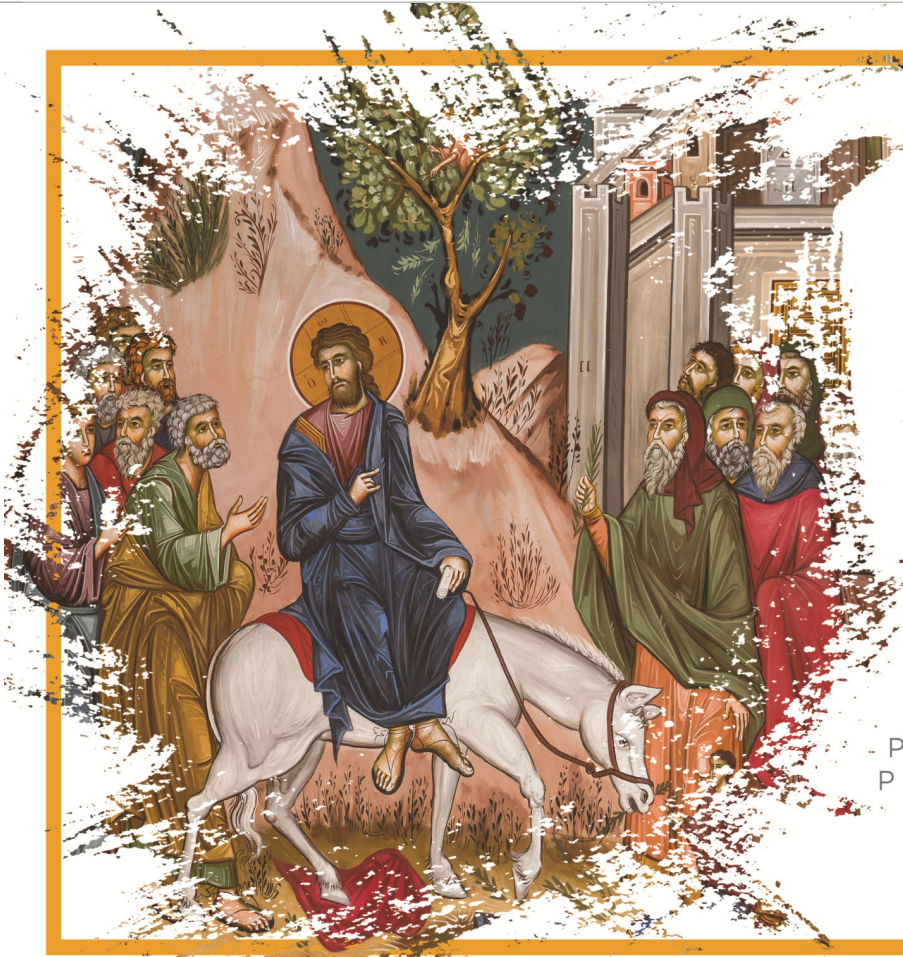


**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
**March 24, 2024**



MANY PEOPLE  
SPREAD THEIR  
CLOAKS ON THE  
ROAD, AND OTHERS  
SPREAD LEAFY  
BRANCHES THAT  
THEY HAD CUT FROM  
THE FIELDS. - MK 11:8

PALM SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION OF THE LORD

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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week**

**Mon., March 25, Monday of Holy Week**  
 7:00am † *Communion Service*  
 Presider: Deacon Mark

**Tues., March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week**  
 7:00am † *Michael Sepe*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Wed., March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week**  
 7:00am † *Jack Sammelmann*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Thur., March 28, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**  
 7:00pm † *Liz McCarthy*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Fri., March 29, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - NO MASSES**

**Sat., March 30, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**  
 8:00pm † *Becky Philipps*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

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**Sun., March 31, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord**  
 7:30am † *Our Parish Family*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
 Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
 Servers: Adult Servers (K. House & T. Schoolfield)

9:30am † *John Genenbacher, Jr.*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
 Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
 Servers: L. Henderson and J. Lowery

11:30am † *Jack Stoll*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
 Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
 Servers: E. Blaha and L. Pezold

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



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
- Arthur Flannagan
- Jim Holterman
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Phylis Peluso
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz





**PARISH COLLECTION March 10, 2024**

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 23,489.92
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,280.00
Matching.....	\$ 135.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 1,243.00



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

- 9:00AM CORNERSTONE BENZ/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
- 5:00PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BENZ
- 6:15PM PSR CLASSES SCHOOL
- 6:30PM PSR STATIONS OF THE CROSS CHURCH

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA DAY CHAPEL
- 6:30PM GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY THURSDY REHEARSAL/CHURCH
- 7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MTG CALLAHAN
- 7:00PM RCIA RECTORY BASEMENT

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

- 9:00AM QUILTERS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
- 6:30PM PEACE & JUSTICE MTG DUCHESNE
- 6:30PM MENS CLUB EXEC MTG SCHOOL CAFE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY**

- 8:00AM MORNING PRAYER CHAPEL
- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MTG BENZ
- 7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER CHURCH

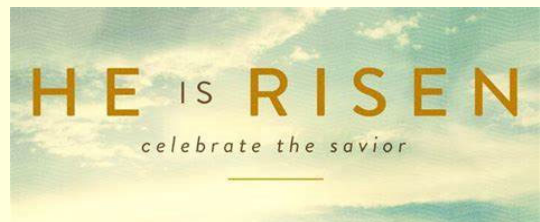
**FRIDAY, MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

- 8:00AM MORNING PRAYER CHAPEL
- 9:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 1:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS CHURCH
- 7:00PM PASSION OF THE LORD CHURCH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY**

- 8:00AM MORNING PRAYER CHAPEL
- 12:00PM RCIA REHEARSAL CHURCH
- 12:00PM EASTER VIGIL REHEARSAL CHURCH
- 8:00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS CHURCH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY**



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting families with rent, utilities, food and other expenses. Thank You!

*Wedding*  *Banns*

There is a promise of marriage between:

**Aaron Felder & Jaime Jordan - II**

Please pray for them as they prepare

**Prayer for Palm Sunday**

**Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.**



# Pastor's Message

How much does God love you?

## You are worth dying for!

God bless,  
Fr. Chris



### HOLY THURSDAY

March 28

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

March 29

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM

The Passion of the Lord Liturgy 7:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY

March 30

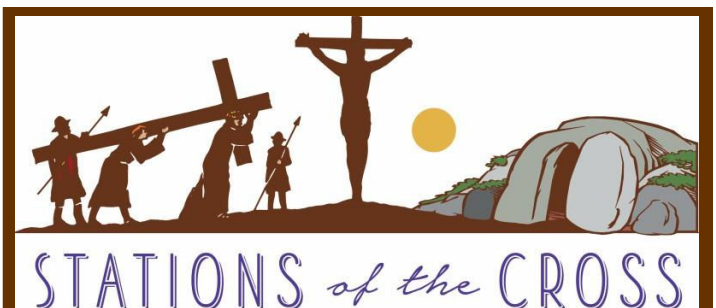
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Easter Vigil Liturgy 8:00 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY

March 31

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



Good Friday, March 29, at  
1:00 p.m. in

## SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

MARCH 31, 2024



### Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity for to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us. Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come. You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. You can also give at any time at [archstl.org/retiredpriests](http://archstl.org/retiredpriests).



### RESPECT LIFE SILENT BABY SHOWER

This weekend 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.

### The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair. We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

# **LGBTQ+ PERSONS & THE CHURCH: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER ~ A PANEL DISCUSSION**

Panelists:

**Fr. Charles Bouchard**

OP, STD,

Aquinas Institute of Theology

**Dr. Michael Meehan**

PhD, Clinical Psychology

**Ms. Julie Erdlen**

MDiv, Campus Minister,  
St. Louis University

**Ms. Barbara Buzzacco**

Parishioner,  
All Saints Parish

Grow in understanding of:

- Catholic Theology
- Spirituality
- Sexuality
- Lived Experiences of LGBTQ+ Persons
- Need for Acceptance & Outreach

**April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm**

**St. Cletus Parish Hall**

Hosted by St. Cletus

Peace & Justice Ministry



Please register using the link or the QR code:

<https://forms.gle/r7rbE3dUhRQPPqHU7>





The Feast of Divine Mercy will be observed and celebrated this year on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 601 N. Fourth Street, St. Charles, MO 63301. The celebration will begin at 2:30pm with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm, followed by The Holy Rosary. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 4:30pm.

**\*\*\*LENTEN CONFESSION will be sufficient** to obtain Plenary Indulgence when other conditions of Holy Mass, Holy Communion, Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy, detachment from all sin, and prayers offered for the Holy Father's intentions are met. **\*\*\*** For more information, please contact Ann Yeager at 636-734-7663.

### Funeral Luncheon Volunteers Needed

HELP NEEDED TO WORK WITH THE  
FUNERAL LUNCH PROGRAM. PLEASE  
CALL BETTY JUDD: 636-946-7063.

“  
Do the best you can  
until you know better.  
Then when you know  
better, do better.”

*Maya Angelou*



Totus Tuus is back at St. Charles Borromeo this year! The day program is Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 21, and open to rising 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The evening program is Sunday, June 16, – Thursday, June 20, and open to rising 7-13<sup>th</sup> graders. You can register your child here: [bit.ly/totustuusregistration](https://bit.ly/totustuusregistration). You can sign up to volunteer here: [bit.ly/totustuusvolunteers](https://bit.ly/totustuusvolunteers). You can find out more details at the registration link. Contact Kristin Jacoby with questions – [scbyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:scbyouthminister@gmail.com).



**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

**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.

**DECLINE  
 TO  
 Sign**



**Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!**

*Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.*

This petition goes too far for Missouri!

**This extreme initiative petition could:**

- **Legalize abortion as a method of birth control** and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow unlicensed abortion clinics in your neighborhood – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and **the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.**
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

**Don't be fooled!** Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe" — or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice" — or say *anything* to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!**

**DECLINE TO SIGN** any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to **DECLINE TO SIGN.**

**The future of Missouri is counting on you!**

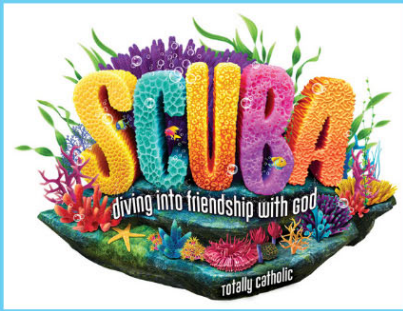
For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at [mostandswithwomen.org](http://mostandswithwomen.org)



**Missouri Stands  
 with Women**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has a long history of supporting women facing unplanned or crisis pregnancies. A wealth of **local life-affirming resources and help for pregnant mothers and their families is available** through the Walking with Moms St. Louis network at: [WalkingwithMomsSTL.com](http://WalkingwithMomsSTL.com)





# SCUBA VBS

St. Cletus Church

## June 10-14 : 9am-noon



### Join us for VBS at St. Cletus!

Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade next school year are invited to join us for VBS! You will be in small groups called crews and will travel together to different stations having fun diving into God's love for us all.

Let's dive in together!



### Stations:

- Deep Bible Adventures
- Imagination Station
- Sticky Scripture
- Reef Rec Games

And of course... Tidal Treats!!

### How you can help:

TEENS	Crew leaders and station assistants
ADULTS	Station leaders
DONATIONS	Materials and supplies to enhance the experience for the campers
PRAYERS	Keep praying for our success!
DECORATING	Like to craft? Join us on May 29th in the school cafeteria!



### Now what:



Register as a camper or volunteer

[www.vbspro.events/p/saintcletus63301](http://www.vbspro.events/p/saintcletus63301)

✉ [airbear41@hotmail.com](mailto:airbear41@hotmail.com)

Questions? Ask Erin 615-424-3405



**Ladies Auxiliary  
Scholarship**



- Would you and your family find a little extra school funding helpful? The Scholarship is \$750.00, this year.
- Are you willing to help your family with a little effort on behalf of your own schooling?
- The winner of the Scholarship will receive a Certificate of the Scholarship and the funds will be sent directly to the school in the student's name.

**ELGIBILITY**

- ◊ Attendee of a Catholic Middle or High School entering the 7th through 12th Grade in Fall of 2024.
- ◊ Student must be a resident of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
- ◊ Male or Female

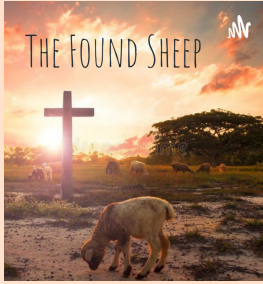


**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO**

**APPLY!**

1. Get an official application form — contact Terri Thalhammer via email (ratpack6smom@gmail.com), text (314-560-5233), or call (314-560-5233). BE SURE TO SHOW THE SUBJECT OF **“Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship”** on any correspondence forwarded to Ms Thalhammer.
2. Complete the application and all the directions listed.
3. Package the Completed Application, and all requested documents and send (with sufficient postage) to  
TERRI THALHAMMER or Email to Ms. Thalhammer  
440 SUMMER GLEN LN  
St. Charles, MO 63301

**FINAL PACKETS  
DUE BY 5/4/24!**



The Society of the Found Sheep has reaped the fruits of this ministry by giving out our first candle to the family of a loved one who came back to the church, was anointed, and passed away peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus. All Honor and Glory to God. Everyone is welcome to join us monthly as we unite our wills to God desiring All Souls to be saved.

Charlie & Ann Sickmann

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/  
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,  
15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22,  
31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps  
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,  
11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see  
1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,  
15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-  
31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30)  
or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18  
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18  
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/  
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—  
4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a,  
18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk  
16:1-7



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