

**St. Cletus Catholic Church**  
*Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others*  
**July 7, 2024**



WHAT KIND OF  
WISDOM HAS BEEN  
**GIVEN HIM?**

MARK 6:2

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN  
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**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week**

**Mon., July 8, Weekday**

7:00am † *Celeste Knox*

Presider: Fr. Rich Rath

**Tues., July 9, Weekday**

7:00am † Gary Wibbenmeyer

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Wed., July 10, Weekday**

7:00am † *Rob Goudijs*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Thur., July 11, Saint Benedict**

7:00am † *Liz McCarthy*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Fri., July 12, Weekday**

7:00am † *Daniel Travers*

Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

**Sat., July 13, Weekday**

8:00am † *Communion Service*

Presider: Deacon Mark

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**Sat., July 13, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm † *Paul Wappelhorst*

Presider: Fr. Rich Rath

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: E. Krupich and L. Pezold

**Sun., July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † *Our Parish Family*

Presider: Fr. Rich Rath

Deacon: Frank Olmsted

Servers: M. Lemkemann and C. Schneider

9:30am † *George & Hazel Freber*

Presider: Visiting Priest

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: A. Poulter and E. Poulter

11:30am † *Kathleen Zilliken*

Presider: Visiting Priest

Deacon: Mark McCarthy

Servers: S. Blaha and E. Hockmeyer



Sue Brockelmeyer  
Charlene Carson  
Mary Ann Dallas

Debbie Doering  
Jim Holterman  
John Kaiman  
Lorraine Lind  
Joe Marzaloes  
Mary Fran Oldani  
Cheryl Patton  
Jim Pini  
Eric Reinholz



**"PLEASE SEE AN USHER OR DEACON TO OBTAIN A DEVICE"**

**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. Monday thru Friday

**COMMUNION SERVICE:** Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

**ADORATION:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

**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](mailto:secretary@saintcletus.org)





### Your Gifts to God and Parish

**PARISH COLLECTION June 23, 2024**

Regular Offertory.....	\$ 10,674.06
Online Offertory.....	\$ 8,840.00
Matching.....	\$ 35.00



In today's Gospel the people ask: "How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?" Because of your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, many "miraculous deeds" are accomplished for the poor. When you put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box (located at the rear of the church in the main aisle), know that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging.



### ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, July 8**

5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:30AM	BAPTISM CLASS/DCN. FRANK	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	ELL	BENZ

**TUESDAY, JULY 9**

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
6:15PM	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	CALLAHAN
6:30PM	DSCV CHRIST SMALL GRP MTG	DUCHESNE

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:30PM	PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	MEN'S CLUB GEN MEETING	SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**THURSDAY, JULY 11**

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
5:00PM	UNIFORM SALES	SCHOOL CAFETERIA
6:00PM	DSCV CHRIST REUNION	HALL
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL

**FRIDAY, JULY 12**

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
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**SATURDAY, JULY 13**

6:30PM	BAPTISM	CHURCH
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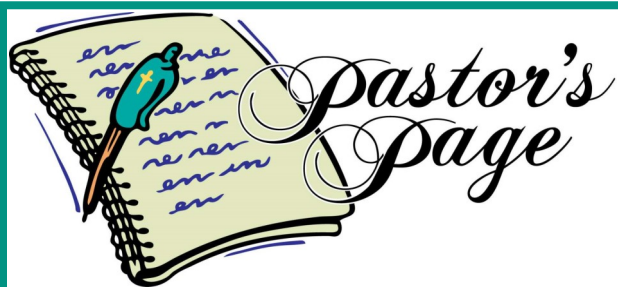
**SUNDAY, JULY 14**

12:45PM	BAPTISM	CHURCH
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### **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE MASS WEDNESDAY, July 10**

Please join us for an outdoor Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine located at 301 Coronation Drive, O'Fallon, MO (corner of Civic Park Drive and Imperial Drive passed Sigmund Auto Service). Fr. Joe Detwiler will preside the Mass, followed by the rosary and divine mercy rosary (**weather permitting**). Please bring a lawn chair. For more information, call Sylvia Kiphart at 636-978-8803.



Do we know better?

This Gospel just makes my head spin. One minute they are praising Jesus, “where did this man get all of this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!” They were astonished by Jesus. And then they completely turn on him, “is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us? And they took offense at him. They were amazed by Jesus, but they end up dismissing him and what he says. Their excuse is that Jesus cannot be this wise and powerful person because they knew him before all of this. They knew better. Never mind the wisdom that he spoke and the deeds that he had done. He even managed to cure a few sick people in a disbelieving town. Jesus is amazed by their lack of faith

What is it that we dismiss about Jesus because we know better. He always went to the poor first. Jesus worked from the bottom up. Notice, he always went to the bottom. The first beatitude was blessed are the poor. In the foot washing he taught us to be servants first. In our society we support a top down approach. Everything is built around the rich. The system supports the rich. It is not a fair system. In the great recession who were saved, the rich. A lot of rich people think they know better. A lot of people even in the church think they know better. Serving the poor should be a top priority for us as Christians. What are the top priorities in our lives? Is serving the poor one of them?

What about not just the poor, but the outcast. Jesus was always reaching out to the outcast and bringing them into His community. He brought in women who were considered second class citizens. He brought in lepers who were unclean. He brought in the lame. They were considered to be sinners. He brought in tax collectors and prostitutes. When it comes to people, we think we know better. We judge others. Who would Jesus be with in this day and age? All that we have to do is think about those who are different. We all work with people who have a different ethnicity or a different religion? We all know people who have different politics. We all have that family member or relative who has a different orientation. Are we welcoming them into our communities? Or do we hold final judgment?

Jesus called us to live a simple life. He focused on his relationships, his relationship with God and with us. That what was his life's work. There sure are a lot of people who think they know better. We fill every moment of the day with activity. We especially do this with our children. We have so many activities scheduled for them. We find ourselves teaching our children how to run away from God and how to run away from themselves. How are we to really connect with others if we can't just be with ourselves? Are we simplifying our lives or are we running?

God bless,  
Fr. Chris

*Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life*

**15th Annual Benefit Dinner**


**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**


Orlando's Garden South  
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 4:00 pm  
Followed by Cocktails and Dinner

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Bishop David Konderla**  
Bishop of Tulsa, Oklahoma


Also joining us will be:



Fr. Anthony  
Wieck, SJ





Zip Rzeppa



Scott Kennebeck

More information to come!  
[ourladyforlife.com](http://ourladyforlife.com)


**ST. CLETUS  
PARISH SCHOOL OF  
RELIGION**

**REGISTRATION**

**TUESDAY NIGHT PSR CLASSES**  
**6:15-7:30 PM**  
**STARTING AUGUST 27**

**REGISTER NOW**

REGISTER HERE:  
[SAINTCLETUS.FAITHENROLL.COM](http://SAINTCLETUS.FAITHENROLL.COM)

636-255-1717



## Functional Fitness Exercise and Fellowship 4 Seniors

The new session of our exercise class, a 7- week session, is starting **July 16, 2024**, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30—9:30am, \$35 for the session. For more information contact: Marianne Belcke, MHS, OTR/L, 314-265-5231

[sbelcke@gmail.com](mailto:sbelcke@gmail.com); or Judy Voss, Certified Personal Trainer, 314-330-5831 [judvoss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judvoss@sbcglobal.net)



## Harvester K of C 2024 Summer Cornhole Tournament

**When:** Saturday, 8/3/2024, Noon, Register 11am

**Where:** \*\*\*INSIDE\*\*\* Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish Center Gym, 4112 McClay Rd, St Charles, MO 63304

**Cost:** \$50 per 2-person team, Each team guaranteed 6 games

All ages are welcome. Cash prizes (More teams = larger cash prizes)

Food and beverages available at event. 50/50 Raffle.

Please pre-register with Tim Plawski at [timplawski@gmail.com](mailto:timplawski@gmail.com) or 314-910-8670 or contact for sponsorship opportunities.

## PAUSE+PRAY

### A Shared Responsibility



#### Reflect

The shared responsibility of our common home is one that is in dire need of attention. We are seeing the ramifications of pollution, destruction of natural resources, and global warming are doing to the planet. The choices we make have an impact on the planet and affect the poor around the globe. May we take the time to consider

both our personal and communal action toward the preservation of the environment.

#### Pray

God of all creation, Inspire us with wisdom and understanding to help us be better stewards of the planet. May we never forget that the environment is home to all life and that it is our collective responsibility to care and sustain it. Help us to advocate and work for lasting change for the common good of all people. We ask this in all the holy names of God. Amen.

#### Act

What are some tangible, small steps you can take for your part in the shared responsibility of caring for the environment?

Today's *Pause+Pray* was written by Patricia Breen

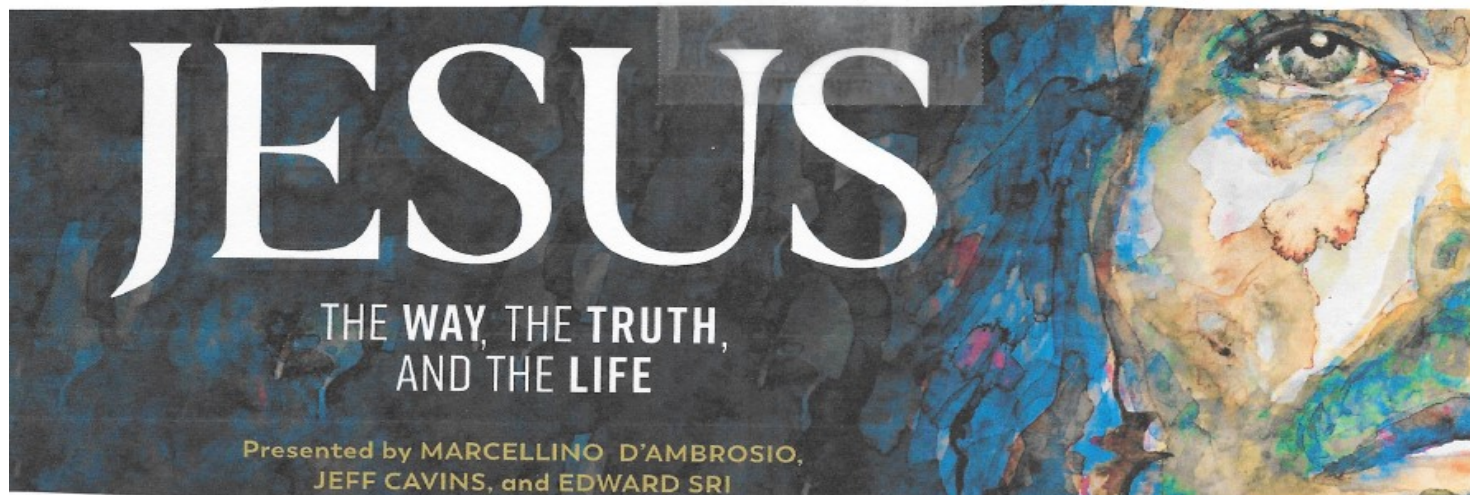
ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. CLETUS!

WE ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON ANOTHER WONDERFUL BIBLE STUDY ENTITLED

## “JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE”

This study is from Ascension Press and will take us from the Incarnation to Christ’s death and resurrection, as well as giving insight into how the Old Testament foreshadowed the life that Jesus was to follow as he became “the word made flesh.”

This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.



This Bible Study will begin on August 20, 2024, with a morning session beginning at 10:30 am, and an evening session beginning at 7:00 pm. The study runs for 10 weeks and will be held in the Church Hall.

Registration sheets are on the table in the Gathering Space, or you may click on the QR Code below to register online.

For any questions, call Cheryl Borgsmiller at 636-751-6592 or [cborgs413@yahoo.com](mailto:cborgs413@yahoo.com).



It’s the night of your wildest dreams!

Join us at The Care Service for **“Cruel Summer Music Bingo”**  
on July 27 from 6:30pm – 10pm.

This Taylor Swift themed event will feature rounds of themed music bingo as well as other fun games, raffles, and surprises, including a chance to win an autographed “folklore” CD!

Tickets for the event and raffle are now available at:  
[onecau.se/cruelsummer2024](http://onecau.se/cruelsummer2024) and proceeds will go toward our mission  
of serving those in crisis and preventing homelessness and hunger in the tri-county area.



**ST. CLETUS CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

# **TOY DRIVE**



**All toys will be donated to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital inpatient playrooms.**

**Accepting Donations**

**JULY 20-21**

**MOST REQUESTED TOYS:**

**LEGOS, HOT WHEELS, PAINTING CANVAS, NERF BASKETBALL HOOPS**

**Scan here for Amazon wishlist**





# THE BRIDGES RETREAT

A Retreat in Everyday Life.

Bridging  
Prayer, Spirituality  
and Community  
*The Spiritual Exercises  
of Ignatius of Loyola  
The 19th Annotation*

## What Are The Spiritual Exercises?

At Bridges, we invite retreatants to experience the ancient wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in a way that will transform their contemporary lives of faith. We're here to be the connection—the bridge—that helps them see and respond to the movements of God. The Bridges retreat takes place over the course of 8 months each year from September through May.

### Here's what is involved:

The opportunity to have a full experience of the Spiritual Exercises over an 8-month period, as envisioned and created by St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

- A commitment to about an hour of prayer each day, following a modern translation of the original text.
- Personalized, one-on-one guidance from an experienced, trained prayer companion.
- Weekly or monthly small community meetings at several locations throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area;
- An online option for those outside the area or those who need a virtual experience;

Using the wisdom of St. Ignatius and a daily commitment to prayer and scripture, each retreatant is given the opportunity to learn different forms of prayer and discover their own prayer style, while being supported and gently challenged by their prayer companion. Above all, they are drawn into a more intimate relationship with God through scripture and the life, ministry, passion and resurrection of Christ.

### MORE THAN A PROGRAM OR A COURSE

The genius of the Spiritual Exercises is that, although there is a common tradition and text, no two people experience it in exactly the same way. Rather, through the guidance of the prayer companion and the work of the Holy Spirit, each person's experience will be uniquely theirs. They receive the graces they need depending upon their personal spiritual needs, their openness to the ongoing wisdom inherent in the Exercises, and their awareness of the work of God within them.

Because of this flexibility, Christians of many different denominations and traditions have found the Bridges experience of the Spiritual Exercises to be life-changing and faith-enriching.

To find out more about the Bridges Retreat, please visit [www.bridgesfoundation.org](http://www.bridgesfoundation.org). The site includes the dates and times of free summer information sessions. You may also contact Bridges Executive Director Steve Givens at: [executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org](mailto:executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org) or (314) 401-2072.

## 2024-25 BRIDGES INFORMATION SESSIONS

### Wednesday, July 10 @ 10 a.m.

Glendale Presbyterian Church  
500 N Sappington Rd, St. Louis, MO 63122

### Thursday, July 11 @ 7 pm

All Saints Catholic School  
5 McMenemy Rd, St Peters, MO 63376

### Wednesday, July 24 @ 7 p.m. (CT)

Online  
To receive a Zoom invite to the online information session, contact Steve Givens at: [executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org](mailto:executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org)

### Thursday, July 25 @ 7 pm

All Saints Catholic School  
5 McMenemy Rd, St Peters, MO 63376

### Saturday, July 27 @ 10 a.m.

St. Louis University High  
4970 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63110

### Tuesday, July 30 @ 7 pm

DeSmet Jesuit High School  
233 N New Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141

### Saturday, August 17 @ 10 a.m.

St. Matthew the Apostle Church  
2715 Sarah St., St. Lou s, MO, 63113

### Tuesday, August 20 @ 7 pm

DeSmet Jesuit High School  
233 N New Ballas Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141

To register for any session or for more information, contact Steve Givens at: [executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org](mailto:executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org) or (314) 401-2072.



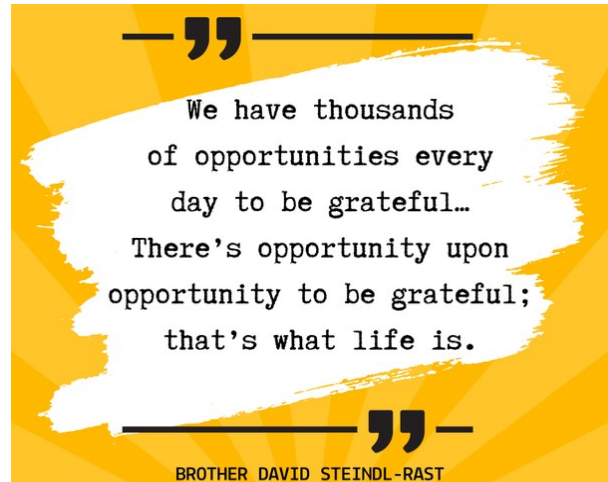
Bringing Ignatian Spirituality to Everyday Life

**Prayer for Truth**

Dear Lord,

Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth. Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.

Amen.



**5th Annual Nun Run and Walk!**

Calling all runners and walkers who want to support a great cause.

July 28, 2024, @ Dames Park in O'Fallon, MO 9:00 a.m.

\$25 Adults; \$15 Kids (dogs welcome)

Ticket includes Raffle Entry (\$500 in prizes)

A healthcare center in Northern Uganda, under supervision of Sister Lucy Arombo, needs our help to keep the doors open. The clinic is only able to survive because of the donations of THIS fundraiser. People in the area are considered peasant farmers and have little money for healthcare needs. The clinic serves a population of nearly 20,000 people. We have delivered hundreds of babies and cured many children of typhoid and malaria. Your donations are direct to the consumer, funding medical supplies, medications, lab work, & staff payment. All donations over \$250 are tax deductible through the Comboni Missionaries based in Ohio. For more information, please contact Laurie Baruzzini-Koenen (636) 248-1694 or Lynnette Mueller (636) 639-9033.

Checks can be made out to Comboni Missionaries  
c/o of Jeanne Fields (St. Paul Parishioner, St. Paul, MO)  
4 Woodleaf Ct.  
St. Paul, MO 63366

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/  
Mk 6:7-13

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