

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
July 23, 2023



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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**PLEASE FIND OUR EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER
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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

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 Dingedine*

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. Whitman

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



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!



From Death to New Life

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.



PARISH COLLECTION July 9, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 17,865.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 7,811.00
Matching.....	\$ 135.00

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.

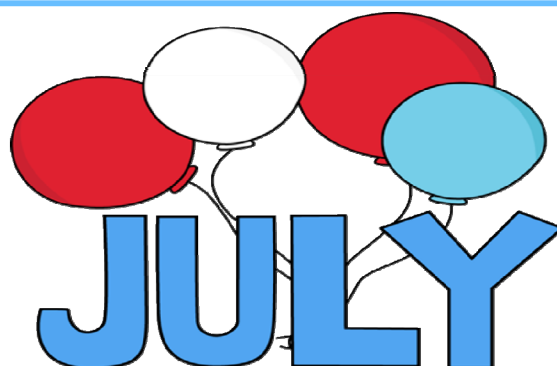
MARRIAGES:
Arrangements must be made six months in advance. Contact Deacon Mark McCarthy

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
By appointment

HOMILIES:
Sunday homilies can be found at:
www.saintcletus.org

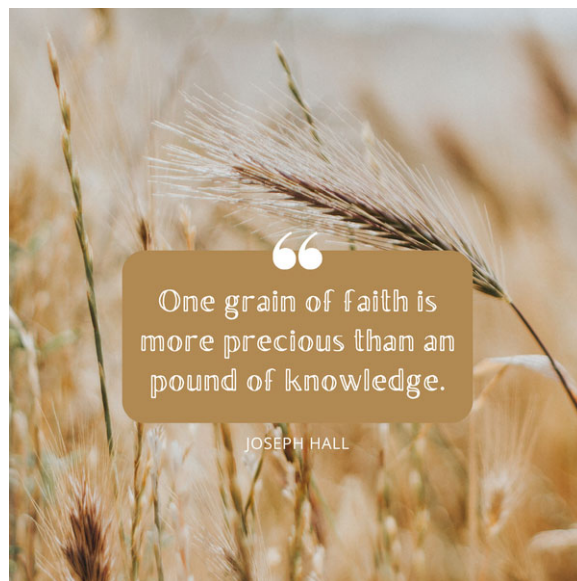
OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

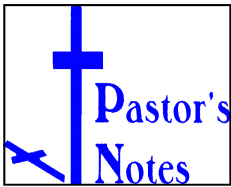
BULLETIN DEADLINE: 10 Days Prior to date
In writing or email to: secretary@saintcletus.org



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 24		
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	CLETUS
TUESDAY, JULY 25		
8:00AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	STEWARDSHIP MEETING	CALLAHAN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26		
8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
8:30AM	MORNING SOCIAL AFTER 8:00AM MASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER MTG	CLETUS
7:00PM	THE CHOSEN	DUCHESNE
THURSDAY, JULY 27		
8:00AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
FRIDAY, JULY 28		
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
SATURDAY, JULY 29		
9:30AM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
SUNDAY, JULY 30		
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL



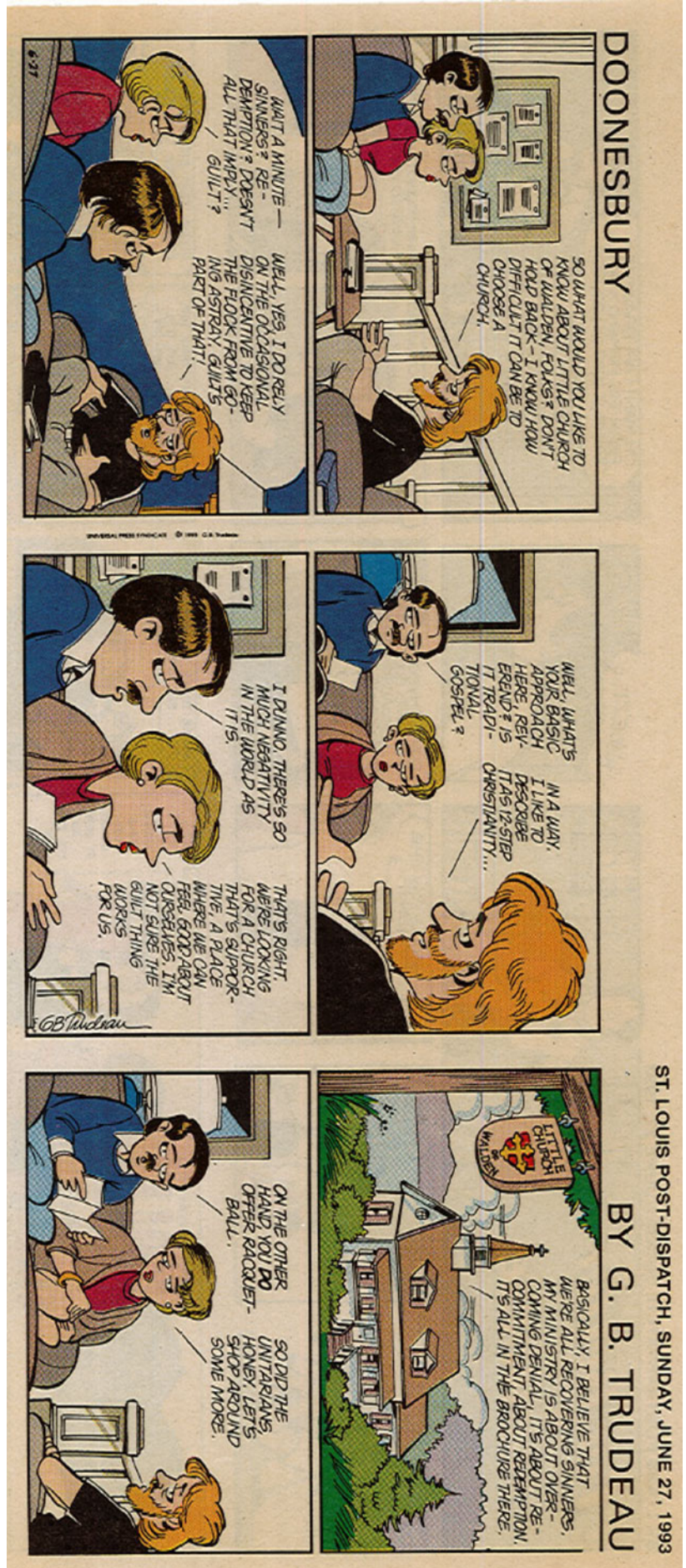


LEARNING FROM THE COMIC STRIPS: I have mentioned many times before my interest in reading the comic strips in the Post-Dispatch. I read them

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 "stealthling." 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.

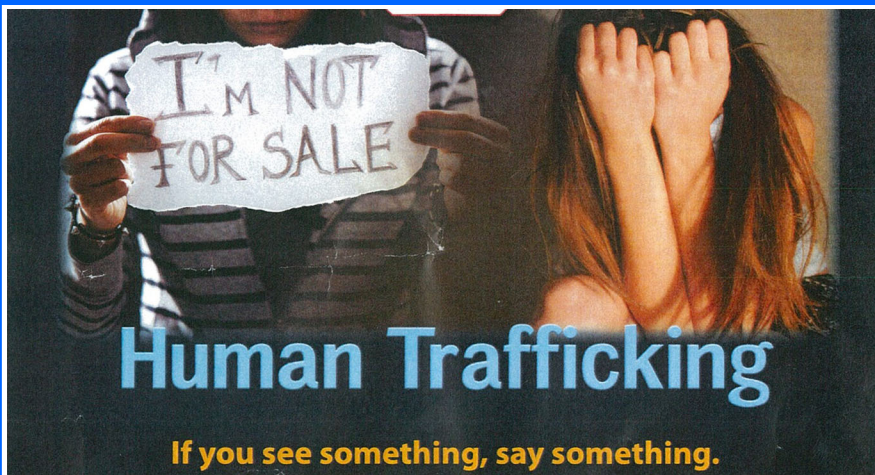
HELP WANTED

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.



Human Trafficking

If you see something, say something.

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.

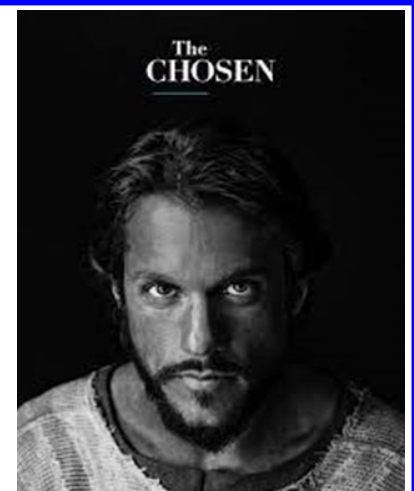
View the movie "Sound of Freedom" at a local theater. It is a true story, very sobering, and difficult to watch.

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!





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

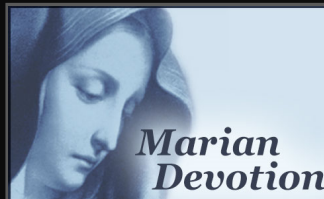
Fatima.org/first-Saturday-devotion

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



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."



The Knights of Columbus, Council 823, would like to invite all fellow knights, their families and all parishioners to join

us for a Marian devotion on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Saint Peters Church in Saint Charles. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., include the rosary, and last about an hour. We will be asking our Blessed Mother to return our country back to her son. Please join us!



Knights of Columbus

**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

A BIG
THANK
YOU
to you!

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."

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



Register Here

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 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3,
4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19,
23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53,
54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/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: _____