

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
October 22, 2023



29th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar
what belongs to
Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.”
- Mt 22:21

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., October 23, Weekday

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

Tues., October 24, Weekday

7:00am † *The Reinholz Family*
† *Jim Wright*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., October 25, Weekday

7:00am † *Clarence Cissell*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., October 26, Weekday

7:00am † *Jean Schaeffer*
† *Lillian Foley*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., October 27, Weekday

7:00am † *Joseph & Elizabeth Houska*
† *Michelle Haines*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., October 28, Saints Simon and Jude

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

Sat., October 28, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Edward Colloton*
† *Leonard Madalon*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: E. Krupich and M. Martin

Sun., October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Sue Sheils*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: M. Lemkemann and C. Schneider
9:30am † *Mary Rita McCarthy*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: A. Poulter and E. Poulter
11:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: A. Ermeling and L. Pezold



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!

WE DON'T GROW WHEN THINGS ARE EASY.
WE GROW WHEN WE FACE CHALLENGES.

Bethany Hamilton





PARISH COLLECTION October 8, 2023

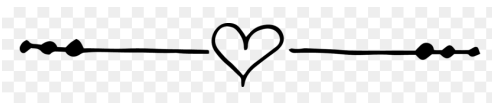
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| Regular Offertory..... | \$ 12,059.53 |
| Online Offertory..... | \$ 9,663.00 |
| Matching..... | \$ 135.00 |



In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due. Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that they belong to God.

PARISH COUNCIL

For those interested in joining the St. Cletus Parish Council, there will be an information session Thursday, November 2, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Duchesne Room.



Wedding Banns

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



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SCHOOL FALL BREAK ALL WEEK

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| MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 | | |
| 9:00AM | CORNERSTONE | DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN |
| 5:00PM | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY | BENZ |
| 6:15PM | PSR CLASSES | SCHOOL |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 | | |
| 8:30AM | SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS | HALL |
| 10:30AM | WWP | HALL/BENZ/CALLAHAN/DUCHESNE |
| 12:00PM | PRIVATE MEETING | BENZ |
| 6:30PM | HUNTINGTON PARK HOA MTG | SCHOOL CAFÉ |
| 6:30PM | LEGION OF MARY CURIA | DAY CHAPEL |
| 7:00PM | WWP | HALL/BENZ/DUCHESNE |
| 7:00PM | RCIA | RECTORY BASEMENT |
| 7:00PM | STEWARDSHIP MEETING | CALLAHAN |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | | |
| 8:30AM | QUILTERS/QUILTERS LUNCH-SVDP | HALL |
| 12:00PM | PRIVATE MEETING | BENZ |
| 6:00PM | CHOIR PRACTICE | CHURCH |
| 6:30PM | PEACE & JUSTICE MEETING | DUCHESNE |
| 6:30PM | MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG | SCHOOL CAFETERIA |
| 7:00PM | ST. DOROTHY GROUP MTG | HALL |
| 7:00PM | STEPHEN MINISTRY LDR MTG | BENZ |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 | | |
| 8:30AM | SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS | HALL |
| 12:00PM | PRIVATE MEETING | BENZ |
| 5:00PM | CELEBRATING WITH THE SAINTS | HALL |
| 6:00PM | LEGION OF MARY | DAY CHAPEL |
| 7:00PM | FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG | CALLAHAN |
| 7:00PM | RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR | CHURCH |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 | | |
| 9:00AM | WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP | DUCHESNE |
| 12:00PM | PRIVATE MEETING | BENZ |
| 6:00PM | WEDDING REHEARSAL | CHURCH |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 | | |
| 8:30AM | SERRA CLUB MEETING | HALL |
| 9:00AM | KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP | DUCHESNE |
| 2:00PM | WEDDING | CHURCH |
| 3:00PM | PRIVATE EVENT | HALL |
| 5:00PM | RCIA | DAY CHAPEL |
| QUILT SOCIAL RAFFLE TICKET SALES AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND | | |
| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 | | |
| 9:30AM | RCIA | DAY CHAPEL |
| 12:30PM | PRIVATE EVENT | HALL |
| 7:00PM | LIFE TEEN NIGHT | HALL |

FROM THE PASTOR

Transform the World

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Pharisees and the Herodians try to trap Jesus, but Jesus knows what they are up to. They try to butter him up. Basically, they say that Jesus is a truthful man and doesn't care about anyone's opinion. Jesus knows that they are up to no good. He does too care about other people's opinions. Then they put Jesus in the famous dilemma. Should we pay taxes or not. If he says yes, then the religious can say he is betraying God. If he says no, then the government can arrest him. It is a no-win scenario. Then, Jesus brilliantly says to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to give to God what belongs to God. Let's talk about Caesar a little bit. I was reading this spiritual writer and he was talking about evil. We tend to talk about private sin as the major sin of the world. What really is the major sin of the world? Not that there isn't individual sin, but corporate and institutional sin is the major sin of the world, sin that seeks power and domination. Let's face it. That's pretty much all of the corporations and institutions. That is the term world or flesh that Paul is describing. A better word might be system. The first step of really being free is recognizing the system we live in. Why when it comes to an institution that war is good and on an individual level murder is bad. Why is lying to save the overall institution a good thing and on an individual level evil. There are many examples of this hypocrisy that most people easily participate in, sometime with great pride. Isn't this where the devil really lives. I don't know if you are going to like this, but if we are truly honest, we have some blood on our own hands (e.g. where did the clothes on our backs come from?)

Although we are not to be of this world, we are called to live in this world. Many people want to separate themselves out of this world. Let's go live in our own little world. History is replete with people trying to disconnect and create their own little utopia. How many utopias ended up as dystopias. No, we are called to live in this fallen world and to raise up this fallen world. Jesus shows us the harshest example of this. This world is a violent place. He took on the violence and absorbed it, and, in the process, transformed it. He was transformed and many of the people were transformed because of his willingness to live in the world.

There is a lot to learn from this world. I was reading a Jesuit, John Foley, and he was talking about his agnostic friends. He was tempted to end his relationships, however, he commented that he has learned from these friends and these friends have learned from him. This is not to say that we don't have a deeper truth to share, that we don't need to recharge with the Eucharist and the people of God. We are to learn what we can from the world and to transform it.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



**BECOME A
SPONSOR**

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 Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

“The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it.”

St. John Paul II

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

**LOVE
HOPE
TOGETHER**

"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do, there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim His healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end."

--USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"*



Pro Life *Rosary*

With the month of October being Pro-Life Month, the Respect Life Apostolate is having a special Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction this coming Thursday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Please set aside this time to attend.

All are welcome!

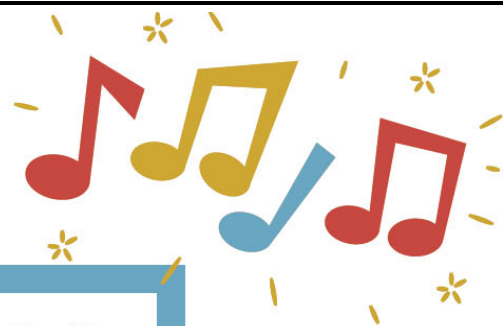


DIAPER DRIVE



The Respect Life Apostolate is holding a Diaper Drive **this weekend 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.

Please check out our new resources in the Pamphlet Rack **next to the Respect Life Poster** in the Gathering Space. Topics include family life, end of life issues, conscience formation, maternal support, and other life topics. Also, please be sure pick up a prayer card from the basket in front of the poster.



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

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WEARESTCLETUS@GMAIL.COM





Embrace the missionary work of the Church with “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move” this World Mission Sunday.

Today, we are reminded of the universal call of our Baptism to be Christ’s witnesses to the world. As we gather at Mass, our prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the church’s missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- Education for 26 million children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support, we support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses. Learn more at www.archstl.org/WMS.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Volunteer Request

Friday, November 17– Sunday, December 31

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights by greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 17 through December 31.

This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights

A Prayer



Dear God,

I am so afraid to open my clenched fists! Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to? Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands? Please help me to gradually open my hands and to discover that I am

not what I own, but what you want to give me. And what you want to give me is love—unconditional, everlasting love.

Amen.



What Does 'Normal' Look Like?

Reflect

There are no normal families. All families have their eccentricities, their conflicts and their virtues. Some families struggle more than others, but all of them need our prayers.

Pray

Lord, by your incarnation, you became a brother to me. You know the joys of having a family. You know the strains of family life as well. Bless my family today. Mend what needs healing and fortify our bond of love. Amen.

Act

When you make this prayer today, think of each member of your family, including those who are living and those who have gone to the Father. Thank God for the blessing of your family, and leave room for mercy in those places that need it.



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.

TUCK INTO OUR
ALL YOU CAN EAT
Breakfast

All You Can Eat Breakfast - "The Knights of Columbus at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (1424 First Capitol Drive South, St. Charles) welcomes you to their All You Can Eat Breakfast on Sunday, October 29, from 8:00am to 11:30am. Breakfast includes:

made to order omelets, pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, juice, milk and coffee. Cost is \$12.00 (Adult), \$6.00 (Children (6-11)), Free (Children (5 & under)).

Thanks to all those who continue to support this social event/fundraiser."



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023, St. Peters, MO

2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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: _____