

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
June 25, 2023



“DO NOT BE AFRAID.”  
—MT 10:31

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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PLEASE FIND OUR EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER  
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**Liturgy 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



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



*From Death to New Life*

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.




PARISH COLLECTION June 11, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 15,823.25
Online Offertory.....	\$ 8,611.00
Matching.....	\$ 135.00



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

- MONDAY, JUNE 26**  
5:00PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY DAY CHAPEL
- TUESDAY, JUNE 27**  
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL  
7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING RECTORY
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**  
6:30PM MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
7:00PM STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING RECTORY
- THURSDAY, JUNE 29**  
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
- FRIDAY, JUNE 30**  
NO ACTIVITIES
- SATURDAY, JULY 1**  
NOACTIVITIES
- SUNDAY, JULY 2**  
NO ACTIVITIES



**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.**

**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)

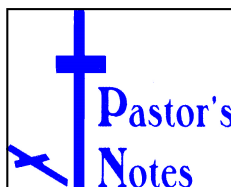
**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

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

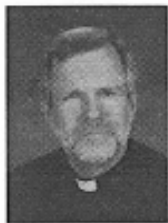
There are three ways to change the world:  
with your words,  
with your deeds,  
or with your prayer

*Wedding*  *Banns*

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.



## “Oh, No!”

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.*

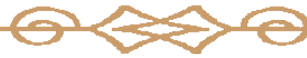
-Pope Leo I (the Great)  
*Sermo 12 de Passione*

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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A

**RETIREMENT**

*Celebration*

IN HONOR OF

**Father Jim Benz**

FROM 1:00-3:00PM  
SUNDAY • 16TH JULY 2023

SAINT CLETUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM  
2721 ZUMBEHL ROAD  
SAINT CHARLES, MO 63301

RSVP BY JULY 3RD TO LORI @314-518-7071, SIGN UP GENIUS @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094DA4AB23A6FB6-father>, or in the church gathering space.

**The deadline to RSVP is July 3!!**



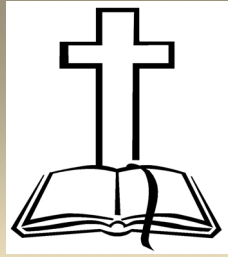
The Legion of Mary  
Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

“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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Zumbuhl Road**

Masks optional. Appointments required.

**To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401 or Online at [www.bloodcenter.org/](http://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

FRIDAY,  
JULY  
14TH

- DETAILS**
- 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>





## 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@depaulusa.org](mailto:rich.laplume@depaulusa.org)

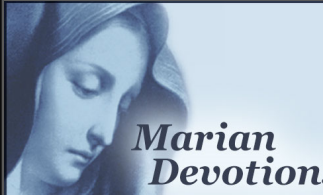
To support our capital campaign, go to <https://depaulusa.networkforgood.com/projects/188427-st-louis-ukrainian-refugee-fundraiser>. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Donate:





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!



**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](http://marianistretreat.com)



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](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**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
- Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- 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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_