



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.**
— 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



LET'S "LENT TOGETHER"

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday)
8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

Spanish Holy Hour
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

Rosary and Prayers
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
Apr. 1, 8 - 7:00 p.m.

School Stations of the Cross
Apr. 1, 8, 14 - 2:30 p.m.

Communal Reconciliation Service
Saturday, April 2 - 10:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
Monday, April 4 - 7:00 p.m. St. Cletus

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday, April 10
Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale
Please return your CRS Rice Bowl

Holy Thursday April 14
Washing of the Feet School Prayer Service - 9 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration follows Mass

Good Friday April 15
Passion of the Lord - 3:00 p.m.
Vía Crucis Bilingüe (Ingles/Español) - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 16
Easter Basket Blessing - 10:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 17
Easter Masses - 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)



LENT

2022

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for March 28 - April 3, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
March 28	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Susan Felice
March 29	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Sue Schiller
March 30	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Louis Pesut, BC Collins
March 31	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Raymond Tobolski
April 1	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Phyllis Prevenas, Nan & Bob Rettig
April 2	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	John Keating, Susan Felice
April 3	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Richard Gomez, Ola Maveety, Walter Maveety, Ethel Maveety, James Jasinski, Thomas Birks
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Samuel Colonna, Moore Family
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	William Garske, Sharon Searle, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Michael Lombardo
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Jose Juan Martinez

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

Mary R. Lopez
Mother of Mark Lopez

James McDonald
Wife of Heather, Father of Sarah Berquist

Marilyn Ann McNellis
Mother of Marie Bensman

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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 - Dan Keller, Colin O'Brien

February - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri, Peggie Smith

January - Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

COMMUNIAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES



Please join us for our area reconciliation services:

- St. Francis Xavier Parish - Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- St. Cletus Parish - Monday, April 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION PARTICIPATION MISSION

Pope Francis has called for a Synod for October, 2023 with the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." The Pope said clearly: "the Synod is not a parliament or an opinion poll; the Synod is an ecclesial event and its protagonist is the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit is not present, there will be no Synod. Pope Francis has invited the whole world to share reflections on "journeying together" that are to encounter, to listen and to discern.

Individual parishioners may visit <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod> where they can learn more, pray each day for the Synod's success and submit a personal reflection directly to the archdiocese via the fillable section. Feel free to use this link to submit your thoughts by Friday, April 1.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that your Lenten journey with the Lord is going well for you.

Responding to a desire to grow in collaboration and closeness to the Lord, we will have two opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The first one will be on Saturday, April 2nd at St. Francis Xavier Parish at 10:00 AM and the second will be at our parish on Monday, April 4th at 7:00 PM. All priests from St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Cletus will be assisting with confession on both locations. I encourage you to prayerfully consider celebrating the sacrament of Confession and receiving God's mercy either at St. Francis Xavier or St. Cletus Parish. Please extend this invitation to your family and friends.

Last Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 10:00 AM some members of our parish family received the sacrament of Confirmation. We were blessed to have Bishop Kevin Birmingham as the principal celebrant. He, with his joy and faith, allowed us to experience the closeness of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As I prayerfully watched him interacting with and confirming our children, I also noticed how connected they all were with him. The celebration of Confirmation was truly a moment of grace. My special gratitude to all for such a special celebration.

On Friday, March 18th, 2022, we had our Lenten Fish Fry in our Parish Center. It was well organized, attended, and celebrated. I saw joy and love being given and received. I saw generosity and kindness being shared. I saw people of good will coming together to serve, lead, and support our children who attend St. Cletus School. My sincere gratitude to the leaders and volunteers who worked tirelessly to offer us such a warm and well-organized Fish Fry. In a special way, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to Jim Ludden for his vision, passion, love, and fine leadership with our successful Lenten Fish Fry.

Bob Wasik, president of the School Board, who attended the Fish Fry shared the following message with me which I share with you:

I wanted to take a quick moment to reflect on the wonderful Lenten Fish Fry you hosted for the parish this past Friday. As a school parent it was amazing to see so many of the local families and students come together for such a delicious meal! When you came to St. Cletus, your message was heard loud and clear about bringing the community together and this is a prime example of the community rebuilding itself. With 500+ attendees, this was the biggest turnout for any St. Cletus event I have ever witnessed (excluding Mass). It was an opportunity to meet up with friends and even meet new ones. The community is strong and events like this will strengthen it further...I do plan to offer additional ideas to bring the community together more frequently based on your suggestion. St. Cletus is a family and my wife and I were so pleased to see everyone together for such a fun get together!

The Monthly Coffee with me and Fr. Costello is going well. We started this tradition last year in August. We gather in the Gallagher Room every third Wednesday of the month right after our 8:00 AM morning Mass. The dynamic is simple because there is no agenda. We get a cup of coffee, grab a chair that is available at one of the tables, introduce ourselves, and start listening and talking. At our recent one, I joined a group of people who were filled with joy and laughter. Listening to how and what they were saying kept me laughing. As I looked at the other



Pastor's Note (continued)

two tables, I also noticed that they were laughing and having a great time. Therefore, based on the current experience, conversations, and feedback I have been receiving about it, I am happy to say that we will continue to foster and strengthen this tradition. Please know that all are welcome. Enjoy some photos that I am happy to share with you.

As COVID restrictions are lessening and the weather is getting nicer, my hope is that we continue to pray and come up with insights and ideas that foster community, fraternity, and friendship. We are blessed to have a parish with amazing outdoor and indoor spaces that allows us to use our imagination and be creative. I am pleased to let you know that some members of our Parish Staff and the Parish Finance Council are already thinking about some events that will bring us all together to grow in friendship with one another.

May the Lord grant us His grace so that we too can run towards him daily and receive His love!

Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor



Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
 Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Friday: First Friday; Abstinence; April Fool's Day
 Saturday: St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?

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Finance Council Update

March 20, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

On behalf of Fr. Romero and the St. Cletus Parish Finance Council, I write this letter to appeal to your continued generosity to replace our outdated, worn and inadequate Church sound system. We are getting close to our stated goal of \$110,000.

Our current system is in dire need of replacing. It was originally installed in 2004 and continues to require constant maintenance and adjustments using “loaner” equipment operating with outdated technology.

A vendor has been chosen after completing a site survey and we await the initialization upon reaching our fundraising goal. This new, modern system will provide up to 15 years of quality audio and video, greatly diminish poor sound locations, provide a better balance between the spoken word and music and updating the system to allow integration of modern technology. Our new system would allow for enhanced reception for hearing impaired parish members and integrating other new technology.

We know that it may appear that your parish is always asking for more money. We understand this but believe this effort is needed. Mass attendees who can hear clearly both the spoken word and music will more likely be filled with the Holy Spirit. An improved experience will allow the words of our Mass to enter hearts and minds, perhaps even evangelizing, answering our long-recited Hail Mary prayer to help fallen away parishioners rejoin us, especially after the pandemic.

As you can see from the above graphic, we are getting close. As of March 13, 2022 we have raised nearly \$63,000, about 58% of the total goal. The total is probably higher as of this printing. We have raised this figure because of your continued generosity, prayer and your vision to enhance the experience in our shared community space.

Please help us if you can. If you already have donated, thank you for your help. Your donations can be made by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday Mass (If donating by check, please write the words “Sound System” in the memo line) or electronically through the parish website at:

<https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-videosystem-update/>.

Alternatively, donations can be made by sending a check (again, please annotate “Sound System” in the memo line) to the parish office at:

St. Cletus Parish
600 W. 55th Street
La Grange, IL 60525

Sincerely,

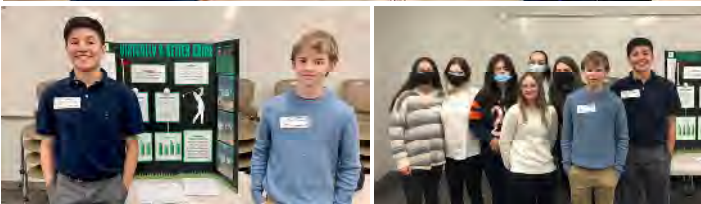
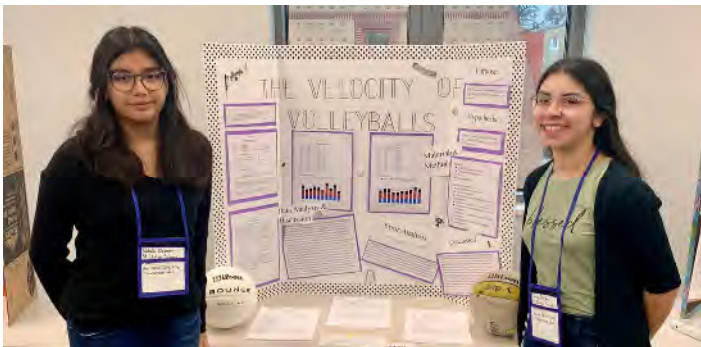
Tom Reisel
St. Cletus Parish Finance Council



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Last weekend eleven 8th grade students proudly represented St. Cletus at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Fair. The regional competition was held at North Central College in Naperville. Best of luck to our students! The winners will be announced next week. Thank you to Mr. Steffen for helping our students prepare for the regional!



A big THANK YOU is in order once again to Kevin Dahill (Dad to 3 Cardinal alums!) for coming in to play the bagpipes for our students and staff! Such a special treat and always beautiful to hear!

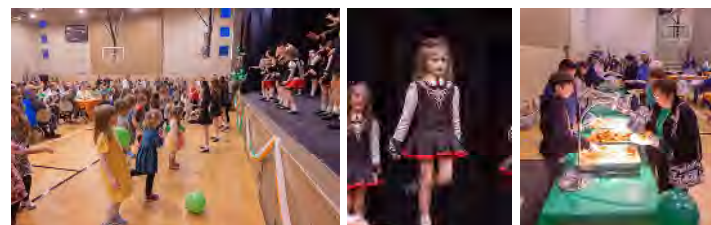


On behalf of the St Cletus Fathers' Club we'd like to thank everyone who came out to support our first ever fish fry! With over 450 attendees, the wonderful entertainment of the Irish Trinity Dancers and tasty food, it was a night to remember. All this wouldn't have been possible without the support of our Fathers' club members and 7th grade volunteers. We also would like to thank the Parish and School administration for their continued support and assistance. Congratulations to Sue Hodak, our "Split-the-pot" winner. Because of all your love and support we were able to raise \$4,175.07 that will be donated evenly to the parish and school.

Additionally we would like to thank:

- Dennis Tischler, of Tischler Finder Foods in Brookfield for providing and underwriting the cost of catering at the event.
- The Hogan Family for covering the cost of renting fryers.
- Steve Palmer, of the Stadium Club at the MAX for lending us additional deep fryers and his expertise.
- Mainstreet Liquors for providing the beer and wine.

Jim Ludden, St Cletus Fathers' Club President



Back

WELCOME TO THE SHOW

SATURDAY APRIL 2nd at 6:00PM • ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

Ladies and Gentlemen step right up to see something so spectacular – so remarkable – so elusive – that it hasn't been seen in 3 years! The St. Cletus Parish School Spring Auction In-Person Event! Lock in a sitter and join us on the evening of Saturday April 2nd for a night of festivity and fun to support St. Cletus School. This is a great opportunity to meet and reconnect with other parents. Friendships are made here.

What is the Spring Auction? It's the primary fundraising event of the year to support St. Cletus School. By tradition, the auction is put-together and hosted by the school's 4th-grade families. It's a volunteer effort, and believe us when we say we do this because we want St. Cletus School to be the best it can be for our kids, and yours. Consider attending the auction so that we can join together again. There is much to celebrate.

Auction-goers include parents, faculty, parishioners, and clergy. The dress code is casual. Expect music, games of chance, entertainment, food, drinks (alcohol too) raffles and auction items. Our goal is to have fun while raising money. There will be a variety of gift baskets displayed for bidding in the Silent Auction. These items can be bid on remotely. The Main Attraction is the Live Auction featuring jaw-dropping items of grandeur. You must be present to bid and win a Live Auction item. We hope that you can join us!





ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Event Tickets

\$60 each

Your ticket includes:

- Access to St. Cletus Spring Auction
- Music and Entertainment
- Food and drinks (including alcohol)
- Silent and Live Auction

Dress Code: Casual or Spirit Wear

Sponsorships Available

- Sponsor a Teacher \$60** - Provides a teacher with a ticket to the Spring Auction
 - Family Sponsor \$200** - Includes 2 Tickets and 2 Cardinal Pint Cups. Plus extras!
 - Two Ring Sponsor \$500** - 2 Tickets to Auction and 2 Cardinal Pint Cups. Plus extras!
 - Three Ring Sponsor \$1000** - 4 Tickets to Auction and 4 Cardinal Pint Glasses. Plus extras!
 - Tightrope Sponsor \$2500** - 6 Tickets to Auction and 6 Cardinal Pint Glasses. Plus extras!
 - Ringmaster Sponsor \$5000+** - 6 Tickets to Auction and 6 Cardinal Pint Glasses. Plus extras!
- Please visit cardinalauction.org for Sponsorship information

Sponsorship Level _____ or Number of Tickets @ \$60.00 _____

We'd like to Sponsor a Teacher(s) @ \$60.00 _____

TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Thank you for your support of the students and staff at St. Cletus School.

For more information and to access online payment options please visit:
cardinalauction.org



Scan with phone camera

Donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. St. Cletus School Endowment Fund is a 501(C) (3) tax-exempt fund. Please make checks payable to: St. Cletus School. Donations can be sent to: St. Cletus School 700 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525 or dropped off at the Parish Center. Online payments are accepted on our website at: cardinalauction.org

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
**THURSDAYS
6-8PM**
**CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

Food pantry donations can be dropped off in the Church Narthex Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm, Saturday between 8am-6pm, and Sunday between 7am-2pm

Or anytime in the donation bin found past the flagpole, near door 4.



Please remember do double check expiration dates. We can only accept non-perishable food items, no fresh or frozen meat/dairy/etc.

Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry
Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

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

FOOD PANTRY MATCHING DONATION

up to **\$50,000** matching donation

Goal: \$50,000

100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 10%

\$10,155

DONATE NOW!

We have been granted an amazing opportunity from a generous, anonymous donor! This is the largest donation we have ever had and we are turning to you to help us meet its full potential!

Funds will be used to make necessary updates to our new location: electric work to support commercial cold storage units, building out a storage room, upgrading bathrooms from child to standard size, painting, signage, lighting, shelving and other operating expenses...all the things that help create a welcoming and functional space for our community.

Right now your donation is **DOUBLED!**
All donations go directly to food pantry operations.

All donations are tax-deductible

Online Donations can be made on the parish website by clicking on the “food pantry donation” button OR you can send a check to:

St. Cletus Food Pantry | 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525
(Donations can also be dropped in the Rectory Mail Slot or collection basket)

At the time of this writing, we have raised \$10,155. Thank you for all of your sustained support!

LENTEN OUTREACH

DRIVEN BY A DREAM—Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



INTEGRAL ECOLOGY AND CREATION CARE RETREAT

Young adults (18-39) in and around Chicago are invited to join the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Climate Covenant for a retreat getaway focused on integral ecology and creation care April 29-May 1.

Throughout the world, young people are finding themselves overwhelmed before the many crises with which we are faced today, from the climate crisis to racism to mounting political polarization and a widespread disregard for life. At the same time, young people are organizing themselves like never before in response to the hurting world around them. We are longing for community even as we are creating it, aching for justice even as we fight for it. Learn about the Archdiocese of Chicago’s efforts to implement the Laudato Si’ Action Platform and find out how you can be involved in making history in your community. Young people have an important role to play in inspiring the U.S. Catholic community to meaningful action on the ecological crisis, and it starts in your backyard.

Cradle Catholic? Former Catholic? Catholic-adjacent? Catholic-curious? This retreat is offered from the context of Catholic faith. All are welcome to join. Register by April 12. Learn more and register online. For more information, contact Anna Robertson, Director of Youth and Young Adult Mobilization at Catholic Climate Covenant at anna@catholicclimatecovenant.org.

Religious Education

A VERY SPECIAL CONFIRMATION

Last Saturday members of our Special Needs Adaptive class celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Kevin Birmingham. They were joined by Emma Crist, the cousin of Matt Tristano and our beloved Fr. Ken who has been a part of the Catechetical team for this class for the past 7 years.

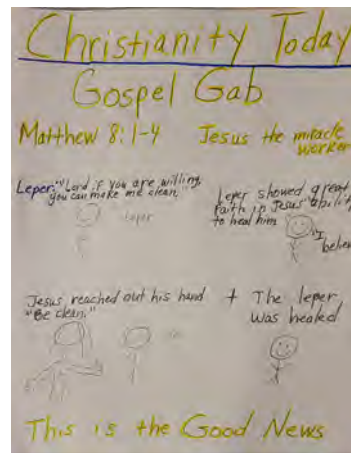
We are so grateful to their amazing Catechists: Colleen Mulcahy, Cathy Schwertman, Vivian Swibel and Joy Tristano. These four wonderful women have been instrumental in these teens' lives, and we thank them for being witnesses and models of the faith to these incredible young adults.

Congratulations to:

- Grace **Elizabeth** Crandall
- Emma **Kathleen** Crist
- Alec **Justino** Garza
- Iliana **Margaret** Garza
- Dylan **Francis** Lovelace
- Louis **John** Montes
- Conor **Maximilian** Mulcahy
- Matthew **Andrew** Tristano

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

One of our Family Catechesis lessons this month is about the Good News! Our families have the opportunity to delve deeper into the Gospels, and one of our activities is for the children to create the front page of a newspaper to share their favorite Gospel stories and messages. Here is a sampling of some of the wonderful headlines they shared!



Youth Ministry

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



We are truly grateful for the amazing financial support our parish has provided to our teens that are going on our Mission Trip this June.

Through Kringle sales, Paczki sales, and our Tri-Parish Fish Fry last Friday at St. John of the Cross, we had raised 70% of the funds we needed to embark on our trip.

Last weekend, our teens spoke at our masses to ask for your support one more time to help us fulfill our fundraising goals. You responded so generously, and we were able to raise over \$3,500 to assist us in meeting our goal.

Thank you for investing in these teens. I can assure you, it will provide dividends for these teens and our Church for years to come!

- Barb Campbell

GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE IS BACK!




Girls Church League is a chance to have **FUN**, and an opportunity for high school girls from area churches to play in a community basketball league. Through church league, we strive to provide opportunities to play alongside friends old and new, foster community-wide sportsmanship, and to provide an outlet to connect with like-minded Christians in our area.

We will be playing in an open-gym format this year. We will meet on four different evenings from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Gym, 145 N. Waiola, La Grange. The gym dates are April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18.

Go to our parish website and download the registration form, or pick up a form in the Parish Center. Return the completed form with your check for \$30 to the Parish Center (attn: Barb Campbell). The registration fee pays for our referees, gym costs, and a league t-shirt. Registration is first come, first serve. Please complete the registration materials right away, as there may be a waiting list. **Registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday, April 12th.** Any questions should be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

Hispanic Ministry

Fecha	Hora	Evento		Lugar
27 de marzo, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en español		Iglesia
29 de marzo, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo		Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00PM – 5:00AM	Adoración Nocturna		Iglesia
Sábados	8:30AM	Confesiones		Iglesia
Viernes	7:00PM	Vía Cruces Bilingüe (Ingles/Español)		Iglesia



El Viernes Santo 15 de abril, 2022 a las 11:00 a.m. se llevará a cabo el Vía Cruces viviente en la Iglesia. **Favor de hacer planes para ese día y únense a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Después de la representación del Vía Cruces tendremos una convivencia en el Centro Pastoral. Todos están invitados.**

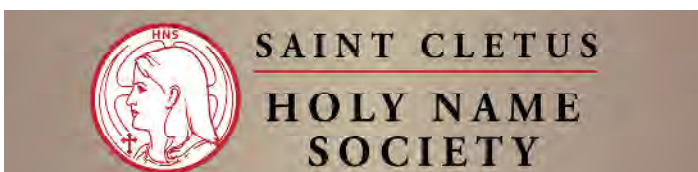
Ministry News

HOSPITALITY WEEKENDS RETURN!

We heard you! At our recent Hopes & Dreams gathering in the Fall, many people were interested in having hospitality available after Masses again. With some COVID restrictions recently lifted, we are looking forward to reigniting these gatherings and providing space to build community and visit with one another while enjoying some treats!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in the Parish Center on the last weekend of each month. Each weekend will be hosted by a different ministry group so we can learn more about the exciting things happening in our Parish community. More details to come!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The Holy Name Society is having the yearly pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10, after a 2 year break because of COVID. Please plan on attending before and after at each Mass (7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). Final seating is 12:00 p.m. We will be pre-selling tickets after all Masses on March 26/27 and April 2/3.

Any questions call Rod Bradford 708-370-9001.

THE ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BAKE SALE IS BACK THIS YEAR!



All parishioners are welcome to stop by the Parish Center to purchase some sweet treats on Palm Sunday, April 10th from 7:30am to 1:00pm.

A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to funding our parish sound system and the CCW scholarship fund.

The Council would appreciate your donation of baked goods for the event. Drop off times are Saturday, April 9th from 4-7pm and Sunday, April 10th from 7:30 am until 2pm or until sold out. Please bring donated bakery to the Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. Thanks for participating in this fundraising effort by baking, buying or both!

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty. We will meet on April 12, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher

Room of the Parish Center. Please note, this is our new meeting time. For those who like to look ahead... June 14, Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

SAVE THE DATE! VBS IS BACK!

We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Monumental VBS to be held June 13-17, 2022. Please see the parish website for details and the registration forms!



LIVING ROSARY



Praying for Peace in Ukraine

The power of prayer is one of the best gifts we can give to the people of Ukraine. At Fatima, Mary asked us all to pray the rosary for peace and Ukraine is a perfect place to start. Rather than have everyone gather in person, the Living Rosary is hosting two pray-from-home rosaries every Monday at 2 pm and 7 pm for peace in Ukraine. This way families can pray together at night or people can join in after work. Mary will hear our prayers together and our “mystical rosary” will bring our hopes and worries to the Lord.

No need to sign up or register, just know that others are praying with you at the same time from their homes. If you have questions, call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338. Or come to church on Wednesdays at 1:00 and join us in person to pray the Rosary for our intentions.

WORD OF LIFE



“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

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Community News

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

WALKING WITH JESUS THESE DAYS - Monday, Apr 11, 9:30—11 AM, repeated 6:30—8 PM
Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ, DMin This presentation offers a “tour” of the places in Jerusalem that we recall during the Triduum, with photos, commentary, and pauses for reflection. \$15. In person at The Well.

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT

Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women
June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

Join us for this unique retreat/workshop which will be held at **St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, IL.**

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For further information, 708-354-7211
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HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH SPRING BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, April 2nd, 9am – 3pm
Location: St. Barbara Parish Center
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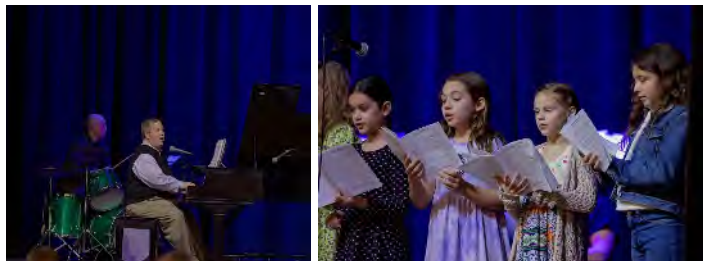
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Thank you to everyone who attended the concert last Sunday and a special thank you to our St. Cletus Parish Youth Choir for joining us!



YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT

Saturday, April 9 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Viator High School.

Join Catholic youth from the Chicago area for a day of sessions, conversations and action plans focused on Care for Our Common Home.

Students will gain

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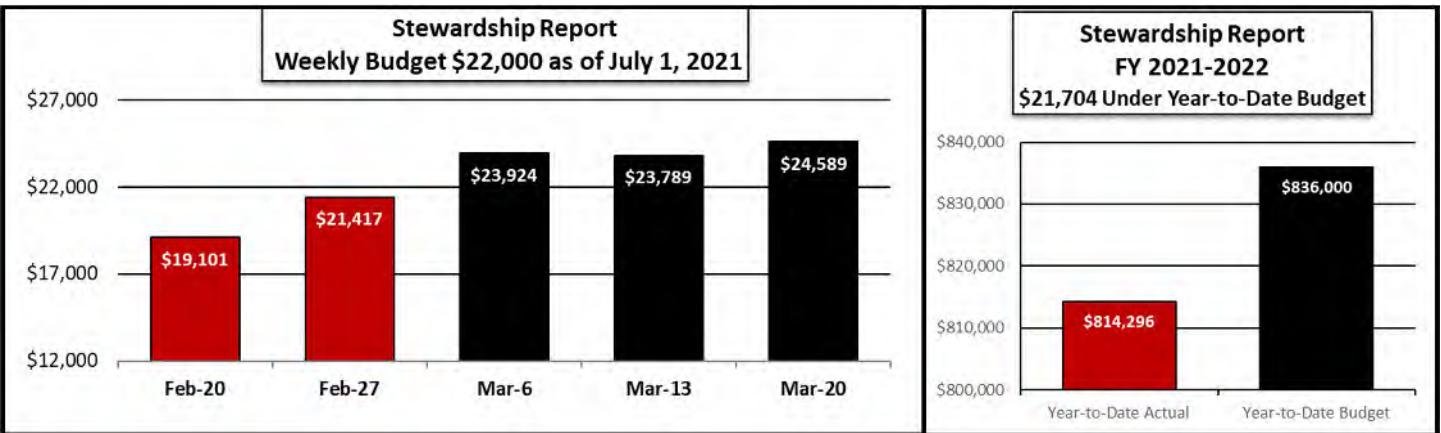
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 27	7:15am	Narthex	HNS Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales
Monday, March 28			
Tuesday, March 29	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 30	9:00am 1:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers
Thursday, March 31	6-8pm 7:30pm	Parking Lot School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 1	2:30pm 7:00pm	Church Church	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 2	5:00pm 6:00pm	Narthex Parish Center	HNS Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales St. Cletus School Auction
Sunday, April 3	7:15am	Narthex	HNS Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales

Stewardship Report



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Envelope # _____

St. Cletus Parish Information

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Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Fri. 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.

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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.

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