

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

"Go and teach all nations
says the Lord."
- Matthew 28:19



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

Mass Intentions for October 23 - October 29, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
October 23	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	St. Cletus Parishioners
October 24	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners and St. Cletus Students
October 25	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Louis Kadlec, Frank Baggio
October 26	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
October 27	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Dorothy Dybas, Renette Mezlo, Louie Marasovic
October 28	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Rose Marie Hrzenjak, John Rudak, Joseph Bargkowiak, Edward Erdmann
October 29	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Dorothy Dybas, James Suhajda
	8:45am	Fr. Novick	Phyllis Prevenas, Ann Dunbar, John Battistoni, Henry Scaccia, Chris and John Joyce
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Stacy Baker, John Baker, Catholic Women Council, Joanne Sourek, Joseph and Adele Stopka
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Carlos y Sofia Rivera, Gerardo Torres

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.

October - Debbie García, Carina Orona, Erin McMahon Leddon, Geraldine Osmolek

September -

August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba

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

HELP US LIVESTREAM!

● REC
Help Wanted
CAM4

We are looking for a few parishioners to help us livestream our Masses!

Training will be provided.

Please contact Deacon Franco at ffoti@stcletusparish.com to sign up.

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

Barbara Barr
Sister of Jim Barr

May she rest in peace....

SAVE THE DATE



RAGTIME CONCERT

OCTOBER 29, 2023

4:00 P.M.

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

www.edwardlinearts.com | Free Admission | Donations Accepted



FEATURING
BOB MILNE

Pastor's Note

*“Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all people, his wondrous deeds.”*
Psalm 96:1

Dear Friends,

Each day, we are given the opportunity to acknowledge God in our lives. Each day, we have the blessing to grow in friendship and intimacy with him. Each day, we have the joy to tell others all about him. Each day, either individually or with others, we also give thanks to the Lord for his wondrous deeds in our lives, in the lives of those we love, and especially in our parish community.

As your parish priest and pastor, each day I continue to keep my eyes and my heart on the good things that the good Lord bestows upon our parish. Some of them are: Daily Mass, Weekend Masses, Weekly Confessions, Weekly Mass with School Children, Baptisms, Weddings, Quinceañeras, Monthly Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Meetings, School Board Meetings, Evening of Prayer and Reflection, and the ongoing service, ministry, and leadership provided by all the Ministries that our parish is blessed to have.

This weekend (Saturday) after the 5:00 PM Mass, we are hosting the Parish Potluck at the Parish Center. This important parish event is back thanks to the generous hearts of the members of the Catholic Council of Women of our parish. We acknowledge the deeds of the Lord in their service, ministry, and leadership. They inspire us to be generous, kind, and good to each other. I take this opportunity to offer them my heartfelt gratitude for their presence, service, ministry, and the love they have for the Lord and our parish community. Let us hold them in prayer.

I am happy to share with you two other wonderful upcoming events. On Saturday, November 18th, 2023, we will be hosting An Afternoon of Reflection and Prayer. We will start at 3:00 PM in the Parish Center. After a moment of prayer, we will share with each other graces, highlights, thoughts, and feelings that we have after reading Bishop Barron's book, "This Is My Body." Then, at 4:00 PM, we will have the Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in Church. While spending time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will have priests available to hear our confessions. At 5:00 PM, we will have our regular weekend vigil Mass. After Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Center for fellowship and Refreshment. I would like to thank the Eucharistic Revival Committee and Franco Foti, Operations Director, for putting together this program for us all. Each of them with their dedication are showing us the goodness of the Lord. Please hold them in prayer.

On Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, we will welcome and host Juan Manuel Pineda. He will attend and share his beautiful story at our 5:00 PM Mass. Immediately after Mass, we will have an opportunity to visit, dialogue, and sing songs with him in church. Juan Manuel was born in El Salvador. He was born with a cleft palate and lost his legs in a house fire as a toddler. When he was 13 years old, he found a home and a family at the orphanage called Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH). He discovered God in his life and goes around telling others by sharing his story of faith and love. I am confident that you will find him engaging, joyful, and encouraging. I am grateful to Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, for accepting my invitation to coordinate Juan Manuel's visit to our parish. Soon we will be hearing more about Juan Manuel's visit and NPH.

Each day may the Lord continue to grant us his grace and blessings so that together we can sing to him songs of praise and gratitude.

Fr. Elmer Romero



**PLEASE SCAN HERE
TO RSVP FOR
NOVEMBER 18TH
OR GO TO
[HTTPS://FORM.JOT
FORM.COM/232905
373059055](https://form.jotform.com/232905373059055)**

St. Cletus Parish | 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

AN AFTERNOON OF Reflection & Prayer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

COME TO ANY OR ALL

IN THE PARISH CENTER	IN THE CHURCH	IN THE PARISH CENTER
3:00 P.M. Presentation and sharing opportunity about the book in English and Spanish	4:00 P.M. Adoration & Benediction. A time for prayer and reconciliation	6:00 P.M. A time for fellowship, gathering and Food.
5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass		



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Note From Father Mike

I give thanks and praise to God...

Next Saturday, October 28, 2023, is a very special day for me and my seminary classmates. It will mark the 23rd anniversary of our ordination to be transitional deacons for the Archdiocese. While not everything has gone according to what we might have thought ordained ministry would be like over the years, it has certainly been guided by the Holy Spirit. We can be certain of that.

Being ordained a transitional deacon simply means that (usually) at a later date, one looks to be ordained to the priesthood, whereas a permanent deacon intends on remaining a servant of the altar. Frequently, though not always, permanent deacons tend to be married men; it should be obvious (I would hope) that transitional deacons are not nor have any intent to be married. While there are many people who disagree with this rule, not only do I think it's a good rule, but it is what the Church is giving us at this time. I can't change that. Sorry.

In being ordained a deacon (whether transitional or permanent), the primary focus is to serve at the altar. The iconic image comes from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 6, verses 1-6. The story is of seven reputable men chosen to assist with serving with the Apostles at the altar and in the ministry of proclaiming the gospel, who, according to St. Luke (the author of Acts), were being perceived as neglecting some people. In essence, that is the birth of being deacons.

For those of us who were keeping priesthood in our view, being a deacon was an opportunity to gain necessary experience of being in a public person. It was something very foreign to most of us, and serving takes a certain grace. If you ever have a chance, go to an extra Mass on a weekend when a deacon is serving. We don't usually have someone with us. Deacon Ramon Cazales is assigned to St. Cletus' Hispanic Ministry and is very graceful. Deacon Franco Foti is our new Operations Director, whom I'm sure will help at times too. Also, very graceful. Still, if you don't get to see someone serving as deacon here at St. Cletus, I hope you research a little bit. They are trained and formed very well.

I was also great for my class back in 2000 because October 28th is the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, two of the first twelve Apostles. It was as if we were getting a real

glimpse of what we were looking forward to being – priests!

Over these past 23 years, I don't have to tell you just how much the world has changed. Ministry to God's people remains a real need in our world. Unfortunately, some of those who were once faithful Catholics, have left the Church or stopped coming because they were feeling like the people in the above-mentioned scene in the Acts of the Apostles – neglected by priests. On top of that, add to the equation that there are so many less priests in our world, the permanent deacons have become quite a "commodity" so to speak. No they cannot do all of the things priests can do (most commonly to consecrate and to forgive sins); however, deacons visit the sick even if they cannot anoint, bring the Eucharist to people, baptize, perform the Sacrament of Matrimony, as well as preside at funeral services outside of the Mass, and SO MUCH more. Again, I can't change what deacons can or cannot do. It's what the Church has in place for now. Who knows if it will change at some later date?

Brothers and sisters, I am so grateful to God for calling me to this ministry. He really deserves all of the credit people offer me. And Lord knows much to learn I still have (as the Jedi Master Yoda would have told Luke Skywalker). I have learned quite a bit over time and have met some of the most amazing deacons in my 23 years at my various assignments at St. George in Tinley Park from 2001-2006, Holy Name Cathedral from 2006-2008, and St. Lawrence O'Toole from 2008-2022, as well as from my home parish at St. Christopher (now St. Augustine) during my upbringing in Midlothian. Don't forget the men who now serve here at St. Cletus. I've MET so many others over these years, and there are many more to meet. Grateful doesn't begin to say how blessed I have been to call many of them (along with their wives – I'm not leaving them out) true friends and ones I will never forget.

Blessings and prayers,

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40


All Saints and All Souls Day



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ALL SAINTS DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

 Wednesday, November 1, 2023

 8:00 a.m. | English

 12:00 p.m. | English

 7:00 p.m. | English/Spanish

MORE INFO



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Save These Dates



COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. - (ENGLISH)

7:00 P.M. - (ENGLISH/SPANISH)



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

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My Faith Journey and the Eucharist

By Rosanne Welenc

Three years ago, a series of life crises affected my immediate and extended family. One of the crises would shake me to my core especially with respect to my motherhood. I knew I had to reach out to God. I was raised Catholic, and it wasn't until this crisis that I realized how lukewarm I was in my faith.

I joined a support group for what I was going through and the first connection I made was with the Christian women's prayer group. We would pray, and afterward they would read Scriptures that were pertinent to our circumstances. I was ashamed to call myself Catholic when I knew so little about the Bible. I had a lot to learn. Little by little, I began to read the Bible. I realized why I didn't spend time in the past reading it – I didn't understand it. But now, I'd read something, and the message was so clear; my eyes were being opened to the Truth.

During this time, my father was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. He had only a few weeks to live. I kicked my prayer life into high gear. I began to watch videos from Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron and the video series of "Explaining the Faith" made by the Marian priest, Father Chris Alar. I learned of another Marian priest, Father Donald Calloway, who made a huge impression on me. I first saw his testimony video and learned about his wayward and sadly, criminal youth. He had a powerful conversion to Catholicism and eventually became a priest. There were two significant things about him that I connected with: 1) his conversion story gave me hope that someday, by the grace of God, this crisis my family was facing would be rectified, and 2) he brought me back to a relationship with our Blessed Mother, Mary. He has written multiple books on our Lady and on the Rosary. I began to pray the Rosary every day. When I was young, my church had a grotto with a beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary. I would visit the grotto often and pray to Mary when I was lost, depressed, or upset. I felt her love and her guidance. As a got older, my devotion waned. This crisis was the catalyst to get back in relationship with her and more importantly with her son, Jesus.

One day in prayer I heard, "You were neglecting me." I took this message to mean that this crisis was a "gift". It sounds crazy to say it, but the truth of the matter was that the crisis, as bad as it is, drew me closer to Christ. I realized too that The Divine Mercy message, "Jesus, I trust in You" was a message that was the key to my getting through this crisis without feeling like I didn't have the strength to go on. I needed (and still need) to believe this message with all my heart and all my soul. Another thing I heard in prayer was Jesus' saying, "Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every day for _____. I will work on _____."

About a year ago, my husband and I went to the local Catholic bookstore to purchase some books and prayer cards. We struck up a conversation with one of the sales ladies and asked her to pray for our special intention. She told us she would and asked us if we'd ever been to the Adoration Chapel or the Crypt of Saints at Visitation Parish in Elmhurst. We said we hadn't. This started a whole new chapter in my faith journey. Immediately we visited the Chapel and the Crypt of Saints. Entering the Crypt of Saints was healing. I felt the power of all these saints interceding for me and my special intention. My husband and I started to go to the Adoration Chapel a couple of times a month. Before we knew it, we were being drawn into weekly Adoration and monthly Confession. Then monthly Confession became Confession every two weeks. We began going to Mass every first Friday and promoted the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the month of June at our parish.

My faith journey and going to Eucharistic Adoration has taught me a great deal. We are to follow in Jesus' footsteps by picking up our cross daily and by doing so, we honor Him and praise Him for His immense sacrifice. Picking up our cross is our way of saying, "Yes, Your will be done." This is very hard for us because we are weak and broken. We are more often than not, riddled with sin (venial and/or mortal). I had to learn the lesson, that Jesus is hurt when we are not in a state of grace when we take Holy Communion. I blame my poor formation on not knowing this truth. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus' true body and blood – the greatest gift we could ever partake in. We must show respect and reverence for the gift; thus, the need to be in the state of grace when receiving it. Our bodies become the tabernacle and the tabernacle must be pure so as not to taint the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

There are many gifts from the Holy Eucharist. Jesus' is sharing His divinity with us. The Eucharist gives us many graces; we must be able to recognize them when they are given to us. The Holy Eucharist prepares us for the eternal banquet we hope to be partaking in after our earthly life is over. It reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice and His immense love and mercy for us. Partaking of the Holy Eucharist strengthens us and gives us resolve to reform our lives. The Holy Eucharist makes us want to be more of what God wills for us: to be humble, holy, and pure of heart. The bottom line is, the Holy Eucharist is the "Bread of Life". What does bread do for us? It nourishes us. That is why the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Believing that the Holy Eucharist is Jesus' body and blood, and partaking in it, in a state of grace, is to be one with God. We should all strive to do this: be one with God.

Day Of The Dead Altar



Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)

is a Mexican celebration when families gather to honor the memory of deceased loved ones on November 1 and 2. Spirits are guided home to enjoy offerings left for them on meticulously crafted altars. Its roots are a fusion of traditions found in Europe and Mesoamerica, particularly the ancient Aztec empire.

The altar is a complex creation with incredible symbolism as each element carries specific meaning. Here are the most important elements and what they mean.

St. Cletus Hispanic Ministry in collaboration with the PPC bring you The Day of the Dead



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
24 de octubre, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
22 de octubre 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.

INTENCIONES DE MISA:

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

BOLETOS DE RIFA



El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupeano estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 20% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el día 12 de diciembre, 2023 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeana. No es necesario estar presente para ganar. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupeano Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities. The donation per ticket is \$5.00. The 20% collected from the tickets will be the grand prize, the drawing will be held on December 12, 2023 during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Need not be present to win. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Estaremos tomando tres colectas para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupeana el día 12 de diciembre, 2023. La primera colecta se llevará a cabo el domingo 22 de octubre, 2023, la segunda será el domingo 12 de noviembre y la tercera será el domingo 10 de diciembre. Muchas gracias. Favor de ser generosos.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 4-8PM

Wish List:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Potatoes
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Chili

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 UPDATE

Thanksgiving and Giving Tree Registration are now available! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Thanksgiving and/or Giving Tree, you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418. Registration must be completed by October 31.



Thanksgiving ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Oct. 1 - Nov. 17: Turkey Bucks Volunteers at Jewel
- November 15 & 16: Cookie Donations Needed
- November 18 & 19: Thanksgiving Distribution

CONTACT: foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

Giving Tree

Timeline

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Nov. 11 - Dec. 8: Tags available for donors
- December 9-10: Gifts need to be turned in
- December 16-17: Distribution to clients

CONTACT: foodpantry@stcletusparish.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities are now available!!!

TURKEY BUCKS: Volunteers are needed at Jewel Osco (Countryside) to help customers provide a Thanksgiving Meal to a family in need. This is essential for our Thanksgiving program! Sign up for a day, YOU PICK the time. Totally flexible for your schedule!

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION: Volunteers needed for set up & distribute Thanksgiving meals on Saturday, November 18-Sunday, November 19. Scroll to the last page for these dates.

Please read the descriptions carefully to make sure it is the right slot for you before signing up. Some slots are at Jewel-Osco, have age minimums, require heavy lifting, driving, etc.

Thanksgiving Volunteer Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-turkey#/>



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS COOKIES!

MAKE 2-3 DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE NUT-FREE COOKIES FOR OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

DROP OFF AT:
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
NOVEMBER 15 & 16
BETWEEN 9:00-5:00

QUESTION CONTACT:
HOLLY
847.867.0985
HOLLYLAVORATO@GMAIL.COM

School News

WEATHER PRESENTATION

Thank you to our FSA for sponsoring a weather assembly for our students last Wednesday!! What an experience!



Our FSA will be selling Affy Tapples after masses on October 28th and October 29th! They will be \$2.50 and benefit our school. Thank you for your support! (supplies will be limited)

VETERAN FLAG ORDERS DUE BY OCTOBER 27TH!

FLAGS FOR OUR VETERANS



"WE DON'T KNOW THEM ALL, BUT WE DO OWE THEM ALL."

We will be displaying small American flags in honor of Veteran's Day. If you would like a Veteran in your life recognized please return this form to the school office by October 27th

Name of Veteran/s: _____

One veteran per flag. Be sure to send in correct payment for multiple names

Donated by: _____

Name

Email

Flags are \$5 each

I would like to receive my flag after they are displayed

If you would like your flag please pick them up in the school office on November 14th



Please make checks payable to St. Cletus

Proceeds will be donated to Operation Support Our Troops America

Faith Formation and Save My Scholarship

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The St. Cletus Faith Formation Program reaches partners with parents of some 400+ children with the objective of bringing them closer to Jesus.

Our classes meet on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. for children in grades 1 – 8 and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for children in Preschool & Kindergarten.

We also meet on Monday evening from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. for children in grades 1 – 8 and on Wednesday evening from 7: - 8:30 p.m. for our Teens.



Catechists working with our Preschoolers and Kindergarten children.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Faith Formation Office.



State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program. You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can



Bonfire Night

Bonfire NIGHT

"HEARING God IN THE BURNING BUSH"

(Exodus 3:1-22)

SHARING • WORSHIP • MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP



SATURDAY
October 28, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In the Courtyard



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

Ministry And Community News

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

“Sometimes our life is changed by a serious accident, a bad choice or sickness. Sometimes we make mistakes, but we can all learn from our mistakes and not just regret or mourn them. We experience these challenges because we are human and imperfect beings. God wants us healthy, experiencing love and peace and free from suffering. Jesus told us, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10) If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor.” Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



ENGAGE COMMUNITY – FALL EVENTS

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Our next formal gathering of the Engage Community will be **Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX**. We have a guest speaker! Sr. Pat Bergen from The Well Spirituality Center. Presentation topic: **What is happening and Where on Earth is God?**

So that we can plan, please RSVP at the email below.

Restaurant address: 8300 Joliet Rd, McCook

Website: <https://mccookbohemian.com/>

For questions or to RSVP for either event, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

PAPER SHRED EVENT THIS FRIDAY!

The Township of Lyons' Clerk's Office will be holding a Paper Shred Day on Friday, October 27 from 8 a.m. – 10 a.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.

FOUR SEASONS CHAMBER OF MUSIC

Please join Four Seasons Chamber Music Society at Mayslake Peabody on Sunday, October 29th at 6 p.m. as we perform songs of the fall season including violist and St.Cletus Music Director Ryan Rump and cantor Carolyn Stopka.

FENWICK MOTHER'S CLUB

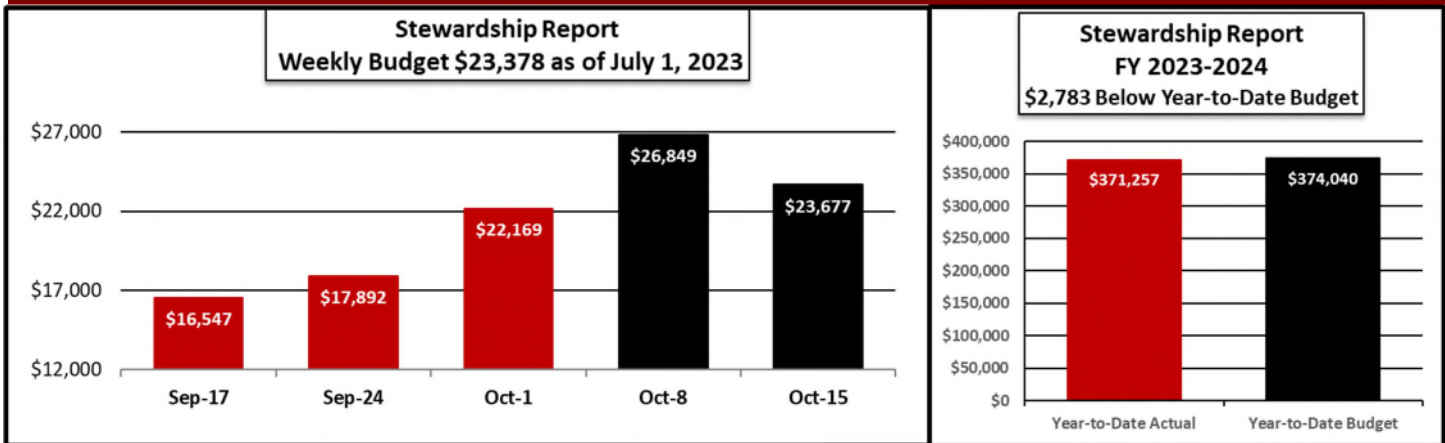
Fenwick Mothers' Club
Black and White Shopping Night
 Bring a neighbor, friend or family member to SHOP, SIP and SOCIALIZE
 Thursday, October 26 6:30-9:30pm
 The Priory
 7200 Division Street, River Forest
 Scan the QR Code to sign up today!
 \$25 per person, early registration is appreciated!

HAUNTINGS
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023
 6:00 PM
 MAYSLAKE PEABODY ESTATE
 1717 31ST STREET
 OAK BROOK, IL 60523
 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 THE FOUR SEASONS CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY IS A 501C3 TAX-EXEMPT, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY MUSIC PROGRAMS TO DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 22			
Monday, October 23			
Tuesday, October 24	8am 7-8pm	Church Church	Mass with School Children Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, October 25	9-12pm 1-1:45pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, October 26	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, October 27	7-8:45pm	Gallagher Room	Meeting for Gushers - Spanish
Saturday, October 28	6-9pm	Courtyard	Hearing God in the Burning Bush
Sunday, October 29	10:30am 11:30am 4-6pm	Church Church Church	Family Mass Living Rosary Ragtime Concert

Stewardship Report



Preferred Partners

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St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
 School(708) 352-4820
 www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

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 Sunday Closed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor
Deacon Franco Foti, Operations Director
Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor
Rev. John Lodge, Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy
Mr. Ramón Cazales, Deacon
Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor Emeritus

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 Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

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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.