clipped out of the P-D, the only one that I have laminated; it’s the one to the right. It is thirty years old, but it is, in a sense, timeless as it shows a couple “shopping” for a church to join, a practice prevalent in our own time. It prompts me to ask: Where is the pursuit of truth? Where is the search for Christ? Where is the willingness to change in light of that Truth? Where is the humility needed in order to welcome the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life? How easy it is to shape one’s life in light of the current culture and even then to seek to shape our Christianity in light of that culture.

How far we as Americans have gone down that path was reflected in two pieces from the P-D a couple of months ago. The first comes from an op-ed article on page A13 of the April 19 issue in which the woman author is outraged about something called “stealthing.” What really shocked me, in the first place, was how blasé she was about pre-marital sexual intercourse. The second appeared in the letters to the editor on page A12 of the May 31 issue with the title of “Archdiocese isn’t addressing the real reasons for empty pews” about All Things New. I couldn’t agree less with the writer’s comments, but the one that really got to me in light of the op-ed above was when he described our Church’s opposition to artificial birth control as a “doctrinal relic of past times.”

I think we can take great pride in what our Church teaches about human sexuality especially in Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body (I really like his description of marital sexual intercourse as an “icon of the Trinity”). Even apart from the area of sexuality, please remember that Jesus calls us to be “leaven,” creating great change in our world. But how can we be leaven for society unless we first let Jesus be the leaven of our lives? To do so requires great humility from us before Jesus.
A CHANGE WITH REGARD TO RUSH HOUR RECONCILIATION

For many years, our parish has offered “Rush Hour Reconciliation” from 4:00 to 5:30 PM each Monday. However, Mondays are our new pastor, Father Chris Holtmann’s day off. For this reason, we are moving “Rush Hour Reconciliation” from Mondays to Thursdays. Please note that our last Monday “Rush Hour Reconciliation” will be July 24, and that Thursday “Rush Hour Reconciliation” will begin on August 10. There will be no “Rush Hour Reconciliation” on either Monday or Thursday the week of July 30 as we make that transition and as both Fr. Chris and Fr. Jim Benz move to their new parishes.

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.
The United Nations defines human trafficking as the recruitment, transportation, harboring or receipt of persons by means of force, fraud, or coercion for reasons of labor and sexual exploitation. Twenty-one million people are trapped in modern-day slavery. A little more than half of all victims are women, but they are more than 98% of all sex-traffic victims. One in four victims is a child or 5.5 million around the world. One and a half million being trafficked in the US, Canada, and Europe. How can you help? Educate yourself, watch for signs of a child victim of trafficking at truck stops, gas stations, hotels. Go to www.usccb.org/stopslavery to learn more about the bishop’s Anti-slavery Program. View the movie “Sound of Freedom” at a local theater. It is a true story, very sobering, and difficult to watch.

We the people have the power to stop this outrageous crime.

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!
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 rickymarq55@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
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. against the New York Mets. The tickets will be sold for $25 a piece and will be available at the Parish Office and the School Office. One bonus... we will also be leading the fans in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Any questions? Please contact our Director of Liturgical Music at mstrathman@saintcletus.org

"For any parishioner that buys 4 or more tickets, you will be entered into a raffle for a pre-game field visit for 4 members of that winning group. If you buy 6 or more tickets, you will also be included in a raffle for 2 box seats tickets for a game of your choice alongside two pre-game field visit passes. There will also be give-a-ways with t-shirts, bobble heads, and hats available after purchase."

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
Thank you to all the volunteers who made the celebrations for Fr. Benz and Fr. Mark possible. We could not have done it without you. You are all so appreciated.

The Party Planning Committee

Thank you for your support of our high school teens who recently attended the Steubenville conference at Missouri State University. The theme of the conference was “Refuge” based on MT 11:28. We all learned how to take refuge in Jesus instead of the things of the world.
**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."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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: ____________________________________________