

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
September 24, 2023

25th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious
because I am
generous?”
Thus, the last will
be first, and the
first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., Sept. 25, Weekday

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

Tues., Sept. 26, Weekday

7:00am † *Mildred Olmsted*
† *Sage Lepski*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., Sept. 27, Saint Vincent de Paul

7:00am † *Audrey Dingleline*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., Sept. 28, Weekday

7:00am † *Reinholz Family*
† *Eleanor Daus*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., Sept. 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:00am † *Harold Buescher*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Joseph Radicia (all school)*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., Sept. 30, Saint Jerome

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

Sat., September 30, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † *Victoria Cooper*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: E. Krupich and M. Martin

Sun., October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † *Milford & Caroline Moen*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: A. Poulter and E. Poulter
9:30am † *Oliver Fultz, Sr.*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: E. Blaha and M. Windisch
11:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: A. Ermeling and R. Maples



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 soul of:
† **Mary Ann Henke**, mother of former associate,
Fr. Don Henke
May her soul rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.





PARISH COLLECTION September 10, 2023	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 17,333.88
Online Offertory.....	\$ 8,029.00
Matching.....	\$ 635.00



On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can "bring good news to the poor," by assisting families with rent, food, utilities, and other bills. God Bless You!

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, SEPTEMBER 25**
- 9:00AM CORNERSTONE DUCHESNE/HALL/CALLAHAN
 - 5:00PM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BENZ
 - 6:15PM PSR CLASSES SCHOOL
 - 7:00PM KINDERGARTEN/1ST GR PARENT ACTIVITY CAFE
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
 - 10:00AM WWP HALL/BENZ/CALLAHAN/UCHESNE
 - 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING ENZ
 - 6:30PM CONFIRMATION PARENT/CANDIDATE MTG HALL
 - 6:30PM LEGION OF MARY CURIA DAY CHAPEL
 - 6:30PM ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
 - 7:00PM RCIA RECTORY BASEMENT
 - 7:00PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING CALLAHAN
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
- 8:30AM QUILTERS HALL
 - 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
 - 3:00PM ALTAR SERVER TRAINING CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
 - 6:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE CHURCH
 - 6:30PM MEN'S CLUB EXEC MTG SCHOOL CAFETERIA
 - 7:00PM STEPEHN MINISTRY LDR MTG BENZ
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
- 8:30AM SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS HALL
 - 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
 - 5:00PM CELEBRATING WITH THE SAINTS HALL
 - 6:30PM LEGION OF MARY DAY CHAPEL
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**
- 9:00AM WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP DUCHESNE
 - 12:00PM PRIVATE MEETING BENZ
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**
- NO ACTIBITIES**
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**
- DONUT SUNDAY**
- 7:00PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT HALL

If you want your life to be a magnificent story, then begin by realizing that you are the author and everyday you have the opportunity to write a new page.
 - Mark Houlihan



Working in the Vineyard

There is this dream that I have had and I have heard other people share with me. Wouldn't it be great to be on vacation all the time, to sit around and do nothing? Wouldn't that be the life? I think of that especially when I am very busy and very stressed. We think that would be the life. People who sit around and do nothing have it made. On the flip side, we get pretty upset and jealous like the people in the Gospel when we look around and see people who are doing nothing.

It seems it takes a lifetime to realize the joy and reward it is to work in the Father's vineyard. Yes, it is a joy and reward in itself. I'm not saying there isn't pain and persecution working in the vineyard, but when you finally give birth to the work you have been doing, the labor pain is forgotten. The joy and reward is the knowledge and satisfaction that you are making a fundamental difference in people's lives on so many levels.

We all need vacations, we all need time off, we all need to relax and just be. But there comes a time when we are doing nothing or working furiously when we ask the question, "what am I doing, is this what I want?" There are many people who do nothing and are not satisfied or happy and there are lots of people who work non-stop and are not satisfied or happy. (There are lots of people who can't find a job and we pray for you).

I believe the key to our joy is to find the work that we are called to do. We will no longer be concerned about whether other people are working hard enough. We might actually have compassion for those who haven't found the work that they have been called to do.

God bless,
Fr. Chris





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/>



Considering becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector?

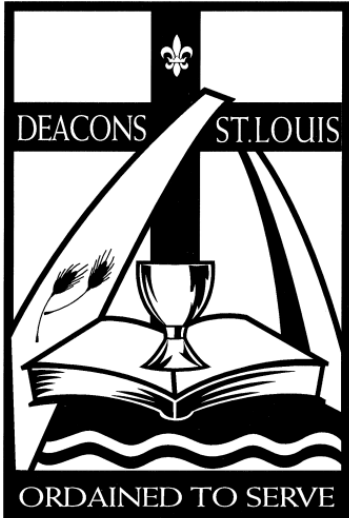
Training Sessions

Saturday morning, October 14

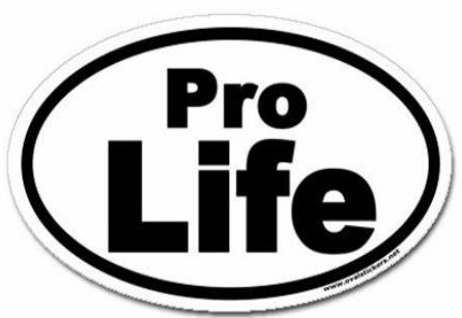
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors (first of two sessions) at 10:30 a.m.

(The date of session 2 to be set by the attendees)



The first Christian martyr, St. Stephen, ordained as one of the first seven deacons, lived and died proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the last four decades, hundreds of men have proclaimed the same Gospel with their own lives and have changed countless other lives for the better. Proclaiming the same Gospel Joy with their own lives and ministering to the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Deacons preach God’s Word to us, pray fervently for us, and care compassionately for us and change countless other lives for the better. Each year many men discern God’s call, begin the process of formation that, God willing, leads to ordination as Deacons. The Deacon formation in the Archdiocese relies heavily on the support of the annual Deacon Formation Collection. You can help our future deacons be Christ’s hands and feet with your charitable donation to this year’s Deacon Formation Collection next weekend, September 30 and October 1. Please, be as generous as possible. God bless you for your support!
Deacon Mark, Deacon Frank, and Deacon Walt



“Suicidal individuals -with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die...

The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Suicide is Tragic”



The Legion of Mary

Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

*“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.”
(Luke 1:38)*

Let us have steadfast faith in imitation of our blessed mother.

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

Season of Creation

NATIVE PLANTS WORK



Support Pollinators

Did you know?

- Pollinators generate 1/3 of all the food we eat
- Pollinators service greater than 150 U.S. food crops
- Wildlife food chains would collapse without pollinators

For more information visit moformonarchs.org

Plant Native

MISSOURIANS FOR MONARCHS A Collaborative for Pollinators

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION NFWF

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Choose native plants and put them to work for you:

- Beautify your surroundings and fill your landscape with life!
- Sustain the hundreds of species of pollinators of the lower Midwest
- Feed monarch butterflies and help ensure that their awe-inspiring migration forever remains a wonder of planet Earth!
- Support native songbirds
- Manage stormwater and protect streams
- Store carbon with deep-rooted natives
- Build healthy soil
- Provide drought-tolerant forage for livestock and use natives in other ways on farms
- Provide native edibles for people—pawpaws, elderberries, persimmons, walnuts and more!
- Create and enhance habitat for wildlife



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 week-end. 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



"FOR WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME,
THERE I AM WITH THEM."

Please mark your calendars to attend the 47th Annual St. Mary's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 1, 2023, just off Hwy 47 in Hawk Point, MO from 11 am - 5 pm! We will be serving Pork Sausage and Turkey. Dine-in/carry-out price: \$15 for Adults; \$10.00 Children ages 5-12 and Children under 5 are free in the dining room only.

Activities include Children's Games, Basket Raffles, Country Store, Quilt Raffle, Trap Shoot, Still Target and Live Music (*featuring Jesse Vaughn and Rosewood*).

We are excited to welcome our new priest, Father Eddie Godefroid! Come on out and spend the day in the country!

Instructions for life: Pay attention
be astonished. Tell about it.
Mary Oliver

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

DUCHESNE
HIGH SCHOOL
FALL FORE DUCHESNE
GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 13, 2023

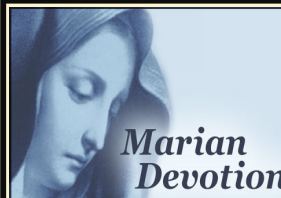
TEAMS AND
SPONSORSHIPS
ARE NOW OPEN!!!

Book your
foursome today!!!!!!





Today, September 24, is designated as Priesthood Sunday in the Catholic Church. It is a special day to honor the men who serve as priests. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations. Take some time to tell your priests, religious and deacons how much you appreciate them and thank them for answering God's call to service in the Church. Most importantly, pray for them and their ministry.



Marian Devotion

The Knights of Columbus, Council 823, would like to invite all fellow Knights, their families and all parishioners to join us for a Marian devotion on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Saint Peters Church in Saint Charles. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., include the rosary, and last about an hour. We will be asking our Blessed Mother to return our country back to her son. Please join us!



Covenant Network
Catholic Radio

Seasons come and seasons go but it is always in season to focus on our faith life in Christ Jesus. Covenant Network Catholic radio helps by drawing us into the beautiful spirituality of our Catholic prayers and devotions. Even the current events, seen through a Catholic prism, keep us attentive to the things that matter for our salvation. Tune into KHOJ 1460 AM or 102.9 FM or listen on the Covenant Network app or anytime at OurCatholicRadio.org.

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.



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: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

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: _____