

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
March 17, 2024

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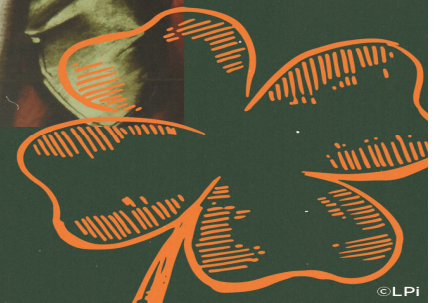
**I FEAR
NOTHING,
BECAUSE
OF THE
PROMISES
OF HEAVEN.**

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- ST. PATRICK



APOSTLE OF IRELAND



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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., March 18

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Frank Olmsted

Tues., March 19

7:00am † *Barbara Roth*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., March 20

7:00am † *Mary Ann Martin*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Dorothy (Dot) Saale (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., March 21

7:00am † *Margaret Worland*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., March 22

7:00am † *Ollie & Darlene Schoo*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., March 23

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark McCarthy



Sat., March 23, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

5:00pm † *Seth Henke*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: C. Andersen, C. Autry

Sun., March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Lemkemann, C. Schneider

9:30am † *Kathy Hugeback*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: M. Windisch, K. Yanez

11:30am † *Ed Wolf*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: M. Martin, X. Martin



HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

April 28th

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Adoration Immediately following

Concluding with Night Prayer @ 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 29th

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM

The Passion of the Lord Liturgy 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

April 30th

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Easter Vigil Liturgy 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 31th

Masses 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Please Pray for...



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

- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Adele Fagan
- Therese Flannagan
- Authur Flannagan
- Jim Holterman
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Phylis Peluso
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz



PARISH COLLECTION February 25, 2024

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



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 18		
9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	HALL/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
6:30PM	PSR STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH
TUESDAY, MARCH 19		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:30PM	MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG	DUCHESNE
7:00PM	FINANCE COUNCIL MTG	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20		
8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
3:00PM	DAISY GIRL SCOUT MTG	DUCHESNE
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MTG	BENZ
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MTG	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MTG	DUCHESNE
7:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE	CHURCH
THURSDAY, MARCH 21		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	DISCOVERING CHRIST PROGRAM	HALL
FRIDAY, MARCH 22		
8:30AM	DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT	HALL
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 23		
9:00AM	RCIA (ELECT RETREAT)	CHURCH/CHAPEL/RECTORY
9:30AM	KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP	HALL
SUNDAY, MARCH 24		
9:30AM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
12:30PM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL

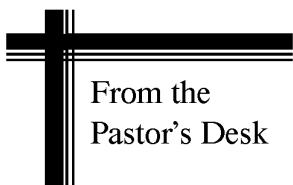
In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle), know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them

Wedding *Banns*

There is a promise of marriage between:
Aaron Felder & Jaime Jordan—I
 Please pray for them as they prepare

From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
 † **Barbara Pence**
 May her soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.



Death

From the
Pastor's Desk

Jesus is saying that his time has come. He can read the writing on the wall. He is showing up at a place where they want to kill him. A lot of Christians stand back and say what a wonderful thing Jesus did for us. True, but then Jesus says follow me. Jesus is the pattern. Jesus says, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain of wheat." The true mystery for us is to die to ourselves. This is what produces much fruit. You will never produce much fruit until you die. Jesus is about to show us how much fruit his death will produce for others and for himself (don't forget his own resurrection to greater life). We have not fully matured as a Christian until we are ready to die. Ready to die to give life rather than take life.

It begins with the little deaths that make the difference. It is the little deaths that leads us on to our journey to our big death and final resurrection. These little deaths are about love: the little death of putting ourselves aside and asking how may I help you, the little death of going that extra mile with our children when they have pushed us to our limits, that little death of surrendering and asking for help instead of going it alone, that little death of admitting that I don't know everything, that I could be wrong, that little death of asking for forgiveness, that little death of forgiving (that could be a big death). These things are big blows to the ego. How else can we learn? Every time we do this, we discover how our little deaths bring life. Every time we do this we develop a little more trust in the pattern, a little more courage.

These little deaths bring us to bigger deaths. You know that pattern you are stuck in, that prison you are stuck in e.g. addictions, co-dependencies, resentments etc. You have been trying to handle it on your own. It doesn't work. How many people come into confession telling me their sins, but are only trying to deal with it on their own. If they are honest, they will admit that it is getting worse. It's weird. They keep coming to confession, but they refuse to ask for real help or to take advice. I have met people on their death bed who still haven't surrendered. They just name the problem, but don't want any real help. I have this book that I love the title of: "Willpower Doesn't Work." No, what works is talking to people who have dealt with the problem and have succeeded and to live according to their advice. You will not find the solution in a single confessor. He may not even understand your problem. He is just there to name the primordial truth, you are forgiven, to help you drop the shame and point you in the direction of help. I do have a solution, but nobody listens to that part. It's God working through people not a single person (which is codependency), but God working through his body (the incarnation). Isn't this beautiful? This is what communion is all about. In the end of all things we find what we really desired, communion, oneness and that sin has kept us away from that.

This leads us to our final death. It is in doing these little deaths and bigger deaths to help us to deal with the final reality. We are going to die. The person who wrote the book of how to live forever is dead. We can face this with denial and great fear. I'm not saying there isn't fear with death, but does it have to be paralyzing. It's trusting in these little patterns and bigger patterns that we see The Big Pattern (the one thing that Ecclesiastes left out). There is a time to die and finally there is a time to rise. Some go kicking and screaming and some go making their death a gift. Nobody knows how much courage we will have when we die, but the past deaths can teach us about the future and all it's possible glory.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



Welcome Neighbor STL

Dinner to Benefit Afghan Refugees
Saturday April 13th St. Cletus Parish Hall 6:30 pm

A Special Savory Meal Prepared by Afghani Chefs

Adult Menu - \$40/person

- ▶ **Bolani** (popular pan-fried flat bread with stuffing)
- ▶ **Kabuli Polaw** (Basmati rice with spices, raisins, nuts and julienned carrots)
- ▶ **Mantu** (Afghan dumplings with beef, lentils, tomatoes and spices)
- ▶ **Ashak** (fresh pasta with scallions, leeks and spices)
- ▶ **Ghosh E-fil** (fried sweet pastry)
- ▶ **Beverages** coffee (decaf), water, iced tea, lemonade (also soda, wine and beer for a donation)



**AFGHAN DINNER
IN PERSON**
AT CHURCH OF ST. CLETUS
WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 6:30PM
2705 Zumbuhl Rd, St Charles, MO 63301

Child Menu (12 and under) - \$20/child

- ▶ **Kabuli Polaw** (Nut-free)
- ▶ **Mantu** (Vegetarian)
- ▶ **Gosh E-Fil** (Nut-free)



Supporting Immigrant and Refugee families

The Church of St. Cletus invites you to a Welcome Neighbor STL Supper Club to support immigrant and refugee families in St. Louis. Enjoy food, conversation, and catching up with friends – old and new. From cultural exchange to just plain fun, look forward to a great evening.

These meals present an opportunity for immigrant and refugee families to share knowledge and skills unique to them. It is also an opportunity for us to get a glimpse into their culture. These fundraising efforts can set them on a path of greater independence and confidence in their lives here in the USA.

Carryout option is available (You can pick up your meals from 6:30 pm to 8 pm).

Pre-registration

Pre-registration and payment required (guests can specify seated dining or take-out when registering)

St. Cletus registration link to our dinner on April 13th:

<https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/afghan-dinner-at-church-of-st-cletus-april-13-in-person/>

Sponsored by St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry

All Proceeds Go to Afghan Refugees in St. Louis Region



Tuesday March 19th chicken dinner

Hosted by Knights of Columbus 823

Time 6 - 7 pm. Cost \$12.00 per person,

Knights Columbus Hall 20 Westbury Drive

Please call 636 949 0222 for reservations by March 18th.



Knights of Columbus Council 823

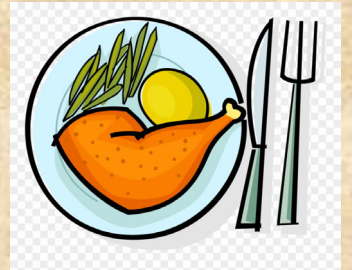
Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Serving time: 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Where: 20 Westbury Drive

Cost: adults \$12.00, children under 6 free



This dinner will benefit St. Charles Borromeo, St Cletus and St Peter Early Learning Center.

Donation of a dessert would be appreciated!

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!

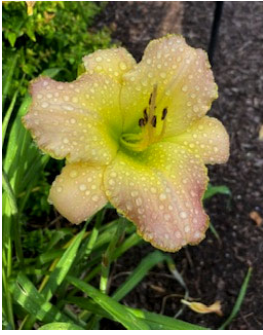
Clases de inglés están en camino!

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.



A Pattern of Reciprocity

Robin Wall Kimmerer, Potawatomi botanist, writes of our place in nature:

In the indigenous view, humans are viewed as somewhat lesser beings in the democracy of species. We are referred to as the younger brothers of Creation, so like younger brothers we must learn from our elders. Plants were here first and have had a long time to figure things out. They live both above and below ground and hold the earth in place. Plants know how to make food from light and water. Not only do they feed themselves, but they make

enough to sustain the lives of all the rest of us. Plants are providers for the rest of the community and exemplify the virtue of generosity, always offering food....

Many indigenous peoples share the understanding that we are each endowed with a particular gift, a unique ability.... It is understood that these gifts have a dual nature, though: a gift is also a responsibility. If the bird's gift is song, then it has a responsibility to greet the day with music. It is the duty of birds to sing and the rest of us receive the song as a gift.

Asking what is our responsibility is perhaps also to ask, What is our gift? And how shall we use it? [1]

1] Robin Wall Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* (Minneapolis, MN: Milkweed Editions, 2013), 346, 347.



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

**St. Charles Young Adults:
Weekly Bible study starts**

March 21!

**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.**

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

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

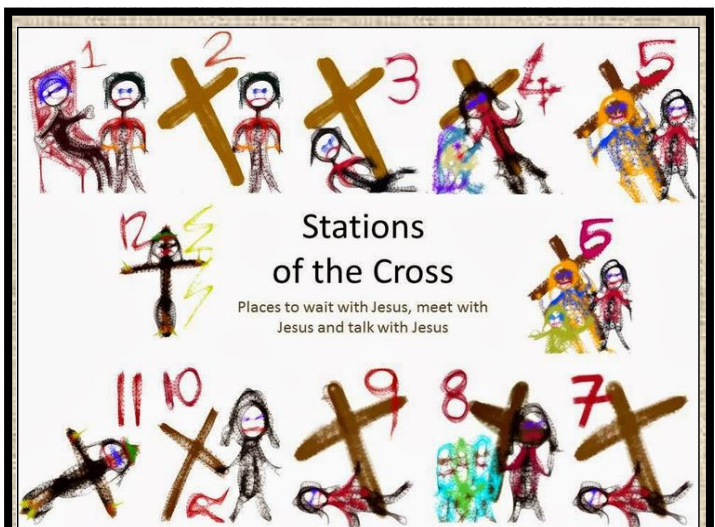
SODA & BOTTLED WATER = \$1

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.

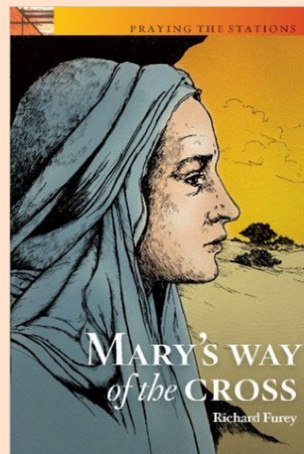
** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.

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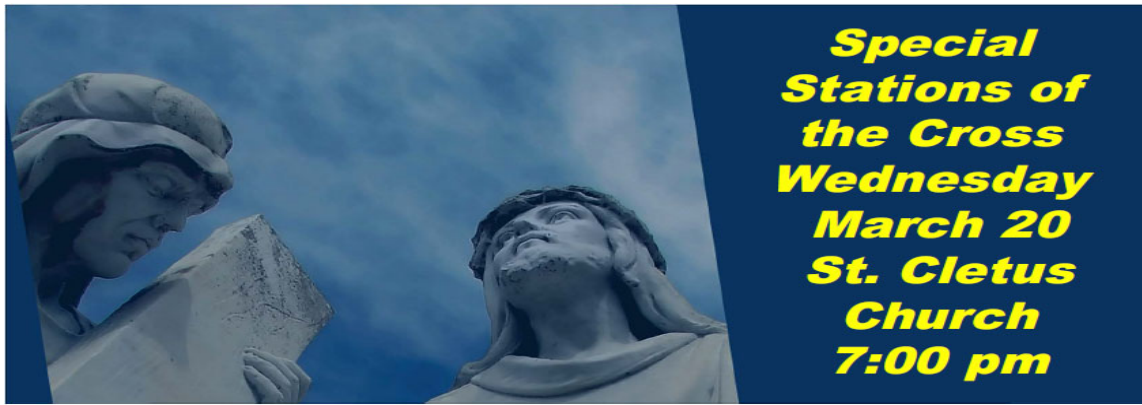
Mary's Way of The Cross



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 19 at 6:30pm.



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.

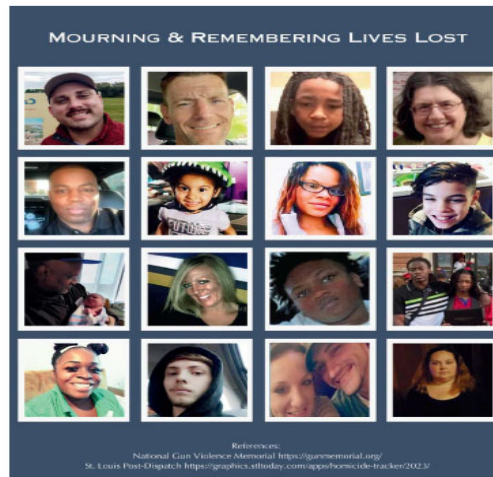
By journeying together on the Way of the Cross, we grow in our union with Christ and in our sensitivity to His presence in all victims of violence.



Please Join Us!



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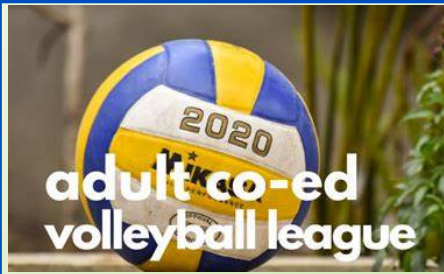
Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Fish Fry!
 Join us on Friday, March 22nd in the gym.

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!



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



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



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: _____