

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
March 3, 2024

**TAKE THESE
OUT OF
HERE.**

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., March 4, Lenten Weekday

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

Tues., March 5, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Louis Weseman*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., March 6, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *John J. Rabbitt*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., March 7, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Liz McCarthy*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Robert Ledinsky (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., March 8, Lenten Weekday

7:00am † *Frank George, Sr.*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., March 9, Lenten Weekday

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

Sat., March 9, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

Sun., March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am † *Leo & Amelia Paquette*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: A. Poulter and E. Poulter
9:30am † *John Genenbacher*
Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: I. Yanez and J. Yanez
11:30am † *Madelene Peitz*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer



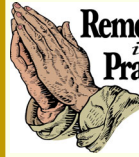
From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† **Glenn Kristek**, brother of Sue Mettlach and uncle of Greg Mettlach

† **Richard Middendorf**

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



Remember in Prayer

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

- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Maxwell Dutt
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- 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

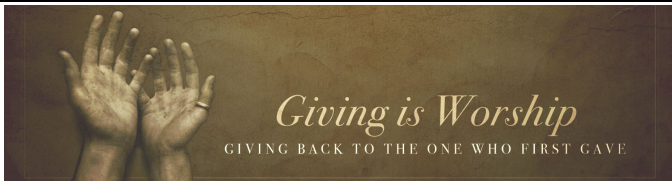
BAPTISMS:
Please contact Deacon Mark McCarthy to arrange for date and time.

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



PARISH COLLECTION February 18, 2024

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 15,907.71
Online Offertory.....	\$ 10,492.00
Matching.....	\$ 2,535.00



In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's

love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family that you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (636-255-1750) so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.



To The People of St. Cletus

Dear Friends at St. Cletus,

Many, many thanks for your generosity to our students through your Giving Tree. We can't begin to tell you how much we and our students' parents appreciate your kindness to our children.

You helped so many of our students in so many ways — please know that we thank you for your special friendship to all of us.

May God bless each of you with a new year full of good health and great joy.

We pray for our benefactors every day and we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to watch over our dear friends from St. Cletus!

*Sincerely,
Peggy O'Brien
Co-principal*



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ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
3:00PM	DAISY GIRL SCOUT MEETING	DUCHESNE
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:15PM	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPEHN MINISTRY MEETING	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
1:00PM	STAFF MEETING	CALLAHAN
6:00PM	DISCOVERING CHRIST PROGRAM	HALL

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	DAY CHAPEL
1:00PM	RETREAT SET UP	HALL
4:00PM	FISH FRY	SCHOOL

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00AM	DISCOVERING CHRIEST RETREAT	HALL
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SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:30AM	RCIA (SECOND SCRUTINY)	CHURCH
11:45AM	BAPTISMS	CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR**Divine Anger**

Why was Jesus so angry in this Sunday's Gospel? You have to understand how people were stealing money from the poor right in broad daylight in the name of God. First things first, your money was no good in the Temple. The money that was used in society especially Roman coin was considered profane. To give to the Temple, as all were called to do, required that you exchange your money for basically Temple money. The money changers took advantage of this and charged a nice commission in the exchange. Now your money was worth less and if you wanted to change it back there was probably a commission for that too. Of course, you needed a sacrifice to get into the Temple. You needed an animal. Animals to be sacrificed were not allowed to have any blemishes per law. Most animals were not accepted. Therefore you had to pay to buy an animal at the Temple for the sacrifice that was approved by the priests. Don't forget Jesus was against such sacrifices in the first place. Money was passing hands all over the place and the priests were more than likely at the top of the scheme. As you can see, it was quite a money racketing scheme that preyed mostly on the poor all in the name of God. Is it any wonder that Jesus was furious?

Now many people use this passage to claim their own righteous anger in hurting someone else. After all Jesus did it. I don't believe Jesus hurt anyone except their pride. Sure, he overturned tables full of money and the animals and their cages. I know you might be thinking about the whip. Have you ever cracked a whip in a room full of animals? They run. It must have been a crazy sight to see. Jesus' anger was on full display. Yet, in the midst of it, he offers his life. Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.

This begs the question, "does God get angry at us?" We might be quick to point out our "righteous" anger at others, but we better be ready to have that plank (two by four) removed from our own eyes first. What might God be angry at us about? We might be concerned about hot-button sexual sins that we all know. Yet, Jesus seemed to be most merciful when it came to these (see the woman caught in adultery). I think what Jesus could be most angry about is our ignorance and hypocrisy. This seems to be what made Jesus most mad in the Gospels. So, what could he be angry at us about? Could he be angry at our ignorance of the poor? Could he be angry about our ignorance of community? Could he be angry about our lack of forgiveness? Could he be angry about our prejudices? How often have I heard that this is just the way I am when it comes to our prejudices. Not good enough. This might be frightful to examine. Good news though, God might be angry, but I believe there is no wrath in God, no revenge. His anger is about wanting us to change and not just for others, but also for ourselves. He wants what's best for us and doesn't want us to settle for less. If we reject the poor and community, pretty soon it will be all the other imperfect human beings in this world. We are making a nice hole in the ground to live in away from everybody. God is not going to deny us if we want isolation, but that doesn't mean he is happy about it. This gets into a topic for another day, divine sadness. Remember Jesus cried for Jerusalem as he wished he could gather all of us up.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



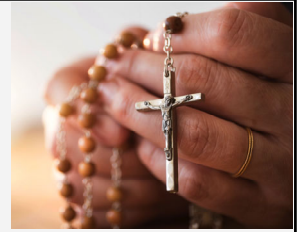
MONTHLY ROSARY FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Please join us in the Daily Chapel,
6:00-6:30 p.m. on the First Tuesday of each
month as we come together to pray the

Rosary for your special intentions as well as those intentions that others have asked us to remember in prayer. In addition to our personal intentions, we pray for healing and hope for our world and for our Church. There will also be opportunity to place your prayers at the altar in the prayer basket.

The next gathering will be Tuesday, March 5.

"Where two or three are gathered, there I am..."



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.



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.

Immaculate Conception Dardenne **Annual Quilt Social**

March 16, 2024, in our Parish Hall
(lower level of large church)
7717 Town Square Avenue,
Dardenne Prairie
Doors open at 10am.
Bingo begins at Noon
Come Join us for an afternoon of
fun and fellowship.
Must 16 years or older to participate
Bingo, Pot of Gold, Quilt Raffle
Lunch will be available for purchase

Sacred Heart Church **St. Ann's Sodality of Troy, MO**

34th annual Quilt Social
Knights of Columbus Hall,
Hwy J in Troy, MO
Sunday, March 17, 2024
Doors will open at 11:30 AM
Bingo begins at 1:00 PM
Food and refreshments will be
available for purchase.
Quilt games, money games, door prizes,
pull tabs, Pot of Gold, raffles and fun.
*Due to State Laws – NO ONE under
age 16 will be allowed in the building.*

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!



Peace & Justice Supports Archdiocesan Outreach to Migrants

Thousands of migrants from all over the world, mainly Hispanic, have been crossing the Mexican border into the United States. Whether or not one agrees with current US border policy, as Catholics we have a responsibility to assist them in their settlement. Three principles of Catholic Social Teaching apply here...the life and dignity of the human person, a call to family, community and participation, and the preferential option for the poor.



Once crossing the Mexican border, many migrants arrive at Saint Louis before traveling on to their relatives, family, or sponsor locations. The archdiocese, through the Office of Peace & Justice and the Immigration Task Force, has been working to temporarily house, feed and clothe them, and then arrange for further transportation to their destination.

Because most migrants come with little to no possessions, among the items they receive are personal hygiene kits containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, deodorant, lotion, sanitizer, razors... a total of 17 items in each kit. Last year, Sr. Cathy Doherty requested, and Peace & Justice funded and prepared, 100 such kits. These were recently distributed to two busloads of Guatemalan migrants in January.

Upon request, we recently prepared and sent to Rigali Center an additional 100 kits for the next arrival of migrants. Due to funding limitations, we reached out to St. Charles Borromeo parish St. Vincent de Paul conference, who generously provided a donation of \$500. We are very grateful.

The kits are a small gesture of support and comfort to a migrant, but a big reminder that we are our brother's keeper.



St. Peter Julian Eymard

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.



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




Jumbo Shrimp Cocktails are back for \$5! Dine in Only.

STATIONS

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CROSS



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)

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

Volunteer through signupgenius.com:



** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.

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St. Cletus Open House

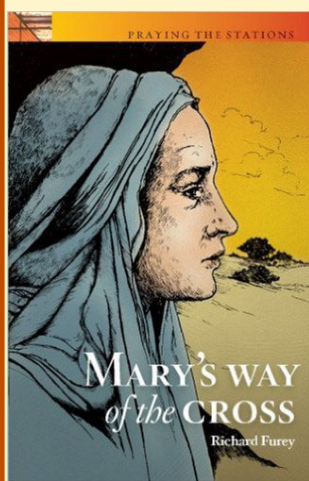
We would like to welcome families interested in St. Cletus Preschool and Elementary School to attend our upcoming Open House on

Tuesday, March 5

from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please join us if you have questions regarding the school program or call Rosann Doherty at 636-946-7756.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



Mary's Way of The Cross

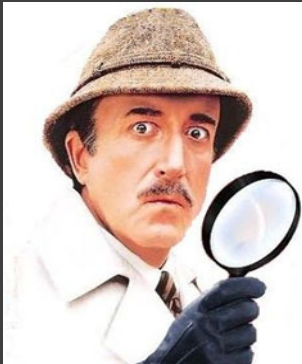
It has been a Catholic tradition through the centuries to meditate on the Way of the Cross, so that it becomes our way of life. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made that first way of the cross. These **stations**, called **Mary's Way of the Cross**, attempt to present that **view-point**. In these stations 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.



THANK YOU for making our recent **St. Vincent DePaul GIFT CARD DRIVE** a success!
Your support for our Neighbors in Need is appreciated!
St. Cletus St. Vincent de Paul

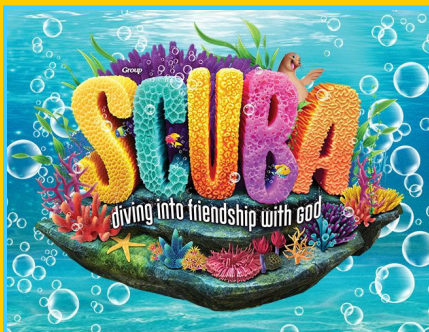
Lost Plates!



Peace and Justice and Room at the Inn are looking for the set of 24 Corelle 8-inch white dinner plates that were in the parish hall kitchen prior to Covid. They seem to have been moved and the location is unknown. Please help if you know where they are.

We would like to use them for a special event coming up this spring. If you know where they are please call the parish office at 636-946-6327 ext. 1710 and let Mary or Cindy know.

Thank you.



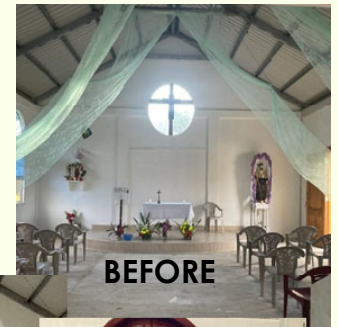
Vacation Bible School is diving into plans for our SCU-BA week **June 10-14**. Registrations will be coming soon but make sure to save the date in the meantime.

We are looking for adult volunteers to help run the stations. You will have wonderful teens helping and all plans are already made.

If you would like to help, please text or call Erin McMillian 615-424-3405.

Honduras Church Update

Entering the Church of St. James the Apostle, you'd never know it was the stark, incomplete, uninspiring church that stood in that spot just 10 months ago. The once dusty concrete floors now bear the image of the cross in beautiful ceramic tile. Spiritual items have been purchased for the celebration of mass, and a bell rings out the invitation to the Lord's supper. The choir loft is no longer lacking a railing, the sacristy now has a door, and numerous other improvements have been made. Most importantly, Jesus now has a sacred, beautifully crafted tabernacle in which to dwell! Formation for Eucharistic ministers is underway with the goal of bringing the Eucharist to the church this month! The transformation has extended to the faithful, who are now enthusiastically participating in new ministries, bringing new life to this faith community. This would never have been possible without your great generosity, and Mojaguay's Catholic community asked me to convey this message, "God bless you St. Cletus for your great love for us! You will be in our prayers! Muchas gracias!"



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13,
15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9,
10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,
20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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 those that are struggling with the church teachings.

All are welcome.

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

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: _____