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Rural Parish Clinic to Open Dental Clinic Site in Cadet, Mo.

ST. LOUIS - The Rural Parish Clinic (RPC) will open a new mobile dental clinic site in the Archdiocese of St. Louis on June 3, 2021, in Cadet, Mo. at St. Joachim Parish (Parish Center, 10120 Crest Road). The new clinic—which is a collaborative initiative with the parishes of Washington County, Mo.—will open to patients on Thursday, June 3, and at this time is scheduled to operate June 3-5 and June 8-12.

This is the second dental clinic location for the Rural Parish Clinic; the first location opened at Father Dempsey's Charities in St. Louis in January 2021, marking the Rural Parish Clinic's first expansion into urban St. Louis.

Additional future operation dates, hours and locations for both mobile dental clinics are to be determined, as there is still a need for more dental volunteers. The leadership of the Rural Parish Clinic encourage any individuals who have experience in the dental field and are interested in offering volunteer services to reach out to Jeanine Jung at 314-225-4034.

As with all RPC locations, the goal of the dental clinics is to offer essential health care free of charge to uninsured patients in underserved communities.

While the RPC does not offer testing nor medical care for COVID-19, patients are questioned about symptoms and potential exposure upon arrival at the clinics, and are provided with guidance and referrals for testing, vaccines or medical care as needed.

All RPC locations follow COVID-19 safety procedures and protocols consistent with the latest guidance from the CDC as well as local and regional health officials.

As the RPC's mobile dental clinics serve mainly as primary dental care facilities, clinic leadership encourage those seeking care to make an appointment—and schedule follow-up appointments—ahead of time, including regular check-ups, by calling Jeanine Jung at 314-225-4034. Walk-in patients are accepted as availability allows.

The Rural Parish Clinic is a separately incorporated ministry, not operated nor controlled by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. More information is available at archstl.org/rpc.



