“DO NOT BE AFRAID.”
—MT 10:31

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgic Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., June 26, Weekday
7:00am † Dennis Gray
   Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Communion Service
   Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., June 27, Weekday
7:00am † Victoria Cooper
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Ted Leverenz
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., June 28, Saint Irenaeus
7:00am † Ralph Voss
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Eleanor Rupp
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Thur., June 29, Saints Peter and Paul
7:00am † June Miller
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Peter Larson
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Fri., June 30, Weekday
7:00am † Joseph Houska
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
8:00am † Diane Echele
   Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., July 1, Weekday
8:00am † Jean Schaeffer
   Presider: Fr. Whitman

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Sat., July 1, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm † Mr. & Mrs. Bax
   Presider: Fr. Benz
   Deacon: Frank Olmsted
   Servers: M. Martin and V. Martin

Sun., July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am † Pat Geisman
   Presider: Fr. Benz
   Deacon: Frank Olmsted
   Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury & T. Schoolfield)
9:30am † Our Parish Family
   Presider: Fr. Benz
   Deacon: Mark McCarthy
   Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem
11:30am † James Chiostri
   Presider: Fr. Whitman
   Deacon: Mark McCarthy
   Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
† Jeanie Hoester, wife of Brad
† Jim Gillespie, brother-in-law of Terry Schreiber
May their souls rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.
In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” This week, know that you will bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

There is a promise of marriage between: Kevin Leuck and Molly Curran - II

Please pray for them as they prepare
“A BLAST FROM THE PAST”: When doing some packing last week, I came across this article I wrote over twenty years ago as pastor of my previous parish, Little Flower in Richmond Heights. In a similar way, through the generosity of a parishioner, today we offered you copies of Bishop Barron’s “This Is My Body” on the Eucharist. I hope that both will help us all to better appreciate the Eucharist.

by Rev. James J. Benz
Pastor, Little Flower Parish

It happens more often than I like to admit. I often take the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners and, inevitably, I have an extra host in the pyx (the special container to transport the hosts) because either I counted incorrectly or because someone was unable to receive the Eucharist that day. I place the pyx in my shirt pocket and then forget that it is there for the rest of the day. Finally, when I am getting ready to go to bed, I discover the pyx, with the consecrated host in it, still in my pocket. With great frustration, I utter an exasperated, “Oh, no!”

Although I am not proud of my forgetfulness and certainly not proud of my thoughtlessness with regard to the Eucharist, this unfortunate failing does give me pause to stop and think. I often ask, “Don’t we all, in one sense or another, carry Jesus in our pockets?” If we share in God’s life through the Sacraments, the Lord does indeed live within each of us. We may not carry him around in a golden pyx or in the form of the Eucharist, but, if the Sacraments of the Church truly effect what they signify, we do most certainly carry the Lord within ourselves. We do not carry him in our pockets, but we certainly carry him in our hearts. He is with us always. Although this thought is reassuring, I sometimes wonder what people would think if they knew that I was carrying the consecrated presence of Jesus in my shirt pocket. Would they speak differently in my presence? Would they genuflect before me? Would they treat me with greater respect? If knowing that the Eucharist was in my pocket would cause them to react in those ways, should we not treat each other in that same way if we indeed carry the Lord in our hearts? Is this not what Jesus meant when, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, he said, “As long as you did it (or failed to do it) to one of my least ones, you did it (or failed to do it) to me”?

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive...As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do.

-Pope Leo I (the Great)
Sermo 12 de Passione

We have just entered into the Easter Season, 50 days of celebration and reflection upon the meaning of Jesus’ resurrection. Because of Jesus’ victory over death, over division, over the devil, and over evil, our world and all humanity have been made new. “Heaven is wedded to earth, and mankind is reconciled with God,” as the Proclamation at the beginning of the Easter Vigil shouts. “When we were baptized into Christ and clothed ourselves in him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God...Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature,” as states the Jerusalem Catecheses, one of the most ancient summaries of our faith. “The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive...As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do,” as writes Pope St. Leo the Great.

These are indeed extremely powerful and bold words, but the question remains, do we truly believe them? Do our actions and the way we live our lives show that we realize and actually appreciate the profound effect that the death and resurrection of Christ has had and continues to have on us? Sadly, they do not. The late nineteenth century atheistic philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, the man who would become the godfather of the Nazi movement, aptly criticized us when he said that, for him to believe in their Redeemer, Christians would have to act as a people who are redeemed.

During this Easter Season, we once again have the opportunity to show that we believe in a Redeemer by acting like people who have been redeemed. The best way to live this redemption is to treat people as if they, too, had the consecrated host in their shirt pockets because they already carry him in their hearts.
The deadline to RSVP is July 3!!

The Legion of Mary
Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

“Yours is an eminently Marian spirituality, not only because the Legion glories in carrying Mary’s name as its unfurled banner, but above all because it bases its method of spirituality and apostolate on the dynamic principle of union with Mary, on the truth of the intimate participation of the Virgin Mary in the plan of salvation.”

Pope John Paul II

Please join us in the day Chapel to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 and 9:30 Mass times on Sunday mornings.

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

FATHER MARK WHITMAN

AND

A CELEBRATION OF HIS 25+ YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Today

1:00-3:00PM

SAINT CLETUS SCHOOL GYM

2721 ZUMBEHL ROAD

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.
~ 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

Online registration opens June 15

"This will be a sellout event, so register as soon as possible."

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Sunday, July 2, 8:30-1:00 pm
School Cafeteria 2721 Zumbehl Road
Masks optional. Appointments required.
To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401 or Online at www.bloodcenter.org/
group; use group #10052

Please join us & help to save lives in our community!

Give & get a gift card or bonus points to shop our rewards store for the new sun shirt & more.
CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Supporting Serve St. Charles and the 2023 Christmas Store

Trivia NIGHT

- Duchesne High School Performing Arts Center
  2550 Elm Street St. Charles, MO 63301
- Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 6:30pm
- $200 per table of 8
- Raffles, 50/50, Games
- BYOB and snacks
- REGISTER HERE:
  https://2023-christmas-in-july-trivia-night.cheddarup.com

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH
A VINCENTIAN CALL TO SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine precipitating a vast humanitarian crisis. As a result, more than 200,000 Ukrainians have sought refuge in the United States. Many have come to St. Louis, which has a long history of welcoming immigrants and refugees from the French, German and Irish in the 1800s to Afghans in 2021. Today, many Ukrainian refugees are living with host families in St. Louis. With the war in Ukraine showing no sign of ending soon, these refugees now need homes of their own.

Depaul USA is launching a $200,000 capital campaign to purchase St. Michael’s House, a duplex that will provide supportive housing for Ukrainian refugee families. St. Michael’s House will allow these families to settle into their new lives in the U.S. by connecting residents to language classes, social services, employment opportunities, and schooling for their children. It will provide the space and time families need to assemble the resources required to move to independent housing.

This capital campaign is part of Depaul USA’s on-going effort to provide homeless services and housing in St. Louis. At present, Depaul USA in St. Louis operates 65 units of scattered site housing for chronically homeless men and women. It also runs St. Lazare House, the only permanent supportive housing program for young people in the City of St. Louis, as well as an affordable housing program. Depaul USA is joining forces with another faith-inspired organization, the Sisters of Charity Housing Development Corporation, to create St. Michael’s House.

To find out more information, contact Rich Laplume at 314-539-1788 or email rich.laplume@depaususa.org
To support our capital campaign, go to https://depaususa.networkforgood.com/projects/188427-st-louis-ukrainian-refugee-fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your generous support.
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."

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!

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Married Couple's Retreat
On July 7-9, 2023, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center is hosting their second annual married couple's retreat. Whether you have been married one day or one hundred years, why not take this opportunity to spend some quality time deepening your relationship with God while strengthening your sacramental bond? Consider it a weekend-long date with your favorite person on the planet! This event will be presented by three couples who have been married a combined total of 100 years; that's a lot of marriage experience, right? Registration deadline is June 26, and more information can be found at marianistretreat.com

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:___________________________________________

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/ Mt10:37-42