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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“Come to the feast.”
- Mt 22:4bc
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., 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

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

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.

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.
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.

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

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 Zumbehl Rd. ~ St. Charles MO

A benefit to help our Neighbors in Need!
SAVE THE DATE

[ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT]

DEC 3, 2023       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:
ai.edu/gpa
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.

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

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:____________________________________________________

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