

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

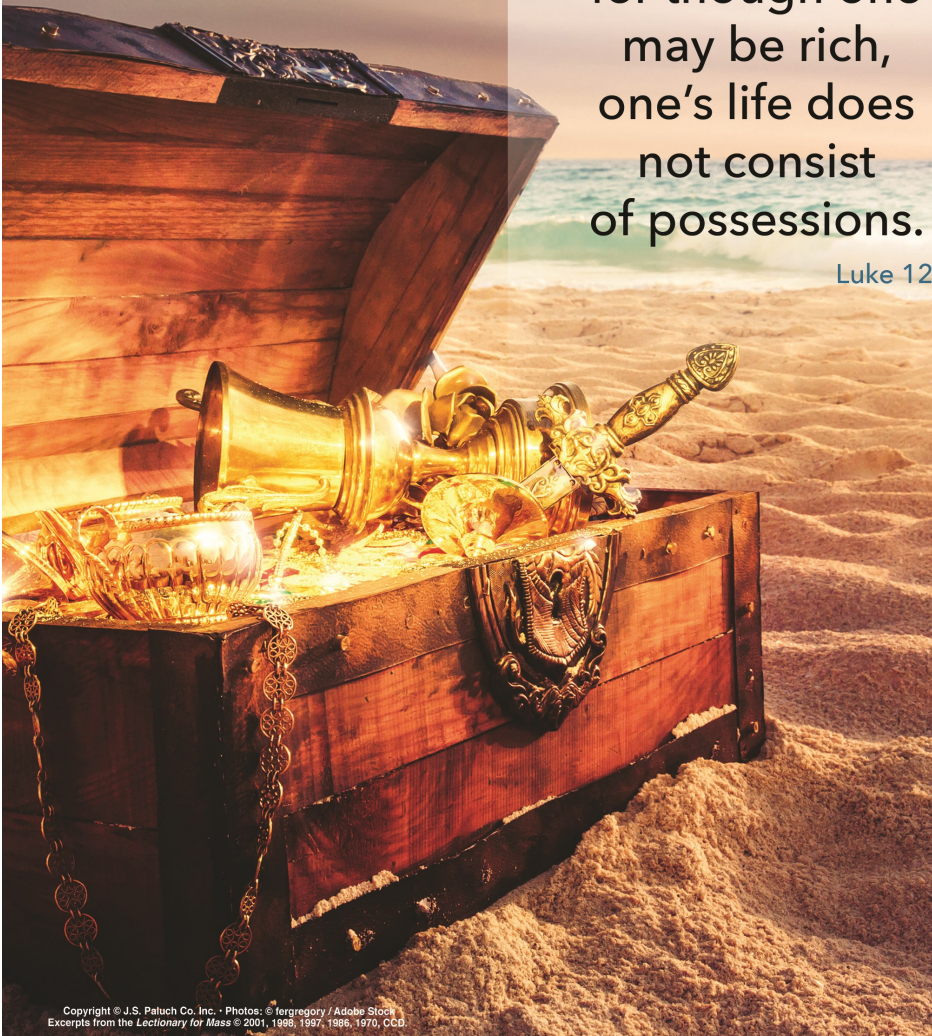
Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
— Psalm 90:12



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does
not consist
of possessions.

Luke 12:15



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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July 31, 2022

Mass Intentions for August 1 - August 7, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
August 1	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
August 2	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Catherine McNamara
August 3	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Frank Wojcik, BC Collins
August 4	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Sue Schiller, Catherine McNamara, Joe and Kay Klemak
August 5	8:00am	Fr. Romero	AnnMarie Nabor, Nan and Bob Retting
August 6	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Charles Lindblade, Daniel Klepczarek, Frank and Regina Kondor, Al Saporito, Joseph and Nancy Bartkowiak,
August 7	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Richard Gomez, Urusla Tamowska, John Duda
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Sammy Colonna, Mickey Leicht, Geri Johnson
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	AnnMarie Nabor, Joseph M. Schey, Rosalba Senese
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	Jose Juan Martinez

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

Rosemary Kus
Mother of Karen Provan

Maxine Wajda

Edward Kwak
Wife of Dorothy

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.

July - Louis Berger, Deborah Zemke, Frank Niwa, Peggy Shevlin, Francia Smith

June - Rafael Acevedo, Gerald Burns, Gerda E. Dorso, Donald Hogue, Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Baby Darcy Michaelletti, Louis Montes, Colin O'Brien

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection this weekend to benefit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which is an international organization which provides support to Catholic missionaries. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Marriage Banns



Isabel Jaramillo and Jorge Fulgencio

Morgan Perconti and Greg Mullien

Pastor's Note

*“Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days,”*

Psalm 90:14

Dear Parishioners,

The readings for this weekend can help us to prayerfully reflect and become aware of our longings, desires and needs in life. Each text invites us to make an honest assessment of the ways we engage life. In addition, the readings challenge us to seriously take a look at the way we conduct ourselves whether at home, at work, in our faith community or at any other place we might find ourselves.

Following the invitation of St. Paul (Col. 3:1-5, 9-11), we know that we are gently and firmly asked to “seek what is above and think of what is above.” This is something that each of us certainly can process, pray about, and reflect upon daily. But this is also something we do as a community each time we gather as children of God to celebrate the holy Eucharist. From my experience of being and praying with you for one year, I am pleased to say that you St. Cletus parishioners are always seeking and thinking of what is above. Christ for you is all and in all. This, experienced daily, is something very special.

It is from this experience of the Lord as I continue to learn how to be His priest and your pastor that I joyfully share with you some important updates.

First, I am delighted to say that we are blessed to have Fr. Michael Novick as our Associate Pastor. He is a man of prayer. He longs to do the will of God. He is eager to serve and walk with us. He is genuinely interested in sharing his vocation and priesthood with all of us. On a personal level, I now feel like I have a brother priest with whom I can talk, laugh, pray, and discern the will of God for our parish. In addition, we are blessed to have Fr. John Lodge as our guest in the rectory when he is on for a weekend Mass. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Second, with gratitude and joy I would like to inform you that Fr. Novick has agreed to be our new shepherd and leader of Ministry of Care and Compassionate Care Ministry. Fr. Novick has been a priest for over 21 years. Before joining our parish, he served for 14 years as a pastor. He has the knowledge and experience, but most of all, a joyful willingness to journey with us. I am confident that with his pastoral zeal, both ministries and those involved in them will receive diligent accompaniment and guidance to serve and grow in their respective ministries. I kindly ask current ministers/volunteers of each ministry to keep Fr. Novick in your prayers and collaborate with him as we bring Jesus to all who call us. Feel free to reach out to him at mnovick@stcletusparish.com

Third, with the help and guidance I have been receiving from each of our sacristans and other volunteers, I am grateful to let you know that we have been slowly but surely cleaning and reorganizing the sacristy. This effort led me to reach out and consult with Alfredo Chumpitaz, who is a fine carpenter, and whom I have known since 2000. He is a good Catholic who delights in sharing his carpentry skills. As I showed him our sacristy, he said to me, *“Let me help you with this project. All you have to do is to pay for the materials.”* Encouraged by his willingness to help and generosity, I made the decision to build new shelves in the sacristy. The project (Phase I) was completed last Saturday, July 23rd, 2022. Photos of how it looked before and how it looks now are available in our parish website and the canticle. We were able to cover the cost of this project using funds that you donated through the orange maintenance repair envelopes.

Fourth, we are a parish that is lucky to have many wonderful and dedicated sacristans. They do a phenomenal job and ministry. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each and one of them for their dedication, service, and love for the Lord as they fulfill their ministry as sacristans.

Finally, with the help of God may our minds and hearts continue to be engaged with the things of God who gladly fill us with His kindness each day.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

Sacristy Updates

BEFORE



AFTER



Note From Father Novick

Vanity

The first reading this weekend from the Book of Ecclesiastes is not as popular as the wonderful reading we would hear sometimes at funerals, i.e. “A time for...” However the author is very straight-forward with his teaching, in essence saying pay attention to the world around you, but remember it is not likely going to be you changing it on your own. Do your part and stop worrying about what others are doing. You might be tempted to try doing it by yourself. That is pride at work within you and it’s not good.

When many of the priests are newly ordained, we came out of the seminary having what is known to many people as a “Superman complex.” There is a feeling that you are going to make a huge impact, and you do, just not in the manner you think. That was actually the trap that the Apostles had been in, and only one of the 12 didn’t cross over the line of understanding and faith. He simply thought that Jesus should have just wiped the Romans off the face of the earth like Sodom and Gomorrah were wiped out last week. But Jesus had a better way to follow – the way of humility and love.

Humility is the primary antidote to pride/vanity. We need to realize that the needs of everyone else are more important than our own. That is paraphrasing St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians when St. Paul states “**Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.**” (Phil. 2:4) Humility comes from the third of the primary virtues -- charity. Not only did Jesus’ humility led Him to wash the feet of the Apostles, but His charity also led to perfect love through self-sacrifice. Our Savior simply did as His Father wanted Him to do – He obeyed. He did the exact opposite of what Adam and Eve once did in the Garden of Eden.

*“What shall I do,
for I do not have space to store my harvest?”
And he said, ‘This is what I shall do:
I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.
There I shall store all my grain and other goods
and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you,
you have so many good things stored up for many years,
rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ (Luke 12:17-19)*

The man in the gospel is so full of himself. Jesus was pretty clever in how He taught about pride and vanity. He does it in this parable and in another when the primary subject makes himself to be God. “What shall I do?” He isn’t concerned in the least for the grains he owns. He only goes off to build larger silos instead of thanking God for the gifts of the earth. He doesn’t even make a motion to share all of the wealth he accumulated. It’s all about HIM.

It’s a very difficult line to walk on. You know as many priests as I do who are mostly focused on their needs. I am fully aware of many times I have fallen into that pit. There are many still who do not do so intentionally, and many others who have just done “about face” movements away from the people they promised to serve too. It happens to every one of us. It doesn’t make it right, though. We change to become the person God created us to be when we drink in the attitude that it is only by His grace that we have been called to be His press agents, so we can tell others of the great things God continues to do for us.

Peace,

Fr. Mike



Religious Education and Sunday Notes

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer is here!

Don't forget to register for Religious Education Classes!

The St. Cletus Religious Education Program has programs to fit the needs of each parish family. Our **Early Childhood Program**



provides beginning religious instruction to children ages 3-5. Songs, crafts and stories are used to instill a sense of community and introduce these young members of our parish to Jesus' word. For families with children in public schools, we have **Traditional Religious Education Classes** and **sacramental preparation** for children in 1st – 8th Grade, where the children have an encounter with Jesus through scripture, service experiences, interactive activities and games, and classroom experiences. These classes occur on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the academic year.

Please take the time to complete the registration forms to register your children for RE classes for the 2022-2023 academic year! **The registration deadline is fast approaching! Please be sure to register asap to get the class date/time that is best for your family.** Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re, or in the Parish Center and Religious Education Office. **Please take the time to register today!**

To get priority placement, please consider volunteering your time and talents in one of the following ways:

- **As a Catechist** – Catechists receive weekly lesson plans and all resource materials to conduct an interactive lesson.
- **As a Classroom Aide** – Aides assist the Catechist weekly in the classroom
- **As an Office Volunteer during class time** – Office Volunteers assume responsibility weekly for assisting with the operations during RE classes
- **As a member of our Religious Education Advisory Board** – Board Members meet monthly with the Director of Religious Education and the Pastor to provide input and feedback on the Religious Education program, and to assist in the implementation of various programs.
- **As a Substitute Teacher** – subs are sometimes needed to cover for a Catechist who cannot attend one of our scheduled classes.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard

Thursday: St. John Vianney

Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday

Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday

REFLECTION QUESTION

How has the Lord answered my prayers?

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School News

DISNEY+ UPDATE!



Please accept our sincere appreciation for your St. Cletus warm hospitality while actors, actresses, film producers, directors, security, food service personnel, transportation representatives, make-up artists, and many other members of the Disney+ cast and crew were on the campus of St. Cletus utilizing our space for a production they were filming in the area to be offered this coming fall on cable. Our guests appreciated the warm St. Cletus welcome they received from everyone. The Disney+ crew even expressed to us that it is obvious St. Cletus is a special place. Both the Parish and School received a nice donation for using our campus. Special thanks to Pastor Father Elmer and Business Manager / Engineer Jim Dion for their continued support of all of our special activities.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

We are in the process of implementing some additional safety features at St. Cletus School.

They include:

- adding a second electronic security door near the main entrance of the school
- replacing all of the locks on the doors leading to the courtyard that will automatically lock once a door is securely closed. There will be no need for a staff member to have to relock a courtyard door anymore once all of the students have entered or exited the school.
- parents/visitors will still be required to sign in at the entrance prior to entering the school or picking up a child during the school day.

I am also happy to announce that we have a school parent that has already offered to offset a partial cost of the additional safety features by donating \$4,500 to this cause. If anyone would like to make an additional donation toward the upgrade in safety features at the school, it would be greatly appreciated. Any and all donations should be made out to St. Cletus School and add to the memo line "School Safety." Any donations received will be used specifically toward any safety feature upgrade determined by the school staff.

SCHOOL STAFF

We are happy to announce that as of this bulletin we have completed the hiring of our staff for the 2022-2023 school year. In addition to our current members, we have increased our staff size by adding a fourth Pre-School Class (all three full-time pre-school classes have reached full capacity), an additional second and fifth grade class, a new Music staff member, a Math Coach, a Marketing and Development Coordinator, and a Director of Faith Formation for Children.

Thanks for all of your continued support of our students and staff as they prepare for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

May God continue to bless our St. Cletus Parish School families.

Principal Gregory N. Porod, M. Ed., Supt. End.

Assistant Principal Christine Schaefer, M.A.

LOOKING BACK....



Daughters of the American Legion recognized St. Cletus School for their service and dedication to those who have served our country.

On this day, students in 1st grade learned about the meaning of the American Flag and the proper folding of the flag.



Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
THURSDAYS
6-8PM

Wish List:

- School Supplies
- Soup
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Rice in 2 or 3 pounds
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored Rice or Noodles
- Boxed Potatoes

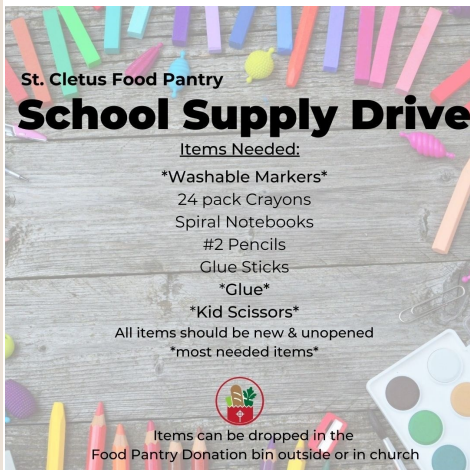


Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.

Follow us on Facebook:
[@StCletusFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/StCletusFoodPantry)

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 UPDATE



We are still collecting school supplies! Please note our ***most needed*** items. All donations should be new and unopened. Thank you!

The LeaderShop Alumni Association recently joined us to volunteer their time at the pantry! "Once a leader, always a leader". Thank you



We recently received a large donation of Hefty Products from parishioner Holly Lavorato! We are looking forward to distributing many helpful household products like plastic plates, zip lock bags, aluminum foil and more!

Volunteer opportunities are now available for August. You can view slots and sign up at: signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-stcletus



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars.



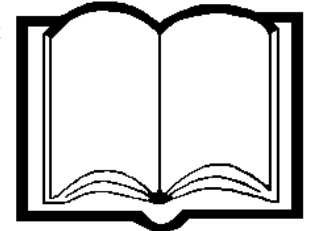
ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

Hymnal News

New Hymnals/Worship Aids coming soon!

Earlier this year we were notified by the publishers of our bi-lingual Music Issue missals/hymnal that our current missals are no longer going to be produced. We solicited samples of potential replacement books from both GIA Publishing (the publishers of our current Gather Book) and OCP/Oregon Catholic Press (the publishers of the Music Issue booklets currently contained in our blue vinyl binders). Fr. Elmer, Tina Norton, Juanita Avila, Luis Galvez, and Karen Ziemba subsequently met to discuss the alternatives. After prayerful discussion it was decided that the United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo soft cover books, as well as new vinyl covers, would be ordered. The format will be slightly different from our old missals; the music edition will feature English and Spanish songs that are currently not available in the Gather books. 400 copies will arrive and be placed in the pews in late November, to coincide with the 1st week of Advent.



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Wait, please keep reading...there's more!

It was during the discussion regarding the missals that I brought to the attention of this committee the fact that our red Gather Comprehensive II books, which we have had since 2004 (18 years! They've served us well!) and which do not contain the new order of Mass/wording instituted in 2010, are terribly out of date and it would be a great addition to our parish if those hymnals could be replaced. The new Gather Fourth Edition, first published in 2021, contains all the new responses, many new and more contemporary songs, several updated Mass settings as well as still featuring the songs and responsorial psalms that are currently part of our parish repertoire.

To help defray some of the cost for the new Gather IV (Gray) books and accompanying materials, we are requesting you support this effort in the following way.

Each hymnal is valued at \$25. We are asking you to donate one or as many hymnals as you like. You can dedicate each hymnal you donate to the memory of a loved one or in honor of your family or friend(s). A bookplate will be placed on the inside front cover of the hymnal with this information. Each hymnal that you donate will be a lasting tribute to that special person(s) you name. We ask that you please complete the form below and return it with your donation prior to September 20th.

Our hope is to have these hymnals in the pews by October 15th. Your generosity and commitment to St. Cletus Parish and especially to the music ministry, is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please either stop up at the piano before or after a weekend mass, email me at kziemba@stcletusparish.com, or call my office at: 708-215-5423. Please leave a message and I will return your call promptly. Additional information regarding the introduction of these new materials will be forthcoming.

Thank you so much for considering this request!

Karen Ziemba

Director of Music Ministries

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GATHER FOURTH EDITION DONATION FORM

Please be sure to print legibly. Please place this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked "Hymnals". It may be placed in the weekend collection basket or returned to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Donor's name (as you would like it to appear on the bookplate): _____

Donor's address: _____ Envelope number: _____

Donor's email address: _____ Donor's telephone number: _____

_____ In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: Name: _____

_____ In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: Name: _____

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Number of books being donated @ \$25 each: _____ x \$25 = _____

Check should be payable to: St. Cletus Parish Please indicate "Hymnals" on the memo line.

() Check here if you wish this to be an anonymous donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated; please attach to this form any additional donation information.

Hispanic Ministry

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

CLASES DE FORMACIÓN



Se ofrecerán clases para todos los ministros de Eucaristía los viernes 19 y 26 de agosto, 2022 de 7-9 p.m. Si usted actualmente ya es Ministro de Eucaristía deberá de tomar estas clases de formación para su certificación. Si a usted le gustaría ser Ministro de Eucaristía lo animamos a participar en estas clases de formación. Para mayor información, favor de hablar con Juanita Avila directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.

FORMATION CLASSES

Eucharistic Ministers classes will be offered Friday, August 19 and Friday, August 26, 2022 from 7–9 p.m. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister you will be required to take these formation classes for your certification. If you would like to be a Eucharist Minister, we encourage you to participate in these formation classes. For more information, please speak to Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry, at 708-215-5441.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We have already started the training classes for the altar servers. The second training class will be held next Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. For more information contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry 708-215-5441

ENTRENAMIENTO DE MONAGUILLOS

Ya comenzamos la primera sesión de preparación para ser un monaguillo. La segunda sesión será el sábado 6 de agosto, 2022 de 10 a 11:00 am. Para más información comuníquense con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion, we are reading *Have You Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. We will meet on August 9, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. For those who like to look ahead.... October 11: *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

RCIA

We would love to have you in our Catholic family. If you are an adult and you are thinking about becoming Catholic, RCIA sessions will be starting in September. We will be conducting a collaborative process with St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross, with some sessions being conducted here and some at those two parishes. New Catholics will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton. (If you only need confirmation, please contact Tina also. We are trying to determine if there is interest in an adult confirmation process.)



KAIROS

High school juniors and seniors: Save the dates of September 29-October 2 for Kairos 39! The retreat will be at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, Illinois and students from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes will also be participating. More information is coming!

ATTENTION LECTORS!

A mandatory meeting for current St. Cletus lectors will be held Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallagher Room. Supper will be served and we will have a discussion about the spirituality of lectoring, our current practices for lectors at mass, and an overview of how lectors are scheduled. There will be opportunity for discussion of ministry questions with Tina Norton, Father Elmer, and Father Mike. All current St. Cletus lectors are expected to attend, and the meeting is open also to those interested in joining this ministry. (Training will be provided for new lectors on a separate date.) Please direct any questions to Tina Norton, our pastoral associate, in the parish office or at tnorton@stcletusparish.com.

ALTAR SERVERS

Does altar serving sound like a ministry you would like? We will be holding more training for servers later in July. You can pick the masses at which you would like to serve and how often. Students of any school, fifth grade and older, are welcome to be altar servers at St. Cletus. If this is interesting to you, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office, or email her at tnorton@stcletusparish.com.



IN PERSON PRE-CANA RETURNS!

We will be offering an in-person pre-Cana session, required for marriages in the Archdiocese of Chicago, on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30-4:30 in the Gallagher Room. This will be facilitated by parishioners Henry and Kathy Morlock, who facilitated our programs before the pandemic and who have done online pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese since then. Pre-Cana allows couples to learn and reflect on the meaning of a Catholic marriage and apply the teachings of the church to their own lives. Please join us if you plan to be married after October 29! A contribution of \$100 will include the workbook, coffee and snacks during the day. We hope you will join us for the 5 p.m. mass afterwards. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, in the Parish Office.

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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.

Vocation Office
750 North Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL
Chicagopriest.com

JOYFUL AGAIN!

Are you, or someone you know, widowed?



If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women
When: August 10 & 11th (2-day program)
Where: St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois
(Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information , call: 708-354-7211, e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: joyfulagain.org

WORD OF LIFE



“A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Called to Serve Moms in Need”

SJC FEST IS AUGUST 18-21.

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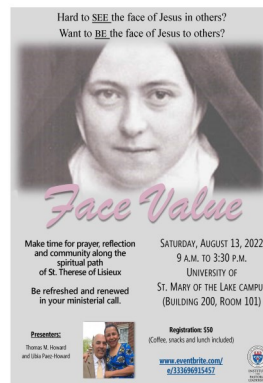


The Holy Name Society is again sponsoring a baseball outing to the Joliet Slammers on August 14 at 1:05 p.m. in Joliet, Il.

There is free parking on the west side of the stadium. We will be selling tickets in the Narthex at all masses on July 30/31 and August 6/7. Please come and join us for a fun time on August 14th."

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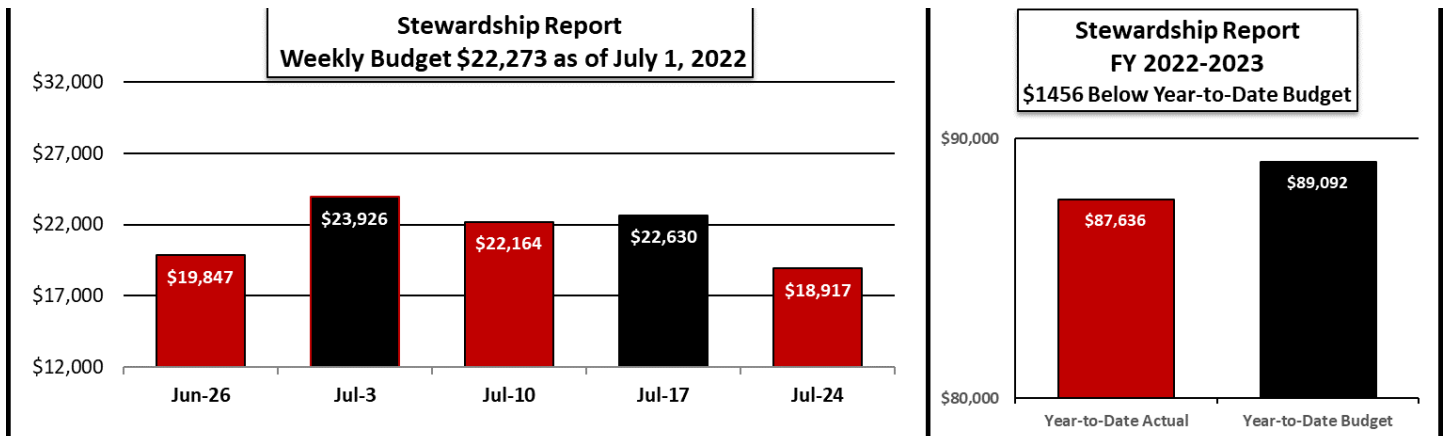


Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, July 31	8am-2pm	Gallagher Room	Hospitality
Monday, August 1			
Tuesday, August 2	7-8pm	Church	Hispanic Holy Hour
Wednesday, August 3	6:30-8pm	Gallagher Room	Lectors Meeting
Thursday, August 4	6-8pm	Parking Lot	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, August 5			
Saturday, August 6	8:30-9:15 6-7pm	Church Gallagher Room	Confessions Hospitality
Sunday, August 7	8am-2pm	Gallagher Room	Hospitality

Stewardship Report

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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.

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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School(708) 352-4820
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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.

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PARISH STAFF

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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

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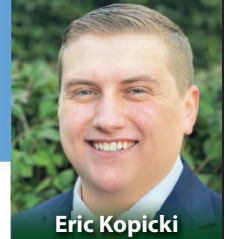
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