

St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



September 8, 2024 | Twenty - third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mission and Vision Statement

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Mt 28:19-20



Parish Office
(708) 352-6209
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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St. Cletus Parish
St. Cletus Church

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Directory

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Parish Information

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)
Streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/@stcletusparish/streams>
7:15 a.m. (English)
8:45 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Español)

Confessions

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

Baptisms / Bautizos

Contact the parish office
(708) 352 - 6209

Religious Education For Children Educación Religiosa Para Niños

Contact / Comuníquese con
Norma Hernandez (708) 968 - 6474

O.C.I.A

Contact the parish office.

Weddings

Please contact the parish office 6
months prior to the wedding date.

Quinceañeras y Presentaciones

Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al
(708) 215 - 5441.

Funerals

Contact the parish office.

St. Cletus School

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Mass Intentions

Saturday September 7	Rev. Elmer Romero	5 p.m.	† James Chiostri † Bruce Gonigam † Mary Anderson	Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday September 8	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz † Patrick Mahoney	† John and Frances Kennedy
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† Gorge Lyons † Joan Klemak	Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)
	Rev. William Corcoran Deacon Franco Foti	10:30 a.m.	† Louis Berger † Sammy Colonna † Mary Ann Cicero	† Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale † Francis Murphy
	Rev. Alexander Garcia Deacon Franco Foti	12:30 p.m.	† Sara Pizano † Jose Antonio Hernandez Hernandez † Consuelo Abrego Fulgencio Sofia Marquez (Special Intention)	† Jose Juan Martinez Mendoza † Por las benditas almas del purgatorio † Ofelia Moreno
Monday September 9	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Ray and Joni Pietrzak	
Tuesday September 10	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Edward Vonesh † C. Rodger Brown	† Joe Klemak † Jane Wisniewski
Wednesday September 11	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	
Thursday September 12	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† James Vonesh † George Herts	† Julie Nykiel
Friday September 13	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Delphine Marciszewski	† Frank Wojcik
Saturday September 14	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	Jon & Denise Parlier 50th Wedding Anniversary (Special Intention)	† Stephen Tisa † Tom Matthews † Delphine Bentley Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday September 15	Rev. Michael Novick	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz	
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† Delphine M. Bentley † Mary Kay Rios	Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Raymond J. Walsh	
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Angel & Margarita Jaramillo † Carlos Cesar Jaimes Rodriguez	† Por las benditas almas del purgatorio

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Debbie Cote | Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjeau |
Caroline Mhley | Diana McHale | Dr. George Schein
| Claire Caueny | Rose Hammer | Ann Kuchta |
June Matasic

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Ellen Benrus, Mother of George Benrus
† William Dudley, Father of Denise Koshay

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

St. Francis of Assisi

Dear Friends,

Each day is an opportunity for sowing kindness, goodness, and love. Why? Because the world needs them. Our children and grandchildren long for them. Our parents and grandparents will love to receive them from us. We need them, too. We all long for kindness, goodness, and love. With the help of God, could you consider becoming a sower of kindness, goodness, and love?

At St. Cletus Parish we are blessed to have many sowers of goodness, kindness, and love. We see them when we come to worship God. We encounter them in our Parish School. We find them helping our children in the Faith Formation Program. We see them serving at our Food Pantry. Since spring, we also have seen them in the labor of keeping our parish grounds looking welcoming and beautiful. We also see them joyfully helping at parish events, such as our Fall Festival that is currently happening. They are sowers of goodness, kindness, and love. We give thanks to the Lord for them and hold them in prayer.

Another important area where I notice your kindness, goodness, and love is through your weekend or monthly financial offering/contribution. In addition, you always respond with generosity to financial appeals whether at the parish level, archdiocesan, or globally. I would like to take this opportunity to offer you my sincere gratitude for your generosity and commitment to your parish, St. Cletus.

With gratitude and joy, I inform you that the school roof replacement phase 1 (southern part of the school's wing, by Stone Ave.) was completed. This was a much-needed project. The total cost paid for this project was \$227,535.00. I will sleep better if we can complete phase 2 (northern part of the west

wing) next summer. As of today, the cost will be \$160,950.00. From reports gathered, we are replacing roofs (phase 1 and 2) that were never replaced since they were built in 1953.

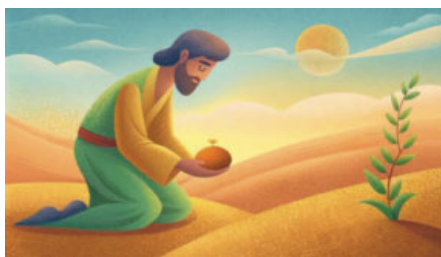
I am sensing something deep in my heart that tells me that you want to help with the school roof replacement. If that is the case, feel free to send us a contribution at any time. Thank you for your goodness, kindness, and love.

Last weekend the Lord gave me a unique opportunity to experience his kindness, goodness, and love at the Good News Conference which was held in St. Paul, Minneapolis. The theme of the conference was Mercy. It was attended by 789 people. Some of the Keynote Presenters were Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Jordan Peterson, Arthur C. Brooks, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, Neal McDonough, Katie Shaw, and Sister Miriam James Heidland. I noticed my heart growing closer to Jesus Christ through dynamic missionary disciples and evangelizers. Next year it will be held in Orlando, October 24-26, 2025. I am confident that you will enjoy the conference and feel renewed. More info about the ministry of the Good News Conference can be found at: <https://goodnewsconference.com/>

Today at our outdoor 10:30 AM Mass, we will pause and intentionally pray for our First Responders. They are women and men who are the first to arrive and offer help at any emergency. We respect, appreciate and thank the Lord for them. We are blessed to have Very Rev. William Corcoran, Interim Vicar, as the principal celebrant and homilist at this special Mass.

May the Lord, through his mercy and love, instill in us the desire to sow kindness, goodness, and love each day.

Fr. Elmer Romero



A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

A reflection on "People on the Move"

Back in the year 2000, after I had been ordained a transitional deacon for the Archdiocese, my best friend and a former associate pastor of St. Cletus, Fr. Charles Watkins (God rest his soul) introduced me to a ministry based with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that focused on ministry to people who make their living in entertainment, traveling from town to town. The Office of Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers would eventually be come to be known as the Circus and Carnival Apostolate. It also ministered to Indy, Cart, and NASCAR.

Fr. Charles, for those who did not know him, had experience from the time he was a child working with his grandfather who had an act with chimpanzees. Fr. Charles would learn along the way the arts of walking on the high wire and acrobatic feats on a single trapeze. He learned the art of clowning over time as well, and, while in the time of finishing his graduate degree, became a circus promoter in his spare time. It really was a passion of his for many years, and I was being introduced to it as well concentrating on smaller circuses when they came to the tri-state area. Fr. Charles, when I began, was still in the seminary as he was ordained two years after me.

For nearly 10 years, we attended the annual meeting of the chaplains for each industry (circus, carnival, and racing). There were probably 15 of us in regular attendance each year. I met great men and women dedicated to being full-time ministers who traveled WITH the shows. In these days around Fall Fest, I am taken back in time to those

conferences and the wonderful people we worked with on the side (not for pay).



Fr. John Vukulskas

One of those men was a priest from Iowa, Fr. John Vukulskas, who was the head chaplain for the carnival industry. Fr. John was larger than life in my eyes, physically and spiritually. He towered over people in size and had a belly-laugh that was infectious for anyone once he started. He was beloved by the carnival workers from all various companies that provide the rides and games that go from town to town, driving rigs, setting up the best layout on the grounds they are allotted, and more. What Fr. John brought with him everywhere he went and

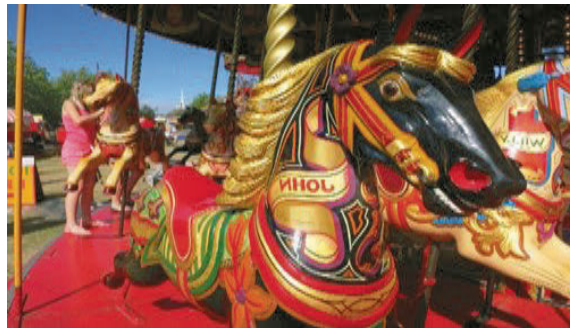
to every city he traveled to was to feed the need of every person in the companies the love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

So many of the workers live every day in RVs of all sizes, setting up, taking down, and off to the next city. It's a hard life. It's a costly life too. RVs are not cheap and many of the workers are paid minimum wage or just above. Thank the workers of the Fall Fest. They have rules they need to adhere to, and sometimes that leads to disagreements with customers. Let's be a part of the solution to being sure all

people are treated with respect and dignity. Maybe carnival workers don't fly through the air, but they do a lot of heavy work.

Fr. John passed away in 2020. I don't know who carries on his legacy anymore. So please pray for and support and thank the workers at Fall Fest, as well as the many volunteers from St. Cletus who helped make it a wonderful event.

Fr. Mike Novick



Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, September 9	All Day	Parish Office Closed	Parish Center
	3:00 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	7 p.m.	Spanish Baptism Prep Class	Gallagher Room
Tuesday, September 10	3 p.m.	School Faculty Meeting	Gallagher Room
	3 p.m.	St. Cletus Cross Country Practice	Field
	4:30 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	6 p.m.	Pilot Alpha (English)	Room 213
	7 p.m.	English Baptism Prep Class	Gallagher Room
Wednesday, September 11	9 a.m.	Mission Ladies	Gallagher Room
	1 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	4:30 p.m.	Girls' Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	7 p.m.	CCW General Meeting	Gallagher Room
	7 p.m.	Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
	7 p.m.	FSA Meeting	Room 201
	8 p.m.	School Fathers Basketball	Parish Center Gym
Thursday, September 12	3 p.m.	St. Cletus Cross Country Practice	Field
	4 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	4:30 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Catechist Orientation Day	Gallagher Room
	6:30 p.m.	Boys Scouts	Morrissey Hall
	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotion	Church
Friday, September 13	3:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Cross Country Practice	Field
	4:30 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Practice	Parish Center Gym
	6:00 p.m.	Alpha Piloto (Spanish)	Room 213
	7:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Holy Name Society Meeting	Gallagher Room
Saturday, September 14	1:00 p.m.	Girls Volleyball Games	Parish Center Gym
Sunday, September 15	9 a.m.	Faith Formation Open House	School Classrooms

Readings of the week

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Wednesday: Patriot Day
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B – Reflection

By Deacon Franco Foti

Society's attitudes regarding its physically and/or mentally impaired members have evolved considerably through the centuries. Each generation, motivated by an ever-growing sensitivity and respect for another's differences, has coined new words to refer to these special people among us. Now, we have terms such as mentally challenged, hearing or visually impaired, or simply special needs.

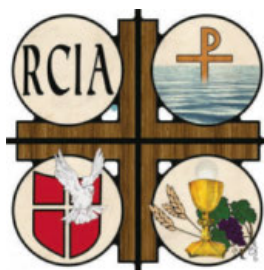
Although discrimination still exists and must be dealt with whenever it arises, contemporary society is learning to value people for who they are and what they can do. A mother of a brain-injured child offers a lesson: "We would have called our daughter's handicap the greatest tragedy of our lives if it were not for the fact that through it, we came to know God much better."

Physical and/or mental maladies were generally misunderstood in the ancient world. Some attributed certain conditions to demons; others believed that sin was responsible and, therefore, the illness was God's punishment. In either case, those so stricken were doubly burdened. Those who could have been helpful and supportive to the needy disassociated themselves so as not to be rendered similarly unclean.

Jesus has set the example. As one who sought out the poor and disenfranchised, Jesus incarnated the divine predilection for the needy (Luke 6:20,7:22). He gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, healed the deaf, and gave voice to the mute. Today's Gospel invites us to continue Jesus' ministry. May we all keep the human community in touch with the reality of God's saving power.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith without making a final commitment? The answer to these questions is OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a spiritual journey of faith for adults who would like to become Catholic. Through this process they can receive or complete their sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Participants will attend weekly sessions that focus on Scripture, Tradition, faith sharing, prayer and Catholic beliefs and teachings.

If you need additional information or have questions about OCIA, please contact Lawrence Manetti at the parish office 708-352-6209 ext. 230 or by email lmanetti@stcletusparish.com.

OCIA classes will begin October 2nd.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

¿Tiene preguntas sobre la fe católica? ¿Ha pensado en hacerse católico? ¿Le gustaría aprender más sobre la fe católica sin comprometerse definitivamente? La respuesta a estas preguntas es OCIA u Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos.

El programa de RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) es un camino espiritual de fe para adultos que desean convertirse al catolicismo. A través de este proceso pueden recibir o completar sus sacramentos de iniciación - Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación. Los participantes asistirán a sesiones semanales que se centran en las Escrituras, la Tradición, el compartir la fe, la oración y las creencias y enseñanzas católicas.

Si necesita información adicional o tiene preguntas acerca de RICA, por favor llame a la oficina 708.352.6209 o comuníquese con el Padre Alex Garcia (jgarcia@stcletusparish.com) o con Norma Hernandez (nhernandez@stcletusparish.com)

Las clases de RICA comenzarán el 2 de octubre.

Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays
4-8 p.m.

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Condiments
- Boxed Potatoes
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap

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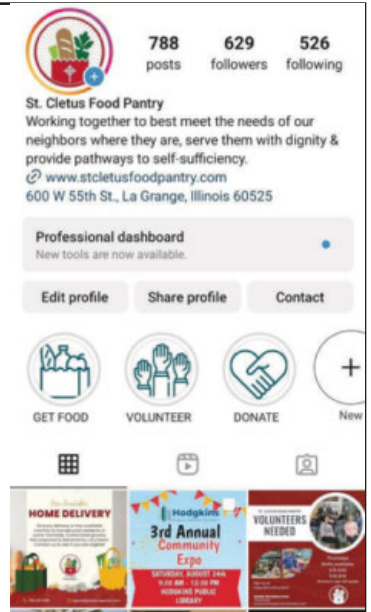
Instagram:

@St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer
Kendall Grant
(708)215-5418
kgrant@stcletusparish.com

Do you follow us on social media?

Our Instagram account recently got a facelift thanks to Katie Hess, a St. Cletus parishioner and college student studying Communications. Katie helped us pull together important information into highlights on IG. You can see all up to date info and behind the scenes details of the St. Cletus Food Pantry on Instagram and Facebook!



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thursdays Shifts available:

3:15-5:30

5:15-8:15

Minimum age: 6th grade

Sign up at:

<https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>

MORE INFORMATION

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Grocery delivery is now available monthly to homebound residents in Lyons Township. Customized grocery lists prepared & delivered by volunteers. Contact us to see if you are eligible!



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Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 8 de septiembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español <i>Spanish Mass</i>	Iglesia
Martes, 11 de septiembre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo <i>Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna <i>Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration</i>	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

Ujieres Hispanos

Hispanic Ushers

El pasado viernes 30 de agosto tuvimos una reunión con los Ujieres y Ministros de Bienvenida Hispanos.

Compartimos nuestras experiencias en el ministerio y descubrimos maneras de seguir creciendo en nuestra fe y compromiso en estos ministerios. Queremos agradecer al Diácono Franco Foti por su disposición para ayudarnos a profundizar nuestro conocimiento sobre el ministerio de Ujieres y compartir su conocimiento y sabiduría con nosotros. Muchas gracias.



Last Friday, August 30, we had a meeting with the Hispanic Ushers and Welcome Ministers. We share our experiences in ministry and discover ways to continue growing in our faith and commitment to these ministries. We want to thank Deacon Franco Foti for his willingness to help us deepen our knowledge about the ministry of Ushers and share his knowledge and wisdom with us. Thank you.

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Devoción Guadalupana

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. 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.

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 con confesiones y por ultimo 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.

School News

Meet our School Board President, Michael R. Burns

Michael was appointed as President of our school board effective July 1, 2024.

He will continue to serve as Treasurer for our school FSA, as a substitute Lector in our church, and was a former member of our Parish Finance Council.

Michael's professional experience includes 23 years of accounting & finance, business advisory, CFO outsourcing, tax



preparation & strategy, board of director participation & recruitment, and entrepreneurial & personal wealth creation services.

He is married and together with his wife of 14 years, has a 5th grade daughter here at St. Cletus, who also is a member of the school chess team and church youth choir. Michael and his family most often attend our 10:30a.m. Mass on Sundays.

MUMS FOR SALE!

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

The St. Cletus 8th Grade Class is proud to carry on our tradition of selling mums to support 8th grade events and activities. We are excited to partner once again with Hinsdale Nurseries to offer 2-gallon mums and ornamental cabbages for just \$11 each.

AVAILABLE COLORS:

Mums: gold, maroon, purple, orange, white | **Cabbages:** red/purple

TO PLACE AN ORDER:

Please use the order form below and bring it to St. Cletus School.
Orders and payment are due by **Monday, September 16**. Make checks payable to St. Cletus School.

PICK-UP INFORMATION*:

Saturday, September 21 | 11a-3p | St. Cletus Field
**If you have ordered mums through an 8th grader, he/she will contact you to coordinate delivery.*

For questions: contact Maria or Bob O'Connell at 201-403-1986

Buyer's Name & Telephone # _____

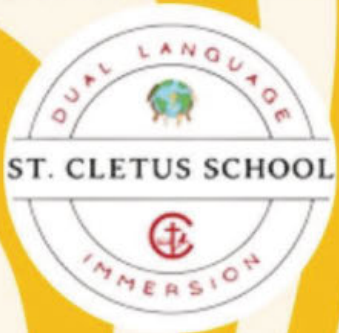
Number of each color/style:

GOLD	MAROON	PURPLE	ORANGE	WHITE	ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE

Total # of Mums/Cabbages: _____

Total Price (\$11/ea): _____

Sharing our Blessings



THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILY SPONSORS!



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- REISEL FAMILY
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- HOGAN FAMILY
- NAPLETON FAMILY

Survey Next Sunday at 10:30 Mass

Fr. Elmer has embarked on a two-year program through the Institute for Homiletics to nurture his ministry of preaching. The program includes formal study, peer mentoring among fellow priests, and prayer and input from the laity.

Next Sunday, Sept. 15, at the 10:30 Mass, the Parish Pastoral Council will facilitate a brief survey on Fr. Elmer's current preaching, which will provide quantitative data for measuring growth as he

progresses through the program. If you attend the 10:30 Mass next week, you will be asked to complete the survey using your smartphone prior to the final blessing. We will provide the QR code/link and will notify you when it is time to pull out your phones. The survey should only take 1-3 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your thoughtful input and ongoing prayer—and thanks to Fr. Elmer for participating in this program!

Recycling at St. Cletus

One of the most frequent questions is whether or not we recycle at St. Cletus. The answer is a resounding YES! We do have a contract with a scavenger service to pick up recyclable items once a week. They are: paper, glass, cardboard, and plastic bottles. One item we cannot recycle is the plastic containers of the votive candles. After several attempts, the scavenger service told us to



place them in the solid waste containers since those canisters retain some wax. Therefore, they go through a different process. Our maintenance staff also checks for recyclable items accidentally placed with regular garbage. Thanks for helping us recycle at St. Cletus.

Deacon Franco

Mission Ladies

The St. Cletus Mission Ladies will be returning after Fall Fest beginning on Wednesday, September 11 from 9-12 in the Parish Center. We have a vibrant group of women that meet weekly to make

handmade items for members in our community. All abilities welcome. We are hoping to find a few more members to cut doll dresses or to help with wheelchair bags. Stop by and check it out!

Faith Formation

Formacion de la Fe

Upcoming Events:

- Open House - Week of September 15
- First Day of class - Week of September 22nd

To see the full details on the calendar, please scan the QR code based on your child's program



Faith Formation- Monday's and Sunday's
Formación en la fe - Lunes y domingos

Próximos eventos:

- Junta Informativa - Semana del 15 de septiembre
- Primer día de clase - Semana del 22 de septiembre

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Archdiocese of Chicago Approved Catholic Ministry of Care training

Single Day!

Sept 21st, 2024

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Presenters:

- Chaplain Dr. Colleen Hagen
- Deacon Tom Carlson

Topics to be covered:

- Spirituality of the Minister
- Experience of Suffering
- Pastoral Listening Skills
- Theology of Suffering and Sickness
- Ministerial Procedures
- Prayer and Sacraments
- Other Considerations

Staying Motivated & Marketable During Your Career Transition



Thursday, September 19
7:00-9:00pm
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
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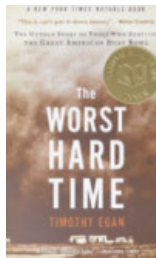
Navigating a career transition can be both exciting and challenging. We're going to provide you with an engaging presentation on how best to stay motivated and marketable during this pivotal time. You'll discover practical strategies and mindset shifts that can help you maintain momentum, overcome obstacles and achieve your professional goals.

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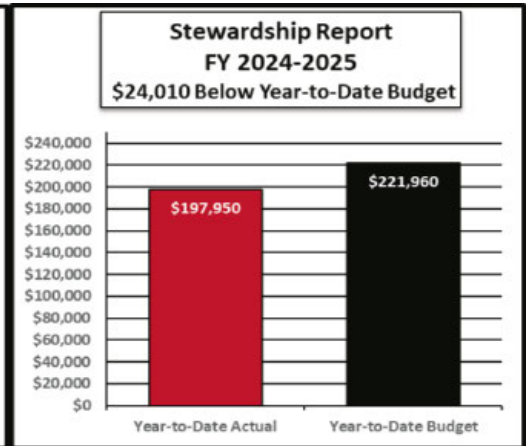
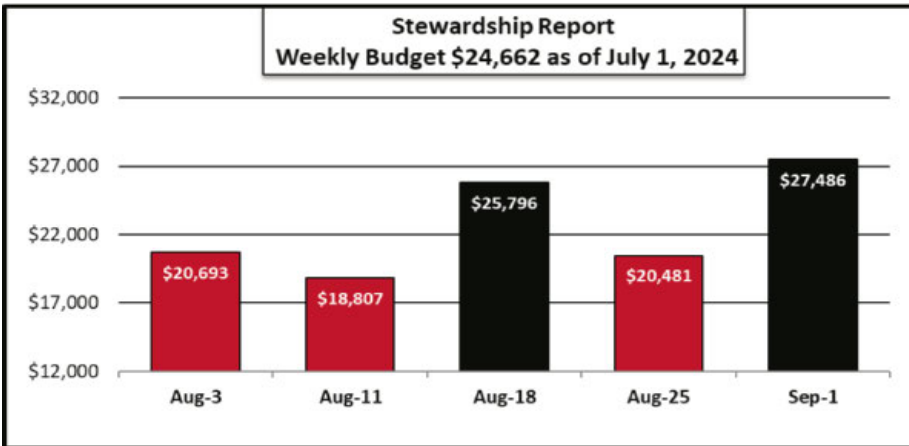
For More Information InterfaithCareerNetwork.com

Book Club

Come join us on October 8th for a discussion of *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan. This book is a National Book Award Winner. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any



questions, please e-mail book_club@stcletusparish.com. For those who like to look ahead, our December book is *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.



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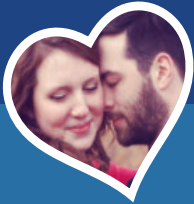
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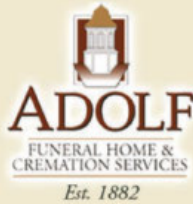
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