



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Lord, let your mercy be on us. We
place our trust in you."
- Psalm 33



Congratulations To Those Celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist For The First Time on May 6th & 7th

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Mass Intentions for May 8 - May 14, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
May 8	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewski, Joe and Kay Klemak, John Battistoni, Derek Klein, St. Cletus Purgatorial Society
May 9	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Edward Glowicki, Gorge and Arline Graczyk
May 10	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins
May 11	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Grace and Jim Copp, Joseph Viecele, Frank Wojcik
May 12	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie Marasovic
May 13	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Lydia Danielwicz, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Fr. Charles Watkins, Anita and Camilo Ferrera
May 14	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Maria Wishiewska, Ted and Julia Kopacz, Natalie Krawczyk, Gale Wroldewski, John Duda, Marco, Emilia, Rattin, and Bill DePasquale Josephine Sorrentino, Rose Haddad, Lena Crispino, Brone and Vacys Maleckas, Harold Church Rose Kus, Anna Durante, Ruth Fuller, Delphine Marciszewski, Madonna Curran Maricela De Avila
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	

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 - Patricia Rodey, Karol Picazo, Nicholas Rodriguez, Joe Orr, Geraldine Osmolak

March - Enemorio Cisneros, Galdino Padilla, Juana Garcia, Beto Montalvo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy, Denise and Rich Jandura, and Baby Muffy, Francie Smith, Enrique Durán, Donald Hogue

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...

Patricia DiBenedetto

May she rest in peace....



Pastor's Note

*"I love you so much.
Come back to me.
Let me lead you,"*
Katherine Chow.

Dear Parishioners,

My heart is filled with gratitude, love, and joy.



On Saturday morning, April 29, 2023, I traveled to London, UK to attend the Alpha Leadership Conference 2023 which was held at the Royal Albert Hall. Five thousand people from all over the world felt inspired to attend such a conference which was filled with the love of God.

The organizers did an outstanding job in hosting such a joy-filled conference. With their kindness, humility, and graciousness they successfully made us all feel welcomed and at home. I was touched by the genuineness of their servant-leadership style. I also noticed and experienced the immense love that each of them has for the Lord. I was encouraged by their witness (leaders, speakers, volunteers) to let the Lord pour upon my heart his love and Spirit.

Prayer was the backbone of the Leadership Conference 2023. This is something that I not only heard from the leaders and speakers: but that the entire conference was a prayer. I noticed that the leaders and speakers were truly women and men of prayer. Each session, seminar or talk started and ended with a prayer. It was evident that each of them had a joyful relationship with the Lord which was nourished through prayer. I felt the presence of the Lord and his voice through each of them.

Worship and praise were also a key element of the Leadership Conference. We were blessed to be led in worship and praise by many wonderful and gifted singers and musicians. Their joy, energy, and love for worship and praise and the Lord was contagious. We all felt engaged by their beautiful voices and passion. As I looked around, I noticed that almost everyone was singing along with them. It was simply amazing to hear five thousand people singing together praises to the Lord. I wonder if one day, we too may want to come together and sing praises to the Lord together as a parish community. Please help me with your prayers for this gift.

One of the speakers said, "Lead with love." I am not sure if I ever heard anyone saying this to me during my lifetime. I learned from my parents to be kind, mindful, and respectful. I learned a lot of good things from my friends, teachers, mentors, and spiritual directors. But I was never invited and challenged to lead with love. I am already praying about it. I am already asking the Lord to teach me how to lead with love. I ask you to do the same. Then, the speaker added, "this is how Jesus leads."

Another speaker shared with us the following, *"I love you so much. Come back to me. Let me lead you."* This is something she heard Jesus saying to her at prayer. She said that after this experience, her life was changed completely. She became a new person. Now she lives and serves knowing that she is love by Jesus.

I was blessed to travel and attend the Leadership Conference 2023 with my close friend, whom you know Fr. John Lodge. He teaches at Mundelein Seminary and on weekends he comes to our parish to celebrate Mass for us. Traveling with him is a joy. His brain is always pondering about things and life. Sharing meals with him is a delight. I was able to learn more about the conference and London from him at our daily conversations.



As I pray and reflect with today's reading, may we allow the Lord to love us.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

Many people have begun watching the streaming phenomenon “the chosen.” I must admit that I have not yet seen it, but I do have the first two seasons on DVD – they were gifts. I did, however, see one scene that was shared with me via YouTube. It was the scene from St. John’s gospel when Jesus encounters the lame man sitting near Solomon’s portico. It was said that the waters in that portico were healing (something I would liken in our age to a hot tub/spa). But when Jesus asks the man if he wanted to walk again, the man used the excuse that he had no one to help him get into the water. Well, we know the outcome of the story. Jesus tells the man to get up and follow him. Bewildered and confused, he does it.

This weekend, Jesus tells us that we have indeed seen the great and mighty works of His ministry. He also tells us when speaking to the Apostle Philip “you will do greater than these.” That is a concept I cannot actually fathom as I try to consider that HE IS the Son of God. How could we possibly do greater works than Him? I have not ever simply told someone who had a withered hand to stretch it out like Jesus. I mean, come on. So what do we do or have we done as “greater” works than Jesus.

Philip, in the wake of the Resurrection, encounters people who are searching for something larger than themselves. At one point, he comes across a slave that was reading the scroll of the prophet, Isaiah. The slave asks Philip to explain the meaning of the scroll. And so Philip explains that the writing refers to Jesus. He teaches and then baptizes the slave at the slave’s request. This story from the Acts of Apostles should be familiar to us at least. When we use the word “charism,” many people of faith think in terms of a spiritual gift they or someone they know might possess from God. These spiritual gifts are listed in St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians in chapter 12, verses 8-10. *“To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit;*

to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues.”

In the above case, we might say the Apostle Philip had that second spiritual gift of the expression of knowledge, or teaching. It’s not that each person only has one spiritual gift; however, everyone has some “amount” (for lack of a better word here) of at least one spiritual gift. There is a group of Christians that have been members of the Charismatic Renewal ministry for decades. For many people, when they even hear the word charismatic, they associate it with people speaking in a nonsensical language and others “fake” being healed from illnesses. Let me tell you, charismatic prayer groups are legitimate. I’ve seen some very miraculous things happen at meetings I’ve attended. Still, I know that prayer style is comfortable for everyone. Even I’m not very comfortable attending those prayer meetings, but suffice it to say, I truly became a believer that anything IS possible with God. For example, one gentleman I know was told by his physician that he had a tumor in his abdomen. He was told it was about the size of a college-sized football (smaller than the pros, but big enough) and that it would have to be surgically removed. They made a follow-up appointment for a second opinion. In the meantime, the man attended a charismatic prayer meeting. He asked for the gift of healing, which the priest was thought to possess. When the time came for the second opinion about two weeks later, there was no trace of a tumor.

That story is told simply to help you believe that everyone is “chosen” by God to be a minister in some way. Everyone has His gift. What’s yours? Pray with that scripture above. Maybe even look at the verses before it and after, just so that you have a better context. Everyone has a gift to share.

Fr. Mike

New Reality Collaborators

The Building the New Reality Collaborators for Vicariates IV and V met Tuesday, May 2, in the Gallagher Room. This is a group of parish staff members from the various parishes who are collaborating with their pastors in working on Building the New Reality, which is the next step in the Renew My Church process. They meet each month to network and talk with each other about how to continue to create a culture of discipleship as we move forward. Watch for more information as the Renew My Church process continues to develop!



Save the Date!

St. Cletus Community

SECOND ANNUAL

PIG ROAST



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

★ **FOOD** ★ **GAMES** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES** ★

★ **PIÑATAS** ★ **RAFFLE** ★

★ **ENTERTAINMENT** ★

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Cletus Fiacre Society

ST. CLETUS FIACRE SOCIETY SPRING 2023 UPDATE

Perhaps you recognize the above picture and are reminded that Spring is here with an update from the St. Cletus Fiacre Society. Maybe you don't recognize the picture and are wondering, what is this ministry?

St. Fiacre, a 7th Century Irish Monk, the patron Saint of Gardeners (also the patron Saint of taxi drivers!)? This ministry likes to get involved with beautifying our St. Cletus campus through gardening, flowers and building community.

The St. Fiacre legend is this: Fiacre asked the local bishop for more ground on which to plant food and herbs. The bishop told him he could have as much land as he could entrench in one day. After prayer, Fiacre used the point of his staff to turn the earth, topple trees and dig up briars and weeds to prepare the land for a garden. A suspicious local woman was convinced that such a feat could only be performed by sorcery but the bishop viewed Fiacre's act as a gift from God and proclaimed it a miracle. As word of Fiacre's miracle spread, visitors to Fiacre's Garden brought seeds and plants from afar, and his gardens became famous throughout Europe. The Catholic Church considers Fiacre the saint of growing food and plants used in medicine. After his death in 670 A.D., people who visited his monastery claimed that it had healing power. Fiacre is depicted in art and statuary as an elderly man carrying a spade (see above). While we as yet do not promote our campus grounds and flowers as providing any healing power, we do believe that our efforts to beautify our campus with flowers can invoke hospitality, welcoming all to our beautiful church and grounds.

As the Fiacre Society continues to add to our perennial landscape plan professionally designed two years ago, we also gather to plant annuals. We will be planting sometime after Mother's Day to avoid any damaging late season frost. In future Canticle articles, look for the above picture of St. Fiacre for announcements. We would love to have you join us! Duties of this ministry include weeding, planting annuals, cleaning up flower beds, and to a greater degree, building community. If you would like to become a member of this ministry, helping produce an experience that flowers and prayer can provide, welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors, please send your email address to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel at [mادتfr@att.net](mailto:madtfr@att.net). We will add you to our contact list and provide more specifics about future events and projects.

Altar Server Training

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we will serve the *Lord*"

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School News

CARDINALPALOOZA

A huge THANK YOU everyone that came out to our auction last Saturday and to those that supported us online! It was such a wonderful evening. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that took so much time these last few months carefully and thoughtfully planning this wonderful fundraiser. We surpassed our goal and raised over \$100,000!! THANK YOU!



8TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations are in order to 8th graders Erin Kennedy, Amelia Ludden, and Natalie Kapusta for representing St. Cletus at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Fair at South Illinois University that took place last weekend! So proud of you and the hard work you put in to your projects!



TRACK & FIELD

Spring Sports are in full swing! Our track and field team has been having a very busy and successful season! They have been making us so proud at their meets by not only growing in their skills and sportsmanship but also bringing home ribbon after ribbon! Way to go Cardinals!



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
9 de mayo, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church <small>Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento</small>
7 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

ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

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

LECTORES Y MINISTROS DE COMUNIÓN

El equipo de lectores y ministros de Comunión de habla hispana se reunirán para su formación continua el viernes 23 de junio del 2023. Las reuniones serán cada tres meses. 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

LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The Spanish-speaking team of Lectors and Ministers of 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



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Friday: St. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

Next Sunday: Mother's Day

Celebrating Dolores Scaletta



This week marks the 25th anniversary of Dolores Scaletta leading our Mission Ladies. We surprised her at the weekly Mission Ladies meeting to thank her for her service. Under her leadership, the group continues to grow in membership, making nearly 1,000 handmade items such as dolls, lap robes, footballs and wheel chair bags to donate to charitable organizations in our community.

In just a few weeks, Dolores will be 96 years old! That does not slow her down though. Always with a quick joke and smart remark, her mind is sharp and she can get anyone to crack a smile or start to giggle. Her naturally friendly demeanor and ability to connect with anyone is truly a gift in her leadership. Dolores keeps herself busy, always crafting and making things whether its Baptismal bibs for all babies baptized at St. Cletus, blankets for women going through cancer treatment or even push pin pillows for her friends and fellow Mission Ladies.

Recently, St. Cletus nominated Dolores for a GEM award with Ageing Care Connections. During Ageing Care Connections' Aging Well Month in May (Older Americans Month) they are honoring and celebrating the volunteer efforts of older adults who generously give their time to make their communities great places to age well. The honorees are recognized as Community GEMs—older adults **G**oing the **E**xtra **M**ile through volunteer work to better their community.

Please join us in thanking and celebrating Dolores for her 25 years of leadership with the Mission Ladies and for her upcoming birthday. Thank you Dolores!



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 4-8PM

Wish List:

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

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Each year around Easter time, we provide a one-time gift card to every household that attends the pantry. This year, because of your generosity, we were able to give \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Jewel to every household that attended! These cards allow families the flexibility to get items they need and want that we are not able to provide here. This has been especially helpful with the current rise in prices on almost everything we each purchase. Thank you for your continued support!

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/3CuHZoP>

MORE INFORMATION
708.215.5418
FOODPANTRY@STCLETUSPARISH.COM

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Mother's Day Baby Shower & Carnation Sale

Mother's Day Weekend (May 13-14) 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 13-14. This opportunity is appropriate for middle school and up. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-mothers#/>

Wish List

Books	Nursing Covers
Newborn clothes	Baby toiletries
Diapers (NB-6)	Desitin
Wipes	Swaddle
Pull-Ups	Blankets/wraps
Baby Clothes	Diaper backpacks
Toddler Clothes	Breastmilk storage bags
Breastfeeding Pillows & Covers	Nursing pads
	Sleepsacks
	Bathing tubs

RICE BOWL UPDATE

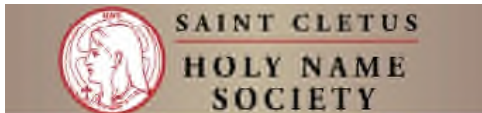
Thank you to all who generously donated to our Lenten Almsgiving with Catholic Relief Services. This year we were able to raise \$1,834.30 that will help support CRS programming all over the world and right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thank you!

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

Ministry News

HOLY NAME SOCIETY TREE SALE!

The Holy Name Society will be selling small trees for Mother's Day after masses on May 13th and 14th. There is a choice of either an Eastern White Pine or a Tulip Tree (with Golden flowers). Each tree costs \$10 and are ready for planting in your yard.



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

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



"Just as all creation, the heavens and the earth, the sun, the moon and the stars, the mountains and oceans, all men and angels are nothing in comparison with God, so no good works, however holy, are equal to one Mass. The Mass is God Himself." ~St. Alphonsus Liguori

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 38 prayer warriors praying for 396 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones for FREE**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us during the Easter Season 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/>

Special intentions for May anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, May 8th, 8am

CELEBRATING MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

The Rosary Table is Back!

On May 13 and 14th, there will be a table at all masses offering free Rosaries, accessories and donated medals and books in the Parish Center. Sponsored by the Living Rosary, you can also drop off Rosaries to be repaired or donated for others.



Other upcoming events:

Sunday, May 21st: Pray the entire Rosary at 1:30 in the Parish Center. This takes around 90 minutes and is a touching walk through Mary's life and Christ's messages of love and redemption.

Wednesday, May 31st: Hail, Full of Grace 7 pm in the church. A parishwide prayer service including the Rosary and songs to close out Mary's month of May.

Whatever you do, make some time to spend with Mary this month. She is always waiting to hear from you and will lead you to her Son. For more information, call Mary Lu (630-430-3338) or Linda (708-482-0669).

CCW MEETING

Wednesday, May 17th in the Gallagher 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.

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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.

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Register at csjthewell.org/programs/concert-sherman/ or call us at **708-482-5048**



LET'S START AT THE VERY BEGINNING: A COMPOSER'S WALK THROUGH THE YEARS

**KATHY SHERMAN, CSJ
CONCERT-BENEFIT FOR THE WELL**

SUNDAY, MAY 7

ALEXINE CHAPEL

**4:00 PM CONCERT | 5:30 PM RECEPTION
1515 OGDEN AVE. LAGRANGE PARK, IL**

Kathy Sherman has been publishing music, cherished the world-over, for thirty-five years. Don't miss this unique concert, where Kathy will share songs that have been especially meaningful to her as well as the stories and inspiration that brought them to birth.

In-Person only 🎵 Cost: \$25
This concert is a benefit for The Well.

ST. RITA OF CASCIA: A SAINT FOR OUR DAY

Wife, Mother, Widow, Augustinian Nun, Peacemaker
116th Annual Solemn Novena Saturday, May 13, 2023 through Sunday, May 21, 2023

6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation | 7:00 p.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

Feast Day Masses Monday, May 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation | 10:00 a.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation | 7:00 p.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

Veneration of the relic of St. Rita will be available daily; Healing Mass and a Blessing with the St. Rita Oil on May 21st; Blessed Roses will be distributed at the Feast Day Masses on May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel

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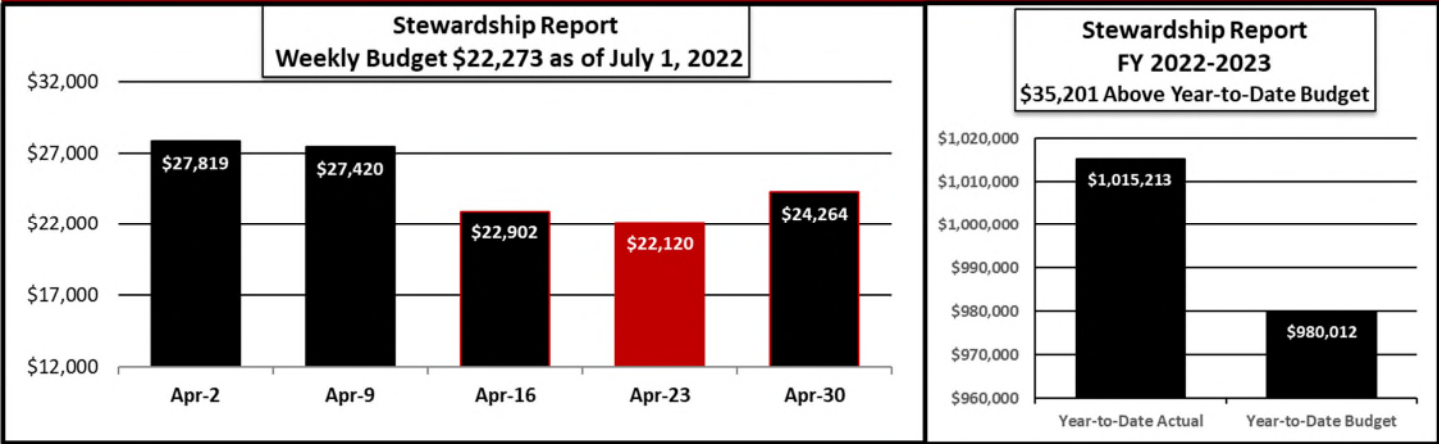
You may be in a position where you want to explore other job opportunities. What should you do? Join us on **Thursday, May 18** from 7-9 pm when our presenter, Michelle Nacker, **explains** what to do the first few days of your transition. She will detail the key actions

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!

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 7			
Monday, May 8	9:30am	Church	May Crowning Mass(with school children)
Tuesday, May 9	7-8pm	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (Spanish)
Wednesday, May 10	9am-12pm 1-1:40pm	Gallagher Room Church	Mission Ladies Living Rosary
Thursday, May 11	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, May 12			
Saturday, May 13	8:30-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, May 14			

Stewardship Report



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

CONTACT US

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

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.