

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others

March 10, 2024

LIGHT
CAME INTO
THE WORLD.

— JOHN 3:19 —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., March 11, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Communion Service*
Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., March 12, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Jake Bruno*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., March 13, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Jack Sammelmann*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., March 14, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Celsus Saale*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., March 15, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Hazel Freber*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Bob Rabbitt (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., March 16, Lenten Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*
Presider: Deacon Frank

Sat., March 16, Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm † *Emme Emke*
Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: K. Ayers and M. Ayers

Sun., March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: Adult Servers (J. Butler & J. Rogles)
9:30am † *Dolores Boschert*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: E. Krupich and M. Lemkemann
11:30am † *Paul Smith*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: B. Clem and R. Maples



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- † **Colleen Benden**, mother of Dennis Benden
- † **Jeff Mason**, brother of Deb Young

May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.



Individual's name will be included for one month. Please contact us if you wish to have the time extended.

- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Maxwell Dutt
- Jim Holterman
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Phylis Peluso
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz
- Daniel Travers

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. Tuesday thru Friday

ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

COMMUNION SERVICE: Monday at 7:00 a.m. and Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday 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

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

INDEED THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST
RUNS THE RISK OF BEING
DISBELIEVED PRECISELY BECAUSE
IT IS SO INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL
St. Cyril of Alexandria



PARISH COLLECTION February 25, 2024

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 19,938.00
Online Offertory.....	\$ 10,172.00
Matching.....	\$ 1,953.00



In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works:

reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle).



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	HALL/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:30PM	MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	"ALL ARE WELCOME" MNSTRY MTG	CALLAHAM
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB GEN MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	DISCOVERING CHRIST PROGRAM	HALL
7:00PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	DAY CHAPEL
4:00PM	FISH FRY	SCHOOL

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

11:00AM	MEMORIAL MASS	CHURCH
BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER 5:00 MASS		
SILENT BABY SHOWER		

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER ALL MASSES
SILENT BABY SHOWER

9:30AM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
9:30AM	3RD GRADE COMMITMENT MASS	CHURCH
10:30AM	3RD GRADE FAMILIES DONUTS	HALL





Light

What is it about light? When I was a kid, I made the mistake of watching Poltergeist. Poltergeist is a very scary movie if you recall or are unaware. Well, I stayed up all night with the light on scared out of my wits. An interesting thing happened, the sun rose and as sure as the light shone all of my fears dissolved and I fell fast asleep. Have you ever had an experience like that? It was as if God was reassuring me that everything was going to be alright, the sun is still going to come up. Light seems to be a real issue. People suffer from seasonal affective disorder, not enough sunlight.

In the Gospel, there is a contrast between living in the light and living in the darkness. According to John, the real enemy in life is the world. The world are those who choose to live in darkness. As John says, the world prefers darkness. I guess the real question we have to ask ourselves today is do we prefer to live in darkness or do we prefer to live in the light?

Living in the light is about bringing ourselves into the light. Lent is a season of repentance, to bring our darkness into the light so that we can be children of the light once again. We can be fearful that the light will be blinding, but the Lord's light is gentle and warming. It allows us to see all the colors. Reconciliation is a great way to hold the light up to our darkness. If we keep holding up the light to the darkness eventually we will see our way into the daylight.

God bless,
Fr. Chris

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS – A STORY

Thanks to all our parishioners who picked up over 80 Blessing Bags in January to keep in your cars and give to homeless people you may encounter. Thanks also to those who donated gloves, socks, caps and other items to fill them.

We donated the few remaining bags to Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service *Street Outreach* for their Care Vans.



We want to share with you an email we were pleased to receive recently from a parishioner who used her blessing bag. She wrote...

'I had a remarkable experience yesterday when I was driving along the North Outer Road between Zumbahl and Cave Springs...

I saw a young, thin lady, dressed fairly warmly, but my car thermometer said 24 degrees. I felt compelled to follow and get her attention but could not due to traffic. After three attempts to safely pull closer, she saw me and stopped. We talked and I asked if she was hungry and wanted lunch. She said she liked Taco Bell and ordered the combo box. She quickly ate but saved the large chalupa for her mother. She was very calm and sweet. She explained she was thirty-two, frequently homeless, with a bi-polar condition, but was unable to get her medicine. She was discharged from the hospital Saturday and had stayed with her Mom that night. She was out walking because the house was so chaotic. I drove her to her Mom's apartment on Zumbahl and gave her the blessing bag plus a Dierbergs gift card that I had in my purse. Now I am praying for Aarion and her mom."

What a beautiful example of seeing Christ in the faces of others! We hope other parishioners have had or will have a similar encounter.

If you do, let us know at PJ@saintcletus.org



PLEASE ADVOCATE FOR THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

BE A PART OF OUR GIVING DAY!

Friday, April 26th

FROM 8AM-8PM,
ST. CLETUS WILL
HOST OUR FIRST
GIVING DAY ON
THE FEAST OF
ST. CLETUS!
MORE DETAILS TO
COME.



ENGLISH Lessons

English Lessons Coming...

After a surprise response of interested learners, our team of tutors is working on organizing classes for those who signed up. We are looking for available space and time at St. Cletus and St. Borromeo parishes. We are also looking for materials on various levels. Stay tuned for an orientation gathering in the coming month!

Clases de inglés están en camino!

Después de una respuesta sorprendente, nuestro equipo de maestros está buscando un lugar y tiempo disponible en San Cletus o San Carlos Borromeo. Estamos buscando comprar materiales para sus niveles distintas de aprendizaje. Esperamos tener una orientación el próximo mes.



RESPECT LIFE SILENT BABY SHOWER

On the weekends of March 16-17 and 23-24, we will be collecting baby items. Needed are: pacifiers, onesies, sleepers, socks, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment, receiving blankets, crib blankets or quilts, crib sheets, teething toys, baby bottles, hooded towels and washcloths. *New items only, please.* Any handcrafted items such as blankets and hats are also appreciated. Target or Walmart gift cards (in an envelope labeled "Respect Life") are also welcome. Everything will be given to local agencies that assist mothers and their children in need. Please place your gifts in the Pak 'N Play in the Gathering Space at church.



Special Stations of the Cross Wednesday March 20 St. Cletus Church 7:00 pm

Prayer for Victims and for an End to Gun Violence

Archbishop Rozanski has invited all parishes to pray a special Stations of the Cross during Lent on behalf of victims of domestic violence, suicide, and gun violence in our community.

By journeying together on the Way of the Cross, we grow in our union with Christ and in our sensitivity to His presence in all victims of violence.



Please Join Us!



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MOURNING & REMEMBERING LIVES LOST

References:
 National Gun Violence Memorial <https://gunsmemorial.org/>
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch <https://graphics.sltoday.com/apps/homicide-tracker/2023/>

ST. CLETUS 2024 FISH FRY
DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU
 4 - 7pm (Dine-In) & 4-6:30pm (Drive-Thru)
 Every Friday - except Good Friday

No substitutions please

MEALS

ALL meals are served with your choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Hush Puppies, Cornbread, Green Beans, FAMOUS Cole Slaw & a Dessert. (while supplies last)

- #1 - Fried Cod \$14.00
- #2 - Fried Catfish \$14.00
- #3 - Baked Cod \$14.00
- #4 - (8) Fried Shrimp \$14.00
- #5 - Crab Cake Meal \$14.00

SMALL MEALS

ALL meals are served with your choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Hush Puppies, Cornbread, Green Beans, FAMOUS Cole Slaw & a Dessert. (while supplies last)

- #6 - 1pc Cod \$10.00
- #7 - 1pc Catfish \$10.00
- #8 - Whole Cheese Pizza (no sides) \$12.00

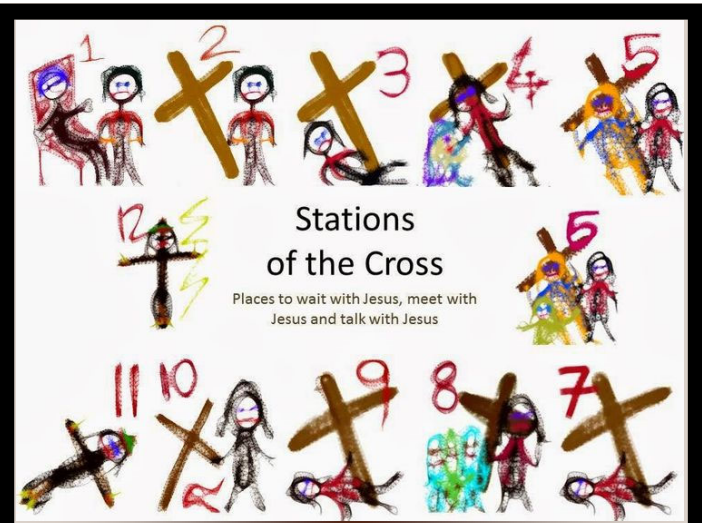
SODA & BOTTLED WATER = \$1

WEEKLY SPECIALS

(No Sides)
\$7.00

EVERY week - Crab Cakes (2 for \$5)

- Week 1:** February 16 Lobster Rangoons
- Week 2:** February 23 Shrimp Poppers
- Week 3:** March 1 Lobster Rangoons
- Week 4:** March 8 Shrimp Poppers
- Week 5:** March 15 Lobster Rangoons
- Week 6:** March 22 Shrimp Poppers



Stations of the Cross

Places to wait with Jesus, meet with Jesus and talk with Jesus

Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel
Good Friday, March 29, at 1:00 p.m. in Church

Drive-Thru FISH FRY INFO DINE-IN
 Thank you for your time & for making our Fish Fry a success!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - FRIDAY, MARCH 22
 4-7 pm for Dine-In & 4 -6:30 pm for Drive-Thru

WE NEED YOU!

School families:
 Please work 3 shifts
 (Service hours available for students)

Volunteer through signupgenius.com:



Desserts:
 Please send homemade desserts every Friday from 8am-3pm.

** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.



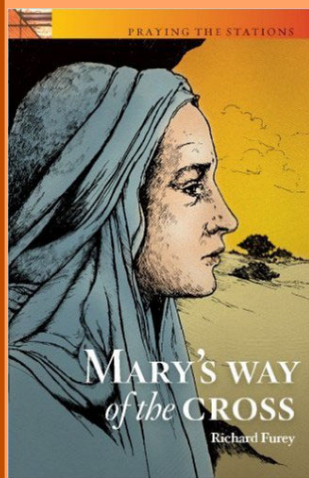
YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

St. Charles Young Adults: Weekly Bible study starts March 14!
7-9 pm in the Parish Office at St. Charles Borromeo.
We will be using The Quest Season 1 video series.
All young adults aged 20-39 are welcome to join us.

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Mary's Way of The Cross

It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditate on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made that first way of the cross. These **stations**, called **Mary's Way of the Cross**, attempt to present that **view-point**. In these stations we see through **Mary's eyes** what **Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary**. Then we try to make practical applications to our lives.

Please join us in the Day Chapel to pray this wonderful devotion to our blessed Mother on Tuesday, March 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30pm.



Protect the health of the preborn and their mothers **by keeping this pro-abortion initiative off the ballot in Missouri**. **DO NOT SIGN** the Initiative Petition, "*Constitutional Amendment to Article 1 relating to reproductive healthcare*", claiming to protect women's health. In reality, this is designed to enshrine abortion into Missouri's Constitution.

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Fish Fry!
Join us on Friday, March 22nd in the gym.

Theme: Star Wars "Roll into reading because we R2 excited about books!"

A mini BB-8 Bowling game will be offered while you wait in line for your meal.

Each roll is \$.50. CASH ONLY. Prize if you get in the winner spot.

All money raised will be donated directly to the library.

Below is a QR code directly to the St. Cletus Scholastic website.

Books can be ordered and shipped directly to you!





St. Vincent de Paul Palm Sunday Dinner
March 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The day includes a dine-in or carry-out chicken dinner with all the fixings (adults — \$15; children 6-11 — \$6; under 6—free), kids games, country store, a cash raffle and a quilt raffle. We are located on South Highway 94 in Dutzow, MO (beautiful Missouri wine country), five miles north of Washington, MO.

All are welcome to join us for the 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass.
 For more information, call us at 636.433.2678.

Thanks so much and God bless,
 Fr. Dennis M. Doyle, Pastor



It's time to get your teams together for another season of Co-Ed Adult Volleyball. Teams will consist of both guys and gals, or gals only. Six players on the floor at a time with at least three ladies. A minimum of two players must be St. Cletus parishioners/parents and the minimum age is 21. The goal is to have enough teams for two separate divisions — Jocks and Hops. Jocks is a little more serious, while Hops is just for fun.

The season will start in late March or early April. No games will be played over Easter weekend. The fee is \$200/team.

Please email or text with your team/division preference or questions.

Thanks!

Tim Ley: 314.703.2206 or timley42@gmail.com



The Society of the Found Sheep will meet again on March 12 at 2:45 - 3:45 in the chapel at St. Peter to pray for our loved ones who have left the church or are struggling with the church's teachings. All are welcome.

For details or if you have questions, contact Charlie & Ann Sickmann at 636.947.4650 or casickmann@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

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: _____