

MAY 5, 2024

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us.
- St. John Paul II

Congratulations To Those Celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist For The First Time on May 4th & 5th

Ryan Luke Adame
Evangeline Lily Anderson
Gilberto Elias Arenas
Siena Isabel Meza Beard
Elizabeth Alice Belter
Ronald David Biamonte
Natalie Marie Blumenthal
Serena Amelee Burke
Joaquin Andras Cabezas
Julian Jose Cabrera
Emma Marie Castillo
Alexia Nicole Casas Almaraz
Adeline Alexandra Chavez
Juliet Guadalupe Contreras
Griffin Mac Demasj
Harper Helen Dues
Molly Marcella Duhig
Abigail Rose Flores
Jessica Grace Gamboa
Angelina Guadalupe Garcia
Gael Alejandro Garcia
Carolina Garcia
Ryan Jason Goggin
Jessica Jimenez
Colette Elise Kennedy
Evan Joseph Kirchens
Charles Ronald Klimas
Cecilia Jean Klimas
Evelyn Anne Kress
Alexandria Margaret Lee
Johanna Evelina Lee
Amelia Kinga Leja
Jeffery Lozado
Bennett Robert Macander
Andrew John Machalinski
Lily Marie Malec
Carina Elizabeth Manzano
Angelica Rose Marquardt

Natalia Martinez
Marilyn Maria Maya
Irma Sofia Mendez
Mason Daniel Mendez
Samuel Edward Mraz
Rainey Elise Myers
Franco William Navarrete
Riley Rose O'Connell
Noah Luis-Angel Reyes
Grayson Thomas Richards
Olivia Grace Rios
Giovanni Roldan
Matteo Roldan
Colin Andrew Rusin
Isla Renee Schaefer
Hadleigh Renee Schrock-Slowik
Raegan Elizabeth Senyard
Amelia M. Tank
Maxwell Taylor
Camilla Lucia Villasenor
Eduardo Villasenor
Molly Frances Whelton
Dominic Guy Wright
Arabella Carole Wyroba
Graham Michael Yarbrough
Henry Francis Zotti
Olivia Grace Blazevic
Bradford David Carmody, Jr.
Bennett Matthew Condron
Brooklynn Paige Cooley
Valentina Caterina Cullotta
Flynn Elizabeth Cundiff
Ella Sophie Cunningham
Saoirse Rose Farrelly
Charlotte Joy Fichter
Emma Gutierrez
Bella Gutierrez
Izabela Veronika Hozjan

Caroline Ann Izycki
Connor Kelly
Jackson Burton Kmiecik
Brayden Phillip Kmiecik
Raegan Rose Knight
Daniel James Koucky
Maximiliano Cruz Lara
Adrianna Juliet Magiera
James Joseph Maley
Leif Martinez
Colin James McGrogan
Harper McGuire
Angel Jose Montes
Liam Garrett Muir
Grace Neal
Bella Flor Nevarez
Phoenix Wyatt Olewinski
Mia Sophia Solis
Damian Daniel Solis
Eva Rose Totonchi
Brandon Michael Wong
Camila Isabel Carrasco
Fabian Duarte
Dylan Fragoso
Oscar Guerrero Jr.
Brisa Mary Lopez
Eiza Aleli Lopez
Isabela Lozano
Lisset Lozano
Christopher Alexander Marquez
Leif Harley Bonifacio Martinez
Maximiliano Parra
Amaya Nicole Tello
Ximena Adali Tovar
Julia Valiz Serna
Daniella Velazquez Cervantes
Gabriel Jesus Razo

Mass Intentions for May 5 - May 12, 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
May 6	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, Peggy Kelly
May 7	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Joan D'Andrea
May 8	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Jack Prendergast, Kay and Joe Klemak, John Battistoni, Gracia Battistoni, Ann Dunbar, Delphine Marciszewski, BC and Rip Collins
May 9	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Ronald Vieceli(living)
May 10	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Louie Marasovic, Joseph Vieceli, Ada Ruth Medina(Special Intention)
May 11	5:00pm	Fr. Kalas	Ed Ward, Geri Hinton(living)
May 12	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Aileen Carlson(special intention), Maria Wisniewski, Julia Kopacz, Michele Frank, Maria Estrada
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Josephine Sorrentino, Rose Haddad, Helen Lyons, Adeline Kulikowski, Betty Niwa
	10:30am	Most Reverend Robert Casey	John and Stacy Baker, Natalie Nicoletti, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Marco and Emilia Rattin, Bill De Pasquale, Angela Sass, Mary P. Anderson
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Margarita Jaramillo, Anita Ferreira

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.

May -

April - Gary Lofgren, Joan Madell, Lewis Andres, Paul Rattin, Richard Madsen, Louis Montes, Denise and Richard Jandura, Claire Caveney, Modesto Palma, Frebono Orona, Jose Perez

March - Brandon Babinsky, Laura Terrazino

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

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

Charles Sourek Jr.

Husband of JoAnn Sourek

Mary Zimmermann

Douglas A. Hasse

May they rest in peace....

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY

**Solemn Exposition and
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament**

> **May 8th**

> **7:00pm in Church**

*Come to this hour of adoration because we want you to encounter Jesus.
Your heart is made for Him and will be restless until it knows Him.*



Pastor's Note

*“Jesus said to his disciples:
‘As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.
Remain in my love.’”*
John 15:9.

Dear Friends,

Jesus speaks to our hearts. Any time we give him a chance to speak to us, he always draws us closer to the heart of his Father. How? By letting us know that we are loved by his Father as we are loved by him. Then, he gently invites us to remain in his love. In your daily prayer, remember that you are loved by Jesus and his Father.

At our parish, St. Cletus, the sense of being loved by Jesus and his Father continues to grow and spread. Every week something good and beautiful is happening at our Parish/School community. People want to volunteer. They want to serve. They want to lead. They want to share their strengths, skills, and above all, the love they have towards all of us who make St. Cletus Parish/School such a special place. The source of their love, dedication, and generosity is the love of Jesus and his Father.

The 2024 Spring Auction was a success. It was held on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, in the Parish Center. The committee (4th Grade Parents), led by Emily Wasik, did an outstanding job. They turned the Parish Center into a beautiful, welcoming, and warm environment for the event. Guests were greeted and received with love. There was much laughter and joy being shared. I saw everyone having a great time as I did. I would like to acknowledge and thank Emily Wasik and her team (4th Grade Parents) for giving us a successful 2024 Spring Auction. Let us hold them in prayer.

Since 2019, the School Board was led by Bob Wasik. He was asked to serve as the President of the School Board by Greg Porod, Principal. I am aware that Bob fulfilled his responsibility with diligence and care. He offered his unwavering support to Greg Porod as he led our Parish School as the new Principal. Our Parish School has continued to experience stability and growth since Greg and Bob started collaborating and working together. Bob will conclude his service as the president of the School Board as of June 30th, 2024. I would like to offer Bob my wholehearted gratitude for his service, leadership, support, and friendship.

Knowing the sense of service, dedication, and love that Bob Wasik has for St. Cletus Parish/School, I am happy to let you know that he is our new leader of our Annual St. Cletus Parish Super Bowl Party effective immediately. Bob loves St. Cletus Parish/School. He wants to see it growing and flourishing. He appreciates working with others. Bob has my full support. I kindly ask you to offer him your support and prayers. Leaders like Bob always lead us closer to the heart of Jesus and his Father.

I am happy to let you know that as of July 1st, 2024, Michael Burns will serve as the new president of the School Board. Michael is an active member of our parish. His daughter goes to our school. He is a member of the Parish Finance Council since my arrival to St. Cletus. He is a man of faith. He loves St. Cletus Parish/School. He is eager to share his wisdom, strengths, and skills. He wants to see our Parish and School growing, and he enjoys my full support. Greg Porod, the Principal, and I are looking forward to working with Michael. Please offer him your support and hold him in prayer.

Next Sunday, May 12th, 2024, we are blessed to have Most Rev. Robert G. Casey, Vicar General, as the principal celebrant and homilist of our 10:30 AM Mass. Knowing that he enjoys celebrating Mass at parishes in the Archdiocese, I extended him an invitation to come to St. Cletus, which he accepted. He is known as the smiling bishop. He radiates the love and joy of Jesus.

May the love of Jesus and of his Father continue to be the source of all we do.

Fr. Elmer Romero.

Note From Father Mike

Hail, Full of Grace...

These words from the message of the Archangel Gabriel to a young virgin girl named Mary gave humanity a chance to live again in the life of God – as long as Mary would be receptive to the rest of Gabriel’s message. Did Mary know she was “full of grace”, or was she finding out from Gabriel in that moment? Did Mary have to say yes to becoming the Mother of God?

The answer to that is no. She didn’t have to say yes. She, like you and I, had free will. However, in her innocence and purity even from original sin, she didn’t hesitate to say yes and accept the honor. I also like to point out the difference in Mary’s question to Gabriel as opposed to when Zechariah questioned. This is another way we might say that St. Luke is trying to tell us just how special this young girl is. When Zechariah questions Gabriel, he is punished to be mute. Mary, is without sin, and Gabriel knows it. Maybe even think of it this way – Gabriel knows that Mary “outranks” the great messenger. Maybe that is a crude image, but what if Mary would have said no? Then what?

The month of May is a great time to reflect on the magnitude of the role Mary plays in salvation history. We do so pretty regularly and most often when we are praying the rosary. Of course, that brings up another question which is often misunderstood -- whose life are we to be focusing on when we are praying the rosary? All of the mysteries certainly want to point out Mary’s role, but the focus is still on how SHE relates to her Son, especially in the Joyful Mysteries and the last two Glorious Mysteries. Everything other mystery is focused on some event in Jesus’ own life. Many people, even in our present day, think they are praying TO Mary, but remember, we are asking her TO HELP our prayers to reach the ears of God.

Something else that is important to point out for this weekend is the fact that May 4th, we celebrated with our 2nd graders who received their First Holy Communion – their first time saying “Amen” to believing Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. It’s always a special time for families. I’ve told the story many times over my priestly ministry that I didn’t receive First Communion with my classmates because my parents had moved that year. It was also interesting because the priest who celebrated that day was a very good priest named Rev. Raymond Novak (no relation to us – not the same spelling, but pretty cool nonetheless). I love the story and the images ingrained in my heart of that day. I almost remember it as clearly as my ordination day. Great memories!

I would, finally, like to ask you to pray for all of our students from both our school and faith formation programs (including our children that are home-schooling for their religious formation). Tomorrow morning, May 6th at 9:30am, the children of our school will be celebrating Mass with a tradition included that should make full sense to us as believers – May Crowning. As we believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary is assumed into Heaven body and soul, for she is sinless from her conception, Mary is then crowned to be Queen of Heaven. There is actually a feast day for this great celebration in August just a week after we celebrate her glorious Assumption, but with May being a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, it makes sense to have this special celebration with our children, planting seeds of faith even within the smallest of them.

Please continue to pray for the men who will be ordained to be permanent deacons and priests over the next few weekends. Keep praying for more young men to say yes to Jesus when He calls them to follow the footsteps of the Apostles. And for more young men and women to consider joining a religious order community too. The lacking number of vocations is effecting them too.

Peace to you in this great month.

Fr. Mike



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker **Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day



From The Desk Of The Operations Director

May the peace and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with all of you!

I would like to share some exciting news. We just hired a weekend custodian and an Office Manager.

Gabriela Carpino, our new weekend custodian, is a bundle of energy and enthusiasm. Her dedication to maintaining our facilities at the highest level of tidiness and cleanliness is commendable. Her presence will aid in completing several projects and provide much-needed relief to our maintenance staff. She will be on-site this weekend, accompanied by one of our maintenance workers. Next weekend, she will be handling the responsibilities on her own, with the assurance of support from others if required.

As you may know, Jeanny Monroy left St. Cletus after a month of employment due to a family situation. I am happy to share that Giselle Rico has been hired as the parish's new Office Manager. She comes from another entity within the Archdiocese of Chicago and has a four-year history working in a parish environment. Her first day with us will be May 6. We look forward to working with her as she brings a wealth of experience managing a parish office. She will also collaborate in some pastoral matters and work closely with me to ensure we continue offering the dedication and hospitality everyone in this parish deserves.

As always, I count on your prayers and support. Please know that you are always in my prayers.

Blessings,

Deacon Franco

Visio Divina

JOIN US FOR "VISIO DIVINA"

SESSIONS WILL BE ON
THURSDAYS, BEGINNING MAY
16, AT 11:00 A.M. OR 7:00
P.M. IN THE GALLAGHER
ROOM.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR PASTORAL
ASSOCIATE, TINA NORTON, AT
TNORTON@STCLETUSPARISH.COM,
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
SIGN UP.

Visio Divina is a way of praying in a group with a Bible passage. It incorporates the practice of Lectio Divina and then uses an image to go deeper into the passage and its meaning.

We will be using images from the St. John's Bible and you don't need to know anything about the Bible to participate. Bring any version of the Bible that you have (this is part of what makes it fun!).

CCW Purse Project This Wednesday!

Come join us at our regular meeting of the CCW to support women & participate in this amazing service project.

Toni LoCasto from LovePurse will be our guest. She will tell us about her organization and what LovePurse is all about. Simply, this group delivers purses to women in shelters filled with necessities. Our role in this project is to come to our meeting with a new tote style purse. Ideal size is approximately 17 x 12 inches. Amazon has many choices at about \$20. We cannot accept small purses as they aren't big enough for 20 items. CCW will provide the items necessary to fill our purses. We also ask for some quarters in the purse for laundromat use. This evening will be fun, rewarding, generous & heartwarming as you celebrate Mothers Day.

When: Wednesday, May 8

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Gallagher Room

What: LovePurse (bring items detailed above)

Questions? 630-330-1884 (Pat R)



School News

CARDINAL COMEDY NIGHT

Thank you to everyone that came out last weekend to our Cardinal Comedy Night spring auction and helped to make it a HUGE success!! Thank you to our auction committee for working all of these months leading up to the event to create this beautiful evening! We are truly blessed!



BLESSING OF OUR PLAYGROUND

We were blessed with a beautiful morning last Sunday for our final family mass of this school year, which also included the dedication and blessing of our newly installed playground! Father Elmer even got in on some of the fun! The playground named, "Alumni Park in Memory of Sister Madonna Mulqueen", has been such a blessing to our school and we will be forever grateful to everyone that helped make it all possible!



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

**THURSDAYS
4-8PM**

Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Detergent and soap
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on

Facebook:

@StCletusFoodPantry

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@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

Recently, the 8th graders from St. Mary School - Riverside joined us as a service group at the pantry! They helped with shopping and loading vehicles during our first shift. Thank you!



MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER & CARNATION SALE

Mother's Day Weekend (May 11-12) the Area Respect Life Ministry will be collecting donations for Women's Care Center in La Grange. Please see their Wish List for the most needed items and bring them to Mass with you!

We will also be selling carnations for \$1.00 each that you can purchase for the loved ones in your life. Please stop by!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to help sell flowers after all the Masses May 11-12. This opportunity is appropriate for middle school and up. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-mothers#/>



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



Helpful Advice from HR While Conducting Your Job Search

Come join us on Thursday, May 16 from 7-9 pm. You'll be so glad you did! Think your resume is good? You may be ahead of others who are competing against you. You may not! Think your business protocol during your search is good? You may be way ahead of your competition. You may not! Think you may want to learn more from the corporate "other side" of recruitment - YES! Join us to get out ahead of your competition. Be the best you can be during your job search! Our speaker is Leslie Kelley, Director of Human Relations for Chervon North American Inc. in Naperville, IL. She holds a Bachelor's degree in HR and a Master's degree in Organizational Behavior. Leslie is actively involved in recruitment each week and can share some important tips that may launch your job search to the next level in a market that is topsy-turvy! We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit <http://www.intfaithcareernetwork.com> for additional resources.

Formacion

Vicariate V Ministry Commission
Archdiocese of Chicago, presents:

FORMACION PARA MINISTROS DE LA COMUNION A LOS ENFERMOS

Mayo 18 y 25, 2024
9 am - 1 pm

Gallagher Room

Regístrese visitando www.ministrycommissionV5.com/event-registration

Eucharistic Revival Reflection



Staying Connected to Our Source

Michael Eardley

In the middle of a Zoom call, without warning, my computer screen went black and the subtle hum of my laptop was silenced. Dead battery. *How could this be*, I thought to myself. The power cord has been plugged in the entire morning, and surely my battery can maintain at least a bit of a charge! Turns out the plug had been pulled slightly from the wall for who knows how long.

It's an obvious truth when it comes to electronics, and one that we should also consider in our spiritual lives: if we don't stay plugged in, we eventually fail to operate as we're made to.

This has been a theme in John's Gospel for the last two Sundays. Last week, Jesus explained that he is the vine and we are the branches. When we live in communion with Jesus we bear fruit, whereas we wither without him. This week, Jesus continues: "Remain in my love," which we do by keeping his commandments, by laying down our lives for others.

The Eucharist is such a powerful sacrament of this spiritual reality. When we share in communion, we are physically and spiritually connected to Jesus, himself. We are also plugged in, so to speak, to the life of grace and the universal body of Christ. And it is by humbly partaking of Christ's body and blood that we are strengthened to lay down our lives for others.

When I find myself anxious about worldly things or falling into a pattern of sinfulness, I've almost certainly kicked my spiritual power cord. You wouldn't neglect to charge your phone battery before heading out the door. Jesus is reminding us not to make that mistake with our spiritual lives!

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
7 de mayo, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
5 de mayo, 2024	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



THANK YOU!

Last Thursday, April 25, 2024, we had a general meeting in Spanish for all Ushers and the Welcome Committee. We shared our ministry experiences. Thank you for your participation and willingness to continue growing in the ministries, in our faith, and in our commitment.

We continue with the devotion of the Rosary of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is celebrated on the 12th of each month at 7:00 p.m. in church. Next Sunday, May 12, the Rosary will be after 12:30 Mass. In honor of Mother's Day, mothers will be invited to receive a blessed rose. Everyone is invited.

¡GRACIAS!

El jueves 25 de abril de 2024 tuvimos una junta general en español para todo los Ujieres y Comité de Bienvenida. Compartimos nuestras experiencias ministeriales. Gracias por su participación y disposición para seguir creciendo en el ministerio, en nuestra fe y en nuestro compromiso.

Continuamos con la devoción del Rosario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Se celebra los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. El próximo domingo 12 de mayo el Rosario se rezará después de la Misa de las 12:30. En honor al Día de la Madre, se invitará a las madres a recibir una rosa bendita. Todos están invitados.

Gracias a Luis Martínez, Marcelino Castillejo, Manuel Ruiz, Rubén Ramírez, Rogelio Cansino, Elena González, Roció Tinoco y Anita Fulgencio. Gracias también al Diacono Franco Forti por haber facilitado la clase de formación. Mucha gracias.

Sharing Our Blessings and Joys

We are satisfied with the overall leadership here at St. Cletus and appreciate their effective, honest, and pro-active communication.

Our daughter is now a 4th grade student but first started here in kindergarten. We researched and visited a total of 5 schools but fell in love with St. Cletus after our tour with Mrs. Schaefer, the Assistant Principal.

Our daughter is blessed to receive such a faith-based, structured, and quality education while continuing to make new friends and have a good time in the process.

We remain confident in the leadership, teachers, staff, parish, and look forward to our next 4 years here at St. Cletus.

-Leticia & Michael Burns



St. Cletus School
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

Show Single Moms They Are Not Alone!

Being a mom today can be hard, especially when struggling to make ends meet. At Catholic Charities, we help mothers across Cook and Lake counties overcome challenges and find stability all year round-so they and their children can thrive. We accompany anyone in need, serving nearly 375,000 individuals and families annually.

Gail's Story

Family Self-Sufficiency is one of Catholic Charities most effective and beloved programs. Gail* is a 2019 graduate from the program. She shared, "When I first started, my exact thoughts were, 'This is a program for people trying to keep it together'. It challenges the participant to set goals and make game plans to achieve them while creating a custom work plan that caters to the specific life circumstances." She goes on to say, "To date, I have accomplished every goal that my case worker and I set." Since leaving the program, Gail continues to work toward goals based on the near- and long-term needs for her children and herself.

*Name changed to protect privacy.

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 12th or anytime at <https://www.catholiccharities.net/give/fy24sp/>

Ministry News

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE



Queen of Peace, Pray for Us

May 18 & 19th Rosary Table at Church Free Rosaries, rosary repair, etc. Find out about joining the St. Cletus Living Rosary.

Sunday May 26th, Praying the Entire Rosary at 11:30am in the Parish Center. A moving journey through Mary and Jesus' life.

Every Wednesday at 1pm, Pray the rosary together in church. Join with our faith group to life your heart and prayers up to Mary.

Questions? Call Mary Lu at 630.430.3338 or Linda at 708.482.0669

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

This weekend over 100 children from our school and Faith Formation Program were brought to the Lord's Table and received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

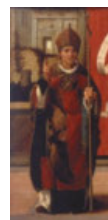
Please pray for them that they continue to receive Christ and through the Eucharist continue to grow in their faith.

Our Faith Formation has ended. Our last classes were Sunday and Monday, April 28 & 29. We thank, our Catechists for their dedication and willingness to share their faith and bring our children closer to Christ.

Registration for the 2024 – 2025 year will begin the middle of May. Look for information on registering in the bulletin

and the parish website.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



St. Antoninus relates that a pious gentleman had died, who was a great friend of the Dominican Convent in which the Saint resided. Many Masses and suffrages were offered for his soul. The Saint was very much afflicted when, after the lapse of a long time, the soul of the poor gentleman appeared to him, suffering excruciating pains. "Oh, my Dear Friend," exclaimed St. Antoninus, "are you still in Purgatory, you who led such a pious and devout life?" "Yes, and I shall remain there still for a long time," replied the poor sufferer, "for when on Earth I neglected to offer suffrages for the souls in Purgatory. Now, God by a just judgment has applied the suffrages which have been offered for me to those souls for whom I should have prayed." "But God, too, in His Justice, will give me all the merits of my good works when I enter Heaven; but first of all, I have to expiate my grave neglect in regard to others."

From booklet: "Read Me or Rue it" by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan O.P.

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 56 prayer warriors praying for 567 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones AT NO COST**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us in prayer for the holy souls! May purgatory be emptied!!! May no soul be forgotten!!! Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

Ministry and Community News

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO APPROVED CATHOLIC MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

Single Day Training! Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to Catholics from all walks of life who are unable to participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy at their parishes. Recipients may include Catholics who are home bound, residing in nursing homes, or patients in hospitals. A free copy of the book “ministers of care” will be provided to each participant in the training.

When: May 18th, 2024 8:30am-4pm(lunch provided)

Where: AdventHealth La Grange Hospital

Who: Parishioners, men and women 18 years of age and older, with support from their local pastor.

Presentors: Chaplain Dr. Colleen Hagen and Deacon Tom Carlson

PLEASE CONTACT DEACON TOM CARLSON TO ENROLL OR TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS AT TCARLSON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG OR 630.746.8384

Easter 2024

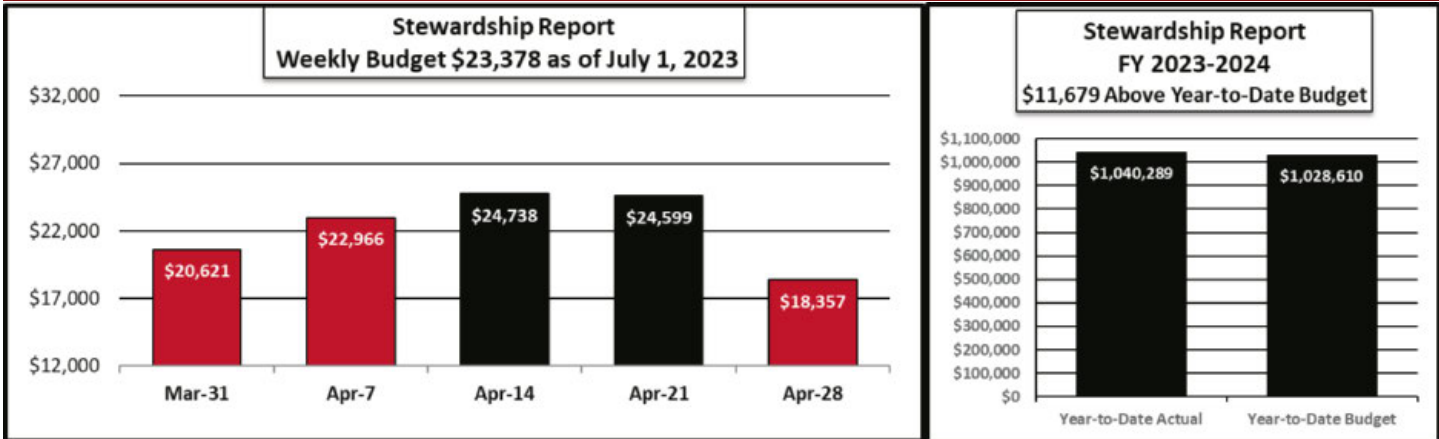
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Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 5			
Monday, May 6	9:30am	Church	May Crowning w/ school children
Tuesday, May 7	7pm	Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, May 8	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 7pm 8pm	Gallagher Room Church Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary Exposition and Benediction w/ the Blessed Sacrament School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, May 9	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, May 10			
Saturday, May 11	5-6:30pm	Church	Mother's Day Baby shower and Carnation Sale
Sunday, May 12	7am-2:30pm 8pm	Church Church	Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day Baby shower and Carnation Sale Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish

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

Monday thru Friday9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

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..... 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.

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

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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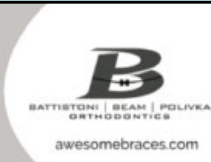
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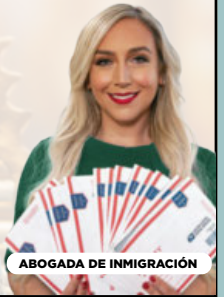


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