32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You know neither the day nor the hour.”
- Mt 25: 13

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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!

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., November 13, Saint Frances Xavier
7:00am † Communion Service
   Presider: Deacon

Tues., November 14, Weekday
7:00am † Joe Rooney, Jr.
   † Frank & Virginia George
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., November 15, Weekday
7:00am † Bill & Nancy Hesselbach (living)
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., November 16, Weekday
7:00am † All deceased members of the Legion of Mary around the World
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., November 17, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
7:00am † Jack Sammelmann
   † Ralph Voss
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † Bob Sheils (all school)
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., November 18, Weekday
8:00am † Communion Service
   Presider: Deacon

Sat., November 18, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm † John & Mary Rabbitt (living)
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon:
   Servers: L. Pezold and J. Yanez

Sun., November 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am † Otto & Irene Sedlacek
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon:
   Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury & B. McCauley)
9:30am † Anna Rothermich
   † Dolores "Dolo" Boschert
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
   Servers: E. Blaha and B. Clem
11:30am † Our Parish Family
   Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
   Servers: E. Conway and T. Conway

Tina Adams
Joan Andrzejewski
Angie Arnold
Pete Balotti
Patrick Beckman
Jerry Belew
Jim Boyle
Marnie Boyle
Sue Brockelmeyer
Dot Browning
Carol Buerman
Frank Campisi
Butch Carr
Charlene Carson
Kim Choinka
Peaches Conoyer
Jeff Cook
Gene Dallas
Dorothy Davis
Susan Dauten
Jim Doyle
Fred Dyer
Charlene Edler
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Therese Flanagan
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
Mary Gillespie
Randy Gravemann
Katherine Green
Ron Haas
* Al Hagedorn
   Michelle Haines
   Bella Herman
   Vi Higgins
   Jason Hoag
   Erin Hogan
   Kathleen Hogarty
   Kelly Sanders-Hughes
   Kelly Hurley
   Mary Ellen Jones
   Jack Kaiman
   Chuck Lammert
   Marilyn Lawless

Lorraine Lind
C J Lindner
Rose Loos
Joyce Lumetta
Liz McCarthy
Joe Marzaloes
Lisa Masek
Barb Merriman
Rich Meyer
John Miller
Norma Miller
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
Mary Fran Oldani
Barb Oliver
Louise Orf
Sandra Perry
Eric Peter
Jim Pini
Rita Prinster
Dave Raley
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Barbara Roth
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoen
Jim Schoonover
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
Kristin Swann
Samantha T
Debbie Teson
Linda Tocco
* Doris Trupiano
   Barbara Tuma
   Mark Valenzuela
   Tom Walsh
   Dorothea Wallace
   Michelle Weinrich
   William White
   John Whittener
   Richard Wieck
   Shelly Wilfong
   Fred Wilkinson
   Mason Wlodarski
In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us to “stay awake” by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself “What would Jesus Christ do?” and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle) so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.
Running out of Oil

The five foolish virgins ran out of oil and were refused into the wedding party when they were late after getting the oil. What’s the deal with not having enough oil? What is oil a symbol of in the church? A commentary pointed out that the oil today and in ancient times is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Remember the Chrism oil that is used at confirmation as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The foolish virgins ran out of spirit in their life. This is why the wise virgins couldn’t share. Having the Spirit in your life is an inside job. Not something another person can do for you.

Having enough Spirit is about having enough time for prayer. That is the oil in life. If you do not have enough prayer in your life, you will lose the fire in your life. Let’s face it our society considers prayer, time alone with God, as the biggest waste of time in our life. If we are not doing something “productive” that isn’t about winning in some fashion then we are wasting our time. There is a point in prayer that we catch fire, catch peace, catch love. We may have to do a rosary or some written prayers to prime the pump or spend an hour in adoration, but if we wait long enough for it, we find ourselves finally conversing with God about the things that matter to us. We will finally find peace. When we can’t reach that peace it is time to start talking about it with someone who can help. Prayer is the oil of the Holy Spirit.

God bless,
Fr. Chris

I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O’Fallon, MO on November 15, December 12, or January 16 from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm. 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. A free will offering is requested. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org
Since its founding in 1776, the United States has fought in about a dozen major wars and in many smaller military actions. Tens of millions of Americans have suited up for the armed forces, including some 16 million during World War II alone. Well over 1 million Americans have died in combat, the vast majority in just two conflicts: the Civil War and World War II.

“Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they’ve suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us.” Ronald Reagan, 1983

“...We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray haired. But most of them were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives — the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for our country, for us.” Ronald Reagan, 1985

“Homeless and at-risk veterans need more than just shelter. We must give them the tools to empower themselves and reclaim the self-worth and dignity which comes from occupying a place in the American dream. It is a dream they fought so hard to defend for the rest of us.” Maria Cuomo Cole, 2015

**Veterans Day 2023**

* Lest We Forget...

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.
The Respect Life Apostolate will be selling Birthright Christmas Cards in the Gathering space after all Masses on November 18-19 and 25-26. Thank you for supporting Birthright and their work with moms and babies.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Thank you from the Respect Life Apostolate for your most generous donations to our Diaper Drive. We collected a total of 3,646 Diapers to be given to the Crisis Nursery and Birthright. Blessings to all who contributed to this endeavor to help babies and their families.

Saturday, December 2, 2023
6:30 p.m. on Historic Main Street

Join us for St. Charles’ 46th re-enactment of the Spanish Tradition of “Las Posadas” as Mary and Joseph seek lodging along Main Street before arriving at a shelter at First Capital and Riverside. Visitors hold candles all along South Main Street and then follow behind the procession as it passes. The journey ends at a live Nativity scene with the reading of the Gospel infancy narrative, the birth of the Christ child, and Christmas hymns sung by the Cobblestone Wassaliers and Rising Generation. Christmas carols follow with everyone joining in. What a beautiful way to begin your Advent and Christmas season! Please join us!
El Salvador Mission Trip - St. Cletus

November 14, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT
2079 Zumbehl Road, St Charles, MO

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Scenes of the Nativity

From the time that St. Francis of Assisi created the first Crèche Scene, nativities have been a favorite part of the Christmas Season.

COME JOIN US!

Where: 1375 Motherhead Rd., Cottleville, MO 63304 at the St. Joseph Parish Hall

When: Saturday, December 2nd 2023 from 10am - 5pm
       Sunday, December 3rd 2023 from 9am - 3pm

Over 300 beautiful scenes from all over the world!
Enjoy live music!
Get a chance to win some amazing prizes in our Raffle, and help out the church with our 50/50!

Plenty of fun for the little ones too, such as our Little Angel's Area, scavenger hunt, and family pictures!

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So come on down and spend the day (or two 😊) with us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus!

For more info, check out our Facebook page!
Fall is here and it’s time to gather in fellowship the parishioners of St. Cletus Parish who have mellowed and aged in years, but not in spirit.

Covid has kept us apart and the time has come for us to renew old friendships and make new ones.

This will be a new beginning. I am interested in finding out not only if you are interested but also your suggestions on what you would like to happen at our gatherings.

Please email me at: johnkaiman@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at 636-441-3422. I will email updates when things develop.

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**November is Black Catholic Month**

Fr. Tolton was born into slavery in Brush Creek, Ralls County, MO.

He was privately tutored to become a priest because no seminary would admit a black man.

Fr. Tolton was ordained on April 24, 1886.

He was a beloved preacher, but resented by many other priests.
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:__________________________________________

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

The Marianist Retreat and Conference Center's Advent Retreat 2023 is entitled "Coming Home to Christ: The Journey Together" and will be held the weekend of December 8-10, 2023. Veteran retreat leaders Fr. Tom Santen, Steve Givens, and Lucia Signorelli will focus on our personal relationship with Christ, the still-point in an ever-turning world that often leaves us feeling confused, disconnected, lonely and lost. Through scripture-opening teaching, experiences of various kinds of contemplative prayer, quiet reflection and small group sharing, the retreat will encourage those present to consider what it means to embrace Jesus as their center and true home. The weekend will include time and space for both silence and fellowship.

Registration information and additional details can be found online at https://marianistretreat.com/events/advent-retreat-2023/

The Marianist Retreat and Conference Center is located at 4000 HWY 109, Eureka, MO 63025

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