

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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BUILD MY CHURCH

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Tues., October 3, Weekday

7:00am † *Waldemar Ochsner*
† *Robert Schneider*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi

7:00am † *Paul Smith*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., October 5, Weekday

7:00am † *Nova Jean Watson*
† *Charles Daus*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., October 6, Weekday

7:00am † *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *John Genebacher (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sat., October 7, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Bob Sheils*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: K. Ayers and M. Ayers

Sun., October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Charles & Barb Moen*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: Adult Servers (J. Groene & S. Groene)
9:30am † *Nova Jean Watson*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: L. Conway and L. Conway
11:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: I. Hamer and M. Hamer



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
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 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
John Whitener
Richard Wieck
Shelly Wilfong
Fred Wilkinson
Mason Wlodarski



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.



PARISH COLLECTION September 17, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 12,496.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,873.00
Matching.....	\$ 435.00
Respect Life Apostolate.....	\$ 1,811.00



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.

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



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:00AM CORNERSTONE DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
- 2:00PM SCHOOL ADORATION & BENEDICTION CHURCH
- 5:00PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BENZ
- 6:15PM PSR CLASSES SCHOOL
- 7:00PM OAK TRAILS HOA MEETING HALL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
- 10:00AM WWP HALL/BENZ/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING ENZ
- 6:00PM ROSARY FOR HOPE & HEALING DAY CHAPEL
- 6:30PM ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
- 6:30PM WESTBOROUGH HOA MEETING SCHOOL CAFÉ
- 7:00PM WWP HALL/BENZ/DUCHESNE
- 7:00PM RCIA RECTORY BASEMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 3:00PM ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
- 6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
- 7:00PM STEPEHN MINISTRY LDR MTG BENZ

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- 6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 8:00AM GRANDPARENTS DAY SCHOOL
- 9:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
- 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:00AM CURSILLO MEETING BENZ
- 12:00PM PRIVATE EVENT HALL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 9:30AM RCIA DAY CHAPEL
- 11:30AM 8TH GR COMMITMENT MASS CHURCH
- 12:00PM 8TH GR FAMILY DONUTS HALL
- 7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT HALL

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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.

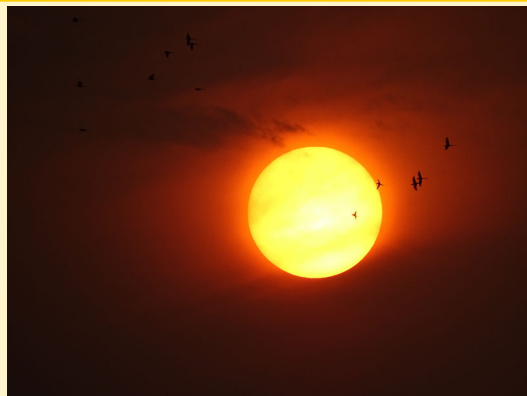
God bless,
Fr. Chris



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.

Women's Retreat

Hope & Healing

**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..."



Naming & Commendation Rite

"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 loveyouareearth.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 accidentally 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.



Panera FUNDRAISING

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25% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED

October 4, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT
2079 Zumbuhl Road, St Charles, MO

Use code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

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GINGHAM'S NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH | 4-9PM

20% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS ST. CLETUS' MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

*****You must bring this flyer with you in order for your meal to count towards the fundraiser!*****

1566 COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA DR. ST. CHARLES, MO 63303

INTERESTED IN JOINING US ON THE TRIP IN JANUARY 2024?

We would love to have you! Please contact Patti Stoltman at singmamma3@gmail.com for more information.

Good Food Community Spirit **St. Robert AT HEART** Fellowship Social Event

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:...

Every 1st Wednesday of the Month...10:30am-2:00pm
(No Luncheon in January & July)

Senior Citizen

Fun Luncheon for Seniors

Come and be our guest at:

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Hall
1424 First Capitol Drive, South
St. Charles, MO 63303

- COST: \$10.00 per person
- Men and Women 55 and up
- Delicious meal provided
- Prizes
- Doors open at 10:30am
- Lunch served 11:30am-12:30pm
- Bingo/Activities 12:30pm-2:00pm

All are Welcome!!

Reservations will be taken up until the Friday prior to the Luncheon, unless we have reached full capacity

We want to reserve your place at this special luncheon....

We know you will enjoy it!

Please call us today at (636) 946-6799 ext 98 and leave a message with: Your name & phone number and names & phone numbers of all those attending.

(PLEASE SPELL ALL THE NAMES)

*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/823DDDdrive**
- 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!



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.

For more information about the **St. Louis Cursillo** and for a **Weekend Application** go to <https://cursillostl.wordpress.com/>

We Adore Him



ADORATION ADORER 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.



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

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

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: rdoherly@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](https://twitter.com/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.

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

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: _____