

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
*November 12, 2023*



**32ND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*"You know neither  
the day nor the hour."  
- Mt 25: 13*

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**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

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**Sat., November 18, Thirty-Third Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time**

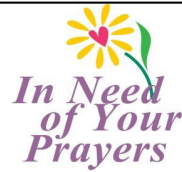
5:00pm † *John & Mary Rabbitt (living)*  
 Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
 Deacon:  
 Servers: L. Pezold and J. Yanez

**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 Schoene  
 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 Whitener  
 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!**



**PARISH COLLECTION October 29, 2023**

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 10,677.00
Online Offertory.....	\$ 7,238.73
Matching.....	\$ 738.00

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.

**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](mailto:secretary@saintcletus.org)



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:30AM	WWP	HALL/BENZ/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	WWP	HALL/BENZ/DUCHESNE
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
3:00PM	DAISY GIRL SCOUT MEETING	DUCHESNE
6:00PM	HOA MEETING (ST ANDREWS MASTERS)	HALL
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	ADVENT FMLY ACTIVITY	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	DUCHESNE

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:30PM	ADULT FAITH FORMATION	DUCHESNE

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

9:00AM	KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP	DUCHESNE
2:30PM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
5:30PM	ECCLESIA DOMESTICA	BENZ/DUCHESNE

**BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARD SALES AFTER MASS  
BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARD SALES AFTER MASSES  
BRIDGE BREAD SALES AFTER MASSES**

9:30AM	RCIA (RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME)	CHURCH
1:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	CHURCH
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL



## 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](mailto:mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org)

## **Veterans Day 2023**

### **Lest We Forget...**

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

*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!



*Help support us!*  
**El Salvador Mission Trip-St. Cletus**

**25%**  
**OF SALES**  
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**November 14, 2023**  
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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!

The best part...**IT'S ALL FREE!**

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!







# Fun for Seniors

## SENIOR CLETES VINTAGE 2023

Fall is here and its 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](mailto:johnkaiman@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message at 636-441-3422. I will email updates when things develop.



# 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.



Fr. Augustus Tolton





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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**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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_