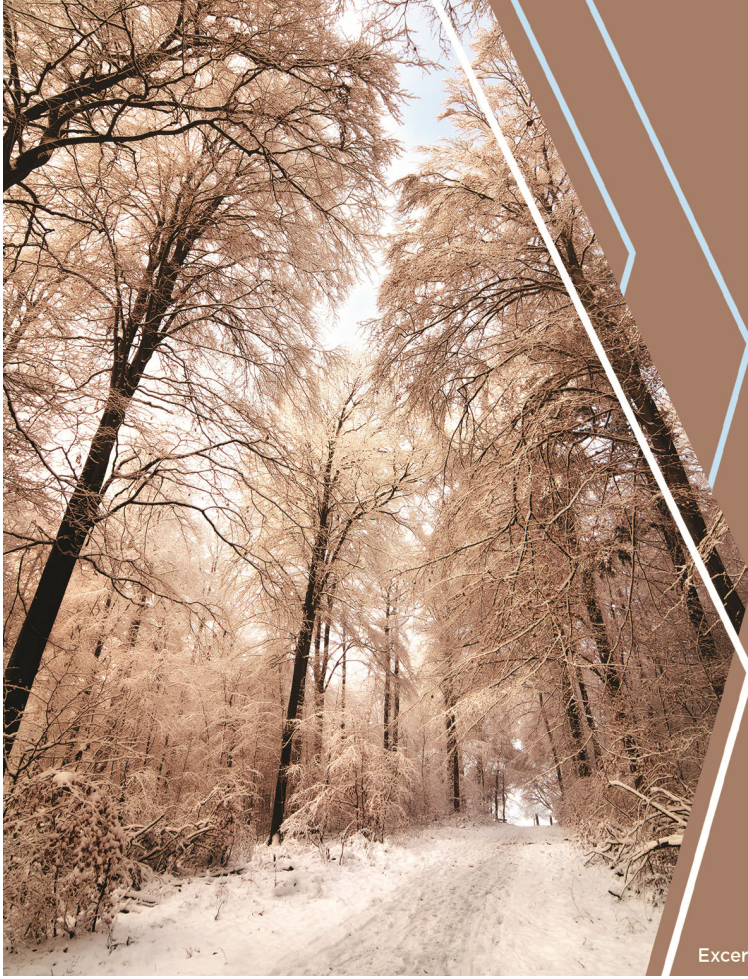


St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
November 5, 2023



31st SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.”
- Mt 23:8-11

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., November 6, Weekday

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

Tues., November 7, Weekday

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

Wed., November 8, Weekday

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

Thur., November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Fri., November 10, Saint Leo the Great

7:00am † *Harold Buescher*
† *Ray Geisman*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Ben & Ruth Carneal (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., November 11, Saint Martin of Tours

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

Sat., November 11, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Edward Colloton*
† *Berta Barrios*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: E. Krupich and C. Autry

Sun., November 12, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Ole & Emma Moen*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta

Servers: M. Furlong and M. Windisch

9:30am † *Nova Jean Watson*
† *Martha Baronovic*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Hamer and M. Nikodem

11:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: A. Ermeling and R. Maples



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
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
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 22, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 19,990.52
Online Offertory.....	\$ 7,665.00
Matching.....	\$ 535.00
World Mission.....	\$ 2,282.00



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6		
9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
6:30PM	PSR ADORATION	CHURCH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:30AM	WWP	HALL/BENZ/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	ROSARY FOR HOPE & HEALING	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	WWP	HALL/BENZ/DUCHESNE
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8		
8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB GEN MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9		
8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
5:00PM	PARISH H'APPY HOUR	HALL
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	DUCHESNE
7:00PM	RCIA - "THE MASS"	CHURCH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10		
9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11		
5:00PM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
QUILT SOCIAL/RAFFLE SALES AFTER 5:00PM MASS		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12		
QUILT SOCIAL/RAFFLE SALES AFTER ALL MASSES		
9:30AM	7TH GR COMMITMENT MASS	CHURCH
9:30AM	RCIA "BREAKING OPEN THE WORD"	DAY CHAPEL
10:30AM	7TH GR FAMILY DONUTS	HALL
12:00PM	QUILT SOCIAL	SCHOOL GYM
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL



In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle), please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.



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

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



What do you do when you encounter Buddha on the road?

So, what do you do when you encounter Buddha on the road? Now the answer is not to be taken literally. This is a hyperbole. I believe this is a Buddhist saying itself. When you encounter Buddha on the road the answer is “you kill him.” Why, because there is only one Buddha and he has already lived and died.

The Gospel today elicits the old roadblock between Fundamentalists and Catholics. Fundamentalists take things literally and Catholics take things contextually and traditionally. The text that I am referring to is that we are to call no one father on earth along with teacher or master. They take this line literally. They call us out on this for calling priests fathers. This is why they only call people their pastors pastor and everyone else brothers and sisters. In ecumenical circles, I have been called Brother Chris numerous times (it’s not worth the fight). What does he mean? First, we still call our fathers, father. And spiritually, you still call me father. It’s a hyperbole, an exaggeration. Jesus uses hyperboles many times. For, instance he says to pluck your eye out if it causes you to sin. In direct contradiction in the New Testament, Paul calls Timothy, Titus and Onesimus his children. Then Paul directly says “for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Cor. 4:14–15). As you know contradictions are aplenty in the Bible.

So what does this hyperbole mean? Jesus challenges us not to idolize, put on a pedestal, other human beings. We are still called to only call God our Father. We still call priests fathers and teachers teacher, but it’s not about worshipping them. It’s not about creating a cult of personality (see any of the cults and the destruction that follows). When we make one person our Buddha, we get ourselves into trouble. I am a spiritual father not the Father.

It's interesting because this has been our problem in the past. We have put fathers in the church on pedestals and mightily have they fallen. No, we, fathers, are just like everyone else. We are just as weak as the next person. The reason why we still call people fathers and teachers and masters is because they can still teach us.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



The Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

“Mary, having merited to give flesh to the divine Word, and thus supply the price of our redemption, that we might be delivered from eternal death; therefore she is more powerful than all others to help us to gain eternal life”

St. Augustine

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 or call 636-946-6327 ext. 1733



The Hardest to Forgive

Reflect

Bryan Stevenson, an African-American, Harvard-trained attorney whose story of defending wrongfully accused prisoners on death row is told in the book and film, “Just Mercy” writes: “The people who haven’t earned it, who haven’t even sought it, are the most meaningful recipients of our compassion...”

Pray

God, who gives us models of compassion like Bryan Stevenson, guide us to see we’re all better than the worst thing we’ve done.

Act

Read the Gospel account of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life. (John 11: 1-44) Notices how he practices compassion: first aligning himself with God, even though that delays his arrival, then giving each sister exactly what she needs: tears for Mary, hope of resurrection for Martha.

— ST. CLETUS —
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

QUILT Social BINGO

**6 QUILT
GAMES
18 REGULAR
GAMES**

*The St. Cletus Quilters hand stitch all quilts!
Raffle tickets for Two quilts are available before and after masses.*

**SUNDAY | 1 PM | DOORS OPEN
NOVEMBER 12 | AT 12 PM**

Pot of Gold ~ Food & Drinks available for purchase ~ Cash games ~ Attendance prizes ~ Win a quilt WITH Double Bingo during a Quilt game ~ Raffles.

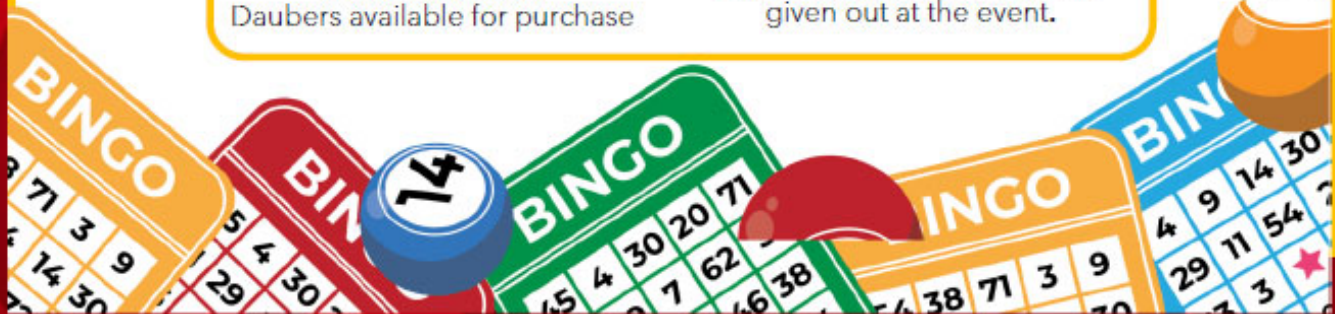
ST. CLETUS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Consider donating a dessert. Please deliver to the school Gym after any mass on November 12. Thank you for helping to make our event successful!

Admission:

\$10 per 9 card set
\$7 per 6 card set
\$4 per 3 card set
Daubers available for purchase

Two dizzy games @ \$2 each
Two 50/50 games @ \$2 each
Rules and game schedule are given out at the event.





MONTHLY ROSARY FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Please join us in the **Daily Chapel, 6:00-6:30 p.m.** on the **First Tuesday** of each month as we come together to pray the Rosary for your special intentions as well as those intentions that others have asked us to remember in prayer. There will also be opportunity to place your prayers at the

altar in the prayer basket.

Because November is the month of the Holy Souls, as we pray for healing of loved ones, we will also remember all those who have died, that they may experience peace in the hope of the Resurrection.

The next gathering is Tuesday, November 7 at 600 p.m.

"Where two or three are gathered, there I am in their midst..."

ST. CHARLES FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND AUCTION

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Le Belle Coeur

1115 S. Main St., St. Charles

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch served at 12:00

Reserved Seating for Tables of 10

Tickets \$35 (Payment required in advance)

Use this link to purchase tickets and/or make a donation:

<http://bidpal.net/fobchristmas2023>

(Payment may be made by credit card via bidpal above, or check to be mailed to

Friends of Birthright, P. O. Box 400, St. Charles, MO 63302)

Ticket info: Kris.Hazenfield@gmail.com or 937-626-0124

Deadline is November 28, 2023.

Or scan this QR code:





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 or leave a message at 636-441-3422. I will email updates when things develop.

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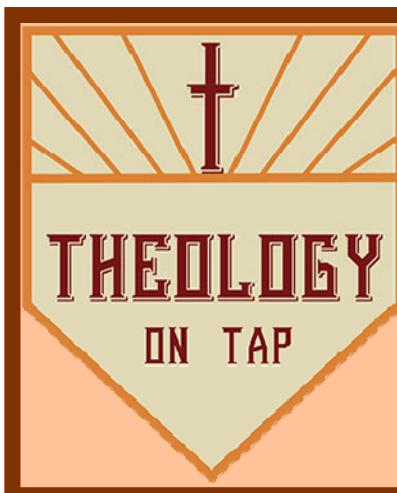
November 14, 2023
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2079 Zumbuhl Road, St Charles, MO

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Thursday, November 9 - All young adults aged 20-39 are invited to join us for Theology on Tap! Starts at 7 pm in the St. Charles Room at St. Charles Borromeo. Come mingle with friends new and old, hear from our speaker – Fr. Chris Schroeder, and enjoy snacks and adult beverages provided! Park on the Tree Lot (1st parking lot on 4th Street) and enter through the glass door. Contact Kristin Jacoby with any questions – scbyouthminister@gmail.com.



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL'S
Fall Craft Fair

SPONSORED BY THE DUCHESNE MUSIC BOOSTERS



November 18, 2023

8:30 am - 2 pm



Join on campus at Duchesne High School
for its annual Fall Craft Fair!

Come and see some of the amazing
products these vendors have to offer!



Questions? Send an email to:
DuchesneCraftFair@gmail.com



A Concert of Negro Spirituals

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Three O'Clock p.m.

Griot/Master of Ceremonies: Caleb Camp

Guest Choirs

Cardinal Ritter College Prep Choraleers - Judith Jackson

Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis - Suzanne Palmer

The Gospel Symphonic Choir - Dello Thedford

The Legend Singers Choral Ensemble - Dr. Dwayne Buggs

The North City Deanery Choir - Danny duMaine & Simeon Layne

Also Performing

The Voices of Praise - Malcolm Speed

The Voices of St. Alphonsus - Danny duMaine

Dance Ministry - Liturgical Leaders in Motion

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St. Charles
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St. Charles Salutes Veterans Day Celebration
Saturday, November 11
Parade down Fifth Street at 10:00 a.m.
Vendor Fair at Lewis and Clark Boathouse Parking Lot 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fireworks at 6:00 p.m.

More information on the event can be found at: <https://www.stcharlescitymo.gov/1143/St-Charles-Salutes-Veterans-Day-Celebrat>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1

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: _____