

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

MARCH 5TH, 2023

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Lord, let your mercy be upon us; we place our trust in you.

-Psalm 33



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Intentions for March 6 - March 12, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
March 6	8:00am	Fr. Gavancho	St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, Louie V. Vieceli
March 7	8:00am	Fr. Killeen	St. Cletus Parishioners & St. Cletus Students
March 8	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nick Vittore, BC and Rip Collins, Bronislawa Pabin
March 9	8:00am	Fr. Killeen	Joseph Vieceli, Alice Vonesh and Josephine Krug
March 10	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Phyllis Prevenas, Frank Dunbar, John Battistoni, Julio Battistoni
March 11	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Lydia Danielewicz, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Derek Klein
March 12	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Jan and Maria Wisniewski, John Duda, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	MaryAnn Lyons, Stella and Robert Konieczny, Frank Wojcik
	10:30am	Fr. Kalas	Colleen Headen, Nicholas Lodato
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	Carlos Rivera, Gerardo Torres

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Peter John Dixon
Husband of Jennifer Dixon

Lisa Mary Miles
Wife of Eric A. Miles

May they rest in peace....

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

March - Enemorio Cisneros, Galdino Padilla, Juana Garcia, Beto Montalvo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy, Denise and Rich Jandura, and Baby Muffy
February - Daniel Lacey, Matthew O'Connell, Roman Szabelski, Edward Rojack, Juana Martinez, Louie Soto, Leo Gonzalez, Tillie Gonzalez, Francie Smith
January - Janusz Szczepanski, James Wallace, Bill Gozdecki, Peter Felice, Donna Kurcz, Bill Deleeshe

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...



Madison Schwendt

Daughter of Colin and Stephanie Schwendt

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, **March 11-12**, we will have a special second collection for St. Cletus SVDP. There will be **green envelopes in the pews** for your convenience. May God bless you abundantly for your charity and love for those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Pastor's Note

“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light,”
Matt 17:1-2.

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter and embrace the Second Sunday of Lent, my invitation for us is to engage the feelings we experience each day as we walk with Jesus in the desert. The fruits of walking with Jesus allow us not only to grow in friendship with Him but also to have the deepest experience of His Father, which completely transforms our lives.

Peter, James, and John faithfully walked with Jesus. They saw Jesus radiant with glory and in the company of Moses and Elijah. They saw Christ in a new light because their eyes had changed, and they had matured. They allowed God to heal and to change their hearts. They saw God's power at work.

How are we experiencing and seeing the radiant glory of Jesus in our lives and parish? How are our eyes being changed? How is our faith being strengthened? How is our awareness of Christ's presence, grace, and closeness drawing us closer into the intimacy of his love?

With faith, gratitude, and joy I am happy to share with you some moments where I continue to notice and strongly feel the presence of God in our midst.



First, the celebration of Ash Wednesday was a special day for our parish community. Over 2,400 people came to pray, celebrate, and receive their ashes beginning at 6:30 AM. The seven opportunities for Ashes that our parish offered were well-attended. Each celebration was truly a moment of prayer and encounter with the Lord. My heart was overwhelmed with joy for which I am most grateful. I would like to thank you for the witness you continue to give me. I also would like to acknowledge and thank our Parish Staff, Gushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministries, and volunteers. Their service, ministry, leadership, and dedication were inspiring. May the Lord continue to fill their hearts with his kindness.

Second, the first special Mass of Hope and Healing that was held on Saturday, Feb 25, 2023, was well attended. We were blessed to have 200 men and women of faith that came to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They wanted to experience the closeness of God. They wanted to welcome, experience, and receive the healing power of God through the sacrament. They felt the work of the Holy Spirit through the prayers and words of Fr. Ron Kalas who was the principal celebrant. He touched our hearts and brought us closer to the Lord with his spirit-filled faith and joy. He made us feel at home and in the presence of God as we prayed together.



Third, the online survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute is going well. As of Wednesday morning, March 1st, 2023, 315 parishioners have already completed the survey. That is good news. My prayer is that more of you will make the effort to complete the survey. The data collected will help us to be more aware of what is going well and what needs our attention. Please accept my gratitude for your contribution with the success of the survey.

Fourth, the 2nd St. Cletus Lenten Fish Fry Sponsored by St. Cletus Father's Club will be held on Friday, March 10th, 2023, starting at 4:30 PM. Last year five hundred people came and enjoyed the warm and kind hospitality of the members of St. Cletus Father's Club. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and wholeheartedly thank them for the love they have for St. Cletus, the Lord, and for bringing us closer as a parish community. Please hold them in prayer.

Fifth, Kris and Clara Santin, leaders of the Art and Environment Committee, continue to assist us in making sure the sanctuary of our church looks appropriately arranged and decorated for the season of Lent. They are volunteers. They love sharing their gifts and talents. I am humbled by their dedication to all of us. Please keep them in prayer.

May God continue to bless our desire to walk with His Son, Jesus, and to open our eyes to recognize Him in our midst.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Reflections On Our Mass Of Hope And Healing

"I was fortunate to be in attendance last Saturday at the Mass for Healing and Hope. It was, without doubt, one of the most beautiful, memorable and spiritually inspiring experiences I have ever attended. The solemnity and grace received in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the most beautiful blessings we have the opportunity to achieve within the liturgy of our faith. Celebrated within the context of the Mass made it ever more special. The music and choir were beautifully integrated into the Mass enhancing it. The eloquence, depth of faith and theological knowledge shared by Fr. Ron Kalas was truly inspirational. But the willingness of all in attendance, their faith - individually and as a community of believers - made the morning a profoundly enlightening spiritual experience for everyone involved. Comparing my experience with others who were there confirms it. I left with a sense of simultaneous awe, wonder and a joyous sense of humble gratitude for God's presence and His love and mercy we all received and a deeper understanding of the infinite presence in all of our lives! My excitement in that moment continued as I was at the 5:00 p.m. Mass later that day and continues to this moment! Thank you for your leadership, pastoral care and the infectious passion and love of Our Lord you share with all of us."

"Sisters and brothers, I was privileged to join Fathers: Elmer and Michael for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick on Saturday February 25th. This great gift of our Church was renewed by the Vatican Council II some 50 years ago and was encouraged to be celebrated in our parishes often inviting all ages to avail themselves of its healing effects. It, as in other sacraments, brings the presence of Jesus to accompany us on our lifelong journey and especially during times of illness and stress. The help and assistance of so many parishioners and staff members to organize the event was most generous. The prayerfulness of those moments was palpable that day. I give thanks to the Father of Jesus and the Holy Spirit for this gift and pray that it may be celebrated again in the not-too-distant future. Please God may I join with the parishioners of St Cletus when that day comes again."



Father Ron Kalas

Note From Father Mike

Covenant

Some people refer to this second weekend in Lent as Transfiguration Sunday. I prefer Covenant Sunday. God speaks to Abram (not Abraham yet), telling him to leave his home and land behind, and God speaks a word of promise to him if he heeds God's message.

"I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you
and curse those who curse you.
All the communities of the earth
shall find blessing in you."

Abram obeys and we know the outcome of the story. Eventually, once Abram arrives in this new land, God blesses him abundantly along with his wife Sara – even though they were both past child-bearing age. And from there Abraham (as he became known as) receives that very promise "that his descendants will become as numerous as the stars in the sky or the sand on the seashore." Obedience to God has great advantages. Disobedience to God has heavy consequences, as Lot's wife found out the hard way.

But the covenant doesn't end with Abraham. No. We see Jesus carrying out the Father's will, picking up generations of Israel's covenant as it continued through Moses and the great prophets, so we listen to St. Matthew's gospel account of the Transfiguration. Some people might say that

Moses had nothing to do with the covenant between God and man. Not so. We hear in the Book of Deuteronomy **"If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin on you today, loving him, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and decrees, you will live and grow numerous."** Moses is reminding the Israelites that the covenant message is still valid. And then, through more generations, the prophets were charged with trying to keep the Israelites on track. That's why Jesus is conversing with Moses and Elijah. Yet, Jesus is different than both Moses AND Elijah -- "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." And Jesus doesn't teach anything different than Moses nor Elijah. Instead, He confirms God's covenant along His entire ministry, being sure to let people experience God's love wherever He went.

We have a responsibility to be sure to keep God's covenant with man. It's not the absolute same covenant that God entered with Abraham. I guess in one sense it is, we must be able to see that God raised the bar on His side in the sacrifice Jesus would eventually make for us. Doesn't it make sense that human beings ought to raise up our part of the covenant? How might we do that during Lent?

Fr. Mike

Mass Of Hope And Healing



Lenten Spanish Retreat



RETIRO CUARESIMAL

PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETUS
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525



CAMINANDO

CON

Jesus

**OREMOS Y
REFLEXIONEMOS
SOBRE NUESTRO
CAMINAR CON JESUS**

DIRIGIDO POR:

18 | 9 Am - 2:30 Pm
Marzo 2023

EN EL CENTRO PARROQUIAL



Fr. Elmer
Romero



Mr. Hector
Obregon



Juanita Avila
(708) 215 - 5441

Fish Fry Tickets Are On Sale Today!



2nd Annual
**St. Cletus
 Lenten Fish Fry**
 Sponsored by St. Cletus Father's Club

Friday March 10th, 2023

Seatings at: 4:30PM, 5:30PM, 6:30PM, and 7:30PM

Parish Center 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL

Adult Menu

Fried fish, fries, cole slaw, salad, dessert and beverage

\$15.00 in advance/ \$20 at the door

Kids Menu

Fried fish or chicken tenders, fries, mac-n-cheese, Cole slaw, salad, dessert and beverage.

\$10.00 in advance/ \$10 at the door

All donations will go towards support of St. Cletus School and St. Cletus Parish

How to Pay for your tickets

We accept cash/check and the following options

Venmo Julio-Quintero-11

Zelle #630-880-2415

Applepay #630-880-2415

Checks can be made out to: St. Cletus School

**BRING CASH FOR BEER/WINE,
SPLIT THE POT, AND MORE**

To help us accommodate everyone please adhere to the following:

Arrive as close to your reservation time as possible

Conclude your meal within an hour to make your table available for the next seating

Tickets (\$5 per drink) will be offered for beer & wine.

Split-the-Pot (cash only) to benefit the Parish and School will be offered

Looking For Silent Auction Items For Our Cardinalpalooza!

SILENT AUCTION ITEM REQUEST

Our school auction will be here before we know it! Our auction committee is actively looking for items for our silent auction such as gift cards, experiences, vacation getaways, etc....**Please drop off any donations to the school office! And don't forget to join us on April 29th for a night of great music, great food, great auction items, and great FUN! Tickets will be on sale SOON!!**

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

DONATION:

Name of Business/Donor as you wish it to appear:

GIFT/DONATION: \$ _____

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$ _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT FOR AUCTION PURPOSES (Specific Age, Material, Size, Style, Restrictions, etc.) _____

GIFT CERTIFICATES (should be valid for one year). Please choose one:

- Gift Certificate Attached: Expires: _____
- I would like St. Cletus to make Gift Certificate Expires: _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

- I will deliver a donation to St. Cletus School
- Please pick up my donation. It will be ready by _____

DONOR RELATIONSHIP TO ST. CLETUS SCHOOL: (Please circle all that apply)

Friend of St. Cletus Current Parent Alumni Parishioner Parent of Alumni

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED DONOR FORM TO THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL OFFICE:
700 W. 55th STREET, LA GRANGE, IL 60525



School News

LIVING STATIONS

Every year our 8th graders always do such a beautiful job presenting the Living Stations of the Cross. This year was no exception! It was a very moving experience.



DUDES AND DONUTS

Thank you to our FSA for hosting a very fun Little Cardinals event last weekend! Our Preschool-Kindergarten students were invited to our "Dudes and Donuts" morning where they got to invite a "dude" in their life to come have some treats and fun together in the Parish Center!



Save The Date

St. Cletus Community

S E C O N D A N N U A L

PIG ROAST



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**IN THE COURTYARD
AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

★ **FOOD** ★ **GAMES** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES** ★

★ **ENTERTAINMENT** ★

DON'T WANT TO EAT? COME ANYWAY!

ALL THE FUN IS FREE!

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Wide Survey!

DO YOUR PART!

St. Cletus parishioners, at the request of our Pastor and the Archdiocese of Chicago, are asked to participate in a 10-15 minute parish survey about discipleship. The survey will ask you to reflect on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The survey is now available at: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ggt5y4>. If possible, please complete the on-line version which is available in 17 languages. If, however you would like a paper copy, they are available upon request in either the narthex after weekend masses or at the Parish Center. Printed surveys are currently available in either English or Spanish. Should you wish to complete the survey on-line, a designated computer is also available during weekday hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Parish Center where staff will be able to assist you.

If you have any questions or to make special arrangements for obtaining a paper copy, please contact Karen Ziemba, 708-215-5466 or by email: DMIsurvey@stcletusparish.com.

All family members, 8th grade and up, are asked to individually participate. Deadline for completing and/or returning all surveys is Friday, March 31st. Thank you for helping with this important project!

¡ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA ENCUESTA EN TODA LA PARROQUIA!

A los feligreses de St. Cletus, a pedido de nuestro párroco y de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, se les pide que participen en una encuesta parroquial de 10 a 15 minutos sobre el discipulado. La encuesta le pedirá que reflexione sobre los esfuerzos de nuestra parroquia para ayudarlo a crecer. Todas las respuestas serán confidenciales y la parroquia solo recibirá información sobre la comunidad en su conjunto. La encuesta ya está disponible en: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ggt5y4>. Si es posible, complete la versión en línea que está disponible en 17 idiomas. Sin embargo, si desea una copia en papel, están disponibles a pedido en el atrio después de las misas de fin de semana o en el Centro Parroquial. Actualmente, las encuestas impresas están disponibles en inglés o español. Si desea completar la encuesta en línea, una computadora designada también está disponible durante el horario de lunes a viernes de 9 a. m. a 5 p. m. en el Centro Parroquial donde el personal podrá asistirle. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea hacer arreglos especiales para obtener una copia impresa, comuníquese con Karen Ziemba al 708-215-5466 o por correo electrónico: DMIsurvey@stcletusparish.com. Se les pide a todos los miembros de la familia, desde el grado 8 en adelante, que participen individualmente. La fecha límite para completar y/o devolver todas las encuestas es el viernes 31 de marzo. ¡Gracias por ayudar con este importante proyecto!



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
7 de marzo, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
5 de marzo, 2023	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

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RETIRO CUARESIMAL

El sábado 18 de marzo, 2023 de 9:00 am a 2:30 pm. Se llevar a cabo un retiro cuaresmal aquí en la Parroquia de San Cleto. El tema será Caminando con Jesús. Los invitados a participar en este retiro en donde estaremos reflexionando sobre nuestro caminar con Jesús. Las formas de registración se encuentran a la entrada de la Iglesia. Para más información se pueden comunicar con Juanita Avila a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano o con Diacono Ramon Cazales. 708-215-5441



LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday March 18, 2023, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. A Lenten retreat will take place here at St. Cletus Parish. The theme will be Walking with Jesus. We invite you to participate in this retreat where we will be reflecting on our walk with Jesus. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the Church. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila at the Hispanic Ministry office or Deacon Ramón Cazales. 708-215-5441

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

El Ministerio Hispano será el anfitrión de las Estaciones de la Cruz el viernes 17 de marzo a las 7:00 pm. Todos están cordialmente invitados. Favor de marcarlo en su calendario.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Hispanic Ministry will host the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 17 at 7:00 pm. All are cordially invited. Please mark it on your calendar.

VIA CRUCIS

Estaremos realizando el Vía Crucis viviente en español el Viernes Santo, 7 de abril de 2023 a las 11:00 a.m. en la iglesia. Por favor haga planes para ese día y únase a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos están invitados



WAY OF THE CROSS

The living Stations of the Cross in Spanish will take place on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Please plan for that day and join us in remembering the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- \$10 gift cards to Walmart or Jewel
- Pasta
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Beverages
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to thank all our parishioners and supporters who have made contributions to our “Poor Box” in the Narthex and those who have contributed to the Vincentian call to help our brothers and sisters in need. This money, along with other contributions, has helped us provide assistance to the working poor, single parents and families in our community with payments for rent, heat, electricity, transportation, and other critical needs.

The demand to help has increased in the past few months primarily due to inflation and decrease in government assistance programs, including SNAP (“food stamps”). We also know that you, our parishioners, are dealing with cost of living increases yourselves. We know your generous hearts have been there for us in the past and we are now asking you to contribute what you can so we may continue our service to the needy in our community.

A parishioner has offered SVDP a generous matching donation of up to \$15,000 to assist our neighbors. **Can you help us reach the full match?** Every amount donated will be doubled.

Average rents in the Lyons Township area are \$1,100-\$1,500. When we help just one family with one month of rent, you can see how quickly these funds are used. Your donation makes a direct impact on keeping people housed, turning the lights back on, keeping the heat and hot water going. **100% of your donations go directly toward financial assistance to those in our neighborhood.**

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LENTEN OUTREACH

Soccer & a Broken Reservoir



In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others’ needs

and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

IL March for Life & Life Advocacy Day

The 2023 IL March for Life will be held in Springfield on March 21 and includes a Mass for Life, Adoration and March. The following day, March 22 is Life Advocacy Day which features training, lobbying and lunch sponsored by all IL diocese. There are hotel rooms available at a group rate, contact dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org or visit respectlifefchicago.org for more info.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@

Ed Ward Fine Art Series

Ed Ward FINE ARTS SERIES

A JAZZ PASSION

VICTORIOUS + ETERNAL + LIGHT



Sunday, March 19
4:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Center

Victorious, Eternal, Light: A JAZZ PASSION is a one-of-a-kind experience. Believed to be the first major production of the Passion set to jazz, this work combines the emotional power of jazz harmonies and rhythms with the power of the gospel message to express the extraordinary spiritual journey of the last days of Christ's ministry.



WISE



There is so much goin on in the world, let your smile be the next brush of love, kindness, compassion, hope and peace in the tapestry of life.

“Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy. Your life ought to be a prophetic stimulus to others and leave a mark on this world, the unique mark that only you can leave.” Pope Francis

YOU COULD BE A **WISE** MEMBER!



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Do you have questions?
contact:

hobregon@stcletusparish.com



Ministry News

DISCUSSION.

For the next book discussion we are reading **In the Woods** by Tana French. We will meet on April 11 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

June 13 **The Dream Daughter** by Diane Chamberlain

August 8 **Christ the Lord out of Egypt** by Anne Rice

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

VISIO DIVINA



Join us for Visio Divina during this Lent, when we will be reflecting on the readings of each Sunday in Lent, using art that reflects those readings. We will be using the Arts and Faith series from Loyola Press. We

will read and pray with the relevant reading and the art, and end with an Ignatian reflection. These sessions will be held on Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (please sign up for one of these) in the Gallagher Room. There is no charge. If this is interesting to you, please sign up by contacting our pastoral associate, Tina Norton

CCW

Ladies of the parish be sure to join us for some fun with our Bingo Bash (indoors this time) and a service project to help BEDS.



Wednesday, March 15th 7:00pm in the Gallagher Room

Save your quarters and bring them for our service project. We will be assembling laundry kits for BEDS participants. Each laundry kit (ziploc bag) will include 2 laundry pods, 2 dryer sheets, and \$3.50 in quarters. CCW will provide the products and we ask you to come with the quarters. We will be helping BEDS clients do their laundry. In addition we will have a fun time playing some Bingo and winning prizes. Start your St. Patrick's Day celebrating with us on March 15

SAVE THE DATE!

CCW will be holding our annual Bake Sale in conjunction with the Holy Name Pancake Breakfast on April 2nd, Palm Sunday. Get out your recipes now and check what you'd like to donate to the Bake Sale. Plan to stop by and purchase your favorite treat also. Bakery drop off will be Saturday, April 1st from 4-6pm (preferred) or Sunday, April 2nd before 10:30am. Thank You!

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY (A CREDO MINISTRY)

Enroll your deceased loved ones for FREE, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us this Lent in prayer for the holy souls!



Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

Special intentions for March anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, March 6th, 8am

HELP NEEDED

As we go through Lent on our journey to Easter, we are making preparations for the Paschal Triduum. We need lots of help to make this great liturgy happen. If you feel like you might be called to be a gusher, altar server, communion minister or lector, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at tnorton@stcletusparish.com, for more information. Training will be provided and you can be trained in time for Easter. Liturgical ministry is a gratifying way to serve God and serve St. Cletus. We look forward to hearing from you!

GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL 2023

Hey, High School Girls! Join us for HOOPS!



We are looking for girls interested in forming a team for the girl's basketball Church League this Spring! It would be a short season running from April 15 until May 6 or 13. If interested please e-mail me at Imanetti@stcletusparish.com. We are thinking the fee will be between \$40 - \$50.

Once we know how many are interested we will post the registration information.

Thank you for your interest. God Bless, Lawrence Manetti

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.
Amen.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

ROSEMARIE LIPINSKI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a mother of school-age children who would like to start or return to college, or if you know a mother of school age children who would like to go to college, please consider applying for the RoseMarie Lipinski Foundation Scholarship. This is a one-time \$10,000 scholarship and is intended to help a mother with at least two school-age children continue her education and pursue a career. If this is of interest to you, or to someone you know, please visit <https://rosemarielipinskifoundation.com>, or contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton, for more information.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Tuesday, Mar 7 • 1:30 - 3pm (CT)

Facilitator: Bob Kent *Hybrid*

The Transcendentalists, who introduced the American public to mysticism in the 1830's, wrote and spoke beautifully about their experience of Divine Oneness in nature. We will focus on Ralph Waldo Emerson and Margaret Fuller, two leading lights of the movement whose experience of unity with all creation led them to work for social change. For Emerson it was the effort to abolish slavery, and for Fuller, the linkage between slavery and the oppression of women. We will also explore the spiritual practices of the Transcendentalists. Cost: \$20

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Little Known Tips and Ideas for Surviving Your Job Search and Successfully Landing Your Desired Position

Proven tactics, underutilized approaches, little known tips for surviving your job search... want to know more? Join ICN on Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 pm. You'll take away a wealth of information from our presenter, Tim Koch, on how to land your desired position. With extensive experience in preparing applicants strategically

and mentally, Tim assists individuals to cope with what can otherwise be a stressful search. He candidly and kindly provides two perspectives - that as the one doing the hiring (Deloitte, Amoco, et al) as well as the one applying for the position. Tim has interviewed and successfully hired hundreds of people, at various levels, across numerous industries (including both for-profit and not-for-profit) and looks forward to sharing his expertise with you. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

RETROUVILLE OF JOLIET



Retrouville is a program designed for married couples who are struggling. Retrouville helps couples learn to communicate on a deeper level, and has helped thousands of couples return to a healthy, God-centered marriage.

>>> Our next weekend will be held March 17th - 19th, 2023 <<<

For information please contact:

Retrouville of Joliet - 1-815-246-2080

THE WELL PROGRAM

Present Moment: Only Moment

Thursday, Mar 9 • 6:30 - 8pm (CT) Facilitator: Margaret Swedish *Hybrid*

As climate changes and cultures unravel, part of the spiritual work of this time of enormous transition is to live as fully as we can in the present moment. Drawing from the work of Thich Nhat Hahn, Margaret Swedish will lead us in practices to help "realize peace right in the present moment with our look, our smile, our words, and our actions." Cost: \$25

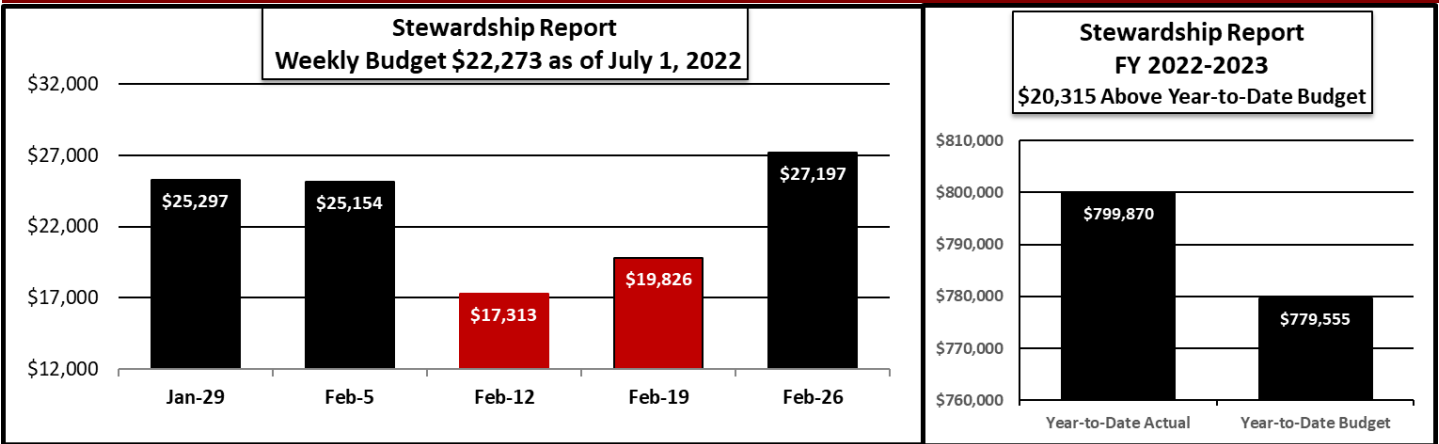
TO THE END: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 11 AM - 1 PM (CT) *Hybrid*
cospnsored with One Earth Film Festival

Filmed over four years of hope and crisis, this uplifting documentary captures the emergence of a new generation of leaders and the movement behind the most sweeping climate change legislation in U.S. history. *Teens and Young Adults are encouraged to attend* Cost: Free to register: oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az-2023/to-the-end

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 5			
Monday, March 6	5:30-8pm	Concessions and Gallagher Room	Gushers Meeting
Tuesday, March 7	7-8pm	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (Spanish)
Wednesday, March 8	9am-12pm 9-10:45am	Gallagher Room Church	Mission Ladies Reconciliation
Thursday, March 9	11 am-12:30pm 11 am-11:30am 6-8pm 7-8:30pm	Gallagher Room Church Food Pantry Gallagher Room	Visio Divina Stations of the Cross Food Pantry Distribution Visio Divina
Friday, March 10	4:30-8:45pm 7-8pm	Parish Center Church	No school Father's Club Fish Fry Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 11	8:30am-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, March 12			

Stewardship Report



GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD

Thank you for your continued stewardship of St. Cletus Parish. Parishioners sometimes ask for suggestions about appropriate weekly contributions. When in doubt, consider giving your hourly pay rate at work (“*giving your first hour to God*”). Whatever you can give will go toward keeping the lights on and supporting the good work of the Parish.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication. Thank you!

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
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www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
..... 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 352-6209

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.