

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
March 31, 2024



THE STONE
REMOVED FROM
THE TOMB.

— JOHN 20:1 —

EASTER SUNDAY

PLEASE FIND OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND THE
EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN
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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., April 1, Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., April 2, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am † *Jim Millar*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., April 3, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am † *Robert Burkhardt*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., April 4, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am † *Joe Peluso*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., April 5, Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am † *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., April 6, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon: Frank

Sat., April 6, Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: I. Yanez and J. Yanez

Sun., April 7, Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

7:30am † *Janet Simon*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Furlong and C. Schneider

9:30am † *Loretta Dolan*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: A. Poulter and E. Poulter

11:30am † *Justine Peterson*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer



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

- Adele Fagan
- Therese Flannagan
- Arthur Flannagan
- Jim Holterman
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Cheryl Patton
- Jim Pini
- Eric Reinholz

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” - [Marcel Proust](#), novelist

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





PARISH COLLECTION March 17, 2024

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 16,309.55
Online Offertory.....	\$ 10,177.00
Matching.....	\$ 535.00



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, APRIL 1

10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	ROSARY FOR HEALING & HOPE	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:15PM	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MTG	BENZ
1:00PM	STAFF MEETING	CALLAHAN
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

NO ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

DONUT SUNDAY

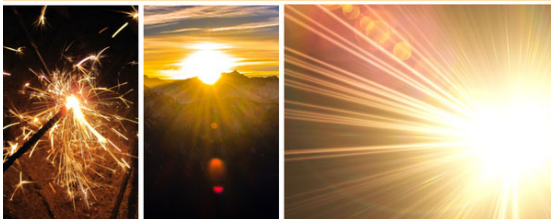


Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle), know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.



Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

DESMOND TUTU



Wedding  **Banns**

There is a promise of marriage between:

Aaron Felder & Jaime Jordan - III

Please pray for them as they prepare



Due to a conflict in the Parish Hall in April, there will not be an 'Appy Hour on April 11. Also, with spring coming, all future 'Appy Hours have been canceled.

Our Pastor's Message

Love Rises

Today we discover that you cannot bury love, it always rises. Initially, it seems that no good deed goes unpunished by this world (Jesus warns us of persecution), but in the end love turns everything upside down. You can try to stop it, but in the end it rises to the top. People in the grave come out above ground.

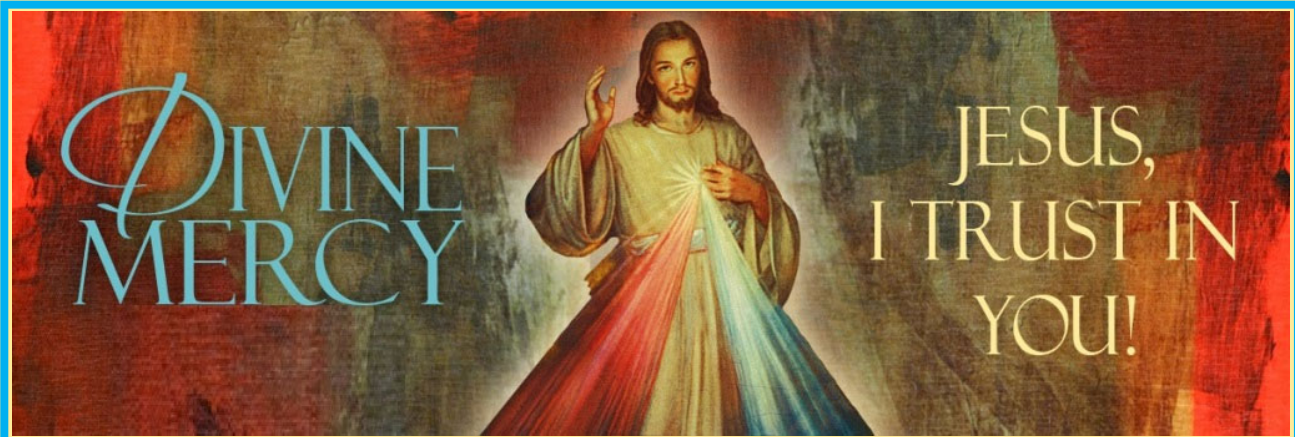
I know if you are young or even old, you may never have experienced the pattern that love always rises. You may not have been around long enough or stuck it out long enough to see it happen. Have you seen the pattern of love? If you look at history through the prism of love, you might just see it come alive. Just look at the early church. How the church chose to face violence with love. Just think of the thousands of martyrs that eventually led to Christianity becoming a free religion. Sadly, we lost track of our nonviolent roots and were robbed by the empires who even justified violence through our faith, but love would rise again and again through the saints. Look at St. Francis who came along at a low point in the church. He embraced the Gospel and in turn embraced poverty. His poverty of all things revolutionized the church and the world at the time. Just look at the last century. What about Rosa Parks who refused to take her seat in the back of the bus in the name of love. That was one of the things that ignited the nonviolent movement for civil rights. What about Lech Walesa who went on strike against communism in the solidarity movement and his country? Poland and many other countries were freed. What about Nelson Mandela who was imprisoned for many years only to free his country. It might not even be a Christian person per se that shows us the pattern. Look at a person like Mahatma Gandhi who chose to face violence with love. His country was freed from under the rule of Britain. Love is Catholic meaning love is universal.

Let me proclaim it again, God is love and love never dies. We see this crystallized in the person of Jesus Christ. The Son of God reveals the pattern. He faced his crucifixion and death with love. He appeared to die. It appeared that love failed only to rise gloriously in three days. A church that was left for dead hiding in a room became the largest religion in the world. Christ revealed the pattern in himself that had been hidden since the beginning of time, the third act. Love rises.

How many times do we need to see the pattern to take hold of it. Maybe right now you are living in those three days where you have loved and love has seemed to vanish, your life seems empty. Maybe, it's the worst time in your life. You lost a loved one, you lost your job, you hate your job, your son is being bullied at school because of his orientation, your marriage is at a dead end, maybe you are dealing heavily with depression, you are being persecuted for what you believe, you are facing frailty or a terminal illness. I want you to do one thing. Partially quoting Mother Theresa, I want to say, "Love anyway."¹ Hold out. Don't let it or them keep you from opening yourself up to love. I promise you love will rise, and you will rise. You will love again. You will eventually find an eternal love and an eternal joy that will never die. Sometimes in history it takes a long time with much tribulation and even death but love always rises and you will live eternally.

Happy Easter,
Fr. Chris

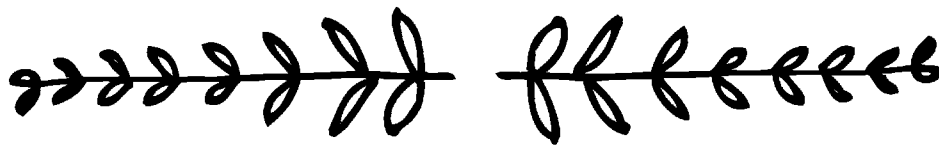
1. Mother Teresa's Poem "Anyway"



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.



This petition goes too far for Missouri!

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 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



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



URGENT NEED FOR USHERS

St. Cletus ushers are looking for volunteers to assist passing the collection baskets at all Masses, especially 11:30. This only takes about 10 minutes. If willing to help please text Dan Peters at 314-496-0879 or see one of the ushers before Mass. Please include the Mass you can help at. Thank you.

“We are made for togetherness. We are made for all the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders.”
Desmond Tutu, God has a Dream.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Cletus Parish Picnic

May 18 & 19, 2024

Food • Rides • Games • Prizes • Music

Live Music by
Anthony Russo & Co.
and
Brewtopia

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 Psychologist,
Chief Care Officer,
Catholic Charities

Ms. Julia Erdlen

MDiv, Campus Minister,
St. Louis University

Ms. Barbara Buzzacco

Parishioner,
All Saints Parish

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>



Grow in understanding of:

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



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

TRIVIA NIGHT!

**Benefitting Birthright St. Charles
Saturday, April 13, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Duchesne High School

\$200 for table of 8 includes

Beer, Wine, Soda & Water

Go to <http://bidpal.net/fobtrivia2024>

to purchase tickets

Or call Genny Glosier 636-947-3523

or Susie Choinka 314-341-0288



Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors

The new session of our exercise class, a 7-week session, is starting **April 9, 2024**, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30—9:30am, \$35 for the session. For more information contact: Marianne Belcke, MHS, OTR/L, 314-265-5231

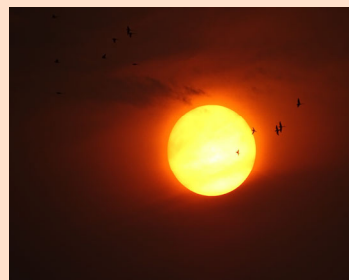
sbelcke@gmail.com; or Judy Voss, Certified Personal Trainer, 314-330-5831 judvoss@sbcglobal.net



ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE



"PLEASE SEE AN USHER OR DEACON TO OBTAIN A DEVICE"

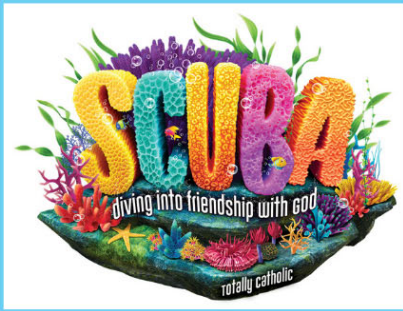


"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord."
—Jeremiah 17:7

Most of us plan for the future by investing in a savings account. Jesus also spoke of the importance of storing up treasures—treasures in heaven. That's something we can all do through simple words of trust—prayers of confidence in God's ever-present love. Whenever we trust in his plan for today and tomorrow, we are building up a savings account for those days ahead that may present real challenges and difficult problems. We build up that account by trusting God in small things. Trust him for his love today; trust him for some relatively simple thing—a simple task. Then when life brings troubles that deplete your energy and threaten to leave you feeling emotionally and spiritually bankrupt, your savings account of trust will be more than enough to see you through.

Lord, help me to so trust you that I completely abandon myself into your hands. Amen

—from the book *Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate* by Monsignor Frank Bognanno



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

✉ airbear41@hotmail.com

Questions? Ask Erin 615-424-3405





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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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: _____