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

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

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Liturgie Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., May 22, Easter Weekday
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Presider: Fr. Benz
8:00am † Communion Service
Presider: Deacon Mark

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please pray for the sick

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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
Eрин 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 Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Bob Shels
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

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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)
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, 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
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
SUNDAY, MAY 28
7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT CHURCH

Wedding Banus

There is a promise of marriage between:
Michael Breaux & Kearston Baalman - III
Becky Aihlheim & 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 of 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

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

Scan the QR code to register online now!
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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Dwiggins 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 Mojaguay 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 Mojaguay

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 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.
2023 RESPECT LIFE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST RESULTS

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
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
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
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

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**Email:**

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**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

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**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.

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**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](http://www.teamsideline.com/cyosaintcharlesmo)

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

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