

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., Sept. 18, Weekday

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

Tues., Sept. 19, Weekday

7:00am † *Jenny & Matt Worsham Anniversary (living)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., Sept. 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

7:00am † *Leo & Amelia Paquette*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., Sept. 21, St. Matthew, apostle

7:00am † *Diane Poulsen*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Dan & Mary Peters Anniversary (all school)*

Fri., Sept. 22, Weekday

7:00am † *Edward Colloton*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., Sept. 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

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

Sat., September 23, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Mike Sepe*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: C. Anderson and L. Pezold

Sun., September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: Adult Servers (J. Butler & R. Marquard)

9:30am † *Lambert Karll*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

11:30am † *Rita Reeves*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Mark McCarthy
Servers: E. Conway and T. Conway



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
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 souls of:
† **Marie Neville**, sister of Kathy Breddenkoetter
† **Kevin McCauley**, brother of Barry
† **John Genenbacher, Jr.**, husband of Cindy, father of John III, Jared, Joey, Jordan, and Jace
† **Kathy Hugeback**, daughter of Richard and Marcella Bruce





PARISH COLLECTION September 3, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 13,816.50
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,428.00
Matching.....	\$ 2,785.00
Catholic University.....	\$ 1,037.00



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00AM	CORNERSTONE	DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:30PM	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MTG	BENZ
7:00PM	RCIA	RECTORY BASEMENT
7:00PM	WALKING WITH PURPOSE	DUCHESNE/HALL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
10:30AM	FUNERAL	CHURCH
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
3:00PM	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
7:00PM	PARISH COUNCIL MTG	CALLAHAN
7:00PM	STEPEHN MINISTRY MTG	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00AM	CURSILLO MTG	DUCHESNE
8:30AM	SERRA CLUB MTG	HALL
9:30AM	KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP	HALL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

	CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE AFTER ALL MASSES	
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL



The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 636-255-1750 ...we want to help!

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

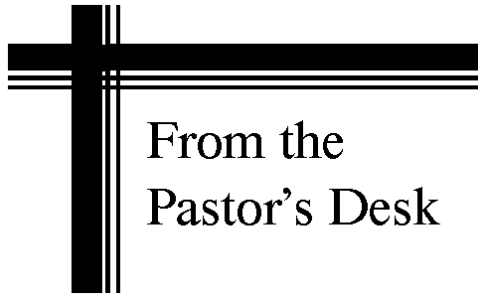
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
By appointment

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





From the Pastor's Desk

Forgiveness

These readings this weekend are all about forgiveness. I can't help but think of all the hurts in my life, all the broken relationships in my life. How do I love someone who has hurt me so badly. When one of those painful memories springs up in my mind, it's so easy for me to become so angry and my anger can become rage and resentment. The words of Sirach haunt me, wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. My hatred and anger really block me. For me it is a closing of my heart. Something is wrong. There is less love in my heart. I don't want less love in my heart. I realize that my rage and resentment is a defense mechanism. Very simply, I don't want to feel the sadness. I feel so weak when I am sad and so powerless as opposed to the feeling of rage. I don't want to sit with the sadness and the broken heartedness. All the rage I feel will not heal the sadness and my broken heart. The only thing that will heal the sadness and my broken heart is to hold it, hold it with love. To say I know you are sad, and you are hurt, and I love you. To say that not only I love you, but there is something greater that loves you, God and God will heal your heart if you open yourself up to him.

Will we let go of that hate and anger and embrace love and forgiveness? When we hold onto revenge, we hand over our power to the one who hurt us. We certainly hurt and grieve, but how long are we going to play the victim. How long will we let this person control our feelings. Remember what Jesus said on the cross, "forgive them for they know not what they do." This helps me most to forgive. Forgiveness is about no longer holding another person responsible for the way we act and feel. When we forgive from our heart we release this person and we release ourselves. I'm not saying we don't set boundaries for ourselves to keep us safe if this person is continually hurting us, or that we don't put people in places so they can no longer hurt anyone, but it is a powerful person who chooses to love, to forgive because it allows us to be open. We may feel powerful in our rejection and bitterness, but it takes a stronger person to forgive.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



We begin the **RCIA Inquiry sessions** this Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 PM in the rectory basement.

This session will be presented by Fabian Yanez, RCIA director, on the stages and steps of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult.

All are welcome.

Please contact Fabian Yanez (505) 803-3132 or fyanez@saintcletus.org.



September 21st ...International Day of Peace



The United Nations International Day of Peace began on the 21st of September 1981 and was organized by the UN General Assembly. Its purpose is to... "provide a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace." As Catholics, let us all strive for peace within our families, our communities, and the world. Now is an especially good time to reflect on the words of Pope Francis, who has spoken often about the need for peace in our world and an end to wars.

✠ "Peace among people is a challenge that is not simply based on balances of power or on silencing the just demands of the less favoured". It is instead an "essential good for which we must work zealously and fervently beseech God." "War is a failure of politics and humanity, a shameful surrender, a defeat in the face of the forces of evil." "That's why the struggle for human understanding and peace must be tireless, we cannot afford to take holidays in this."

✠ "Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You must trust God. Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts. God's love calls us to move beyond fear".

✠ "The path to peace lies in truth and charity. Enlightened search for truth in charity will lay ever more solid foundations for the construction of a peaceful society because it is harmoniously ordered towards its end, with respect for the person and in grateful correspondence to the gifts of God." "Continue to seek the truth, without tiring, without ever despairing, as called for by St. Augustine." "An enlightened search for truth in charity" will lay an "ever more solid foundation for the construction of a peaceful society."

✠ A Peace Prayer of Pope Francis... Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the words which always bring us together will be 'brother and sister', and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!



PROTECT MISSOURI'S PRO-LIFE LAWS

New initiative petitions have been filed to enshrine the Right to Abortion in our Missouri constitution. These are *in addition to* the 11 pro-abortion petitions currently tied up in a legal battle. In order to put a constitutional amendment on Missouri's 2024 ballot, the petitioners must collect 170,000 signatures by May 2024. We are urged to send comments to our Missouri Secretary of State on petition 2024-129--134. **The deadline to do this is September 29.** To send comments on these petitions that seek to make Missouri a Pro-Abortion state, go to <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/petitions/2024>. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL TO KEEPING MISSOURI A PRO-LIFE STATE. Please see the September 10 Bulletin insert for detailed information.

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE & GET A GIFT CARD OR BONUS POINTS TO SHOP OUR STORE FOR THE NEW HALLOWEEN SHIRT & MORE!

St. Cletus Catholic Church

Sunday, September 17 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
School Cafeteria 2705 Zumbahl Road

Masks optional. Appointments required.
 To schedule an appointment, **scan QR code**
 call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
 or go to bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10052



Please join us & help to save lives in our community!



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Volunteers Needed at 9:30 Mass

Children are dismissed right before the Liturgy of the Word with their leaders to hear the readings in a simplified version. They return before the Eucharistic Prayer.



Contact Laura Henderson at
lhenderson@saintcletus.org



Parish Council

The St. Cletus Parish Council is seeking a few Faith-filled people to join us for 2024-2026. If you or someone you know would like to help serve our St. Cletus faith community, please contact: Jim Streit jimsteit@aol.com or Rick Bates rickjoanb@gmail.com



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE PICKUP AT A TIME!

FOOD DRIVE St Cletus September 23 and 24, 2023

St. Cletus will participate in Fill The Pickup Challenge 2023, benefiting Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service. Operating since 1981, the Care Service Food Pantry is the largest in the tri-county area, and one of the few offering a client-choice format.

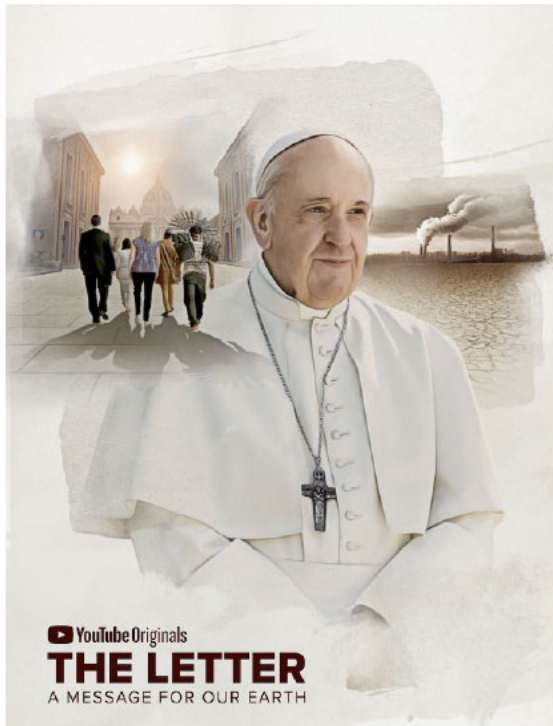
DROP YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PICKUP TRUCK IN FRONT OF CHURCH AT MASS TIMES!
For more information contact **Terri Noel** at 314-809-0392 or **Mary Howle** at 636-734-2119.

The Best Items to Donate

- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Hamburger Helper / Tuna Helper
- Coffee & Teas
- Nutrition Drinks (Ensure, Boost, etc.)
- Pop Tarts and Breakfast Bars
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Special Diet Items: sugar free, gluten free and low sodium



Pope Francis Film: *The Letter*



A better future is in our hands.

The Letter, tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

Please join us for a viewing of *The Letter* on Thursday, Sept 21st at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



ALL SAINTS MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

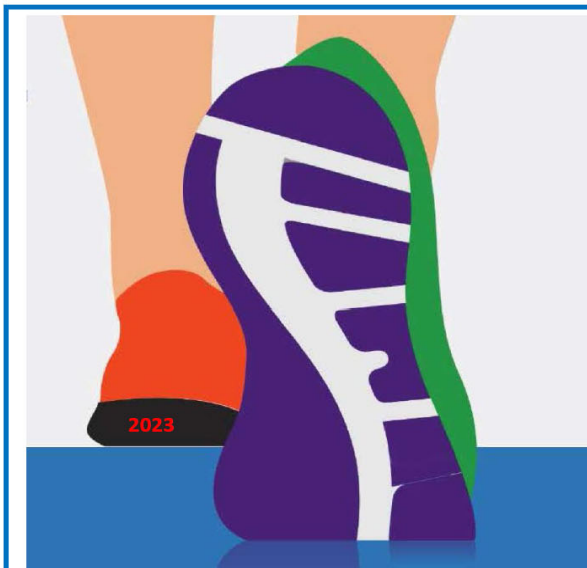
Please Join Us for an Exceptional Faith Experience!



ACTS is a parish-based retreat offering the opportunity for each person to focus on their faith, how to apply it to their daily lives, how to build purpose in their prayer life, increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendships among our church community. It is presented by our parishioners with spiritual direction from our parish priests. Utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

Everyone young, old, faithful Catholic, lapsed Catholic, prospective Catholic, saint, and sinner are all invited. You need not be a parishioner to attend. Everyone is welcome to experience this shared, faith building experience and make new friends. This is a wonderful experience that reinvigorates your faith. The retreat is held at Pallottine Retreat Center and begins Thursday evening October 5th with retreatants returning for Mass Sunday morning the 8th. Transportation to and from the retreat is provided. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the church, at the Parish Center, online on the parish website, or scanning the QR code below.

If you have questions, need additional information or a registration form, please contact Jack Kaeshoefer, retreat director, at (636) 541-3329 or one of the co-directors, Bill Walz at (636) 795-5426 or Stephen Paur at (314) 308-2564.



**FRIENDS OF THE
POOR WALK/RUN**
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

There are brochures and more information in the gathering space.
JOIN US at the walk!

All proceeds from the walk will help the poor and needy served by St. Vincent De Paul within our parish boundary. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Vincentians will be in the gathering space after all Masses on Sept. 9th & 10th, or donate here through Venmo:



www.fopwalk.org

Join Team St. Cletus, Northwest District



You are invited to attend
SAINT CHARLES FRIENDS OF BIRTHRIGHT

Rose
GALA

Benefiting
Birthright of St. Charles

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
Doors Open at 5:30p.m.
Dinner at 6:30p.m.

St. Charles Convention Center
SAINT CHARLES, MO

TICKETS \$60 PER PERSON

Cocktails, Dinner, Auctions,
Client Testimony and Fund a Need

Reserve your tickets online using The QR code or via the St. Charles Friends of Birthright Facebook Page for a direct link.



Friday, September 22

All young adults (20-39) are welcome to join the St. Charles Young Adults for a fun evening at Oktoberfest! We'll meet on the Lower Lot at St. Charles Borromeo (2nd parking lot on 4th Street) and walk down (~10 minutes). They'll have German food, beer, music, dancing and cultural festivities! All vendors (including the alcohol bracelet) are cash only. They have ATMs, but they will charge you a fee.



Marian (*adj.*): relating to the Virgin Mary

Pilgrimage (*noun*): a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of Religious devotion

An Open Invitation to the

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage:

October 9 through October 13

Come for the day or stay for the week!

Highlights include daily mass, adoration, prayer and fellowship; overnight accommodations and transportation provided as well as reasonably priced dinner arrangements.

For a detailed itinerary, general information, and/or registration, please visit:

www.KatyTrailPilgrimage.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/
Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-
3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4,
5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,
19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9,
17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

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: _____