

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
October 29, 2023

LOVE



“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with
all your mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., October 30, Weekday

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

Tues., October 31, Weekday

7:00am † *Charlie Witte*
† *Mary Rose Peters*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., November 1, All Saints

7:00am † *William Crawford*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
5:30pm † *Marie Neville*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., November 2, The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

7:00am † *Jenny Whitman*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Denny Haislip (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., November 3, Weekday

7:00am † *Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo

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

Sat., November 4, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Mike Sepe*
† *Michelle Haines*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: K. Ayers and M. Ayers

Sun., November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: Adult Servers (J. Butler & T. Schoolfield)
9:30am † *John Genenbahr, Jr.*
† *Florence Karll*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: L. McLaughlin and M. Warren
11:30am † *James Chiastri*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
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
Fred Dyer
Charlene Edler
Charli Elliston
Emelia Emke
Carole Ermeling
Deacon Tony Falbo
Therese Flanagan
Joe Flood
Margie Fortman
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Norma Miller
Ron Niffen
Keith R. Noah
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Barb Oliver
Louise Orf
Sandra Perry
Eric Peter
Jim Pini
Dave Raley
Rita Rast
Jerry Reese
Jim Reeves
Laura Rehagen
Eric Reinholz
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William White
John Whitener
Richard Wieck
Shelly Wilfong
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Mason Wlodarski



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
† **Frieda Thiele**, mother of Nancy Doyle
May her soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.



PARISH COLLECTION October 15, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 12,524.35
Online Offertory.....	\$10,496.00
Matching.....	\$ 35.00

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families with rent, food, utilities, and other bills. Thank You!



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
6:30PM	PSR SAINTS PAGEANT	CHURCH
7:00PM	WWP	HALL/BENZ/DUCHESNE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30AM	QUILTERS/QUILTERS LUNCH-SVDP	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	PEACE & JUSTICE MEETING	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MTG	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:00PM	STAFF MEETING	CALLAHAN
6:30PM	PARISH COUNCIL INFO SESSION	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	RCIA SPONSOR TRAINING	RECTORY BASEMENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

QUILT SOCIAL/RAFFLE SALES AFTER ALL MASSES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

DONUT SUNDAY

9:30AM	RCIA "BREAKING OPEN THE WORD"	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL

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



Pastor's Message

Soul

You know what this world needs. It needs a little bit of soul. Now I am in a dilemma. How do you describe soul? When I say I think we need a little bit of soul most of us know what that means. Soul is about passion. What are you passionate about in a good way? Soul is about harnessing that passion. Soul is that little spring in our step. It's that fire in our bones. Maybe that fire has gone out. It has gone out before in my life. But you know what, under all those ashes the coal is still burning. It's a matter of stoking the fire once again. It's about getting help to find that fire again. You have to dig deep and determine what you are really passionate about. This is the kind of love that the Gospel is talking about this Sunday. Love God with everything you've got and love your neighbor as yourself. I try to put soul into everything I do. To me that is the secret. It's the special sauce. As Christians we should be easily recognizable. That person has got soul.

God bless,
Fr. Chris





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 Ac-

ceptance 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.



NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Day

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits, the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"

QUILT *social*

The St. Cletus Quilt Social hosted by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held on Sunday, November 12, at 1:00 p.m. with doors opening at 12:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will be on sale for the next three week-ends in the gathering space. You will also be able to view some of the beautiful quilts created by The St. Cletus Quilters.



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.

Mercy Moments

To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD



This is from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, "So; chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength and discipline. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it."



Thank you to our Parishioners for your recent support of the Friends of the Poor Walk Collection. Your support for our Neighbors in Need is appreciated!

A special thank you to all St. Cletus classes for your participation in the Pennies from Heaven Collection for the walk. Congratulations to the 3rd Grade for the most contributions! We appreciate your spirit and hope you Enjoy your “Out of Uniform Day”.

Pennies from Heaven

We wanted you to know what your pennies did today.

They did not sit on a counter or in a tray.

They helped a mom feed her children their lunch.

They helped a family pay the electric bill crunch.

They helped buy beds for a family too poor.

They helped buy milk and bread at a store.

Yes, your efforts big and small.

Touched so many lives beyond your call.

You showed us a gift God gave us all.

Love

St. Cletus St. Vincent de Paul

Prayer for Our Deceased

Dear Lord,
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn those no longer with us on earth.
Free those in purgatory quickly, and guide us in Your will, so that one day we may all be united with You, for eternity.
Amen.

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A “Consistent Ethic of Life” Calls for an “Integral Ethic of Solidarity



As October – Respect Life Month—draws to a close it is worthwhile to recall Cardinal Joseph Bernardin’s famous lecture at Fordham University on Dec. 6, 1983, at which he first articulated what he referred to as the "consistent ethic of life." This approach to life issues would shape his thinking, lecturing, preaching and advocacy on many subjects for almost two decades until his death in 1996. It has led to the popularization of another term –" the seamless garment."

In 1971, the Catholic pacifist Eileen Egan coined the phrase "seamless garment" to describe a holistic reverence for life. The phrase is a Bible reference from John 19:23 to the seamless robe of Jesus, which his executioners left whole rather than dividing it at his execution. The seamless garment philosophy holds that issues such as abortion, capital punishment, militarism, euthanasia, social injustice, and economic injustice all demand a consistent application of moral principles valuing the sanctity of human life.

What Does the Consistent Ethic of Life Entail?

First, it is grounded in the conviction that all human life is sacred, a sacredness rooted in the belief that human beings are created in the image of God. Although Bernardin most often spoke of the sacredness of human life, he also, quite often, used the language of human dignity — the inviolable dignity of the human person and the need to respect all persons. For example, he said in a lecture that theologically the consistent ethic "is grounded in the respect we owe the human person. To defend human life is to protect the human person ... the core reality in Catholic moral thought."

Second, Bernardin believed profoundly that life issues, broadly understood, are of one piece (a "seamless garment"). They are interrelated. In other words, if one is committed to "preserving life" (opposing abortion, euthanasia, and the like), one should also be committed to "enhancing life." Or, as Bernardin said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker."

Respect for human life and dignity require a concern for and commitment to both, while recognizing that the issues under each category are different and require separate analysis. Abortion or war are not the same as capital punishment or providing health insurance to the uninsured, or caring for the

elderly or the dying, even though each of these has to do with the sacredness of human life and human dignity.

Third, Bernardin held that a pre-condition for sustaining a consistent ethic of life in society is "attitude," an attitude of respect for all human life. "Attitude," he said, "is the place to root an ethic of life." Such an attitude undergirds a concern for, and activity on behalf of, a host of life issues and must be cultivated in society if there is going to be any hope that public actions will respect human life and dignity in concrete cases.

Finally, Bernardin maintained that a consistent ethic of life has direct implications for public policy. A commitment to the right to life and to quality of life should translate into specific political and economic positions and should influence assessments of policies, party platforms and political candidates.

On September 26, 2023 Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago commemorated the 40th anniversary of his predecessor Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's "consistent ethic of life" speech at Fordham U. Bernardin's approach had been misinterpreted and minimized by some in the Church. Cupich clarified and defended what Bernardin had said, and then pivoted the concept to call for an "integral ethic of solidarity."

After listing the many issues Bernardin placed on the table as subject to his consistent ethic of life, Cupich added, "Cardinal Bernardin rooted these diverse issues in a single principle of Catholic faith: that the loss of even one human life is a momentous event. Seen in this context, abortion, nuclear war, poverty, euthanasia, and capital punishment all share a common identity in their denial of the right to life. That commonality calls for consistency."

Consistency, however, is not the same thing as equivalency, and Cupich clarified a point that often got lost both among Bernardin's critics and his supporters. "The cardinal was not claiming that all life issues are equivalent. Instead, he forcefully argued for their distinctiveness, each requiring its own system of analysis, while emphasizing the reality of the interrelatedness of all threats to human life," Cupich said. He added that Bernardin "sought to leverage...Catholic thought to engage a whole range of moral issues, each distinctively urgent, but all inextricably linked by the fundamental value of human life."

Cupich also offered a fine analysis of changes that have made Bernardin's moral intuitions even more relevant in the intervening 40 years. But he takes Bernardin's metaphor one step farther.

"The consistent ethic of life could serve as a logical scaffolding for our analysis of life issues. Putting them into effect in a committed way — as Cardinal Bernardin had hoped — leads to an integral ethic of solidarity," Cupich said. "That ethic grounds our respect for life both interpersonally and within the human family. Solidarity points to the interconnectedness of all human beings, to the unity that they should strive for, and the responsibility for the common good that we all share. Solidarity is a moral virtue. It is a disposition of gratitude to God for the gifts he bestows upon us, and of service to those who suffer."

St. Charles
Salutes
Veterans Day Celebration

St. Charles Salutes Veterans Day Celebration
 Saturday, November 11
 Parade down Fifth Street at 10:00 a.m.
 Vendor Fair at Lewis and Clark Boathouse Parking
 Lot 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Fireworks at 6:00 p.m.

More information on the event can be found at: <https://www.stcharlescitymo.gov/1143/St-Charles-Salutes-Veterans-Day-Celebrat>



Only One Thing Brings Eternal Joy

An infinite number of things will bring us comfort, satisfaction, and even happiness, and they may be good for a while. But only one thing can bring us eternal joy: following Jesus Christ and becoming a part of his mission. Jesus wants each and every one of us to be his disciples. He wants us to let go of anything and everything that gets in the way of following him, that prevents us from trusting completely, that holds us back from throwing ourselves headlong into the mission.

—from the book [*Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship*](#)

By Casey Cole, OFM. Page viii

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4,
 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab,
 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2,
 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b,
 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/
 Mt 11:25-30
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/
 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/
 Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/
 Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/
 Mt 23:1-12

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: _____