ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

MAY 14, 2023



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Mass Intentions for May 15 - May 21, 2023			
Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
May 15	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Dorothy Dybas, Kathryn McCord, Ron Vieceli(special intention), Phyllis Prevenas
May 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joe Saban
May 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins
May 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
May 19	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Bob Gavin, Jozef Pabin, Louie Marasovic
May 20	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Kathy Rak, Virginia Garza, Vicky Garza, Rebecca Garza
May 21	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Novick Fr. Romero Fr. Novick Fr. Aracibia	Dorothy Dybas, John Duda, Maura Moran, Eva Baisch George Marshall, Frank Wojcik, Fred Gross Kopf, Regina Kondon Jose Natividad and Maggie Galinas, Charles and Florence Straka, Regina Kondor, Don and Cecelia Goldthwaite Jose Garcia

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

May - Patty Garza, Kathryn Rak, Ignatius DeVeno, for their intuition and encouragement, Erin McMahon Leddon

April - Patricia Rodey, Karol Picazo, Nicholas Bless all mothers this day. Rodriguez, Joe Orr, Geraldine Osmolak

March - Enemorio Cisneros, Galdino Padilla , Juana in your loving care. García, Beto Montalvo. Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy, Denise and Rich Jandura, and Baby Muffy, Francie Smith, Enrique Durán, Donald Hogue love and gratitude.

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

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,

from the beginning you have chosen to entrust We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for commitment and sacrifice. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them May they be blessed by our open-hearted



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Pastor's Note

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him," John 14:21b

Dear Parishioners

How often do we pause, reflect, and ponder about the love we feel and have for God? How is our awareness of being loved by God?

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, 144 children from our Parish School and Faith Formation program made their First Communion. They were accompanied by their parents, siblings, and other family members. Throughout the entire Mass, they radiated joy by prayerfully and actively participating in Mass. They received the Body of Jesus with reverence, admiration, and love. They knew that they were being part of something special which they graciously shared with us. I felt embraced by the Spirit that was present at Mass which aided us to receive God's love.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank in a special way Larry Manetti, Director of Faith Formation, Hector Obregon, Associate Director of Faith Formation, Greg Porod, Principal, Christy Schaefer, Assistant Principal, teachers, and catechists who diligently prepared our children for First Communion. I also would like to thank all parents who faithfully brought their children to Faith Formation and Mass on weekends. Know that your efforts in raising your children in the faith and the witness you give to them is encouraging and greatly appreciated. In addition, I would like to thank all others who generously contributed to the beauty and spirit filled First Communion Mass.

This weekend, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we will be blessed to hear a brief reflection from a mother at each Mass. This will happen right after the homily. They will share with us their faith and experience of being loved by the Lord. Please join me in thanking the Lord for their courage and witness.

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 7:00 PM we held the St. Cletus Auction in the Parish Center. It was not only successful in raising funds to support our Parish School but also building community and friendship among parents and parishioners. I am aware that many parents led by Joleen Kirchens and Jeanine Pickering (Co-chairs) out of love worked hard to give us an amazing evening. I would like to offer to each of them my heartfelt gratitude for their fine leadership and special love they have for our parish school. Particularly, I would like to thank Sara Hodak for offering such wonderful leadership and collaborating with our volunteers, Administrators and Co-chairs.

I pray that today we will find a time to admire, appreciate, and thank the Lord for our mothers. We are who we are thanks to the selfless dedication of our mothers. In my case, I am a priest because of the prayers and witness of my mother. She showed me how to love God and how to let God love me. This is something that she still does every time I am on the phone with her or have the opportunity to visit her.

May the Lord fill the hearts of our mothers with his joy and peace.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Elmer Romero



Note From Father Mike

MOTHERS' DAY!

I have so much to be grateful for when it comes to my mom. Giving birth (no pun intended) is just the beginning of the many things mom has done for me over the years. One thing mom has always been is a source of comfort. I would hope that every child could say that about their own mom. I know, unfortunately, that is not the case. Or, maybe it is so, but there are too many children who never get the opportunity to even know their biological mother. All too frequently, we hear of tragic stories on the news how a baby is abandoned, often dying because of starvation. Pray for those children abandoned by their parents, that their parents would have the courage to let them find life in a home filled with love.

Another thing I am grateful for is my mom let my brother and I help make the Nestle Toll House Cookies around Christmas. Mom was very patient with us, teaching us how to measure the ingredients and mix them together to make the dough, followed by dropping the small lumps onto a baking sheet and popping them in the oven. We didn't get to take them out of the oven for the first couple of years, but eventually even that we were allowed to do. Better watch that clock. Don't want to burn them. Excuse me, but I am drooling.

In more recent years, mom has been my nurse several times. Being pastor at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish in Matteson made it much more convenient for mom to be a nurse. The parish was only ten minutes to the south of Midlothian (where she still resides). So, when I was ill, she would either shop for me or even sometimes I needed her to stay with me overnight. Being by myself in a house made that a little easier. I don't know if that would have worked with another priest living there. Then when I needed to have a kidney removed about 7 or 8 years ago now having been diagnosed with stage one cancer, she let me stay at home with her while I recovered. Most of you know I was

able to do the same thing back in March when I had a hernia repaired. She is a great nurse. Thanks Mom.

But I still say that what I tend to be most grateful for from mom is her faith. My dad had his Catholic faith, too, but they each taught me different things about how the Church works – how important belonging to a parish is and what that means. Mom was involved in being a catechist for both children and adults (her and dad taught Confirmation students, then mom started being on the RCIA team preparing adults to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil). She has been a member of the Mother's Club for the school, the Rosary/Altar Society, and the RENEW team. She was involved in being the concessions moderator for BINGO nights, and that carried over into finding food vendors for the parish carnival - the Fiesta! Mom and I also share one other interesting connection in terms of St. Christopher - the day I began my seminary schooling, mom began working at the Parish Office. She continues to work to this day - that's almost 27 years now.



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2

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 **Monday:** St. Isidore -11 **Thursday:** St. John 1

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

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

Friday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter Monday: St. Isidore Thursday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord





Congratulations To Our First Communicants!

First Communion

Last weekend we celebrated the First Holy Communion of 144 students from our Parish School and Faith Formation Program. We are so excited to welcome them to the Table of the Lord for the first time!

Pope Francis refers to the Eucharist as a gift. He reminds us about how important the Eucharist is to our faith journey. He encourages us to receive the Eucharist as a family as often as possible. Our Holy Father spoke to a group of children in Italy as he recalled his First Holy Communion many years ago. He addressed the children and stated, "You will make your First Communion, always remember that day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength." **Please pray for our children and their families that they will continue to receive Christ into their hearts and lives through the Eucharist.**



School News

MAY CROWNING

On Monday our school children came together for our May Crowning. This is always such a beautiful mass as our 2nd graders and 8th graders join together to honor Mary.



CARDINALPALOOZA

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cardinalpalooza auction! ! It was a huge success! Not only did we hit our \$95,000 goal, we SURPASSED it!! We raised over \$100,000! We could not have done without your support and with all the support of the volunteers who put so much time and effort in to these last few months of planning!



DINING 4 DOLLARS THIS TUESDAY!



Hispanic Ministry			
FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
16 de mayo, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
14 de mayo 2023	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
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ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva El equipo de lectores y ministros de Comunión de habla a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa hispana se reunirán para su formación continua el viernes a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta 23 de junio del 2023. Las reuniones serán cada tres meses. 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 LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate. The Spanish-speaking team of Lectors and Ministers of

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 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

LECTORES Y MINISTROS DE COMUNIÓN

Si alguien desea unirse a este grupo y prepararse para ser lector y/o ministro de Comunión lo pueden hacer contactando a Juanita Ávila directora del ministerio hispano. 708-215-5441

Communion will meet for their ongoing formation on Friday, June 23rd, 2023. They will be meeting every three months. If anyone wants to join this group and prepare to be a lector and/or Minister of Communion. contact Juanita Ávila director of the Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441



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Kids Corner-Color A Surprise For The Mom In Your Life!



Save The Date!

ST CLETUS PARISH

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE NORSE INSTALLATION OF

FR. ELMER ROMERO

By the Most **Rev. Kevin Birmingham** Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Episcopal Vicar - Vicariate IV

Sunday, June 18, 2023 THE DATE 10:30 AM

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

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Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 4-8PM

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Applesauce
- Pasta
- Canned tomatoes
- Jelly
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Personal Care
 Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Diapers size 3-4 and 5-6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

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

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED





MORE INFORMATION

FOODPANTRY@STCLETUSPARISH.COM

708.215.5418

Mother's Day Baby Shower & Carnation Sale

Please stop by the Respect Life tables after Mass to purchase a flower for \$1.00 for the special women in your life. If you brought a donation for our Baby Shower collection for Women's Care Center, it can be placed in the pack n play in the Narthex. Thank you!



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



Explore New Beginnings In Your New Job Search

You may be in a position where you want to explore other job opportunities. What should you do? Join us on Wednesday, May 18 from 7-9 pm when our presenter, Michelle Nacker, explains what to do the first few days of your transi-

tion. She will detail the key actions that you can take from day 1 to day 100 and beyond. She will address issues such as preparing for the job search, video interviews and how social media plays a part in your search. After spending most of her work career for one company, Michelle found herself in the job market. She will share her experiences of what has worked and what has not. Michelle began her career testing video games and progressed to companies such as TransUnion, IBM, Acxiom and Donnelly Financial. Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for this interesting and informative evening. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5055 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome! Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading The Dream Daughter by Diane Chamberlain. We will meet on June 13 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

August 8 Christ the Lord out of Egypt by Anne Rice

October 10 The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

CELEBRATING MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY



The Rosary Table Today!

Praying the Entire Rosary Next Sunday

Stop by the Rosary Table today in the Parish Center! We offer everything about the Rosary: the rosaries themselves, pamphlets, medals, pouches and books. We can repair PIG ROAST! most rosaries and accept donated rosaries to pass on to oth-Find out about other Rosary activities and how to ers.



make Mary a bigger part of your life.

Next Sunday, May 21st, the Living Rosary will pray the entire Rosary at 11:30 in front of the Parish Center doors. This takes about 90 minutes and is a very moving walk wih Mary and Jesus on their way to Heaven. Come and stay for as long as you can, but come. Mary will be very glad to see you.

On Wednesday, May 31st at 7 pm in the church, The parish is sponsoring Hail, Full of Grace, a prayer service of the Rosary and songs, a fitting celebration of Mary in May.

You can always joing us to pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 1:00 in the church. It is like stepping out of your life into heaven for a half hour, to draw closer to Mary and the Lord. We are always there and welcome everyone to share their prayers and intentions.

For more information about The Living Rosary, call Mary Lu (630-430-3338) or Linda (708-482-0669).

CCW MEETING

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF Wednesday, May 17th in the Gal-CATHOLIC WOMEN lagher room at the Parish Center at 7:00pm There will be a short business meeting & a presentation from

Ed Kuchta, master gardener. Ed will demonstrate how to assemble and care for a container garden. With spring upon us you won't want to miss this opportunity! Refreshments will be served & door prizes too!



Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.

Amen.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

SHRED DAY

The Township of Lyons' Clerk's Office will be holding a Paper Shred Day on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside. Four banker box limit per resident please. No electronics accepted. Paper only. For more information call Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg @ 708-482-8300 option #4.

RETIRED? SEMI-RETIRED? OPEN THE DOORS OF YOUR HEART!

Join the Ignatian Volunteers Corps! IVC is a program for retired adults which provides service, spiritual formation, and community. Volunteers are matched with meaningful opportunities to serve the poor and marginalized two days each week from September until June. Monthly, we come together for presentations, conversations and prayer based on Ignatian spirituality. Mass, lunch, and fellowship enrich these gatherings. Individual meetings with a spiritual reflector and an annual, two-night retreat help make IVC quite unique. Detailed information is online at <u>www.ivcusa.org/chicago</u>

To learn more about Ignatian Volunteer Corps, volunteer opportunities and to meet current volunteers, please attend an information session on Thursday, **June 8** at 2pm at **St, Francis Xavier Rectory, 124 North Spring Street, La Grange**. Register online <u>www.ivcusa.org</u> or contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald 312-961-6206 or jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org



WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"



THE WELL PROGRAM

To Love Our Sacred, Still Suffering Earth Retreat Thurs, May 18, 6:30 PM through Tuesday, May 23, 12PM

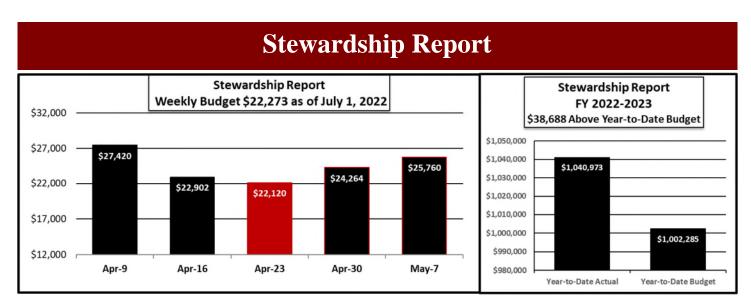
We see and know Earth's community of life is in serious trouble. Where might we find guidance when things feel so lost? We'll explore this, looking to many different sources. Facilitated by Maureen Wild, SC. Cost: \$600 Overnight/\$500 Commuter/\$300 Zoom register: <u>https://</u>csjthewell.org/programs/suffering-earth-retreat/

Bloom June Annual Fundraiser in Sunday, June 3, 4 PM Mass followed by Courtyard Cocktails and Dinner Good company, delicious Italian food, fabulous silent auction items, games and other delights await at The Well's annual fundraiser. This year we honor Carol and Bob Dobis and Janet and Bill Stauffer for their years of service to The Well. Ticket price: \$80 find out more: one.bidpal.net/bloominjune2023/welcome

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Week At A Glance			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 14			Mother's Day
Monday, May 15			
Tuesday, May 16	5-8pm 7-8pm	Portillo's in Summit Church	Dining 4 Dollars Night Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (Spanish)
Wednesday, May 17	8:30am 9am-12pm 1-1:40pm 7-9:30pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room	Breakfast with Parishioners Mission Ladies Living Rosary CCW Meeting
Thursday, May 18	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, May 19			
Saturday, May 20	8:30-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, May 21	11:30am	In front of the Parish Center	Living Rosary



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. Thank you!

GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD

Thank you for your continued stewardship of St. Cletus Parish. Parishioners sometimes ask for suggestions about appropriate weekly contributions. When in doubt, consider giving your hourly pay rate at work ("giving your first hour to God"). Whatever you can give will go toward keeping the lights on and supporting the good work of the Parish.

St. Cletus Parish Information

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www.stcletusparish.com	f stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday .	
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

MASSES

Saturday Evening	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
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Weekdays	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.