

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
*November 26, 2023*

# KINGDOM



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

MATTHEW 25:34

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

**Mon., November 27, Weekday**

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

**Tues., November 28, Weekday**

7:00am † *George Freber*  
† *Stephen Ellison*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Wed., November 29, Weekday**

7:00am † *Patsy & Dave Myer (living)*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Thur., November 30, Saint Andrew**

7:00am † *Wilbur Grimm*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
8:00am † *Will Autry (all school)*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Fri., First Friday, Weekday**

7:00am † *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Sat., December 2, Weekday**

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

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**Sat., December 2, First Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm † *Edward Colloton*  
† *Carol Daus*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: E. Krupich and I. Yanez

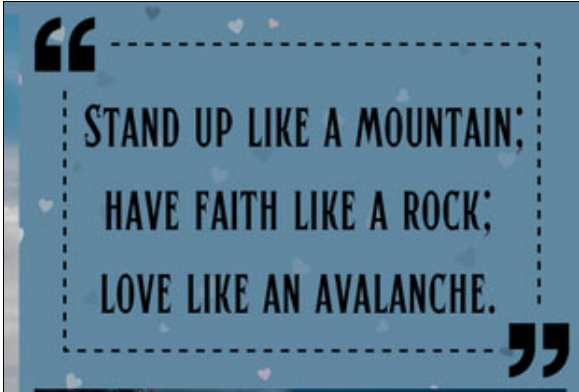
**Sun., December 3, First Sunday of Advent**

7:30am † *Leo Haman*  
† *Jack Sammelmann*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: Adult Servers (K. House & T. Schoolfield)  
9:30am † *Helen Swab*  
† *Stephen Ellison*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: M. Ayers and E. Hockmeyer  
11:30am † *Our Parish Family*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: A. Ermeling and J. Lowery



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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 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-Hughes | Suellen Shuey      |
| Carol Buerman     | Kelly Hurley         | Andy Stoltman, Sr. |
| Frank Campisi     | Mary Ellen Jones     | Caron Story        |
| Butch Carr        | Jack Kaiman          | Kristin Swann      |
| Charlene Carson   | Chuck Lammert        | Samantha T         |
| Kim Choinka       | Marilyn Lawless      | Debbie Teson       |
| Peaches Conoyer   | Lorraine Lind        | Linda Tocco        |
| Jeff Cook         | C J Lindner          | Doris Trupiano     |
| Gene Dallas       | Rose Loos            | Barbara Tuma       |
| Dorothy Davis     | Joyce Lumetta        | * Dave Vail        |
| Susan Dauten      | Joe Marzaloes        | Mark Valenzuela    |
| Jim Doyle         | Lisa Masek           | Tom Walsh          |
| Fred Dyer         | Barb Merriman        | Dorothea Wallace   |
| Charlene Edler    | Rich Meyer           | Michelle Weinrich  |
| Charli Elliston   | John Miller          | William White      |
| Emelia Emke       | Norma Miller         | John Whitener      |
| Carole Ermeling   | Ron Niffen           | Richard Wieck      |
| Deacon Tony Falbo | Keith R. Noah        | Shelly Wilfong     |
| Therese Flanagan  | Mary Fran Oldani     | Fred Wilkinson     |
| Joe Flood         | Barb Oliver          | Mason Wlodarski    |
| Margie Fortman    | Louise Orf           |                    |
| Mary Gillespie    | Sandra Perry         |                    |
| Randy Gravemann   | Eric Peter           |                    |
| Katherine Green   | 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!**





<b>PARISH COLLECTION November 12, 2023</b>	
Regular Offertory.....	\$11,327.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 8,817.73
Matching.....	\$ 255.00



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27</b>		
9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
7:00PM	PSR 3RD & 4TH GR PARENT ACTIVITY	SCHL CAFE
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28</b>		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY CURIA	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	STEWARDSHIP MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29</b>		
8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
3:00PM	DAISY GIRL SCOUT MEETING	DUCHESNE
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	PEACE & JUSTICE MEETING	DUCHESNE
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30</b>		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	RCIA SPONSOR ORIENTATION	CALLAHAN
7:30PM	ADULT FAITH FORMATION	DUCHESNE
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1</b>		
9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2</b>		
6:00PM	CHRISTMAN W/COMET	GYM/SCHOOL CAFETERIA
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3</b>		
<b>DONUT SUNDAY</b>		
9:30AM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
6:00PM	ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT	HALL
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	CHURCH

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to serve families, providing help with rent, utilities, food and other bills. Thank You!



**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)

Patience is not passive:  
on the contrary it is active;  
it is concentrated strength!

*From the  
Pastor*



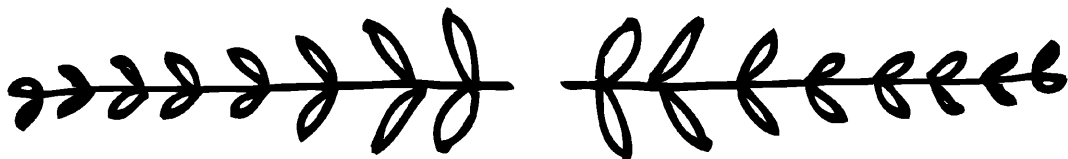
### Orthopraxy

The Gospel today presents the only qualifications for Heaven that Jesus gives in all the Gospels. What are those parameters? Did you recognize me in the hungry, in the thirsty, in the stranger, in the naked, in the prisoner? Did you help me? Jesus says that this is how he will separate the sheep from the goats. For these are the ones who helped him. Notice it doesn't say that those with the right thoughts will be saved. No, it says people with the right action will be saved.

Many people think that they have to get everything straight in their mind before they can be saved. We call this orthodoxy. Orthodoxy, right thought, is important, but many people don't realize that orthopraxy, right action, is really what comes first. Doing the right actions will teach us what the right thought is not the other way around. For if we wait around to get our life together it will never happen. I'm 54 years old and in a way I still don't have my act together, but I receive the greatest gift now because I am with the poor, the stranger, the naked and the prisoner. I am with those who have been discriminated against. It is only then that I am with the Lord. It is only then that I can learn what the beatitudes are. I begin to realize my own poverty, my own grief, my own humility, my own thirst for justice.

This whole Gospel is about the preferential option for the poor. As a church we are called to put the poor, the least, first. I believe at judgment, Jesus will be there with his arms wide open to receive us. It's just that his face will be the face of the poor, the least, even those we hate. His arms will be the same arms of the least. His body will be the body of the least. Will we be able to embrace him, or will we refuse to be one with him? This is the party that will be thrown at the end of time. Will we refuse to participate? These are the people who will celebrate the love of God. Amen.

God bless,  
Fr. Chris







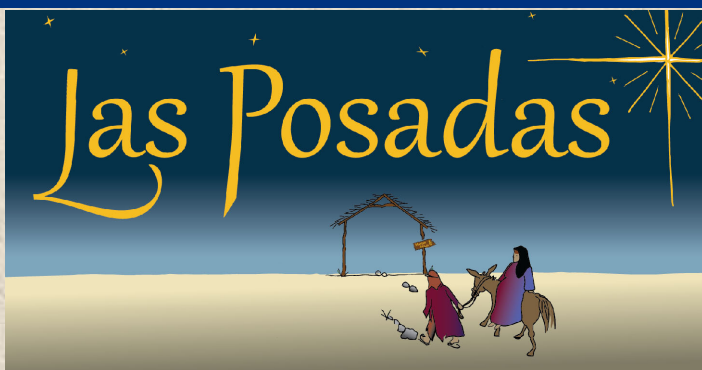
The Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

*Please stop by the Legion of Mary book borrow stand in the gathering space before or after Mass. We will also be giving out the Magnificat Advent Companion. What a great way to enhance your Advent journey.*

**Please join us in the day Chapel to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 and 9:30 Mass times on Sunday mornings.**

For information about the legion or to submit Rosary requests please email us at [legionofmary@saintcletus.org](mailto:legionofmary@saintcletus.org) or call 636-946-6327 Ext. 1733



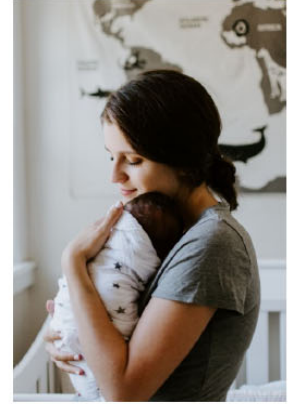
*Saturday, December 2, 2023  
6:30 p.m. on Historic Main Street*

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!

## 5 Things You Can Do *Right Now* to Save the Preborn & Protect Missouri Women

With the June 24, 2022 [Dobbs v. Jackson](#) decision, Missouri became the first state in the nation to restore legal protections that save the preborn and protect women. Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates are committed to keeping these safeguards in place by telling the general public the truth about the harm the passage of a pro-abortion ballot initiative petition would do in Missouri.



### 1. Pray

Be bold and confident in asking our Good Lord's help in stopping any pro-abortion initiative petition. Pray and invite others to pray to help save babies and protect moms. Ask your pastor to start a regular Rosary for Life and Holy Hour!

### 2. Walk with Moms

Support moms in your parish and community, especially those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Partner with your local pregnancy help center to walk with them. Go to [walkingwithmomsstl.com](http://walkingwithmomsstl.com).



### 3. Decline to Sign

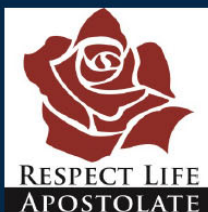
If the ballot language is “certified” so that pro-abortion supporters can start collecting signatures, **DO NOT SIGN** any petition to allow abortion to be enshrined in the state constitution on the November 2024 ballot.

### 4. Promote Voter Registration

Encourage young people and other new voters to register. Help at a registration drive in your community or ask your pastor if you can organize one at your parish (per the Secretary of State guidelines).

### 5. Help Those Wounded by Abortion

Encourage those affected by abortion to reach out for compassionate help and healing at [archstl.org/hope-healing](http://archstl.org/hope-healing).



Respect Life Apostolate—Archdiocese of St. Louis  
20 Archbishop May Dr.—St. Louis, MO 63119  
314.792.7555—[prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org)  
[STLRespectLife.org](http://STLRespectLife.org)





## 2023 Giving Tree

Your gifts this year will again be supporting Birthright St. Charles, F.A.S.T., Our Lady of Guadalupe School and envelopes for tuition assistance for St. Cletus students. Ornaments are available every day until 9:00 a.m. December 15. Please take any ornaments/envelopes you wish and return the gifts (**with ornaments**) under the tree at any Mass. **Please consider using the STP Program** gift cards to make your purchases or to obtain the gift cards on some of our ornaments. Our volunteers will gather, sort and deliver the gifts 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.

Spread joy by giving to those in need this Christmas!!

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

**AND RETURN ALL GIFTS BY 12:30 ON DEC. 17**

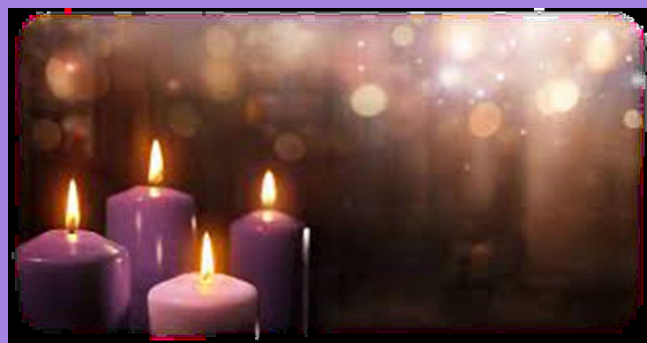
Advent by candlelight December 3,  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
St. Cletus Parish Hall

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.

Please RSVP by email or Phone  
[conwaysarah42@yahoo.com](mailto:conwaysarah42@yahoo.com)

636.639.0348

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



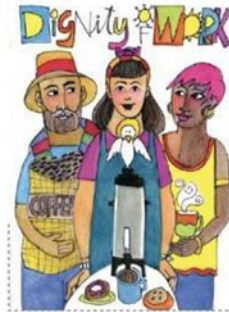
Cory Grizzle  
will be speaking  
to us about  
**SEEKING THE  
LORD.**

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

## Reminder About The Minimum Wage Petition

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING Emphasizes 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.mohealthyfamilies.org) and [Fair Wages](http://www.mohealthyfamilies.org) ([www.mohealthyfamilies.org](http://www.mohealthyfamilies.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.

### SOME MORE FACTS ABOUT THE PETITION AND WHY WE NEED IT

¶ Most of our minimum wage workers are employed by major profitable corporations like Wal-Mart, McDonalds, and Sodexo that already pay the proposed higher wages in other states. Why not in Missouri?

¶ A familiar argument is that a higher minimum wage negatively impacts small businesses and causes job losses. In fact, a study<sup>1</sup> published in March 2023 at UC Berkeley by Dr. Michael Reich, a leading researcher in the study of the minimum wage, shows that a higher minimum wage kills job vacancies, not jobs. The higher wage makes it easier to recruit workers and retain them. Turnover rates go down. In the end, their profits are not harmed. Other research shows that those workers are likely to be more productive, as well.

¶ Restaurants, grocery stores and general merchandise stores account for 36% of all minimum-wage employment! Many of these workers are people you interact with daily. How many of them cannot afford to live near where they work? How many of them struggle to pay their bills?

¶ Over 200,000 Missouri workers lack access to a single minute of paid time off. PTO is common in white collar occupations, but shockingly rare in essential positions like nurses, childcare providers, food service, and even paramedics and EMTs. Fourteen states and dozens of municipalities have such laws in place, including Illinois.

**PLEASE HELP BY SIGNING THE PETITION** during the weekends of December 2 and 9 P&J members will be available before and after all the Masses. We urge you to take a few minutes and sign.

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." (Pope Francis)

1 <https://news.berkeley.edu/2023/03/14/even-in-small-businesses-minimum-wage-hikes-dont-cause-job-losses-study-finds>





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.



St. Charles Young Adults: All 20-39 year-olds are invited to join us for Christmas light seeing at Fort Zumwalt Park! We will meet at the Home Depot on Hwy K at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 9, and carpool to the park. Bring a few dollars in cash. \$15/car. All are welcome to hang out afterwards at Drake's for food/drinks. Please contact Kristin by December 7 if you plan to attend as we have to purchase tickets to see the lights in advance - [scbyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:scbyouthminister@gmail.com).



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

## Let Your Light Shine



### Reflect

Jesus told his followers: "You are the light of the world. . . . Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:14, 16). With humility, you can claim your identity as God's light. You can affirm that you matter to God and others. You can help others see God's light in themselves and bring light to the world.

### Pray

Jesus, you are the Light of the World. You have created me as a little light To bless others. May I, as the song goes, "Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine . . . Everywhere I go." Let me not hide my light under a bushel basket but glorify you by shining brightly To guide, warm, heal, and love others. Amen.

### Act

Look for the light today in yourself and others. Throughout the day, say to yourself: "I am the light of the world. I will shine God's light in all I do." See the light in others and treat them as fellow light bearers. Bring forth God's light in every encounter and situation today.



The VFW and American Legion are hosting a benefit dance to help Ukrainian soldiers pay for prosthetic legs and arms through the superhuman foundation.

For information, tickets, or to make a donation, contact Gordon Steinhoff at 636.389.7362

PLEASE HELP US HELP THEM

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_