

St. Cletus Catholic Church
Welcoming Christ in the Face of Others
May 12, 2024

LIFTING UP HIS
EYES TO HEAVEN,
JESUS PRAYED.

JOHN 17:1

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLEASE FIND OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND THE
EXTENSIONS BELOW AFTER DIALING THE MAIN
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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for the week

Mon., May 13, Easter Weekday

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

Tues., May 14, Saint Matthias

7:00am † *Rosemary Parentin*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Wed., May 15, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Joseph Houska*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
8:00am † *Priest's Intention*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Thur., May 16, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Jeff Mason*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Fri., May 17, Easter Weekday

7:00am † *Becky Philipps*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann

Sat., May 18, Easter Weekday

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

Sat., May 18, Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm † *Tom Small*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Walt LaBozzetta
Servers: M. Martin and X. Martin

Sun., May 19, Pentecost Sunday

7:30am † *Ryan Stapleton & CeCe Kavadas*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: M. Lemkemann and C. Schneider
9:30am † *Our Parish Family*
Presider: Fr. Chris Holtmann
Deacon: Frank Olmsted
Servers: K. Ayers and M. Ayers

No 11:30am Mass



- 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

Prayer of Mission

Dear Lord,
Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need. Amen.

- 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 28, 2024	
Regular Offertory.....	\$ 13,839.31
Online Offertory.....	\$ 9,241.00
Matching.....	\$ 338.00



ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 13

10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
5:00PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	BENZ
6:30PM	ELL	BENZ

TUESDAY, MAY 14

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	ELL	BENZ
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
4:00PM	ORGAN TRAINING	CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

9:00AM	QUILTERS	HALL
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:30PM	PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
6:30PM	RESPECT LIFE MEETIG	BENZ
7:00PM	STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING	DUCHESNE

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:30AM	SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS	HALL
10:00AM	DSCVR CHRIST LSNS LRND MTG	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MTG	BENZ
6:30PM	LEGION OF MARY	DAY CHAPEL
7:00PM	LEGION OF MARY HOLY HOUR	CHURCH

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:00AM	WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP	DUCHESNE
12:00PM	PRIVATE MEETING	BENZ
12:00PM	MEMORIAL MASS	CHURCH
1:00PM	FUNERAL LUNCHEON	HALL

SATURDAY, MAY 18

PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 19

PARISH PICNIC



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.



“God's love doesn't seek value, it creates value. It is not because we have value that we are loved, but because we are loved that we have value. Our value is a gift, not an achievement.”

William Sloan Coffin

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From the Pastor's Desk

Playing in the Mud

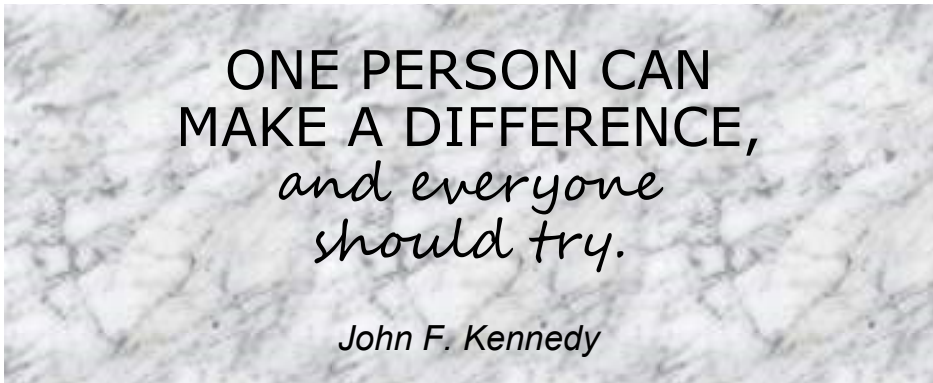
In the first reading, Jesus says goodbye to the disciples and then ascends into heaven. As he ascends the disciples stare on. It's as if they are saying don't leave us. However, two men in robes come and ask them what they are staring at. This Jesus will come again. In other words, get to work. The plan is that one day you too will ascend.

In order for us to ascend, we must first do something. Descend! Jesus really descended into this life didn't he? He got into the mud of life quite literally making mud with his spit and smearing it on the blind man's eyes. Some people's spirituality is about ascending above it all. Jesus was the exact opposite. He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather he emptied himself into this life. He humilatingly died on a cross, considered a criminal.

Do you get into the mud of life? Like the Pharisees, we can tell people what to do, or we can get in the mud with them. Can we really listen to them? Can we admit when we don't have an answer? Sometimes the best thing is to just listen to them, to just show up. Yes, life is muddy. Once again, I am not saying to stay in an abusive relationship or let someone hurt themselves or hurt another person, but this is not the case in most situations. Sometimes it is just about letting people know that you love them and aren't going to abandon them. Listening is a fine art, but this is what we are called to do as Christians.

Do you get into the mud of your own life? We all have a number of problems in life. Do we get in the mud in our prayers and pray over it. Do we seek people we can trust. Do we seek people to get advice. Sometimes I have had to wrestle in the mud for many years. It's progress not perfection. It's only then that we can begin to rise to new life, but first we have to descend.

God bless,
Fr. Chris

A rectangular image with a marbled paper background. The text is centered and reads: "ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, and everyone should try." The first part is in all caps, and the second part is in a cursive script.

ONE PERSON CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
*and everyone
should try.*

John F. Kennedy

HOLY HOUR

“So, Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26 40-41



Exposition of the blessed Sacrament Rosary & Benediction

Join the Legion of Mary for an evening with the Lord. The evening will include Exposition, silent prayer, Rosary, and Benediction. Dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we, her children, run to her for refuge.

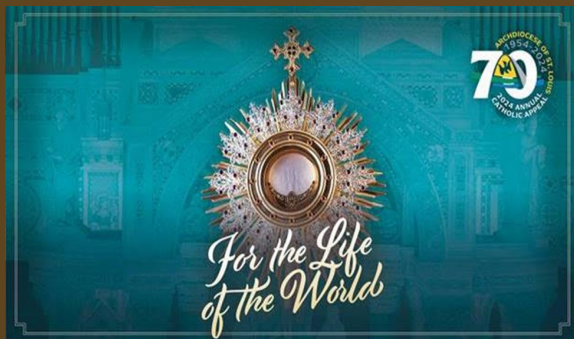
Thursday, May 16

7:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Catholic Church

2705 Zumbahl Road

St. Charles, MO 63301



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

**Last Weekend for pledge cards in the Day Chapel
is May 11/12, 2024**

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.

As noted above, we have modified the ACA schedule for St. Cletus this year due to various conflicts.

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 this weekend for your last chance to make your pledge in person. However, you can also make a pledge online at aca.archstl.org, or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.

Any amount you can offer this year is appreciated and will support the many St. Louis Archdiocese programs listed in the pamphlets found in the pews.

Thank You.



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



2024 St Cletus Parish Picnic 50/50 Raffle

Only 200 tickets to be sold @ \$100 per ticket
Potential \$10,000 in winnings if all tickets are sold

Benefiting St Cletus Parish

Tickets available online: www.saintcletus.org & FACEBOOK
Parish Picnic is MAY 18th & 19th

To enter, please fill out this form and return it by mail or stop by
the 50/50 Booth on Saturday or Sunday at the Picnic
Make checks payable to St Cletus Parish

**St Cletus 50/50 Raffle
St Cletus Church Office
2705 Zumbahl Road
St. Charles, MO. 63301**

Buy a ticket for yourself, or get a group together and buy one as a group

The St. Cletus 50/50 Drawing will be Sunday May 19th at the PICNIC

*The winner will be notified by phone or mail.
Thank you for supporting St Cletus*

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2024 St Cletus Parish Picnic 50/50 Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PROJECT RACHEL DAY OF HOPE AND HEALING

For Women Wounded by Abortion

PRAYERFUL
CONFIDENTIAL
SUPPORTIVE



Saturday, May 18, 2024
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

(Location shared at registration)

Cost \$20 includes lunch and all materials

Hosted by:

Holy Family Hope and Healing Ministry
A Ministry for Women from the Archdiocese
of St. Louis Respect Life Apostolate

Ministry Team: Trained Facilitators,
Priests, Spiritual Directors

Contact hopehealing@archstl.org
or 314.792.7565

RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE



Ascension of the Lord

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

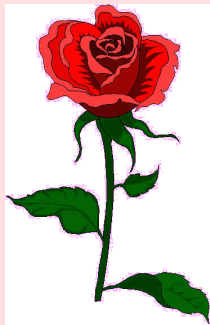
This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

Archdiocesan Monthly Pro-Life Mass & Rosary

This month on **Saturday, May 18**, at **SEAS church** - 2 Seton Court Saint Charles, MO 63303

Fr. Vordtriede will be celebrating the **8:15 a.m. Mass**. The rosary will be said before Mass. All are invited to attend and bring a friend or two to



Scan to register or donate

The Run for Life and Learning is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.



You could be the lucky winner yelling "Bingo!" Join The Care Service for another night of fun and games on Monday, May 13 at 6pm at Chicken N Pickle. Bring your friends and enjoy several rounds of bingo for some fun prizes! There is limited seating available, so to guarantee your spot at this event, get your tickets today on our website at jacares.org/events. We will also sell tickets at the door, but only to the limited capacity. Check out our website and save the dates for our other upcoming fun events!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
 Nest Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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: _____