

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

They shall name Him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."
-Matthew 1:23



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for December 19-December 25, 2022

Day	Fr.	Time	Intentions
December 19	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Special Intention for Laura Brooks, Joe and Kay Klemak
December 20	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Mike Thuma
December 21	Fr. Novick	8:00am	John Jacobs, BC and Rip Collins
December 22	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Carol Gress
December 23	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Daniel Klepczarek
December 24	Fr. Lodge	5:00pm	
December 25	Fr. Romero	7:15am	MISSING
	Fr. Novick	8:45am	
	Fr. Lodge and Deacon Heyes	10:30am	
	Fr. Romero	12:30pm	

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

Carol Bianco
Wife of William Bianco

May she 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.

December - Marlene Heyes, Daniel Lacey, Patricia Rodey

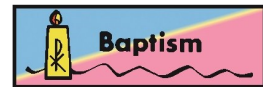
November -

October - Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O’Connell

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Harper Gutillo
Daughter of Keith Guttillo and Alexa Powell



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Abigail Powers
Rob and Molly Powers

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Pastor's Note

"A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God.

You make yourself available to Him.

You set aside personal preference and self-interest,

and for one moment

you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do,"

Matthew Kelly.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent.

As we approach Christmas, I would like to thank you for allowing the Lord to prepare your heart for the birth of his Son through this season of Advent. I also would like to thank you for reading Matthew Kelly's book, "*Holy Moments*", and for sharing your own holy moments with us. It has been a spiritually enriching experience for me. I enjoyed reading the book and your holy moments. Both of them allowed me to have a unique Advent 2022 for which I am grateful. I am happy to let you know that on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM, we will gather together in our church to celebrate and share Our Holy Moments. Please mark your calendars.

It is with gratitude and joy that I share with you some holy moments that we have received. Read them contemplatively and allow the Lord to fill your heart with his kindness, peace, and joy.

"My holy moment was on Thanksgiving morning. Days prior, I was feeling paralyzed by grief and sadness over my dad's passing, thinking about having to spend my 9th holiday season without him. Flashbacks of the last time I saw him flooded my memory, and I started to struggle with unbearable regret and anxiety over the end of his life. I had a lump in my throat, felt nauseous, and wasn't interested in doing any daily activity. I was not sure if I would make it through the holiday, being that sad. On Thanksgiving, I forced myself to run the annual turkey trot, load up the car, and get on the road to my uncle's house. During the drive, my anxiety started to turn into deep feelings of self-compassion and love. I felt the Holy Spirit working within my heart by changing my mind about the past and fostering a new level of empathy. It was confirmation that the Holy Spirit had never left me, even when I thought I had lost my way."

"For me, holy moments are always when a song the choir was singing at Sunday mass comes to mind and resonates within me during the week. Once when I was getting my nails done, the nail technician was ever so softly humming a responsorial psalm. I never talked out loud with her about it, but it affirmed that she too had her Sunday mass experience resonating within her too!"

"Sometime in the late 1950's when I told my Mom I wanted to become a Nun. I wasn't a Catholic at the time and didn't really understand what I was saying, but in retrospect, I think I knew I was drawn to Jesus and service in the church and saw these women in habit as an example of devoted Christian women."

It is amazing how the Lord continues to find his ways to speak to us. When he does, he gladly shares his grace with us so that we can recognize him through the countless holy moments he gives us each day. They are signs of how God is really working in our parish community. Please continue to email us your holy moments at shodak@stcletusparish.com

With appreciation and joy, I look forward to celebrating with you the birth of Jesus Christ next weekend. If you could, I kindly ask you to extend a personal invitation to a family member, a friend, or a neighbor who perhaps will be delighted hearing from you.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

Note From Father Mike

Advent 4 Liturgical Year 2023

As of December 17th, the Advent season begins its final approach toward our Christmas destination. I really love this time as we hear lots of Scripture that puts the faithful on notice one last time, hearing quite a bit of foreshadowing from the Old Testament to important connections in the Gospels. It's the Church's way to tell us that all of the prophecies of the coming Messiah are about to be fulfilled.

Again, the Octave (eight days) before Christmas (the official title to the "week of final approach") begins way back with Genesis letting us know where this special person would be from (the land of Judah) and pairs it with the genealogy of Jesus – His ancestry. The key figures through generations really are Abraham, King David, and Joseph "who was the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus, who is called the Christ." Yes, to many people, this gospel reading is a nightmare to read, including some clergy. There are lots of tongue-twisters of names. Many of the people we only hear about in this gospel and nowhere else in the Old Testament. Yet, consider if you've taken the time to research your own ancestry (even if it's with Ancestry.com). Many of the people you find in that research you will never have met, yet without them, you wouldn't be reading this today. They played a role in who you are. Plus, we don't tend to be able to go back but maybe 4 or 5 generations. In just this first chapter of Matthew's gospel, we hear about a total of 42 generations of Jesus' heritage.

Also in subsequent days of the Octave before Christmas, we hear about the birth of Samson whose parents were barren, similar to the parents of John the Baptist. We hear of the Blessed Mother's visit to a very pregnant Elizabeth and how Zechariah is struck mute for his lack of belief in the message of the Archangel Gabriel regarding his child-to-be. There are similar stories about Joseph's belief from his dream and then of the Annunciation of Gabriel's message for Mary. The gospel for Christmas Eve morning is of John the Baptist's father Zechariah's tongue untied to proclaim the important role his son would play in salvation history. Of course, WE know that we will be waiting for about 30 years for John to come out of the desert and Jesus to be announced by him, but then by that time in our world today, it's only a few short hours until the shepherds will have announced to the world that the promised Messiah to be born into time.

Thoroughly confused? Enjoy it! It's the way God put it all together. There are a trillion pieces or more to the "puzzle." The big picture is about to be revealed. Be patient! Take the time to notice at least one holy moment this week. I hope it's full of them.

Fr. Mike

Christmas Mass Schedule

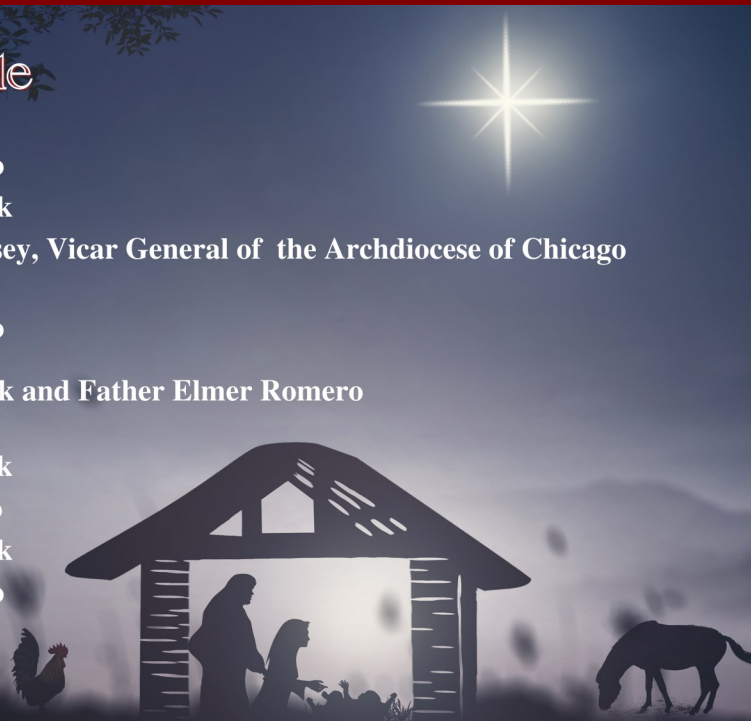
2022 Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday December 24th

2:00pm	Church	Father Elmer Romero
2:30pm	Parish Center	Father Michael Novick
4:00pm	Church	Most Rev. Robert Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago
4:30pm	Parish Center	Father Ron Kalas
7:00pm	Church	Father Elmer Romero
(spanish)		
10:30pm	Church	Father Michael Novick and Father Elmer Romero

Sunday December 25th

7:15am	Church	Father Michael Novick
8:45am	Church	Father Elmer Romero
10:30am	Church	Father Michael Novick
12:30pm	Church	Father Elmer Romero



Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the "O Antiphons" of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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Tax Credit Scholarship Information

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TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Request a Letter ID in 3 easy steps

Step 1

Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to REQUEST LETTER ID

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the “Individuals” box on the left.

Step 2

Click on “Request a Letter ID.”

Step 3

Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
- Most recent adjusted gross income
- IL driver’s license number
- IL state identification number

Click “Submit,” confirm your email address, then click “OK” and receive your confirmation.

Your Letter ID will arrive in the mail at the address on your previous year’s tax return within 7–10 business days. The Letter ID expires 90 days from the date it is issued. Please activate your account upon receipt of Letter ID. If you have questions, call 312.534.2617 or email investinkids@archchicago.org.

Wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation and take advantage of the 1-for-1 Matching Program. Please view bit.ly/TCSSteps to find further detailed instructions on completing your donation. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to direct their donation to a specific school.

School News

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHESS CLUB!

On December 2nd our chess club participated in their first tournament of the year and took FIRST PLACE! Wow! What a way to start the season! Several of our grade levels and students won individual awards as well! We can't wait to see how much they learn and grow throughout the year!



ST NICK VISITS OUR STUDENTS

CELEBRATING ADVENT TOGETHER

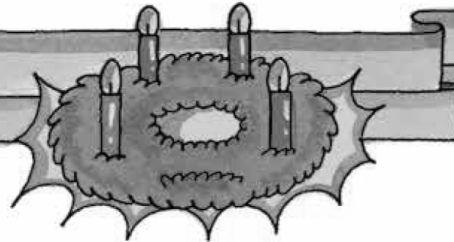
The students from the Center for Independence have been settling in well here at St. Cletus! They collaborated with our 4th Grade Students to make an Advent Calendar for our school hallway!

St. Nicholas visited our students on December 6th and handed out some yummy candy canes as a special treat!



Kids Corner

God's Word for Children



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18–24 tells the story of Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

Read the sentences below and number them 1 to 4 according to the order in which they happened.



When Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby, he decided to call off the wedding.



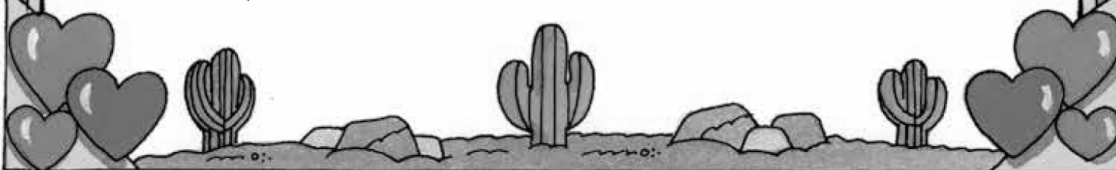
While Mary was engaged to Joseph, she learned that she would have a child through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Out of obedience to the Lord, Joseph took Mary into his home as his wife.



An angel told Joseph not to be afraid to make Mary his bride. Mary's baby was God's son. Joseph was to name the boy Jesus.



Hispanic Ministry News

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
20 de diciembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
18 de diciembre, 2022	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.

nosotros, y sean parte de nuestra familia y amigos.

POSADAS

Our celebration continues from December 16 through December 24 with the Posadas Novena at 7:00 p.m. After the Posadas “aguinaldos” (bags filled with candy) will be distributed.

Posadas are celebrations that aim to prepare for Christmas for the birth of baby Jesus.

The posadas are a tradition that originates from the history of the pilgrimage that Mary and Joseph covered before the birth of Jesus whose trip to Bethlehem took 9 days according to the Catholic religion. During this trip, María and José were looking for a home to spend the night, giving rise to the word posada that saves this tradition before Christmas.

If there are any families who would like to pray the rosary

of the posada, and host that evening’s hospitality, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441.

POSADAS

Nuestra celebración continúa del 16 al 24 de diciembre con la Novena de Posadas a las 7:00 p.m. Después de las Posadas se repartirán “aguinaldos” (bolsas llenas de dulces).

Las posadas son celebraciones que tienen como objetivo preparar la Navidad para el nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Las posadas son una tradición que tiene su origen en la historia de la peregrinación que realizaron María y José antes del nacimiento de Jesús cuyo viaje a Belén tomó 9 días según la religión católica. Durante este viaje, María y José buscaban un hogar para pasar la noche, dando origen a la palabra posada que salva esta tradición antes de Navidad.

Si hay algunas familias a las que les gustaría tomar una posada y ser anfitriones de la hospitalidad de esa noche, en la iglesia se encuentran unas listas en donde se pueden anotar. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupe Committee of St. Cletus Parish, we want to thank everyone for their participation and support in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a very important and special day for our community. We would also like to thank everyone who made this wonderful celebration possible. Thank you all.

En nombre del Ministerio Hispano y del Comité Guadalupeano de la Parroquia de San Cleto, queremos agradecer a todos por su participación y apoyo en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, este es un día muy importante y especial para nuestra comunidad. También nos gustaría agradecer a todos los que hicieron posible esta maravillosa celebración. Gracias a todos.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- Beverages (tea, coffee, juice, hot chocolate mix)
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Toothpaste
- Baby wipes
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Bathroom cleaners
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shave cream
- Razors

Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.

Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry
**Please remember, we do not accept donations of clothing or household goods, fresh/frozen meat, or perishables. If you have a question about a donation, please check first! Thanks!

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Are you on our email list? Stay up to date with all the things happening in the food pantry! Scan the QR code to sign up on our email list or follow us on social media. Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com.



GIVING TREE

This weekend we will be distributing the Christmas gifts, food and grocery gift cards to our local recipients.

A HUGE thank you to our volunteers last weekend! We had over 100 different volunteers move and organize (literally) over a thousand gifts donated by generous St. Cletus families and community members!

Thank you for your continued generosity to those in our community.

WORD OF LIFE



“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

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.



Ministry News

ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY (A Credo Ministry)



Come and join our Chosen Discussion Group for Season 2!

Last summer Credo organized a discussion group for the series about Jesus and the disciples called The Chosen. We completed season 1 in November and will begin discussing season 2 the week of January 9th. We meet every 2-3 weeks to discuss an episode.

For things to make sense, you would need to watch season 1 in addition to watching the first episode of season 2 before the first meeting. Season 1 is currently available on Netflix. Season's 1 and 2 are currently available on Amazon Prime, Peacock, other streaming services, and for free with The Chosen app on Apple or Android.

Said a participant: "This series is VERY well done. The first episode can be a bit difficult to watch, but stick with it and give it a try. My favorite quote from the series (so far) comes from the character in the first episode: "I was one way and now I am completely different, and the thing that happened in between was Him.""

If interested, contact Colleen Hagen at cahmd@aol.com. Please indicate in your e-mail what days of the week you are available. We meet at 7pm. We hope you can join us for Season 2.

BOOK DISCUSSION

For those who like to look ahead...

February 14: **Laine Change** by Mary Ann Doornbos



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

THANK YOU!!

The Holy Name Society thanks all who contributed this year to the Thanksgiving gift card program for church and school employees. **We were able to give each a \$50 gift card.** We hope that next year circumstances will allow us return to the turkey raffle that we used to have before 2019.

BAPTISMAL MINISTRY

We are hoping to start a new Baptism Ministry here at St. Cletus. The Baptism Minister would help set up the font on Saturdays before the baptisms (which are at 11:00 or 11:30, depending), welcome the families and help them find seats in church, and then put the baptism materials away afterwards. No special theological knowledge is required, and you'll get a chance to meet new people and show them that St. Cletus is a welcoming place. Training will be provided. Also, any confirmed teens who might like this ministry can have service hours. If this is interesting to you, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, for more information.



"The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ."

Effective now, members of the congregation will be bringing up the bread and wine at our weekend masses. Families and single people are invited to sign up for our weekend masses. If you would like to sign up to do this, there is a Signup Genius available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-bring>

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.

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LOOKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Join ours.

The **Engage Community** is for middle-age people, 50 and up (single, divorced, widowed or married) to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Potential upcoming events are movies and discussion, game/social nights and group service opportunities.

Volunteers needed with some event planning experience to help launch Engage.

If interested, email Amy at sspagetts@aol.com.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNER DRIVERS NEEDED

ICP drivers are everyday superheroes, providing safe, accompanied transportation for local older adults who can no longer drive themselves to the doctor, grocery store, pharmacy, church, and other life-enhancing errands.

By volunteering just a few hours a month, you'll make an immediate impact in your local community by bringing much-needed assistance, security, and kind companionship to older adults. We provide all training and offer VERY flexible volunteer hours where you select the rides you take so it works for your life and schedule!

To learn more or request a volunteer application, visit our volunteer webpage <https://interfaithcommunitypartners.org/volunteering/>

or contact our office at 708-354-9328 or CoordinatorICP@gmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning January 9, 2023

Mondays at 9:10 a.m.

following 8:30 mass, in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier

Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants walk through the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending. Attending Mass is *not* a requirement for the group!

Past Participants Say:

"The focus on prayer and scripture reminds me that God is within me."

"This group was just what I needed at this time."

"Meeting wonderful people because of difficult times is a blessing."

"Helpful and comforting for my healing."

Call Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168, ext. 338 for more information to register.

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 18	7pm	Church	Posadas(Novena)
Monday, December 19	7pm 7pm	Parish Center Church	School Christmas Band Concert Posadas(Novena)
Tuesday, December 20	8am 7pm	Church Church	Mass With Parish School Children Posadas(Novena)
Wednesday, December 21	8:30am 7pm	Gallagher Room Church	Breakfast With Parishioners Posadas(Novena)
Thursday, December 22	6-8pm 7pm	Food Pantry Church	Food Pantry Distribution Posadas(Novena)
Friday, December 23	7pm	Church	Posada Celebration With Pinatas
Saturday, December 24	8:30-9:15am	Church	Confessions Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 25			Christmas Day

We Appreciate Your Support!

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We hope you will choose St. Cletus Church. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.



GIVING

Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209.



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

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
School(708) 352-4820
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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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

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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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