

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
*September 3, 2023*



**22ND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

“For the Son of Man  
will come with his angels  
in his Father’s glory,  
and then he will repay all  
according to his conduct.”  
- Mt 16:26-27

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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week**

**Mon., Sept. 4, Weekday**

9:00am † *Josephine Rabbitt*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Tues., Sept. 5, Weekday**

7:00am † *Fr. Vordtriede*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Wed., Sept. 6, Weekday**

7:00am † *Bill Dittmar*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Thur., Sept. 7, Weekday**

7:00am † *Audrey Dingledine*  
† *Bill & Mary Howle, anniversary (living)*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Fri., Sept. 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00am † *Bob Sheils*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
8:00am † *Paul Smith (all school)*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Sat., Sept. 9, Saint Peter Claver**

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

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**Sat., September 9, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm † *Nova Jean Watson*  
† *Marsha Daus*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: K. Ayers and M. Ayers

**Sun., September 10, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † *Raymond Forstmann*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta  
Servers: Adult Servers  
(B. McCauley & T. Schoolfield)

9:30am † *Richard Kley*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: E. Blaha and M. Windisch

11:30am † *Our Parish Family*  
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann  
Deacon: Frank Olmsted  
Servers: L. Conway and L. 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  
Kathy Hugeback  
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  
Sandra Perry  
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

**To keep current with our sick list above, please let us know when we need to add or remove anyone. Thank you!**



*From Death to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
† **Walter (Jack) Sammelmann**, husband of Barb  
† **Virginia Ryan**  
May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.







**PARISH COLLECTION August 13, 2023**

Regular Offertory.....	\$12,039.45
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,397.00
Matching.....	\$ 435.00



Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us. Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enables the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting families with rent, food, utilities, and other bills. Thank 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](http://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](mailto:secretary@saintcletus.org)



**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

OFFICE CLOSED



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:00PM	ROSARY FOR HOPE & HEALING	DAY CHAPEL
6:30PM	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

8:30AM	QUILTERS	HALL
11:00AM	QUILT SOCIAL COMMITTEE MTG	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
3:00PM	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	CHURCH/DAY CHAPEL
6:30PM	MUSIC MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE	CHURCH
7:00PM	THE CHOSEN	DUCHESNE
7:00PM	HANOVER MANOR HOA MEETING	HALL
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	CALLAHAN

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

8:00AM	CURSILLO MEETING	DUCHESNE
	WALK FOR THE POOR COLLECTION	

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

	WALK FOR THE POOR COLLECTION	
7:00PM	LIFE TEEN NIGHT	HALL

## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Pattern of Life

Do you know the pattern of life? It is the pattern of Christ. It is the pattern of the universe. All things were created in Christ. The pattern of Christ is living, dying, and rising. It is a pattern that we would never arrive at on our own. It is counterintuitive. How could death bring about life. Christ reveals this pattern in his life, death, and resurrection.

I said Christ is the pattern of the universe. Look at the stars. They are born, they live (a long time) and they die. However, the gases coalesce again and form new stars. They rise again. Did you know that without the early stars dying there would be no complex elements like oxygen and carbon that give forth our lives? The resurrection is not a resuscitation, but a birth into greater life. God is always improving upon life. Evolution is not a contradictory thought in our Catholic faith. Look at the pattern in the seasons on Earth: summer, living, fall and winter, dying, spring, rising. Look at the creatures. The caterpillar dies and becomes the butterfly. The water bug dies and becomes a dragonfly. Look at history. Without the death of Greece there would have been no Rome. Without the death of Rome, there would be no western world, no democracy. Look at Jesus himself in his life. Look at the Church. There have been many deaths and resurrections. Look at your very lives, the times that you have died to your selfishness only to rise to new life. We can either die willingly or die unwillingly and bitterly. I hate to say this, but I think we can either rise to everlasting glory or rise to everlasting shame.

The crux of the matter is suffering and dying. We don't want to suffer and die. That is what the readings are about today. Jeremiah is complaining about the suffering and dying he is doing. Peter forbids Jesus to suffer and die. Jesus, however, knows the pattern and trusts what will bring him greater life. Jesus names the paradox. If you want to save your life, lose it. Take up your cross and follow me.

What does that dying look like today in our lives. There are many deaths in our life, not just bodily death. Here are a few. Die to your selfishness and get involved in a ministry at the parish if you haven't already. Die to the self-destructive patterns in your life. Come talk to me. I am very good at helping people in these types of situations. Die to yourself and finally go on a retreat. These are just a few things that we can die to. I know if you did just one of these things you will surely rise in that area.

God bless,  
Fr. Chris

# 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](mailto:lhenderson@saintcletus.org)



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### CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

We invite you to join us for our upcoming study of The Prophets of the Old Testament; an opportunity for adults to deepen their faith thru study of the inspired Word of God.

Weekly meetings are held on Mondays  
September 18, 2023, thru March 2024

at St. Cletus Parish.

*For information:*

*contact Sue Witte – 314-550-3326*



### 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. There will also be opportunity to place your prayer intentions at the altar in the prayer basket.

The next gathering will be Tuesday,  
September 5.

"Where two or three are gathered,  
there I am..."

# OPPORTUNITY

## St. Cletus After Care Position:

*St. Cletus Elementary School is looking for an individual(s) to work in the After Care program. We are looking for candidates who are motivated, creative,*

*and enjoy spending time with children.*

*Individuals must be willing to participate in the Protecting God's Children Program prior to working with the students.*

*Hours are 2:45 – 6:00 PM Monday through Friday during the school year; typically one day a month there may be the opportunity to work from 12:00 – 3:00 PM in addition to regular hours.*

*Please contact Rosann Doherty regarding the position (636-946-7756). Thank you!*



## The Legion of Mary

### Saint Cletus Morning Star Praesidium

**On September 8, we celebrate the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint Augustine says: “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.”**

**Mary, mediatrix of all graces, pray for us.**

**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 request, please Email us at [legionofmary@saintcletus.org](mailto:legionofmary@saintcletus.org) or call 636-946-6327 Ext. 1733**

*You are invited to the outdoor Mass at Assumption Parish on Thursday, September 14, at 7pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Mark Whitman. Please bring a lawn chair. This will be our last outdoor Mass until Spring.*





Last weekend we had our main appeal  
to those who wish to explore a deeper relationship with  
Jesus Christ and his Church.

All are invited, particularly those who are considering the Catholic Church,  
to attend the **RCIA Inquiry sessions**  
that will begin on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 PM  
in the rectory basement.

To take the next step, please contact  
Fabian Yanez, RCIA director at (505) 803-3132 or [fyanez@saintcletus.org](mailto:fyanez@saintcletus.org).

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**BLOOD DONORS ROCK**

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# 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](http://bloodcenter.org/group), grp #10052

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



## September 1<sup>st</sup> - National Food Bank Day

**THE HISTORY OF FOOD BANKS** began with **St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance**, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization **founded by John van Hengel in 1967**. He was looking for a way to **prevent the waste of groceries** and had the vision of redistributing any food that was not eaten to the hungry. St. Mary's was the first to operate using the food bank model, making the Alliance a pioneer in the food banking system, successfully **alleviating hunger for almost 50 years**. This idea spread and many other food banks were created across the country.



Van Hengel also founded the national organization America's Second Harvest — known today as **Feeding America** ([www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)). He also founded the Global Food Banking Network and has since been hailed as "the father of food banking". **National Food Bank Day was named on behalf of Van Hengel to commemorate his extraordinary works.**

In September 2000, world leaders established **Millennium Development Goals** and they signed a commitment to achieve them by 2015. The first goal was to end extreme poverty and hunger. They also specified three targets: The first was to **halve the proportion of people who suffer from hunger by 2015**. The second was to **decrease the likelihood of a child dying before age five due to hunger**, and the third was to **reduce the rate of extreme poverty**. About 40 countries have already achieved the first target and extreme poverty rates have been cut in half since 1990. **Food banks are a key component** in the realization of these goals. In the U.S. alone, according to the USDA, **34 million people, including 9 million children, struggle with food insecurity** and food banks are critical in meeting their needs. Moreover, in 2022, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment and food insecurity soared. Over 49 million people turned to food banks and community programs for help putting food on the table.



**In honor of National Food Bank Day, Peace & Justice will sponsor a "Pack the Pickup" food drive on September 23/24 to benefit St. Joachim & Ann Care Service Food Pantry. More details to come.**



## Altar Server Training

Boys and Girls 5th Grade & Up

Could Jesus be calling you to follow him by becoming an Altar Server?

If you are not sure, and in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or above, check it out by coming to one of the first meetings. They will take place in the Daily Mass Chapel on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 pm and repeated on Wednesday, September 6, at 3:00 pm (right after St. Cletus School lets out). You will receive handouts and hear about becoming an Altar Server. The meeting will take about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Come to either one to help you decide if this is how Jesus is calling you to follow him.

If you think it is, there will be three (3) additional meetings you will need to attend. Each of the three will be on a Tuesday and repeated on Wednesday. You can come on either day, but you will need to come one day for 3 weeks to become an Altar Server.

Meeting #1: Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 6, at 3:00 pm

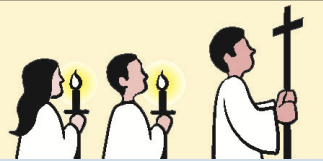
Meeting #2: Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 12, at 3:00 pm

Meeting #3: Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 20, at 3:00 pm

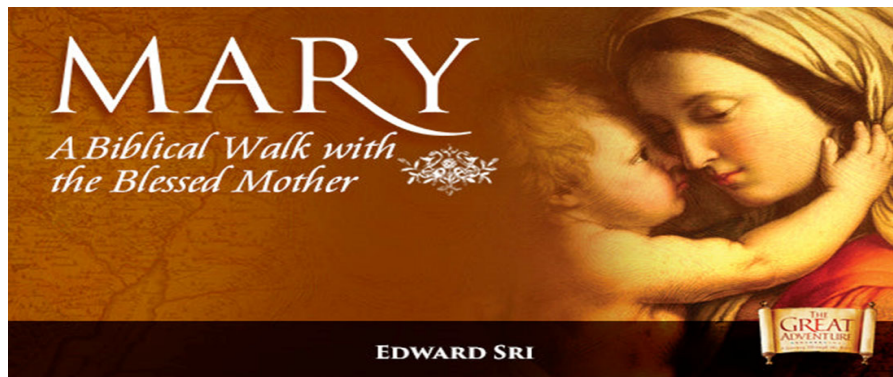
Meeting #4: Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm repeated Wednesday, September 27, at 3:00 pm

All of the meetings will be in the Daily Mass Chapel and will last approximately 1-1/2 hours. Please contact Deacon Mark at 636-946-6327 ext. 1712 or at [mmccarthy@saintcletuschurch.org](mailto:mmccarthy@saintcletuschurch.org) if you have any questions.

Altar Servers



## Ladies of St Cletus!



### **A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins in September!**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Cletus in the church hall.

### **This is an eight-week bible study**

**Our evening session will begin on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm.**  
**Our morning session will begin on Tuesday, September 26 at 10:30 am.**


Registration will be held on August 19-20 and August 26-27.  
 Please contact Cheryl Borgsmiller at 636-751-6592 or [cborgs413@yahoo.com](mailto:cborgs413@yahoo.com)



Come Check Out Cub Scout Pack 351!

Our Fall Information Night & Rain-Gutter Regatta will be held on Wednesday, September 6, at the Lower Lot of St Charles Borromeo. No registration necessary, come anytime between 5:30 and 7pm. Visit <https://stlbsa.org/cub-scouts/> for Scouting information and to join online.

Contact Emily Capps at [capps.emilyd@gmail.com](mailto:capps.emilyd@gmail.com) or Jen Ayres at [jennyinrok@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyinrok@yahoo.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_