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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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 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 Mark

**Thur., November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
7:00am † Communion Service
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**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

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**In Need of Your Prayers**

- 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 Wiek
- Shelly Wilfong
- Fred Wilkinson
- Mason Wlodarski
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.
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 takes 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.
QUILT Social BINGO

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

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12 | 1 PM | DOORS OPEN 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 6:00 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:
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.

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.
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

St. Alphonsus Liguori ‘Rock’ Catholic Church  
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St. Louis, Missouri 63106
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Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor
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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:__________________________________________

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: 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

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Community
We are not made to be alone! Connect with peers, come together with the greater Church and journey together.