Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023

From the cloud
came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”
Matthew 17:5

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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!

Please pray for the reposes of the souls of:

† Thomas Gilley, the son of Carol Gilley
† Anthony Catalano father of Mary Scoggin and grandfather of Tony Scoggin

May their souls rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.
PARISH COLLECTION February 19, 2023
Regular Offertory..............  $19,424.50
Online Offertory............... $10,834.00
Matching........................ $2,935.00

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him.” Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle) will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

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 6
9:15AM  CORNERSTONE
5:00PM  MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
6:15PM  PSR CLASSES

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
8:30AM  SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS
10:30AM  WW
11:00AM  PASTORAL TEAM MTG
12:00PM  PRIVATE MEETING
5:30PM  ROSARY
6:00PM  PTO GENERAL MTG
7:00PM  WW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
8:30AM  QUILTERS
10:00AM  FR. MARK BIBLE STUDY
12:00PM  PRIVATE MEETING
1:30PM  SCHOOL BENEDICTION
6:00PM  CHOIR PRACTICE
6:30PM  MEN’S CLUB GEN MTG

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
8:30AM  SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS
12:00PM  PRIVATE MEETING
5:00PM  PARISH H’APPY HOUR
6:30PM  LEGION OF MARY
7:00PM  RCIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
9:00AM  WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP
12:00PM  PRIVATE MEETING
4:00PM  FISH FRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
12:00PM  1ST COMMUNION SPECIAL DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
8:00AM  3RD COMMUNION COMMITMENT
9:30AM  RCIA RITE
11:30AM  3RD GR. COMMITMENT MASS
2:30PM  BLAZE MEETING
7:00PM  LIFE TEEN NIGHT
“BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU.” In my homily two weeks ago, when Jesus spoke these words in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:38-48), as a way to live these words, I suggested that we keep in mind the living miracle that is the person standing in front of us, and then, as one fascinated by science, I suggested that we visit a very interesting website titled “92 Amazing Human Body Facts” because doing so has helped me to do just that: to love my enemies and pray for my persecutors. In that homily, I focused on numbers 2, 8, and 20 (#2. Messages from the human brain travel along nerves at up to 200 miles an hour. #8. If a human being’s DNA were uncoiled, it would stretch 10 billion miles, from Earth to Pluto and back. #20. The brain contains 86 billion nerve cells joined by 100 trillion connections. This is more than the number of stars in the Milky Way.) Here are more amazing facts: #1. The largest bone in the human body is the femur. It can support 30 times the weight of a person’s body. Ounce for ounce, that’s stronger than steel. #3. In an adult human, 25% of their bones are in the feet. #4. The gluteus maximus is the body’s largest muscle. #5. A human’s ears and nose never stop growing. #6. There are more bacteria in a human mouth than there are people in the world. #7. A human’s little finger contributes over 50% of the hand’s strength. #9. Within three days of dying, the enzymes that digested a person’s food will begin to digest that person’s body. #10. For an adult human, taking just one step uses up to 200 muscles. #11. A human skeleton renews itself completely every 10 years. #12. The same skin cells that make up a human vagina are the same type of cells that are in a human mouth. #13. By the time a person reaches 70 years old, he or she will have consumed over 12,000 gallons of water. #14. Bone is five times stronger than a steel bar of the same width, but it is brittle and can fracture on impact. #15. The body can detect taste in .0015 seconds, which is faster than the blink of an eye. #16. Every hour, humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin, or about 1.5 pounds every year. By the time a person is 70 years old, they will have lost about 105 pounds of skin. #17. The largest cell in the human body is an egg (or ovum) and is barely visible to the naked eye. #18. Taste buds are not visible to the naked eye; the little bumps that can be seen on the tongue are actually papillae, on top of which rest the taste buds. #19. There are ten times more bacteria cells in your body than human cells. #21. Like fingerprints, each human tongue has its own unique print. We are indeed amazing creatures reflecting the glory of God! What great miracles we are!

THIS WEEK WE CONTINUE OUR “LIVING JOY” SERIES: RULE 2: PRACTICE SILENCE

Jesus often withdrew to deserted places and prayed. — Luke 5:16

Questions to consider: 1. Think of a time when you have experienced profound silence. Describe how you felt. 2. What will come in the way of you creating more silence in your schedule? 3. What is your go to media “addiction”? Do you generally feel happier afterwards? 4. G.K. Chesterton said “The world is dry, not for lack of wonders, but for lack of wonder.” When we lack silence, we lose wonder. What things stir up wonder in you? Do you spend enough time in awe and wonder of things like family, friends, prayer, art, and nature? What gift do you most overlook because of the noise in your life? 5. Fr. Karol Wojtyla (later Pope St. John Paul II) was once quoted as saying that the overcrowded Paris Metro was a “superb” place for contemplation. What do you think he meant by this? The Challenge: 1. Stop. Breathe. Think. Take a minute to simply pay attention to the sights and sounds around you. And try the Jesus Prayer that Chris described in the video. 2. Put limits on your screen time. In what way can you realistically cut back? What increased screen limits will you give yourself on Sunday? (And while you’re limiting your screen time, it’s okay to be bored. In those mo-
This Thursday March 9 at 7:00 pm, Nancy Hammond and Paul Borgsmiller will present part two of "Respect for Life and Human Dignity." Come and join the RCIA group and other interested Catholics in the Duchesne Room for this opportunity to hear about this call to moral responsibility by all in the Church.

Desert Day: Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main, O’Fallon, MO on March 14, 2023, from 9:15 am - 3:15 pm and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org
ST. CLETUS
FISH FRY 2023

DRIVE-THRU AND DINE-IN

#1 Fried Cod Meal (2pc.)...........................$14.00
#2 Fried Catfish Meal (2pc.)......................$14.00
#3 Baked Fish Meal (1pc.)..........................$14.00
#4 Fried Shrimp Meal (8pc.)........................$14.00
#5 Crab Cake Meal (2pc.)..........................$14.00
#6 Small Cod Meal (1pc.)..........................$10.00
#7 Small Catfish Meal (1pc.)......................$10.00

ALL Meals are Served with your choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Hush Puppies, Cornbread, Green Beans, FAMOUS Cole Slaw & a dessert.

#8 Whole Cheese Pizza.............................$12.00
NO SIDES

CRAB CAKES Available EVERY WEEK...2 FOR $5.00

JUMBO SHRIMP COCKTAIL Available
*DINE-IN ONLY... 8 FOR $5.00

WEEKLY SPECIAL  *changes weekly*.......$5.00
Week 1 - February 24th, 2023: Lobster Rangoons served w/Sweet Thai Sauce
Week 2 - March 3rd, 2023: Mac & Cheese Bites served w/ Chipotle Ranch
Week 3 - March 10th, 2023: Shrimp Poppers &/or Jalapeno Cheese Ravioli
Week 4 - March 17th, 2023: Lobster Rangoons served w/Sweet Thai Sauce
Week 5 - March 24th, 2023: Mac & Cheese Bites served w/ Chipotle Ranch
Week 6 - March 31st, 2023: ALL ABOVE  *While Supplies Last
FISH FRY INFO
Thank you for your time & for making our Fish Fry a success!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - FRIDAY, MARCH 31
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:
Now accepting homemade desserts every Friday from 8am-3pm.

Volunteer through signupgenius.com:

** You can work ANY shifts, ANY Friday.

WEEKLY SPECIALS: $5.00

EVERY week
Crab Cakes (2 for $5)
Week 1: February 24
Lobster Rangoons
Week 2: March 3
Mac & Cheese Bites
Week 3: March 10
Shrimp Poppers &/or Jalapeño Cheese Ravioli
Week 4: March 17
Lobster Rangoons
Week 5: March 24
Mac & Cheese Bites
Week 6: March 31
ALL ABOVE *While Supplies Last

FEBRUARY 24
Cletus Spirit Night

MARCH 3
STL City Soccer Night

COME MEET OTHER ST. CLETUS FAMILIES!

MARCH 10
Surprise Musical Guest

MARCH 17
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

MARCH 24
Book Fair, Doozles Night

MARCH 31
Cardinals Baseball Night

Questions? Email wearestcletus@gmail.com or call Becky Williamson at 314-630-6696
DEACON DIAPER DRIVE
AND
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY
BABY SHOWER

We will be collecting diapers and baby items on the weekends of March 18/19 and March 25/26. Diapers are costly so the need is great. We will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults to assist families in our community. Sizes 3, 4, and 5 are especially needed, but all sizes are definitely accepted.

Baby items needed: pacifiers, onesies, sleepers, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment, receiving blankets, crib blankets or quilts, teething toy, crib sheets, baby bottles, hooded towels, and washcloths. Any handcrafted items such as hats and blankets are appreciated also. The items will be taken to agencies in St. Charles that help mothers and their children in need.

Lent 2023 Care for Creation and Justice

Two actions to consider this week

March 5 - March 11

Carve out time for landscape or garden-planning. Cut back on or eliminate pesticide use this year. What role could native and pollinator-friendly plants play in your landscape? Write down one planned action you will take to honor God’s creation with your landscape or garden plans this spring. Not able to landscape? Check out community gardens and house plant opportunities.

Decide not to add any items to landfills today. Use real cups, cloth napkins, reusable bags for groceries, and reusable water bottles.

Missouri Right to Life
“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Action Day
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Missouri State Capitol

Bus transportation is available from several sites in the St Louis metro and surrounding areas. Bus registration deadline is March 1. Sign up online at www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday.
Or contact Missouri Right to Life-Eastern Region at 314.434.490
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 viewpoint. 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 Thursday March 9, and 16 at 6:30pm, following 5:30pm Mass in the Church.

St. Cletus Open House

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

Please join us today, Sunday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Individual tours are available upon request.

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!!

Men's 60+ Senior Softball League

is accepting applications for the 2023 season.

Double-headers on Wednesdays at 4:30pm

Schneider-Kiwanis Park

If interested email: herbieo.jr@gmail.com
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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:___________________________________________