

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
October 15, 2023



28th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.”
- Mt 22:4bc

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

Mon., October 16, Weekday

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

Tues., October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch

7:00am † *Kevin McCauley*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., October 18, Saint Luke

7:00am † *Gina Hildebrand*
† *Bob Sheils*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Thur., October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and
Isaac Jogues**

7:00am † *Tony Miller*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., October 20, Weekday

7:00am † *June Lepski*
† *Hazel Freber*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., October 21, Weekday

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

**Sat., October 21, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*
† *Maria Koester*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

**Sun., October 22, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:30am † *Allan Kohles*
† *Mildred Olmsted*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: Adult Servers (K. Bury and J. Rogles)

9:30am † *Minnie Viscomi*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: C. Anderson and M. Windisch

11:30am † *Rita Reeves*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
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
Maxwell Dutt
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 Hurley
Mary Ellen Jones
Jack Kaiman
Chuck Lammert

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
Dave Raley
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
Kenneth Robinson
Barbara Roth
Ed Scaglione
Elise Scheu
Sue Schneider
Tim Schneider
Mark Schoene
Jim Schoonover
Suellen Shuey
Andy Stoltman, Sr.
Caron Story
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 1, 2023

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 23,243.00
Online Offertory.....	\$10,884.00
Matching.....	\$ 9,735.00
Permanent Diaconate.....	\$ 2,000.00



In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Our next meeting is this Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 pm in the Callahan Room.



Wedding  *Banns*

There is a promise of marriage between:
Kyle Stinson & Krista Haslag - II
 Please pray for them as they prepare



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
 † **Dennis McCarthy**, brother of Deacon Mark McCarthy
 May his soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SCHOOL FALL BREAK ALL WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30AM	QUILTERS/QUILTERS LUNCH-SVDP	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	OAK PARK HOA MEETING	HALL
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MEETING	BENZ
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	VILLAS OF ST. ANDREWS HOA MTG	HALL
6:00PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:30PM	ADULT FAITH FORMATION MTG	CALLAHAN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:30PM	ECCLESIA DOMESTICA	BENZ/DUCHESNE
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30AM	RCIA	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL



Who Am I To Judge


In the Gospel today, Jesus is again talking to the chief priests and elders. He gives them the parable of the wedding feast. I read this article on the internet. I tried to find the writer to give credit, but I couldn't find the person on the site. Well, anyway, as we know in the story, the king has this wedding feast for his son. It's important to know that sometimes the wedding feast in that day and age would last a week. It was quite a party and as the king had said the best food and everything was prepared. Now here is the weird thing. The guests don't come. This is a direct reference to the chief priests and elders. They were the religious and they were the ones of all who should know the importance of the feast. However, they are too busy focused on their own plans. What were their own plans. They were focused on their own plans of self-righteousness. They felt that their own plans were more important and ignored the plans of the king. Notice that the only people in the Gospels that Jesus had problems with were the self-righteous who sought to exclude others, the people like the unclean, the lepers, and the unworthy. They were so focused on their own plans that they even kill the messengers. Could this be an allusion to John the Baptist? This doesn't end well for them. Could this be an allusion to the destruction of the Temple? Then of all things everyone is called to the feast, the good and the bad alike. This is a change in judgment is it not, actually there is no judgment.

Then there is the story of this person who refuses to wear the wedding garment. Again, another person wearing their own cloak of righteousness. They don't need the righteousness of God. If you hadn't heard it before that at a wedding party in that day and age the wedding garments were provided. They were not to wear their own righteousness, but the righteous garment of God, of Christ. And, what is that righteous garment, but the garment of humility and service, not the garment of judgment and exclusion. Christ always welcomed and served.

It seems that our biggest problem of religious people is our judgment. Religious people judge all kinds of people as worthy or unworthy. Isn't that our sin? We ate from the tree of good and evil and now we think we can judge people from the outside. I'm not saying that we don't protect society from people who are hurting others, but even those people we bring communion to. How often do we sit back and judge and create our own pecking order. I think one of the greatest things that Pope Francis said was, "who am I to judge?"

Who am I to judge? I do not know what sits in the deepest recesses of one's heart. I don't know who is worthy or unworthy. And let's face it, if we start to play the worthiness game, nobody wins. We are all sinners. The Eucharist isn't a reward for good behavior. It is the remedy, the cure, for the sick (the sinner) and we are all in need of that remedy. The church is the field hospital. It seems that some people in the church like to play that game of judging others. I think we need to get out of that game. We certainly bind way more than we loosen. The doors of our church need to be open to everyone. Isn't it enough that they show up at our doorstep?

God bless,
Fr. Chris



"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts."
 --USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



RCIA in need of sponsors
 St Cletus parish is happy to be blessed with eight folks attending our RCIA sessions on Tuesday nights. Currently, they are inquiring about being Catholic or completing their sacraments. Each of them will need a person to accompany them as they make their commitment to the Church in the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcoming and journey on to the reception of the sacraments in the Easter Season.

Please, take this to prayer. You could be the person to guide and assist a special individual to full initiation in the sacramental life of the Church and into membership in the parish of St Cletus. For more information contact Fabian Yanez, RCIA director at (505) 803- 3132 or fyanez@saintcletus.org.




The Respect Life Apostolate is holding a Diaper Drive **October 21-22 and October 28-29**. Please place new packets of disposable baby diapers, all sizes, in the Pack-N- Play in the Gathering Space. Thank you for supporting mothers and babies.

RESPECT LIFE
 MINISTRY

Our next Respect Life meeting will be Wednesday, **October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library (Fr. Benz Room) of the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!



Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors

The new session of our exercise class, a 7- week session, is starting **October 17, 2023**, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30—9:30am, \$35 for the session. For more information contact: Marianne Belcke, MHS, OTR/L, 314-265-5231 sbelcke@gmail.com; or Judy Voss, Certified Personal Trainer, 314-330-5831 judvoss@sbcglobal.net

Save the DATE

Join us for a time of exposition about the **realities of human trafficking in America...** and what **YOU** can do to help **END** it!

Friday, October 20, 2023
10:00am - 12:00pm
Spencer Library
427 Spencer Rd.
Saint Peters, MO 63376

 **TIGERLILY RESOURCES**
Uniting Teams. Exposing Darkness. Restoring Survivors.
Keynote Speaker:
Meredith Foster
(www.TigerlilyResources.org)

Discussion and Q&A session
R.O.A.S.T.
(Reach.Out.And.Stop.Trafficking)
Artisan coffee will be served with fresh doughnuts.

R.S.V.P Here :



Knights of Columbus 823 is hosting a chicken dinner



When: Tuesday, October 17
Time: 6 - 7pm
Cost: \$12.00 per person
Where: 20 Westbury Drive
Please call for reservations by October 16

Donations of a non perishable food item would be appreciated for our food pantries



The Legion of Mary
Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother. -Saint Padre Pio

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



St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul
QUILT SOCIAL BINGO



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
1 PM - Doors open at 12 PM

Win a quilt WITH Double Bingo during a Quilt game ~ 2 Raffle Quilts ~ Cash Games 50/50 games ~ Food & drinks available for purchase ~ Attendance prizes ~

St. Cletus School Gymnasium
2705 Zumbahl Rd. ~ St. Charles MO

A benefit to help our Neighbors in Need!





SAVE THE DATE

**[ADVENT BY
CANDLELIGHT]**

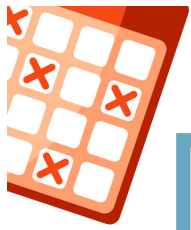
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6-8PM

*PARISH
HALL*

*ALL LADIES WELCOME! IT IS TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT. A NIGHT OF SLOWING DOWN
TO ENJOY THE REASON FOR THE SEASON. MORE
DETAILS TO COME!*

Conwaysarah42@yahoo.com contact for questions



ST. CLETUS MUSIC BINGO

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN & GAMES AT
THE 1ST ST. CLETUS MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
BINGO TO START AT 7 PM

\$25 per person

VENMO, cash, or check to St. Cletus PTO
@SaintCletusComets-PTO

**SIGN UP BY SENDING EMAIL TO PTO @
WEARESTCLETUS@GMAIL.COM**



SAVE THE DATE!

ALL SAINTS CRAFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
FROM 9AM - 3PM
5 MCMENAMY RD, ST. PETERS, MO



29TH ANNUAL
**GREAT
PREACHER
AWARD**
AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 • 6:00 p.m.

HILTON ST. LOUIS FRONTENAC

HONORING



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis



Fr. Paul Whittington, OP
Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish,
Chicago, Illinois

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS:

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Bikes Needed for Adopt-A-Family

The Care Service at Sts. Joachim & Ann is looking for bicycle donations for our Adopt-A-Family program. Last year, children from over 350 households received bikes for Christmas through the Adopt-A-Family program. Used bicycles may be dropped off at the garage located in the back of The Care Service parking lot at 4116 McClay Rd. in St. Charles. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels will refurbish, fix, and clean these donated bikes. For more information, call 636-441-1302 ext. 6684.

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

HOMILIES:
Sunday homilies can be found at:
www.saintcletus.org

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



62nd ANNUAL Sausage Festival

St. John the Baptist - Gildehaus Parish Center 636-583-2488
5567 Gildehaus Road
Villa Ridge, MO 63089

Sunday, October 22, 2023
10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dinner served cafeteria style and drive-thru carry out

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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: _____