

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
*November 19, 2023*



**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Well done, my good  
and faithful servant.”  
- Mt 25:21

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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week**

**Mon., November 20, Weekday**

7:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon

**Tues., November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am † *Robert Schneider*  
† *Karen Gentile*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Wed., November 22, Saint Cecilia**

7:00am † *Robert & Marilyn Schaefer*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
8:00am † *Denny Haislip (all school)*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Thur., November 23, Weekday**

9:00am † *Mike Sepe*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Fri., November 24, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac**

7:00am † *Harold Buescher*  
† *Jim Wright*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Sat., November 25, Weekday**

8:00am † *Communion Service*  
Presider: Deacon Mark

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**Sat., November 25, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*  
† *Maria Koester*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Mark McCarthy  
Servers: C. Anderson and M. Nikodem

**Sun., November 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:30am † *Virginia George*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: M. Lemkemann and C. Schneider  
9:30am † *CeCe Kavadas & Ryan Stapleton*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: A. Poulter and L. Henderson  
11:30am † *Mathew Price*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: M. Martin and X. Martin



Tina Adams	Ron Haas	Laura Rehagen
Joan Andrzejewski	Al Hagedorn	Eric Reinholz
Angie Arnold	Michelle Haines	Kenneth Robinson
Pete Balotti	Bella Herman	Barbara Roth
Patrick Beckman	Vi Higgins	Ed Scaglione
Jerry Belew	Jason Hoag	Elise Scheu
Jim Boyle	Erin Hogan	Tim Schneider
Marnie Boyle	Kathleen Hogarty	Mark Schoene
Sue Brockelmeyer	* August Hughes	Jim Schoonover
Dot Browning	Kelly Sanders-	Suellen Shuey
Carol Buerman	Hughes	Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Frank Campisi	Kelly Hurley	Caron Story
Butch Carr	Mary Ellen Jones	Kristin Swann
Charlene Carson	Jack Kaiman	Samantha T
Kim Choinka	Chuck Lammert	Debbie Teson
Peaches Conoyer	Marilyn Lawless	Linda Tocco
Jeff Cook	Lorraine Lind	* Doris Trupiano
Gene Dallas	C J Lindner	Barbara Tuma
Dorothy Davis	Rose Loos	Mark Valenzuela
Susan Dauten	Joyce Lumetta	Tom Walsh
Jim Doyle	Joe Marzaloes	Dorothea Wallace
Fred Dyer	Lisa Masek	Michelle Weinrich
Charlene Edler	Barb Merriman	William White
Charli Elliston	Rich Meyer	John Whitener
Emelia Emke	John Miller	Richard Wieck
Carole Ermeling	Norma Miller	Shelly Wilfong
Deacon Tony Falbo	Ron Niffen	Fred Wilkinson
Therese Flanagan	Keith R. Noah	Mason Wlodarski
Joe Flood	Mary Fran Oldani	
Margie Fortman	Barb Oliver	
Mary Gillespie	Louise Orf	
Randy Gravemann	Sandra Perry	
Katherine Green	Eric Peter	
	Jim Pini	
	Rita Prinster	
	Dave Raley	
	Rita Rast	
	Jerry Reese	
	Jim Reeves	

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



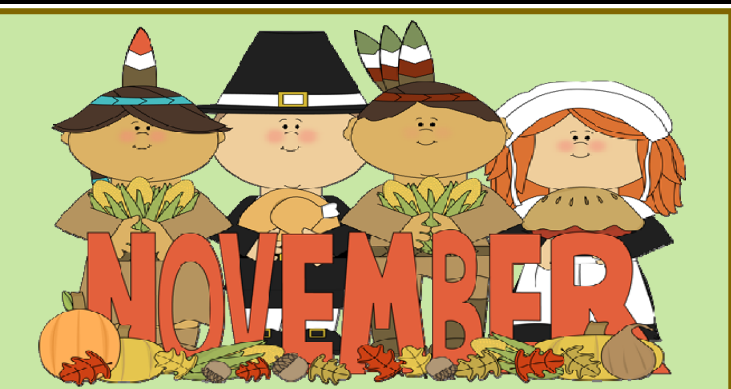
*Please pray for the repose of the souls of:*  
† **Liz McCarthy**, wife of Deacon Mark, mother of Keri Skeeters, Ryan, and Matthew McCarthy, and grandmother of Josh, Kaitlyn, Jenna, and Daniel Skeeters  
† **Emelia "Emme" Emke**, mother of Flo Emke  
*May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.*





**PARISH COLLECTION October 29, 2023**

Regular Offertory.....	\$24,262.18
Online Offertory.....	\$12,585.73
Matching.....	\$ 335.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 1,826.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 459.00
Retirement Fund for Religious..	\$ 2,477.00



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
11:00AM	GIVING TREE MEETING	BENZ
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
6:30PM	PEACE & JUSTICE MEETING	DUCHESNE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
9:00AM	GIVING TREE MEETING	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	SVDP MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER MTG	BENZ

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**



**OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00AM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

8:30AM	SERRA CLUB MEETING	HALL
11:00AM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL

**BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARD SALES AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARD SALES AFTER MASSES**

9:30AM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
12:45PM	BAPTISM	CHURCH
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store (1069 Regency Parkway, St. Charles, MO), you are sharing God's extravagant love.

**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)





### Love and Fear

What increases when you use it and decreases when you don't use it, LOVE. In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the talents. Two people increase their talents, but one out of fear buries it. Notice he buries it out of fear. In my experience when I am fearful of losing what I have, I end up losing it. Fear and love don't mix. It's like oil and water. Either fear rules or love rules. Love drives out fear. Do we love God or fear God? We might be confused because in the Old Testament we are told to have fear of the Lord. This is often misunderstood. This fear is in reference of awe and reverence and not of smite and revenge. God is not a punitive god. God loves us whether or not we love him. We might initially come to God out of fear, but for a loving relationship with God it can't be the final answer. God drives out fear. He wants us to enter into a loving mutual relationship that is always held up on his side. Have we discovered this or are we still holding on to fear?

God bless,  
Fr. Chris



PS 68:19-20



*Please join us for a*  
Catholic Charities Young Adult

# Christmas *Party*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

7-11pm | Semi-Formal Attire

*Open Bar, Appetizers, Music & Dancing*

**Maryland House By Brennan's**

44 Maryland Plaza Rear  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

For Ages 21+, Nursing babies welcome

Hosted by Catholic Charities Young Professionals

*Early Bird Pricing: \$45 (limited quantity)*

*Regular Ticket Pricing: \$55*

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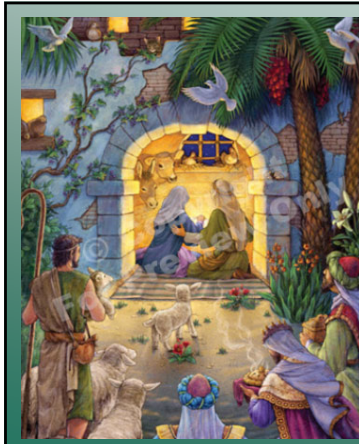






## Thank You from Bridge Bread

Many thanks to the generous St Cletus parishioners for your continued support of Bridge Bread. Since October 2022, over \$7600 has been collected in sales after masses. Of that amount, over \$1500 have been in donations that go directly to the bakers. In addition, \$400 of unsold bread items were taken to Mt Carmel nursing home for residents to enjoy. Bridge Bread is part of St Cletus' Peace and Justice Ministry and is grateful for your participation!



*The Respect Life Apostolate will be selling Birthright Christmas Cards in the Gathering space after all Masses this weekend and on November 25-26. Thank you for supporting Birthright and their work with moms and babies.*



*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!

# The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



## 2023 Giving Tree

The tree will be adorned again this year with ornaments for gifts to: Birthright St. Charles, F.A.S.T., Our Lady of Guadalupe School and envelopes for tuition assistance for St. Cletus students. Ornaments will be

available beginning with Thanksgiving Day Mass and everyday thereafter until 9:00 a.m. on December 16. Please take any ornaments/envelopes you wish and return the gifts (with ornaments) under the tree at any Mass. Our volunteers will gather, sort and deliver them to their appropriate destination. Your generosity has always been overwhelming in the past, and the organizations are so very grateful! Please call Nancy Riordan 636-634-1757 with questions.

Enjoy the gift of giving to those in need this Christmas!!

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS!!**

**AND RETURN ALL GIFTS BY 10:00 A.M. ON DECEMBER 18**

**Advent by candlelight December 3,  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
St. Cletus Parish Hall**

Advent by candlelight is an evening of reflection for the ladies in our community. A time to gather and focus on Our Lord and the meaning of this liturgical season. Come join us. Bring friends and host a table of 6 or simply come and bring a friend, daughter, or two. Coffee and tea will be provided; please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the table. Table hostesses are encouraged to decorate a table for your enjoyment.



*Cory Grizzle* will be speaking to us about **SEEKING THE LORD.**

Cory Grizzle is a Catholic home schooling mother of 10 who lives a full and chaotic life. Trying to seek God in her everyday life is a challenge and a joy. Living an authentic catholic life means calling on God for everything and seeking him out as much as He chases after you. Cory has been a regular on Covenant Network Radio's Roadmap to Heaven and writes a blog - [complexsimplicity.com](http://complexsimplicity.com). Her favorite subjects are parenting and family life from a Catholic perspective. She and her husband grew up in St. Charles, were high school sweethearts at Duchesne and live here with their children

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0 cost, a free will donation will be collected at the event.



## CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

The world that God created has been entrusted to all of us. Our stewardship of the earth is a form of participation in God's act of creating and sustaining the world. In our use of creation, we must be guided by a concern for generations to come. We show our respect for the Creator by our care for creation.



You shouldn't feel obligated to get rid of every last fallen leaf in your yard this fall. Leave the leaves. They offer a lot of benefits for wildlife and your garden. The leaf layer is its own ecosystem? Many wildlife species use the leaf layer as their primary habitat. Many butterflies and moth species overwinter in the leaf layer. In the case of moths, 94 percent of species rely on the leaf layer to complete their lifecycle. If you rake up and throw away all your leaves this fall, you'll be getting rid of important habitats for these beautiful and beneficial insects, many of which are pollinators.



Many bird species forage in the leaf layer searching for insects and other invertebrates to eat.

Leaves are free mulch. From a gardening perspective, fallen leaves offer a double benefit. Leaves form a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds and at the same time fertilize the soil as they break down. Move your leaves, whole or mulched, into your garden beds to protect your plants' roots, suppress weeds, preserve soil moisture and eventually break down and return nutrients to the soil.

If you decide to get rid of your leaves, don't throw them in the trash. They end up in a landfill where they break down under other waste and produce methane gas, a significant greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. Either compost the leaves at home or put them in your yard waste recycling bin where they can be turned into compost.



If you must have a tidy look in your yard or maintain a lawn to comply with Home Owners' Associations or municipal rules, you can move the leaves off the lawn but still use them as mulch in your planting beds. You can also use a mulching mower to chop leaves on your lawn into tiny bits that won't smother the lawn and also return nutrients to the soil.

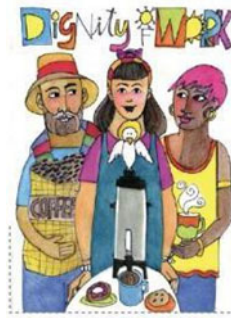
*From National Federation. Taken from the article by David Mizejewski, October, 2023*



On Saturday, December 9, 8:30 AM—3:00 PM, An Advent Day of Prayer, **The Three Comings of Christ**, will be presented by Karen Seaborn at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac, MO. Register at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org) by December 1. Cost \$80 (lunch and art supplies included). Presentations will include experiential elements, imaginative prayer, lectio and visio divina. For \$150 you can include an overnight stay Friday (no supper) with Saturday pick-up breakfast.



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - PRINCIPLE NO. 3

**THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS**  
**(Including the Right to a Decent and Fair Wage)****YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY IN MISSOURI!!**

Missourians for [Healthy Families](http://www.mohealthfamilies.org) and [Fair Wages](http://www.mohealthfamilies.org) ([www.mohealthfamilies.org](http://www.mohealthfamilies.org)) is Working to place an Initiative Petition on the 2024 ballot to increase the minimum Wage on January 1, 2025, to \$13.75/hr. and to \$15.00/hr. in 2026. Beginning in 2027, hourly wage would be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index. The Petition would also require employers to provide 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked.

**WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?**

¶ Minimum wage in 2023 is \$12/hr. This is barely \$25,000 per year, not enough for families to cover basic needs, especially with current inflation and lack of affordable housing (Poverty level for 2023 for a family of 4 is \$30,000).

¶ An estimated 980,000 Missourians lack access to paid sick leave according to the *Center for Law and Social Policy*, forcing them to choose between working or staying home when sick and losing wages, or sending a sick child to school.

¶. When prices keep going up, it makes raising the minimum wage even more important. When wages don't keep up with prices, workers face a *pay cut* and get further behind.

¶ Governor Parson and the state legislature set the minimum wage for state employees at \$15/hr. and then raised it to \$16.30 this year, while also preventing municipalities from increasing their minimum wage beyond the mandated \$12/hr!

**YOU CAN HELP BY SIGNING THE PETITION**

On the weekends of December 2 and 9. Peace & Justice members will have the petitions for signature before and after all the Masses. We urge you to take a few minutes and sign. We had a great response 2 years ago on the successful Medicaid petition and more recently on the letter to our elected officials in Congress about the Farm Bill. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!



**ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE**

**LISTEN**  
TECHNOLOGIES

**"PLEASE SEE AN USHER OR DEACON TO OBTAIN A DEVICE"**



**Blue Christmas Candlelight Vigil Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season, we take a moment to reflect, remember, and honor our children gone too soon.

This event is being sponsored by Angel Moms Over St. Louis.

Led by Lay Marianist Retreat Facilitator and Angel Mom, Diana Gorham with music provided by Jim Ford and Rich Young. Diana will lead us in reflection and Jim and Rich will lead us in song, including one that Jim wrote to honor all mothers and fathers who have lost a child.

Please bring a photo of your child/children to be displayed on our Memorial Table as we light candles in remembrance of them.

There is no charge for this event, but please let us know if you plan to attend. Contact [dgangel-mom@yahoo.com](mailto:dgangel-mom@yahoo.com) with questions or to RSVP.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/  
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,  
8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Lk 19:41-44 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/  
1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/  
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16  
and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2,  
2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-4

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