

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
*July 9, 2023*

# REST



“Come to me, all you who  
labor and are burdened.”

MATTHEW 11:28

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

**Mon., July 10, Weekday**

7:00am † *Ted Leverenz*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Frank

**Tues., July 11, Saint Benedict**

7:00am † *Robert Emke*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Diane Echele*

Presider: Fr. Benz

**Wed., July 12, Weekday**

7:00am † *Michael Roch Zerr*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Roy Thoele*

Presider: Fr. Benz

**Thur., July 13, Weekday**

7:00am † *Marilyn Klutenkamper*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Sue Wehde*

Presider: Fr. Benz

**Fri., July 14, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

7:00am † *Lloyd Whitman*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Joe Ebehard*

Presider: Fr. Benz

**Sat., July 15, Saint Bonaventure**

8:00am † *George & Hazel Freber*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

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**Sat., July 15, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm † *Sue Sheils*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: C. Anderson and M. Warren

**Sun., July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † *Jack & Vi Butler*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: Adult Servers (J. Butler and K. House)

9:30am † *Becky Philipps*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: A. Poulter and M. Windisch

11:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: S. Blaha and M. Lemmkemann



Tina Adams  
Joan Andrzejewski  
Pete Balotti  
Patrick Beckman  
Jerry Belew  
\* James 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  
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!**

*"The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway."*

HENRY BOYE





PARISH COLLECTION June 25, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 15,987.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 8,333.00
Matching.....	\$ 485.00



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

<b>MONDAY, JULY 10</b>		
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	CLETUS
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 11</b>		
8:00AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
11:00AM	BIRTHRIGHT ST. CHARLES MTG	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 12</b>		
8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB GEN MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 13</b>		
8:00AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	CLETUS
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 14</b>		
<b>NO ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 15</b>		
10:00AM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
<b>BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER 5:00 MASS</b>		
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 16</b>		
<b>BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER ALL MASSES</b>		
1:00PM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
1:00PM	FR. BENZ'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION	GYM

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.



**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](http://www.saintcletus.org)

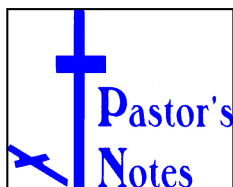
**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** 10 Days Prior to date  
In writing or email to: [secretary@saintcletus.org](mailto:secretary@saintcletus.org)

**IF YOU WANT PEACE  
WORK FOR JUSTICE**

St. Paul VI said, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Look into volunteer opportunities or ways to help the less fortunate. Let us all be a part of the solution.



**WITH US HAVING CELEBRATED OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY THIS WEEK, WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER AND TO PRAY FOR OUR LEAERS:**

(From the History Channel) [46 Surprising Facts about our 46 Presidents](#): In some ways, all 46 U.S. presidents have been very much alike. So far they've all been men, for one, not lacking in ambition or charisma, and with a certain knack for self-promotion and networking. At the same time, 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.

1. [George Washington](#) (1789-1797): The first U.S. president and Revolutionary War hero was an enthusiastic dog breeder, particularly of hunting hounds, to which he gave names like "Sweet Lips" and "Drunkard."
2. [John Adams](#) (1797-1801): Adams and his wife, Abigail, exchanged more than 1,100 letters over the course of their lengthy relationship.
3. [Thomas Jefferson](#) (1801-1809): Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, died on July 4, in 1826, within hours of his "frenemy" John Adams.
4. [James Madison](#) (1809-1817): Madison was the shortest president at 5'4" and weighed barely over 100 pounds.
5. [James Monroe](#) (1817-1825): Other than Washington, Monroe was the only president to ever run essentially unopposed, coasting to re-election in the 1820 race.
6. [John Quincy Adams](#) (1825-1829): Years after leaving the White House, Quincy Adams argued a famous Supreme Court case that freed the captive Africans who had rebelled aboard the Amistad slave ship.
7. [Andrew Jackson](#) (1829-1837): Jackson once killed a man in a duel.
8. [Martin Van Buren](#) (1837-1841): Van Buren was the first president to be born an American. All previous presidents were originally British subjects, having been born prior to 1776.
9. [William Henry Harrison](#) (1841): Harrison lasted only 32 days in office, the shortest stint of any president.
10. [John Tyler](#) (1841-1845): Tyler fathered 15 children, the most of any president.
11. [James K. Polk](#) (1845-1849): During his term, Polk secretly purchased a number of enslaved children for his Mississippi cotton plantation.
12. [Zachary Taylor](#) (1849-1850): "Old Rough and Ready" never voted in an election prior to being on the ballot himself.
13. [Millard Fillmore](#) (1850-1853): Fillmore was the last Whig president; the party imploded soon after he left office.
14. [Franklin Pierce](#) (1853-1857): The only president from New Hampshire also attended college in New England—Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.
15. [James Buchanan](#) (1857-1861): In 1853, while serving as minister to Great Britain, Buchanan helped draft the 1854 Ostend Manifesto, which advocated for an American invasion of Cuba.
16. [Abraham Lincoln](#) (1861-1865): "Honest Abe," the tallest president at 6'4", may have had Marfan Syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes people to be very tall, thin and long limbed.
17. [Andrew Johnson](#) (1865-1869): Though one of the few presidents without a pet, Johnson apparently cared for a family of White House mice, which he called "the little fellows."
18. [Ulysses S. Grant](#) (1869-1877): Civil War General Grant was invited to join Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre on the fateful evening of April 14, 1865, but was forced to decline after he and his wife made plans to visit their children in New Jersey.
19. [Rutherford B. Hayes](#) (1877-1881): Hayes was the first president to have a telephone in the White House.
20. [James A. Garfield](#) (1881): Garfield (who was the first known left-handed president) was elected to the U.S. Senate, but he never served as Ohio senator because he then won the Republican nomination for president.
21. [Chester A. Arthur](#) (1881-1885): Arthur was named in honor of Chester Abell, the doctor who delivered him.
22. and 24. [Grover Cleveland](#) (1885-1889, 1893-1897): No president except Cleveland has ever served non-consecutive terms: He defeated James G. Blaine in 1884, lost to Benjamin Harrison in 1888 (despite winning the popular vote), and then came back to defeat Harrison in 1892.
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.

(Continued next Sunday)

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



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

**WELCOME**

Please note below some photos of new brothers and sisters of ours as members of the St. Cletus Parish Family. Again, the purpose of putting these photos in our Sunday bulletin is to help us all familiarize ourselves with these new members so that we can give them a warm welcome when we meet them. By welcoming them, we strengthen our bonds as a family of faith. (If you are a new parishioner and have not had your photo taken, please give me a call at 636-946-6327, ext. 1711). Look for another set of new parishioner photos soon. Father Jim Benz



Amaka & Chiedozié  
Waturuocha  
on Tiverton Drive



Jessica Lister  
w/Kara  
on Newport Drive



Ben & Kaitlin Cummins  
on Elm Point Road



Michael and Jacinta  
Millman  
on Freehold Rock Way



Bob & Donna Freihaut  
on Principia Avenue



Kathy Mack  
on Tarn Street



Courtney Carr  
On Watson



Sue & Rich Norton'  
on Shady Oak Drive



Eddie Trueman  
on Pampano Lane



**~ Keep Missouri Pro-Life ~**

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner/Program: 7:00 p.m.

**St. Charles Convention Center**

**1 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303**

Featured Speaker: Jim Caviezel

'Champion of Life' Award Recipient: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

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Pro abortion forces have filed initiatives to enshrine a right to abortion in our Missouri Constitution. Missouri right to Life vows to fight any constitution amendment to legalize abortion up to birth. Please support them by attending the banquet.

Ticket information is online at [easternregionmrl.org/dinner](http://easternregionmrl.org/dinner).



**WE ARE BACK.!!**

**Ready to go!!**

**Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors**

The new session of our exercise class, a 7- week session, is starting **July 11, 2023**, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30—9:30am, \$35 for the session.

For more information contact: Marianne

Belcke, MHS, OTR/L, 314-265-5231 [sbelcke@gmail.com](mailto:sbelcke@gmail.com); or Judy Voss, Certified Personal Trainer, 314-330-5831 [judvoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judvoss@sbcglobal.net)

# THE BRIDGES RETREAT

## A Retreat in Everyday Life.

Bridging  
Prayer, Spirituality  
and Community

*The Spiritual Exercises  
of Ignatius of Loyola  
The 19th Annotation*

## What Are The Spiritual Exercises?

At Bridges, we invite retreatants to experience the ancient wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in a way that will transform their contemporary lives of faith. We're here to be the connection—the bridge—that helps them see and respond to the movements of God. The Bridges retreat takes place over the course of 8 months each year from September through May.

### Here's what is involved:

The opportunity to have a full experience of the Spiritual Exercises over an 8-month period, as envisioned and created by St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

- A commitment to about an hour of prayer each day, following a modern translation of the original text.
- Personalized, one-on-one guidance from an experienced, trained prayer companion.
- Weekly or monthly small community meetings at several locations throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area;
- An online option for those outside the area or those who need a virtual experience;

Using the wisdom of St. Ignatius and a daily commitment to prayer and scripture, each retreatant is given the opportunity to learn different forms of prayer and discover their own prayer style, while being supported and gently challenged by their prayer companion. Above all, they are drawn into a more intimate relationship with God through scripture and the life, ministry, passion and resurrection of Christ.

### MORE THAN A PROGRAM OR A COURSE

The genius of the Spiritual Exercises is that, although there is a common tradition and text, no two people experience it in exactly the same way. Rather, through the guidance of the prayer companion and the work of the Holy Spirit, each person's experience will be uniquely theirs. They receive the graces they need depending upon their personal spiritual needs, their openness to the ongoing wisdom inherent in the Exercises, and their awareness of the work of God within them.

Because of this flexibility, Christians of many different denominations and traditions have found the Bridges experience of the Spiritual Exercises to be life-changing and faith-enriching.

To find out more about the Bridges Retreat, please visit [www.bridgesfoundation.org](http://www.bridgesfoundation.org). The site includes the dates and times of free summer information sessions. You may also contact Bridges Executive Director Steve Givens at: [executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org](mailto:executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org) or (314) 401-2072.

## 2023-24 BRIDGES LOCATIONS

### Webster Groves Christian Church

1320 W Lockwood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63122  
Wednesday morning weekly group meetings, 10 a.m.

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church Valley Park

17 Ann Ave., Valley Park, MO 63088  
Tuesday evening weekly group meetings, 7 p.m.

### St. Louis University High School

4970 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63110  
Saturday morning monthly group meetings on first Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon

### St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church

2715 N Sarah St, St. Louis, MO 63113  
Saturday morning monthly group meetings on second Saturdays.

**Online Site** meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (CT).

*Due to a limit of the number of prayer companions available, participation is limited.*





## 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](mailto:rickenmarq55@gmail.com). You can also visit [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org) to find additional information.

## Care For Creation



### Sustainable Eating

#### Reflect

We can live simply and eat more sustainably so others can simply eat. We can reflect on our food consumption and the infrastructure that is required to sustain our eating habits. We may choose to eat lower on the food chain and eat foods that have the lowest carbon footprint. We can be

mindful of what we eat and how our diet affects the least of these, the earth's most vulnerable people as well as nonhuman life.

#### Pray

God of abundant creativity, I give thanks for my daily bread, for food and shelter, warmth and comfort. Let me give thanks for my largesse, and out of this gratitude, examine my lifestyle and eating habits, that they might support the welfare of others and contribute to the healing of the earth. Amen.

#### Act

Reflect on how you might shop with greater mindfulness, eat lower on the food chain, minimize your intake of meat (or, at least, factory-farmed meat), and explore ways to use more simply



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."



# 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](http://archstl.org/addressing-gun-violence)




### Outdoor Mass

Wednesday, July 12, at 7:00pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine  
Civic Park Drive, O'Fallon, MO

Presider: **Fr. Jim Benz**

Please bring a lawn chair (Mass will proceed weather permitting)  
If you have any questions or need directions, please call Sylvia at 636-978-8803

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/ Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_