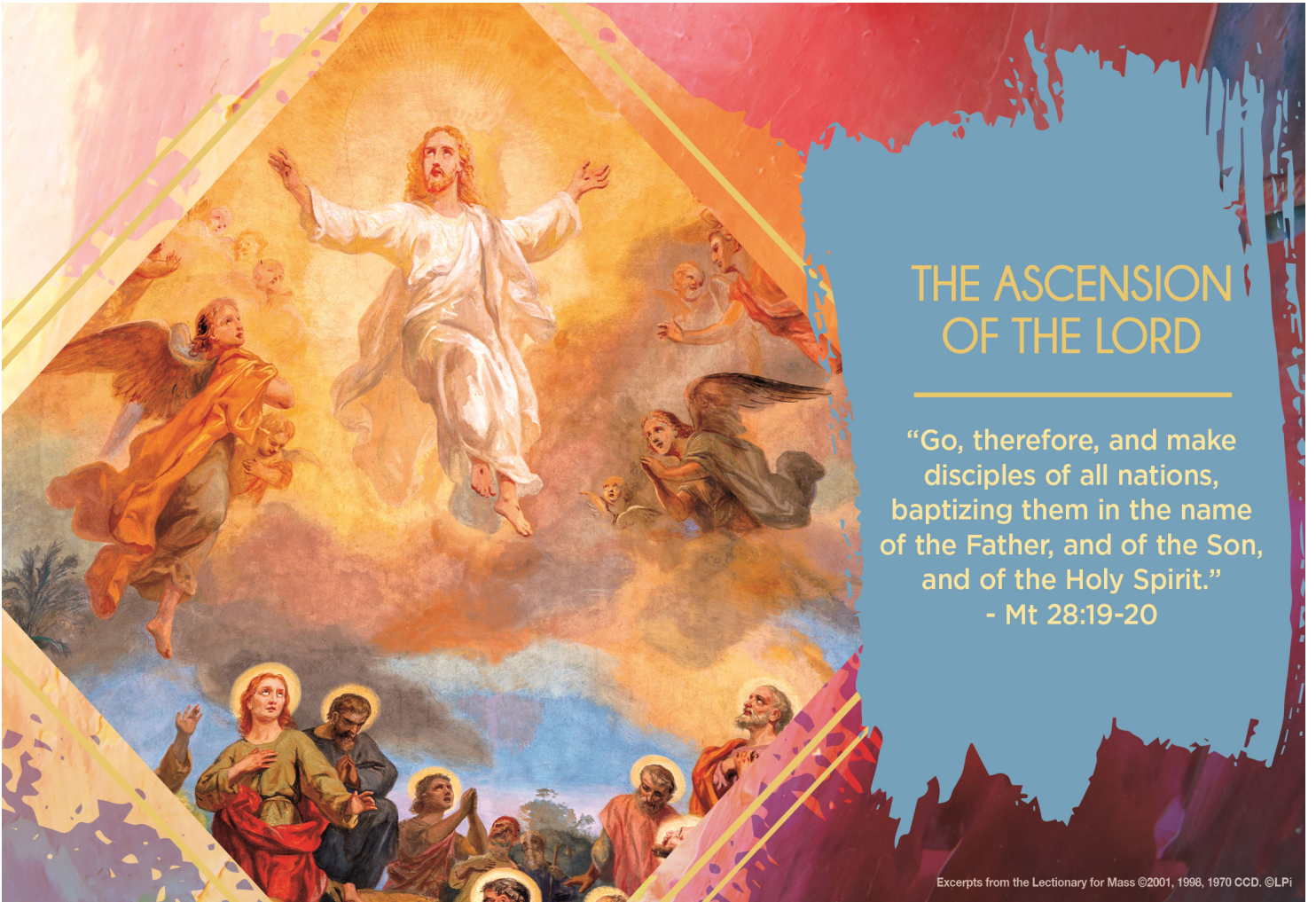


St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
May 21, 2023



**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

“Go, therefore, and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.”
- Mt 28:19-20

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**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., May 22, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Thomas Cianferri*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., May 23, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Michael Roch Zerr*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *Anna Rothermich*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Wed., May 24, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Joe Eberhard*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Delores "Dolo" Boschert*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Thur., May 25, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Jean Schaeffer*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

8:00am † *June Miller*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Fri., May 26, Saint Philip Neri

7:00am † *Edward Colloton*

Presider: Fr. Benz

8:00am † *Lloyd Whitman (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Sat., May 27, Easter Weekday

8:00am † *Ginny Hussey*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Sat., May 27, Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm † *Greg Viscomi*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: M. Martin and V. Martin

Sun., May 28, Pentecost Sunday

7:30am † *Jim Johnston*

Presider: Fr. Whitman

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: M. Furlong and C. Schneider

9:30am † *Connie Hanson*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: C. Anderson and M. Warren

11:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Benz

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: M. Basler and R. Basler



Tina Adams
Joan Andrzejewski
Rose Andrzejewski
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
Susan Dauten
Patty Derhake
Jim Doyle
Fred Dyer
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
Randy Gravemann
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
Al Hagedorn
Michelle Haines
Bella Herman
Vi Higgins
Jason Hoag
Erin Hogan
Kelly Hurley
Jack Kaiman
Chuck Lammert
C J Lindner
Joyce Lumetta

Liz McCarthy
Trace Gillam Martin
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Mary Minton
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Sandra Perry
* Phillip Peters
Jim Pini
Dave Raley
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Rita Reeves
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Barbara Roth
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Sue Schneider
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoone
Jim Schoonover
Bob Shells
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Linda Tocco
Barbara Tuma
Tom Walsh
Dorothea Wallace
Michelle Weinrich
John Whitener
Jenny Whitman
Richard Wieck
Shelly Wilfong
Fred Wilkinson
Mason Wlodarski


To keep current with our sick list above, please let us know when we need to add or remove anyone. Thank you!



We may speak about a place where there are no tears, no death, no fear, no night; those are just the benefits of heaven. The beauty of heaven is seeing God!



PARISH COLLECTION May 7, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 14,755.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,622.00
Matching.....	\$ 605.00
Honduran Church.....	\$ 4,494.20



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 636-255-1750 so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

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

May

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 22

10:00AM	LIVING JOY GROUP MTG	DAY CHAPEL
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	DAY CHAPEL
6:30PM	PEACE & JUSTICE MEETING	DAY CHAPEL

TUESDAY, MAY 23

11:00AM	PASTORAL TEAM MEETING	RECTORY
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	RECTORY
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY CURIA	DAY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	RECTORY
5:00PM	GRADUATION	DAY CHAPEL
6:00PM	GRADUATION	CHURCH
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MTG	RECTORY

THURSDAY, MAY 25

12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	RECTORY
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, MAY 26

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DAY CHAPEL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	RECTORY
5:30PM	WEDDING REHEARSAL	CHURCH


SATURDAY, MAY 27

2:00PM	WEDDING	CHURCH
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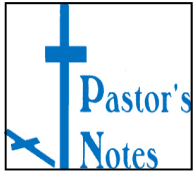
SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	CHURCH
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Wedding  *Banns*

There is a promise of marriage between:
Michael Breaux & Kearston Baalman - III
Becky Ahlheim & Gabe Lopez - II
 Please pray for them as they prepare



**WHILE NOT
QUITE THE
SAME AS
WHERE'S
WALDO OR
FIND FLAT
STANLEY,**

CAN YOU FIND ME HERE?

This is my kindergarten class at St. Margaret of Scotland School in 1953. Please try to find me—you will find the answer as to which one of these cherubs I am at the bottom of this page. This past Wednesday, May 17, was the 50th anniversary of my diaconate ordination while this past Thursday was the 49th anniversary of my priesthood ordination. I include this photo not “to toot my own horn” but to wonder about and to glory in all the folks who have contributed to making me to be me! Please be sure to take the time to do so yourself. As I like to remind parents who approach me to have their children baptized, children are pure potential and that they, as parents, are to be “sculptors.” We normally think of a sculptor as one who takes ordinary materials such as clay, marble, or metal and turns that ordinary material into a work of art. I like to remind parents that they are sculptors, not that they are working with clay, marble, or metal turning it into a work of art; but that they are working with ordinary human flesh and that their jobs as sculptors is to turn that ordinary human flesh into a work or art. Today’s Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus has entrusted his Church to us but, as so, he has entrusted us to each other. Let’s do our best to turn each other into works of art! **Where am I?** The second last row on the left right in front of the young man with the necktie.



Faith Alive in the Home Conference

*"Feeding the Families We Serve:
Eucharistic Spirituality in
Family Life"*



This is a great opportunity for all religious education coordinators, catechists and parents to gain resources and build community!

Event includes: breakout sessions, presentations and praying together!

Thursday June 1st, 2023

Guest Speaker: Fr. Eddie Godefroid

Note: You can earn catechetical certification credits for attending this workshop!

Location:

Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Dr
St. Louis, MO 63119

Scan the QR code to register online now!



Details:

Doors open at 4:30pm
Dinner is provided.
Event begins at 5:30pm



Pilgrimage of **Beauty**

St. Charles

Each visit will feature a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a short history of the church tour, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and appreciate the truth and beauty of the Sacrament of the Eucharist as it is mirrored in the beauty of the treasures of the church!

The journal "A Passport to the Eucharist" will be given to participants and enable them to record their reflections after each visit!

6 Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Wednesday, July 12, 7-8 PM
619 N 2nd Street, St. Charles, MO 63301

7 Immaculate Conception Dardenne Prairie
Wednesday, July 19, 7-8 PM
7701 Town Square Ave., Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368

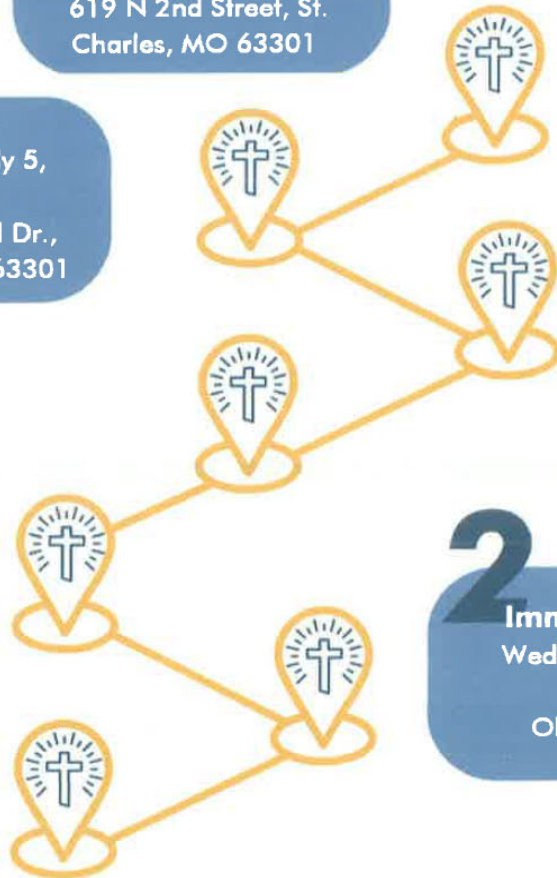
5 St. Peter
Wednesday, July 5, 7-8 PM
221 First Capitol Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301

4 All Saints
Wednesday, June 28, 7-8 PM
7 McMenamy Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376

3 St. Paul
Wednesday, June 21, 7-8 PM
1223 Church Rd., St. Paul, MO 63366

2 Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, June 14, 7-8 PM
110 Maryknoll Rd., Old Monroe, MO 63369

1 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, June 7, 7-8 PM
403 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366



Visit bit.ly/3Vu98yf or Scan the QR code to sign up!



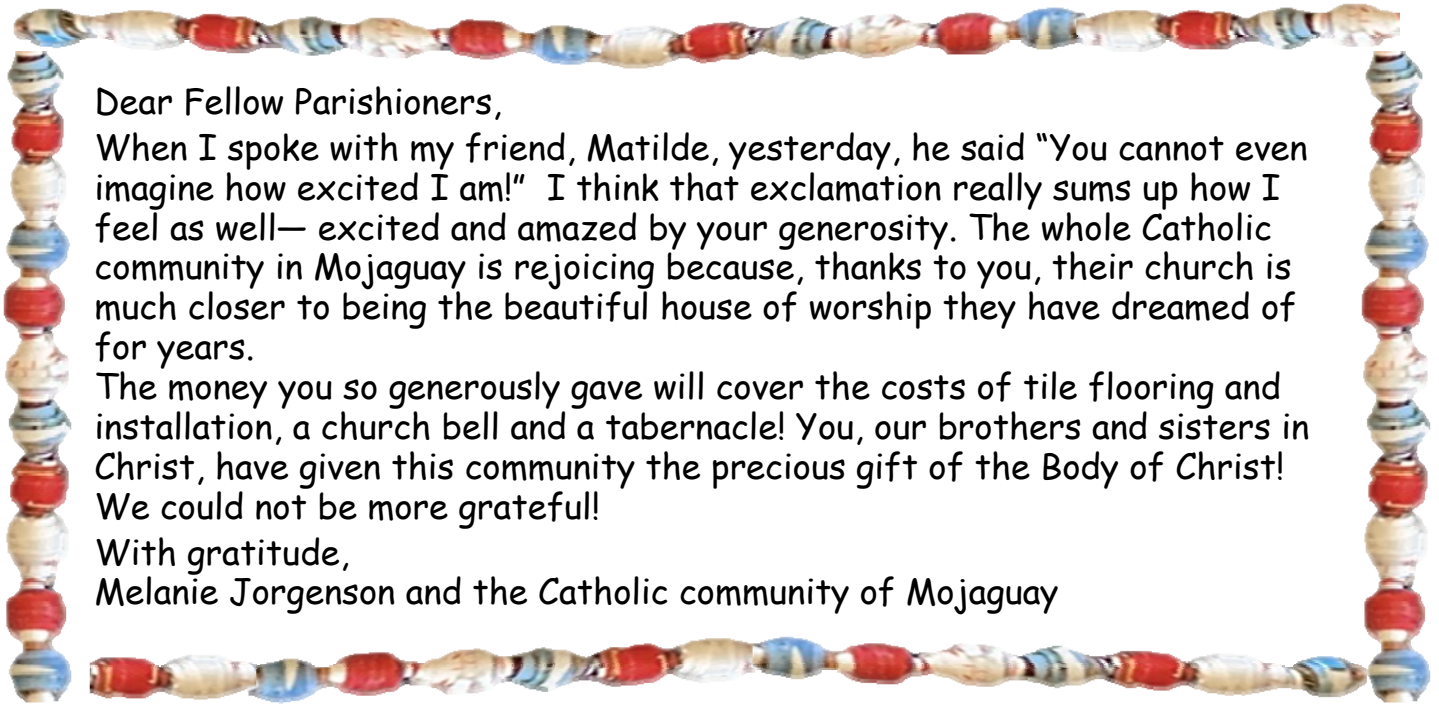


Dolores “Dolo” Boschert Memorial Bench Blessing

Please join the Boschert Family and St. Cletus Classmates for a blessing of Dolo’s memorial bench that has been installed behind the school by the playground. The blessing will take place on Saturday, June 3, at 1:00pm behind the school. Join us afterwards at Big A’s on Main Street to celebrate!

A special thanks to Gerry Dwiggin from LMI for his generous time and donation of materials for this project. We are grateful.

Any questions: Katie@ 314-308-4144.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

When I spoke with my friend, Matilde, yesterday, he said “You cannot even imagine how excited I am!” I think that exclamation really sums up how I feel as well— excited and amazed by your generosity. The whole Catholic community in Mojuaguay is rejoicing because, thanks to you, their church is much closer to being the beautiful house of worship they have dreamed of for years.

The money you so generously gave will cover the costs of tile flooring and installation, a church bell and a tabernacle! You, our brothers and sisters in Christ, have given this community the precious gift of the Body of Christ! We could not be more grateful!

With gratitude,

Melanie Jorgenson and the Catholic community of Mojuaguay



Mistaken, but Still Loved

Reflect

“Some of the most faithful people in our society are the men and women who learn from their mistakes and thus grow in virtue. We all make mistakes and plenty of them; so did the saints. We can take the negative path and beat ourselves up or blame someone else. Or we can take the positive path and ask, ‘What is God teaching me right now?’ When our children mess up, don’t we ask them, ‘What did you learn?’ Mistakes are teachable moments coming from an all-loving God. Are you involved in a special project? Keep it up! Don’t be afraid of making a mistake.”—

from *Three Minutes with God*, by Msgr. Frank Bognanno

Pray

God of mercy and compassion, I’ve been wrong so many times and have wronged so many people, even those I profess to love. My heart sinks when I consider the damage I’ve caused, The unnecessary hurts, the sins of omission. But you won’t let me stay in that place of darkness and cynicism. Thank you, Lord, for being so patient with your student.

Act

Identify one mistake you made today—not to feel bad about yourself, but to remember that God loves us through them. Every mistake, no matter how small, is a door to encountering God the teacher. What door will you walk through today?

We Appreciate Your Support of the Farm Bill Reauthorization!

177 Parishioners Signed the Letter Appealing for Sustainable Food Programs

Our Missouri Representatives and Bill Sponsors in the US Congress Will Hear Our Voices

Thank you...Peace & Justice Ministry



Emergency Food Assistance Program



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)



We will once again be having our St. Cletus Night at the Cardinals Game. This game will be on Thursday, August 17, at 7:15 p.m. The tickets will be sold for \$25 a piece and will be available at the church office and the school office. One bonus... we will also be leading the fans in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

HELP WANTED

The Parish School of Religion is looking for teachers in multiple grades for the 2023-2024 school year. No experience necessary- just a love for your faith and children.

Contact Laura Henderson at 636-255-1717 or lhenderson@saintcletus.org.



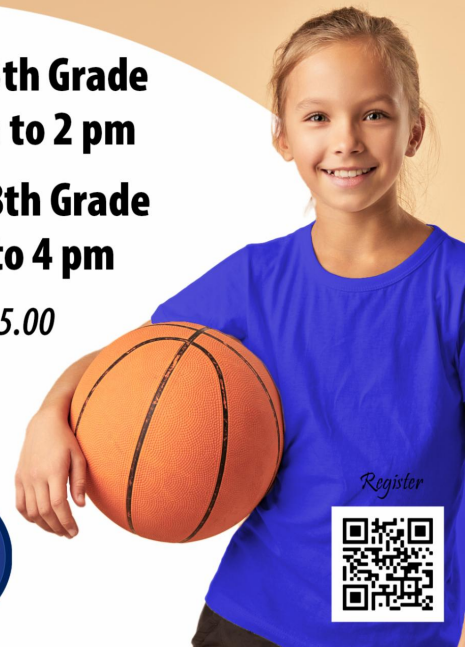
God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP

JUNE 5-8 IN THE TED YEATER ATHLETIC CENTER

3rd - 5th Grade
12 pm to 2 pm
6th - 8th Grade
2 pm to 4 pm

Price \$65.00



Register





2023 RESPECT LIFE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST RESULTS

Creative
Writing
Contest

Since 1979, the Respect Life Apostolate has partnered with the Office of Education and Formation to sponsor an annual writing competition for eighth grade students in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Students reflect, pray, research, and write about the Gospel of Life and the virtue of chastity for scholarships and other awards.

In 2023, hundreds of eighth graders from 41 Catholic schools, PSR programs, and home school programs submitted entries. Of these, 125 students earned the ranking of "Parish/School Finalist" and were sent into the Respect Life Apostolate for further judging. At the April 19 Student Awards Luncheon with Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, the 18 "Archdiocesan Finalists" were honored for their accomplishments. Seven students were also awarded a Catholic youth event or high school scholarship.

The St. Cletus "Parish/School Finalists" are Matalyn Basler, Nevaeh Frye, and Mia Nikodem.

Matalyn, daughter of Matt and Julie Basler was honored at the awards luncheon as one of the 18 "Archdiocesan Finalist." She was then selected as a winner to attend the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference in July.

2023 RESPECT LIFE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

I can take an active role in building a Culture of Life in my community. First, I can simply pray. Praying is very important in my life and helps others. My prayer is something like this...

*Dear Lord,
Please help me find a way to stop abortion. It is a growing problem in this world. It harms others for no reason. It takes innocent lives away, the lives that have been taken will never get the chance to live in this beautiful world that you have created for us. Lord, please guide me through my building of a Culture of Life and please help me make the right decisions.
Amen.*

Another thing that I can do is follow my parent's example, especially my mother's; I am a quadruplet. When my mom was pregnant with me and my sisters, the doctor asked her a question. They wanted to know if she wanted to abort one or two of us so that the other two or three could have a better chance of survival. After hearing this, my mom immediately said no. She listened to God and made the right decision.

My mother also was pregnant and had another baby girl. However, when she was pregnant the doctors found out that my sister would have Down syndrome. The doctors wanted to know if my mom wanted an abortion just because my sister had a disability. Of course, my mom said no. She knew that a disability didn't matter and that my sister Claire would be loved no matter what.

If my mom can say no to abortion, so can everyone else. There is no reason that life has to be taken away. Everyone is equal and everyone deserves a life and to be loved. We need to spread awareness to stop abortion. By being a witness and a survivor of abortion, I can talk to others and spread my story. Hopefully, it inspires others to change. I will stop abortion and build a Culture of Life in my community.

By Matalyn Basler



St. Cletus Sports Family
 Registration for soccer is now open until June 26. Please ensure you sign up on time as we cannot accept late registrations. If you are interested in being a coach, please sign up using the same link. Please visit www.teamsideline.com/cyosaintcharlesmo


Please send any soccer inquiries to Tina or Jill @ stcletussoccer@gmail.com

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CARD PARTY

MONDAY, JUNE 19, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
 AT FIRST CAPITOL AND SIXTH STREETS IN ST. CHARLES.

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M. AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 11:30 A.M.
 THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!!!

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: KATHY BULL AT (314) 369-6123 OR JEANETTE AT (314) 569-2622.
 DONATION OF \$15.00 INCLUDES A PLATE LUNCH, DESSERT, BEVERAGE AND ATTENDANCE PRIZE
 SPONSORED BY THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SERVICE COMMITTEE AND MOTHER'S CLUB

Young Married Couples

Join St. Charles' Young Married Couples Group (20s & 30s-ish) for a fire pit, s'mores, and discussion on Marriage on Wednesday, May 24 from 7-9 PM. We will meet in the lower lot at SCB. Bring your own drinks and invite your friends! Please reach out to John & Zoey Plummer at 636-627-1756 or zjplummer@gmail.com with questions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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: _____