St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
March 26, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- Jn 11:25

PLEASE FIND OUR EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN. NUMBER OF: 636-946-6327

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## Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

### Mon., March 27, Lenten Weekday
- 7:00am † Poor Souls in Purgatory
  Presider: Fr. Benz
- 8:00am † Communion Service
  Presider: Deacon Mark
- 10:00am † Joe Worland
  Presider: Archbishop Carlson

### Tues., March 28, Lenten Weekday
- 7:00am † Diane Echele
  Presider: Fr. Whitman
- 8:00am † Bob Glenn
  Presider: Fr. Benz
- 10:00am † Mike Sepe
  Presider: Archbishop Carlson

### Wed., March 29, Lenten Weekday
- 7:00am † Marco Barrios
  Presider: Fr. Benz
- 8:00am † Bill Worland
  Presider: Fr. Whitman
- 10:00am † Henry Witte (all school)
  Presider: Archbishop Carlson

### Thur., March 30, Lenten Weekday
- 7:00am † Tommy Gilley
  Presider: Fr. Whitman
- 8:00am † Jeanette Echele
  Presider: Fr. Benz
- 5:30pm † Priest Intention
  Presider: Fr. Whitman

### Fri., March 31, Lenten Weekday
- 7:00am † Ray Geisman
  Presider: Fr. Benz
- 8:00am † Helen Drury
  Presider: Fr. Whitman

### Sat., April 1, Lenten Weekday
- 8:00am † Martha Baronovic
  Presider: Fr. Benz

### Sat., April 1, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
- 5:00pm † Richard Helfrich
  Presider: Fr. Whitman
  Deacon: Mark McCarthy
  Servers: M. Martin and V. Martin

### Sun., April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
- 7:30am † Jen Schaeffer
  Presider: Fr. Whitman
  Deacon: Mark McCarthy
  Servers: M. Lenkemann and C. Schneider
- 9:30am † Jack Stoll
  Presider: Benz
  Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
  Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem
- 11:30am † Our Parish Family
  Presider: Fr. Benz
  Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
  Servers: L. Conway and L. Conway

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**Please pray for the sick**

- Tina Adams
- Jenny Andziejewski
- Joan Andziejewski
- Shiela Bachtell
- 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
- Patty Derhake
- Jim Doyle
- Fred Dyer
- Charli Elliston
- Emelia Emke
- Carole Ermeling
- Deacon Tony Falbo
- Joe Flood
- Margie Fortman
- Randy Gravemann
- Carol Green
- Katherine Green
- Ron Haas
- Al Hagedorn
- Michelle Haines
- Dennis Haislip
- Bella Herman
- Vi Higgins
- Jason Hoag
- Kelly Hurley
- Jack Kaiman
- Vivian Koester
- Chuck Lammert
- C J Lindner
- Joyce Lumetta
- Liz McCarthy
- Trace Gillam Martin
- Joe Marzaloes
- Lisa Masek
- Rich Meyer
- John Miller
- Norma Miller
- Mary Minton
- Kathy Muegge
- Ron Niffen
- Keith R. Noah
- Mary Fran Oldani
- Amelia Paquette
- Becky Philippis
- Dave Raley
- Jim Pini
- Rita Rast
- Jerry Reese
- Rita Reeves
- Jim Reeves
- Laura Rehagen
- Eric Reinholz
- Kenneth Robinson
- Jim Rogles
- Barbara Roth
- Ed Scaglione
- Elise Scheu
- Tim Schneider
- Mark Schoene
- Jim Schoonover
- Bob Shells
- Suellen Shuey
- Andy Stoltman, Sr.
- Caron Story
- Samantha T
- Debbie Teson
- Barbara Tuma
- Tom Walsh
- Dorothea Wallace
- Michelle Weinrich
- John Whitener
- Jenny Whitman
- Richard Wieck
- Shelly Wilfong
- Fred Wilkinson
- Mason Wlodarski
- Janet Yanez

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**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:**

† Lloyd Whitman, father of Fr. Mark Whitman

*May his soul rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.*

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**To keep current with our sick list above, please let us know when we need to add or remove anyone. Thank you!**
The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families with rent, utilities, food and other bills. Thank You!

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**PARISH COLLECTION March 12, 2023**

Regular Offertory.................. $ 12,161.51  
Online Offertory.................... $ 7,083.00  
Matching.............................. $ 135.00

**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

**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

**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27**

9:15AM CORNERSTONE  HALL/DUCHESNE/CALLAHAN  
10:00AM LIVING JOY GROUP MTG  CLETUS  
10:00AM MASS W/EXTNDED HOMILY  CHURCH  
1:00PM FRANKLIN PRESERVATION MTG  CALLAHAN  
5:00PM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY  CLETUS  
6:15PM PSR CLASSES  SCHOOL  
7:00PM PARISH MISSION  CHURCH

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS  HALL  
10:00AM MASS W/EXTNDED HOMILY  CHURCH  
11:00AM PASTORAL TEAM MTG  CALLAHAN  
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING  CLETUS  
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA  DAY CHAPEL  
7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING  CALLAHAN  
7:00PM PARISH MISSION  CHURCH

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

8:30AM QUILTERS  HALL  
10:00AM MASS W/EXTNDED HOMILY  CHURCH  
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING  CLETUS  
6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE  CHURCH  
7:00PM PARISH MISSION  CHURCH

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS  HALL  
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING  CLETUS  
6:30PM LEGION OF MARY  DAY CHAPEL  
7:00PM RCIA PENITENTIAL RITE  CHURCH

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

8:30AM LIVING STATIONS  CHURCH  
9:00AM WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP  DUCHESNE  
12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING  CLETUS  
1:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  CHURCH  
4:00PM FISH FRY  SCHOOL

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

12:00PM PRIVATE EVENT  HALL

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

12:30PM PRIVATE EVENT  HALL  
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT  HALL
WELCOME, ARCHBISHOP-EMERITUS CARLSON! My brothers and sisters of St. Cletus, we are very honored to be able to have our former archbishop visit us this week and lead our Parish Mission—please note the details about it to the right of my column, and please participate! Please also note the Litany of Trust below written by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia of the Sisters of Life. May this litany and the archbishop’s words make this Lent “a time to grow closer to Jesus!”

From the belief that I have to earn Your love
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security that I have what it takes
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute
Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and promises
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You
Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will
Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future
Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past
Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment
Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands
Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement
Deliver me, Jesus.
That You are continually holding me sustaining me, loving me
Jesus, I trust in you.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me
Jesus, I trust in you.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You
Jesus, I trust in you.

That you are with me in my suffering
Jesus, I trust in you.

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next
Jesus, I trust in you.

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church
Jesus, I trust in you.

That Your plan is better than anything else
Jesus, I trust in you.

That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me
Jesus, I trust in you.

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others
Jesus, I trust in you.

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked
Jesus, I trust in you.

That my life is a gift
Jesus, I trust in you.

That You will teach me to trust You
Jesus, I trust in you.

That You are my Lord and my God
Jesus, I trust in you.

That I am Your beloved one
Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

CHRIS STEFANICK’S “LIVING JOY” SERIES: As announced previously with regard to this wonderful book, having completed the first four chapters (“rules”) leading toward joy, we are taking a two week break for our Parish Mission led by Archbishop-emeritus’ Carlson as well as for Holy Week. We will resume after Easter with the other five “rules.” However, this “break” gives us the opportunity to review those first four “rules” and to see how well we are living them. Remember Rule 1: GIVE THANKS  Rule 2: PRACTICE SILENCE  Rule 3: LOVE YOURSELF  Rule 4: HAVE FUN  I hope that you all are making great strides in attaining the joy God wants for us!!
COME CAPTURE THE JOY OF THE PARISH MISSION
WITH ARCHBISHOP-EMERITUS ROBERT CARLSON
SUNDAY, MARCH 26 THRU MARCH 29 @ 7:00 PM
RECONCILIATION WITH 6 CONFESSORS
THE LAST NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
DAILY MASS & REFLECTION
MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY @ 10:00 AM

“THE SMALLEST BUT THE STONGEST” PARISH
If you were here for Mass last weekend, you know that I spoke at all the Masses about St. Cletus remaining a “stand alone” parish under the All Things New pastoral plan to be announced on May 28, Pentecost Sunday. I pointed out that, though the smallest parish in population and territory, we are being challenged to become the strongest in our planning area. I then invited us to learn from our Fish Fry experience to commit ourselves to this goal in large ways and small ways. Two of the small ways I encouraged to build up the spirit of our parish would be to wear our parish nametags and to serve as a greeter and/or usher at our weekend Masses. Please use this sheet to sign up for a nametag (if you have lost/can’t find) your original one, but also please use it to sign up to serve as a greeter and/or usher.
Thanks!!

Fr. Jim Benz

NAME _____________________________________   PHONE #:__________________________
(Please circle each appropriate response)
I need a parish name tag: Yes / No   Preferred Name: _______________________
I want to be a greeter: Yes / No
I want to be an usher: Yes / No

Please return this form to the Parish Office in person, via email, or in the collection basket.
Divine Mercy in My Soul .....  

The Diary of St. Faustina: A Message for our time. We’ll share the words Jesus gave St. Faustina for all of us and why we should never lose hope.

Presented by Mike Roberts
Location: St. Cletus Catholic Church
2205 Zumbehl Road
St. Charles, MO 63301
Day: Saturday, April 1, 2023,
8:00am Mass followed by
Rosary Devotion Presentation at 9:00am
Sponsored by the St. Cletus Legion of Mary

ST. CHARLES FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT
PRESENTS: TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Duchesne High School Performing Arts Center
2550 Elm, St. Charles, MO
Time: Doors open 6:00pm    Trivia begins at 7:00pm
$20 per person or $160 for table of 8 includes beer, wine, soda & water
Go online to http://bidpal.net/fobtrivia2023 to purchase tickets,
Reserve a table, sponsor a round for $100, or make a donation!
Or, send a check to
Friends of Birthright, P.O. Box 400, St. Charles, MO 63302
Questions? Call Genny Glosier: 636-947-3523 or

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood offer an Open House Tour of their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area.
For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013.
Address: 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO
Directions: Use the entrance at Main and 3rd street and take the first right.
Parking is available on the south side of chapel.
Chapel is handicapped accessible.
THE CONVERSATION:
A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues
PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

SATURDAY | APRIL 15, 2023
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided)
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary • Parish Hall
403 N Main Street • O'Fallon, MO 63366

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Principles of Catholic Bioethics,**
  Fr. Peter Fonseca, M.A., MDiv., M.S.; Pastor at St. Theodore
  - Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life
  - Quality of Life & the Dignity of the Human Person

- **Advance Directives & Estate Planning,**
  Raymond Kreinkamp; Partner at Husch Blackwell LLP

- **Charitable Legacy Planning,**
  Michael Weisbrod; Sr. Gift Advisor at Roman Catholic Foundation

- **Funeral & Cemetery Planning,**
  Fr. Nicholas Kastenholz; Pastor at Assumption
  - Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying
  - Anatomical Donation & Cremation

“This well-organized, well-presented information that everyone should hear.”
-Judy Neary, St. Clare of Assisi parishioner

To register, please visit rcfstl.org/general/the-conversation-spring-2023 or call 314.918.2890

Plan with heart.
Invest for good.
The following books have been donated to the St. Charles Public Library and the St. Cletus School Library by the Respect Life Ministry. The books written by Leslea Wahl and Janet Morana are for 12-17 year-olds. All others are for preschoolers to age 12.

**Catholic Author, Leslea Wahl:**
* The Perfect Blindside
* Extreme Blindside
* An Unexpected Role
* Unlikely Witnesses
* One Blessing at a Time: all for One

**Author, Nadia Ross:**
* You are an Amazing Boy
* You are an Amazing Girl

**Author, Jani Ortland:**
* A Child’s First Book About Marriage
* God’s Way is Always Best

**Author, Emily Ley:**
* You’re Always Enough
* More Than I Hoped For

**Author, Jay Miletisy:**
* Ricky, the Rock that Couldn’t Roll

**Author, Janet Morana:**
* Everything You Need to Know About Abortion for Teens

**Author, Marty Machowski:**
* God Made Boys and Girls

**Author, Munro Leaf:**
* The Story of Ferdinand

**Author, Anthony DeStefano:**
* The Beggar and the Bluebird

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**ST. CLETUS FISH FRY 2023**

**DRIVE-THRU AND DINE-IN**

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All meals are served with your choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Hush Puppies, Cornbread, Green Beans, FAMOUS Cole Slaw & a dessert.

**WEEKLY SPECIAL** “changes weekly” $5.00

*Week 1 – February 24*, 2023: Lobster Rangoons served with Sweet Thai Sauce
*Week 2 – March 3*, 2023: Mac & Cheese Bites served with Chipotle Ranch
*Week 3 – March 10*, 2023: Shrimp Poppers &/or Jalapeno Cheese Ravioli
*Week 4 – March 17*, 2023: Lobster Rangoons served with Sweet Thai Sauce
*Week 5 – March 24*, 2023: Mac & Cheese Bites served with Chipotle Ranch
*Week 6 – March 31*, 2023: **ALL ABOVE** +While Supplies Last
What a Blessing our Lord gave to St. Cletus School on March 9

Dr. Gregory Marie Thompson

Dr. Thompson came to speak and to share with the students — precious relics, and Devotion to the Divine Mercy and the Blessed Mother.

He brought many, many heart touching relics that the students were allowed to look at and touch. He instructed them on what the difference is between first class and second class relics. One relic was a piece of the cross of Jesus: another one a piece of the Blessed Virgin’s clothing: another one a tiny piece of bone of St. Peter. He gave each student (teachers and staff) a rosary that they could also touch to any or all of the relics — making their Rosary a third-class relic. He also provided Rosaries that students could take home to gift to someone else.

Dr. Thompson also gave each student a Miraculous Medal of our Lady and taught them a simple prayer to the Divine Mercy to say everyday for loved ones.

The presentation was informative, exciting, and fun. The students’ response was inspiring and wonderful. Everyone participated! The teachers gave applause and an A+++!

Many students, who were outside afterwards when Dr. Thompson was loading his vehicle shouted lovingly to him “Bye Mr. T” and let him know they enjoyed his visit.

THANK YOU MR. T. - from the fullness of our hearts... GOD BLESS
Hope to see you again, soon.
Here’s to new beginnings!

Join The Care Service as we partner with Chillax Tap & Co. and Vails Brothers for a relaxing evening at the new Chillax St. Peters location on Wednesday, April 12, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are available online at jacares.org under the Events tab. Proceeds support Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service’s work helping people who are facing a housing or hunger crisis take their first steps on a path toward a new beginning.

Lent 2023 Care for Creation and Justice

Two actions to consider this week

**March 26 - April 1**

Nearly half of all food in the United States **never gets eaten**, while **one in eight families in the U.S. suffer hunger**. Spend some time problem-solving on reducing food waste at home and at church.

Get ideas at www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food.

Choose a **reusable water bottle** and commit to using it instead of purchasing individual, disposable water bottles.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Fundraising Gala**

The Archdiocesan Pease & Justice Commission is sponsoring a fundraiser to help DACA recipients. For more information, contact Marie Kenyon: mariekenyon@archstl.org or 314.792.7062

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**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:___________________________________________