St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
October 1, 2023

stewardship is...
a new beginning

"Behold, I make all things new... I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water." Revelation 21:5-6

Stewardship Awareness Sunday

PRAYER
Recognize the gifts given to you each new day, and thank God daily for even the smallest blessings to build a lifestyle of endless prayer.

PARTICIPATION
You have a spiritual gift and it must be nurtured to fulfill Christ’s mission, and becomes your joyful participation in the life of the Church.

GENEROSITY
Our humility creates an opening for God to work in our lives. Giving with an open heart and mind shows that we are obedient to His will in our lives.

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
BUILD MY CHURCH
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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week**

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<td><strong>Sun., October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</strong></td>
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<td>11:30am</td>
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**Remember in Prayer**

- 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
- Peach Conoyer
- Jeff Cook
- Gene Dallas
- Dorothy Davis
- Susan Dauten
- Jim Doyle
- Maxwell Dutt
- Fred Dyer
- *Charlene Edler
- Charli Elliott
- Emelia Emke
- Carole Ermeling
- Deacon Tony Falbo
- Therese Flanagan
- Joe Flood
- Margie Fortman
- Mary Gillespie
- Randy Gravermann
- 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
- Trace Gillam Martin
- Joe Marzaloes
- Lisa Masek
- 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 Reinhozl
- 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 T
- Linda Tocco
- Barbara Tuma
- Mark Valenzuela
- Tom Walsh
- Dorothea Wallace
- Michelle Weinrich
- John Whitener
- Richard Wieck
- Shelly Wilfong
- Fred Wilkinson
- Mason Wlodarski

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**From Death to New Life**

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of:*  
† Lillian Foley, mother of Maureen Minich and Grandmother of Kristen  
*May her soul rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.*
The Gospel today is a great example of saying, “actions speak louder than words.” As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s poor box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle), know that you are putting your faith into action.
Stewardship Report

Thank you for the opportunity to share the year end stewardship report after seven weeks. Wow! Looking at all that happens at St. Cletus, it is amazing to know what an active parish we have. After only two months, I can see, this is truly a great place to be. You are generous with your time, talents, and your treasure. Thank you for all you do.

We have a financial trend I see as we move into 2024 and beyond. You may have noticed it as you reviewed the numbers in the bulletin (see insert).

- We ran a deficit of $260,000 for 2023. During 2021 and 2022, we had COVID relief monies that helped offset the deficits that we had. These are no longer available.
- The good news – we have roughly $1.37 million dollars in our savings to offset our immediate deficit.
- The not so good news – this leaves us with a balance of roughly $1.1 million dollars and it costs us roughly $2.87 million dollars to operate our Parish and School each year.
- We do have a generous endowment, however, that money has been specifically identified for ministry programs such as youth ministry, adult faith formation and school programming only. It cannot be used for operational expenses.
- The bottom line. If we trend with similar deficits like we have had in 2023, we run the risk of depleting our savings by 2026/2027.

These messages are never easy to deliver. Carrying a substantial annual debt is not sustainable for our Parish if we are to continue to be the vibrant, active, and spiritual community we are today. Here are the things I am asking of each of you.

1. First, we need to pray for our parish. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the direction we need to go. The greatest prayer we can pray is the Mass.

2. Second, we need to hire a business manager. We had one in the past, but the position is currently vacant. This will help us to right the ship and steer the most efficient and effective financial adjustments we need to make.

3. Third, we need to increase our giving. Our offertory is trending in the wrong direction. It was $30,000 less in 2023 than in 2022. Please consider increasing your giving and/or giving electronically as it creates a steady amount of giving each week.

The finance council and I will continue to meet to find more solutions to this situation. If you have a creative solution, please offer it to me or anyone on the Finance Committee. Let us work together to find solutions. Thank you so much.

God bless,
Fr. Chris
Considering becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector?

Training Sessions: Saturday morning October 14
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.
Lectors (first of two sessions) at 10:30 a.m.
(The date of session 2 to be set by the attendees)

“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.”—Jeremiah 17:7

Most of us plan for the future by investing in a savings account. Jesus also spoke of the importance of storing up treasures—treasures in heaven. That’s something we can all do through simple words of trust—prayers of confidence in God’s ever-present love. Whenever we trust in his plan for today and tomorrow, we are building up a savings account for those days ahead that may present real challenges and difficult problems. We build up that account by trusting God in small things. Trust him for his love today; trust him for some relatively simple thing—a simple task. Then when life brings troubles that deplete your energy and threaten to leave you feeling emotionally and spiritually bankrupt, your savings account of trust will be more than enough to see you through.

Lord, help me to so trust you that I completely abandon myself into your hands. Amen

—from the book *Three Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage, Inspire, and Motivate* by Monsignor Frank Bognanno

Discernment Retreat for Single Women

Single women ages 18-45 are invited to a weekend of personal and communal reflection with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, October 27-29, 2023, in St. Louis, MO. This discernment retreat is an opportunity to learn—through conversation, contemplation, prayer and spiritual guidance—how to recognize God’s invitation for your life. Learn more and register by October 13 at ssnd.org/events/retreat10/.

Questions? Contact Sister Francine at 417-231-5914.
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.

The next gathering will be Tuesday, October 3
“Where two or three are gathered, there I am...”

"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25

All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion, or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago.

Naming & Commendation will take place at St. Monica Parish on Sunday, October 8 at 2 p.m. St. Monica is located at 12136 Olive Blvd, Saint Louis, MO 63141. The rite will offer parents and families and opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

To RSVP or for more information about the October 8 prayer rite, please contact dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net or 314-484-6121.

Nasty Plastic Facts
from loveyourearth.org

- Plastic bags don't biodegrade-they break down into smaller and smaller toxic bits contaminating soil and waterways. They then enter the foodweb when animals accidently ingest them.
- It takes 1000 years for polyethylene bags to break down!
- The US goes through 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually!
- Only 1-3% of plastic bags are recycled worldwide.
- Less than 5% of US shoppers use canvas, cotton, or mesh bags. Please change that number by using your reusable bags when you shop.

Thank you for protecting our Planet Earth by this simple action.
Fueled by a million man-made
Wings of fire
The rocket tore a tunnel through
The sky
And everybody cheered

Fueled only by a thought from God
The seedling urged its way through
The thickness of black
And as it pierced the heavy ceiling
Of the soil
And lunched itself up into outer space
No one even clapped

Fueled by Marcia Hans (1928-1975)
Please Support the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive benefiting:

The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital

The Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital has been serving children with special needs in the St. Louis region since 1981. Today, our developmental pediatrics team includes neurologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, a family resource specialist and education coordinator, social worker and an active research team.

In 2007, we were designated as a Missouri Center for Autism by the Department of Mental Health. Through our collaborative efforts, we were able to contribute to the statewide development of best practices for screening and treatment guidelines for autism spectrum disorders.

Three Ways To Give!

1. After Mass on October 7 and 8 your Knights of Columbus members will be passing out tootsie rolls and collecting money.
2. Follow this link: www.continuetogive.com/823DDDrive
3. Or Scan this QR Code with your smartphone:

Any amount is greatly appreciated!

The Knights of Columbus St. Charles Council would like to Thank You for Donating!
Calling all area college students:  
**UMSL's Catholic Newman Center**  
**Triton Awakenings** is our most popular retreat of the year and I would like to invite you to join us! It’s a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (**seriously**). **You do not have to attend UMSL just be college aged**. (18-26)

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- **we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, October 20, in late afternoon and return on Sunday, October 22, at 2pm. Save the date!** Cost is $60.00 for the entire weekend. Scholarships are available. **If you register online before October 6 you get $10 off!!** The final registration deadline is Friday, October 13.

Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website:

[www.cncumsl.org](http://www.cncumsl.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Joe at Joe@cncumsl.org

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**EXPERIENCE A CURSILLO WEEKEND**

What if you could spend a weekend that helps you experience your Catholic faith more fully and encourages you to engage in a spiritual life filled with love, joy and enthusiasm? You can by participating in a Cursillo Weekend.

The St. Louis Archdiocese Cursillo will host the following upcoming weekends:

- **Women's Fall Weekend from October 19-22, 2023**
- **Men’s Fall Weekend from November 30-December 3, 2023**

The weekends are held at the Manresa Retreat Center near the campus of St. Louis University. Transportation will be provided. Take advantage of a powerful experience that will enhance your relationship with God and others.

If you have any questions, contact a parish representative:
Diane Viscomi at 314.853.4773 or Kathi Chaney at 314.503.5267 or Fr. Jim Benz at [benz@saintcletus.org](mailto:benz@saintcletus.org).

For more information about the **St. Louis Cursillo** and for a **Weekend Application** go to [https://cursillostl.wordpress.com/](https://cursillostl.wordpress.com/)

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**ADORATION ADOREER NEEDED**

If you can spend one hour with Jesus in adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm please contact Jan DuBray at 636-947-4654.
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: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/ Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-4

PLEASE FIND OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND THE EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN NUMBER OF: 636-946-6327

PASTORAL TEAM:
Rev. Chris Holtmann, Pastor: frchris@saintcletus.org or ext. 1711
Deacon Mark McCarthy, Pastoral Associate: mmccarthy@saintcletus.org or ext. 1712
Deacon Frank Olmsted: folmsted@saintcletus.org
Deacon Walt LaBozzetta: wlabozzetta@saintcletus.org
Mary Reich or Cindy Clegg, Parish Secretary: secretary@saintcletus.org or ext. 1710
Dr. Marc Strathman, Director of Liturgical Music: mstrathman@saintcletus.org or ext. 1718

Ms. Rosann Doherty, School Principal: rdoher@saintcletus.org or ext. 1730
Mrs. Laura Henderson, Religious Education Coordinator: lhenderson@saintcletus.org or ext. 1717
Mr. Bob Hamer, Director of Youth Ministry: bhamer@saintcletus.org or ext. 1716

Parish and School Website: www.saintcletus.org
School: 636-946-7756
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 636-255-1750
Stephen Ministry: 636-255-1739
www.facebook.com/StCletus
Twitter: @saintcletus

The Saint Cletus and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Legion of Mary would like to invite you to a Marian Devotion on October 14 at 12:00 p.m. This devotion is sponsored by the “America Needs Fatima” and will be nationwide with over 1,000,000 people participating and is taking place in over 22,000 places. The devotion will include Marian devotions and the rosary and will take about an hour. We will meet at Saint Robert’s Catholic Church in Saint Charles. The intention is asking our Beloved Mother to intercede to her Son to bring out country back to him. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.