

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
May 5, 2024



**6th SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”
- Jn 15:16-17

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., May 6, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark

Tues., May 7, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Liz McCarthy*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., May 8, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Rosemary Parentin*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., May 9, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Gary Marko*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

8:00am † *Special Intention (all school)*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., May 10, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Jeanette Echele*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., May 11, Easter Weekday

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon: Mark

Sat., May 11, The Ascension of the Lord

5:00pm † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Nikodem and M. Nikodem

Sun., May 12, The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am † *Dennis Gray*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: Adult Servers (J. Rogles & T. Schoolfield)

9:30am † *Gwendolyn Kramer*

Presider: Fr. Jim Mitulski

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: I. Yanez and J. Yanez

11:30am † *Kathy Hugeback*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: B. Clem and J. Lowry

Prayer of Love

God the Father, You created me in love.
Jesus, your love for me compelled you to
come to earth to die for me.
Holy Spirit, love between God and
Jesus, now you surround me with the love of
the Father and the Son.
Help me to live out this reality, today and al-
ways. Amen



- William Autry
- Sue Brockelmeyer
- Charlene Carson
- Cathy Colloton
- Shari Gardocki
- John Kaiman
- Lorraine Lind
- Joe Marzaloes
- Pauline Neeley
- Cheryl Patton
- Jim Pini
- Dave Raley
- Eric Reinholz



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† **Sophia Stahl**

May their souls rest in our Lord's eternal embrace.

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

ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday 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

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



PARISH COLLECTION April 14, 2024

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 13,846.52
Online Offertory.....	\$ 11,026.00
Matching.....	\$ 400.00



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 6

10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
2:00PM	SCHOOL ADORATION & BENEDICTION	CHURCH
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:15PM	PSR CLASSES	SCHOOL
6:30PM	PSR CLOSING MASS	CHURCH
6:30PM	ELL	BENZ

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
4:30PM	ORGAN TRAINING	CHURCH
6:30PM	ROSARY FOR HEALING & HOPE	DAY CHAPEL
6:30PM	DSCVR CHRIST TABLE 3 MTG	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	LGBTQ+ MINISTRY MEETING	CALLAHAN
6:30PM	SCHOOL BAND CONCERT	GYM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
1:30PM	STROKE SCAN SCREENING	HALL
6:00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB GEN MTG	SCHOOL CAFETERIA

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MTG	BENZ
6:00PM	DSCVR CHRIST FOLLOW-UP MTG	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	PARISH PICNIC COMM CHK-IN MTG	CALLAHAN

FRIDAY, MAY 10

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
11:00AM	PIANO TUNING	CHURCH
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ

SATURDAY, MAY 11

3:00PM	PRIVATE EVENT	HALL
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SUNDAY, MAY 12

NO ACTIVITIES

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

**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 as well as those intentions that others have asked us to remember in prayer. In addition to our personal intentions, we pray for healing and hope for our world and especially for our Church. There will also be opportunity to place your prayers at the altar in the prayer basket.

The next gathering will be Tuesday, May 7.

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



Our Pastor's Message

Real Ugly Love

In the second reading St. John says, “whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” And what is that love? Jesus commands us in the Gospel to “love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” The type of love Jesus is talking about he displays on the cross. He lays down his life for us, for those who don’t know him and even for those who hated him and crucified him. We tend to only focus on the emotion of feeling in love and not on the ugly choice of real love. Ronald Rolheiser puts it this way, “what shatters our illusion of love is the presence in our lives of people who hate us. They're the test. It’s there where we have to measure up. If we can love them, we're real lovers; if we can't, we're still under a self-serving illusion.” Real love can be downright ugly. How often do we see someone forgive another person, really forgive. People talk about it all the time. Some people say they are doing it, but you can still see the grudge. It’s rare to see actual forgiveness. Another aspect of real love is loving our enemies. That is a sign of real love. We talk a lot about loving our enemies. I don’t know about you, but I rarely see that. I see people sort of loving their friends. I rarely see someone expand so much to love their enemies. Or another aspect of real love is generosity. We might think of ourselves as generous, but how many of us really give of ourselves. We give, we give the leftovers. We give out of self-interest. Rarely do we make a sacrifice to give. Rarely do we sacrifice the way we live to give to others. Isn’t this the kind of love Jesus is talking about? Isn’t this real love?

Going through the process of forgiveness is very painful. There is this back and forth motion of letting go and then wanting to take control again. If we continue to work through the pains of forgiveness, eventually we come to something new, either a deeper relationship we never thought possible, or a new freedom in our life to move deeper into other relationships in our life. We see that the lack of our forgiveness kept us from loving others. I’m not saying we don’t protect ourselves so it doesn’t happen to you or someone else again, but you no longer hold that person responsible for how you feel nor do you seek revenge.

The same is true in learning to love our enemies. So often we don’t want to enter the process. If we are willing to go through the process of what it might mean to love instead of hate, we will see that the hate in our life will no longer have the power over us. Our actions will no longer be dictated by what our enemies do. We will know the joy of a greater capacity to love.

Isn’t the same true when it comes to generosity? We don’t want to change our lifestyle of convenience, of centering everything on ourselves. We go back and forth in the process. First we want to hold onto the gifts we have, secondly if we do give we want to control how the gift will be used. Finally we give birth by letting go, truly giving. The release of the gift becomes something greater than we ever realized. We realize in giving the gift, how many gifts are poured out upon us.

God bless,
Fr. Chris



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Christ's boundless love compels us to act. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet throughout the Archdioceses of St. Louis and supports the mission of the Church "*For the Life of the World*", sharing His love and Mercy with those who need it most. This week, we are launching the Appeal in our parish.

Please consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. Rich Marquard, this year's St. Cletus Chair, or an ACA representative, will be in the Day Chapel as in past years with your pledge cards. You can also make a pledge online **at aca.archstl.org**, or use Text-to-Give by texting "**ACA**" to **243725**.

It would be appreciated if you could still fill out your Pledge Card in the Day Chapel.

Thank You



ST CLETUS PARISH PICNIC

50 / 50 RAFFLE

ONLY 200 ENTRIES WILL BE

SOLD @ \$100 AN ENTRY

IF ALL 200 ARE SOLD

THE PRIZE IS \$10,000

Get a group together to buy an entry



Scan the QR code
for an entry form



St. Cletus Parish Picnic

MAY 18 11AM-10PM

MAY 19 11AM-5PM

JOIN US!



Food



Rides



Games



Prizes



Music



Arm Bands Available For Advance Purchase Only!

Saturday \$50 Sunday \$30

Day of Ride Tickets 24 for \$20

Game Booth Tickets 10 for \$10 or \$1.25 each

50/50 raffle \$100 Per Ticket

Calling all Volunteers!!

We need your help to make our 2024 St. Cletus Parish Picnic on Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, a success! Please use the link below to sign up for a shift!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050945AFAC2BA2FE3-49379552-parish>

ST. CLETUS

Picnic Menu

Hamburger/Cheeseburger	\$5
Pulled Pork Sandwich	\$5
Bratwurst "The Don"	\$5
1/4 All Beef Hot Dog	\$5
Walking Taco	\$6
Pulled Pork Walking Taco	\$7
Chips	\$2
Water	\$2
Soda (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite)	\$2
Beer	\$4
Seltzer	\$4
Margaritas	\$6



MISSOURI
CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE



WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



The Pro-Abortion Initiative Petition seeks to amend the Missouri Constitution and legalize abortion throughout ALL stages of pregnancy.

What it does.....

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “person” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Missouri laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed and to administer medication abortions in person in case of complications for the woman. These health and safety standards could be seen as an “interference” or “delay” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS FOR ABORTIONS INTO THE SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER

The amendment allows abortions at any time to protect not only the physical, but also the mental health of the woman. This means that a health care provider could justify a late-term abortion due to a woman’s “emotional, psychological, [and] familial” concerns**. An abortion provider would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this petition.

What it says.....

1. This Section shall be known as “The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative.”
2. The Government shall not deny or infringe upon a person’s fundamental right to reproductive freedom...including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion care, miscarriage care, and respectful birthing conditions.
3. The right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, interfered with, delayed, or otherwise restricted unless the Government demonstrates that such action is justified by a compelling governmental interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Any denial, interference, delay, or restriction of the right to reproductive freedom shall be presumed invalid.
4. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this Section, the general assembly may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortion after Fetal Viability provided that under no circumstance shall the Government deny, interfere with, delay, or otherwise restrict an abortion that in the good faith of a treating health care professional is needed to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person.
- ...
8. For purposes of this Section, the following terms mean:
 - (1) “Fetal Viability”, the point in pregnancy when, in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus’s sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

* Missouri Revised Statutes, Sections 188.010 - 188.375 ** Based on Doe v. Bolton

And the Word was Made Flesh, And Dwelt Among Us



Gala 25th Anniversary ST. LOUIS MARIAN CONFERENCE May 17-19, 2024

Renaissance Hotel St. Louis Airport
9801 Natural Bridge Road
(adjacent to the St. Louis Airport)

Still only \$60 for 3 full days!

A dynamic 3-day event of inspiration, faith, & fellowship

- Holy Mass & Confessions daily
- Exposition & 24-hr Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Large & diverse selection of vendors
- Large display of relics

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC



Msgr. Eugene Morris



Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz



Fr. John Broussard, CPM



Mother Mary Assumpta Long, OP



Bob Gannon



Marlene Watkins

CONFERENCE MUSICIANS



Matthew Baute



Annie Karto

CONCERT OF HEALING & INSPIRATION
PERFORMED BY ERIC & OTHER WORLD-CLASS MUSICIANS

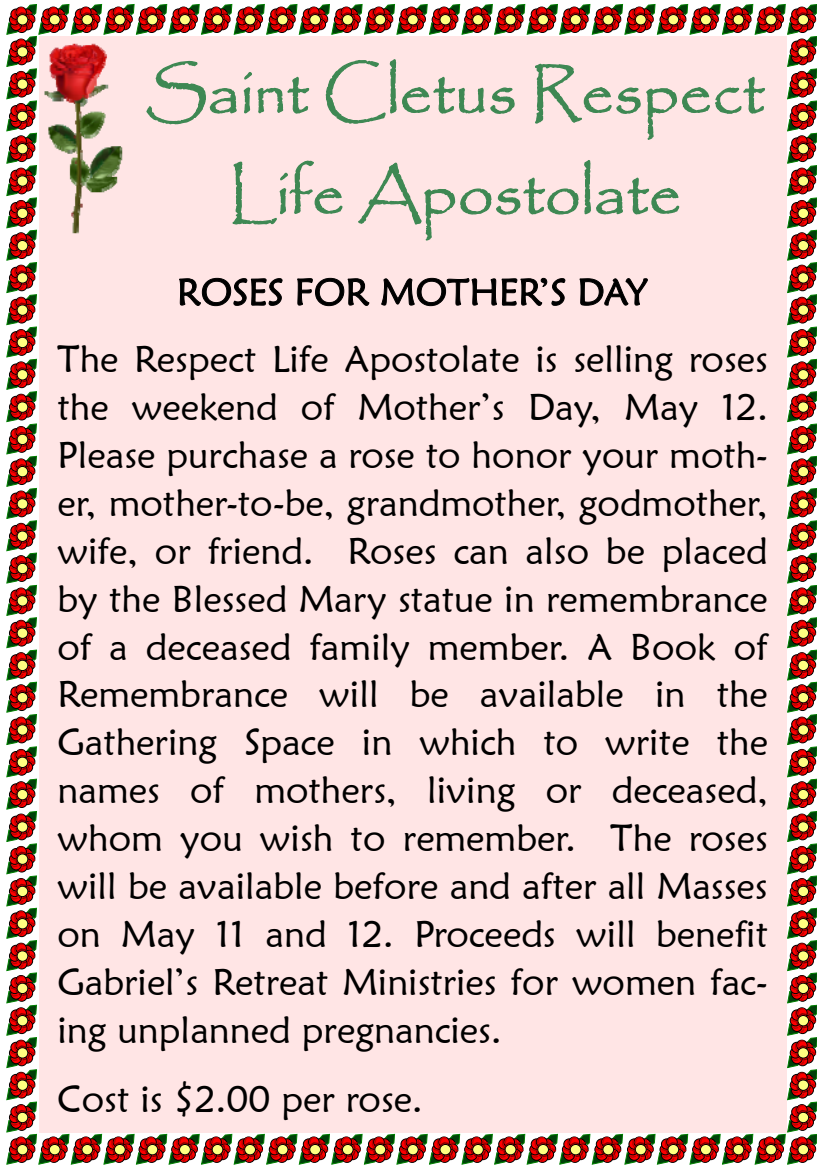


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For information or to register: www.stlmc.org, 314-850-7718, or info@stlmc.org
To book your hotel room: www.stlmc.org or 800-468-3571 (mention group code SLM)



Saint Cletus Respect Life Apostolate

ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Respect Life Apostolate is selling roses the weekend of Mother's Day, May 12. Please purchase a rose to honor your mother, mother-to-be, grandmother, godmother, wife, or friend. Roses can also be placed by the Blessed Mary statue in remembrance of a deceased family member. A Book of Remembrance will be available in the Gathering Space in which to write the names of mothers, living or deceased, whom you wish to remember. The roses will be available before and after all Masses on May 11 and 12. Proceeds will benefit Gabriel's Retreat Ministries for women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Cost is \$2.00 per rose.

PICNIC BOTTLE BOOTH

WE'RE ACCEPTING
DONATIONS OF ANYTHING
IN A BOTTLE: SHAMPOO,
CATSUP, SUNNY D, SALAD
DRESSING, OR THAT BOTTLE
OF WINE
(just a few suggestions).

ALL OF THEM ARE MOST
WELCOME FOR THIS FUN
BOOTH WHERE EVERYONE IS
A WINNER!



PLACE BOTTLES IN MARKED
TUBS IN THE GATHERING
SPACE BEFORE MAY 17.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
- Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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: _____