

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw
till the Most High responds.
— Sirach 35:17-18a



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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THIRTIETH Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself
will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14

October **23** 2022

Mass Intentions for October 24-October 30, 2022

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
October 24	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Jose A. Ramos, John Jacobs
October 25	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Frank Baggio, Louis Kadlec
October 26	Fr. Novick	8:00am	BC Collins, Edward Kwak
October 27	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Dorothy Dybas
October 28	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Phyllis Prevenas, Special intention for Judy and Pat Kennedy
October 29	Fr. Lodge	5:00pm	Daniel Kepczarek, Ann Dunbar, John Battistoni, Regina Kondor, John Jacobs, Lydia Danielewicz
October 30	Fr. Romero	7:15am	Dorothy Dybas, Richard Gomez, Robert Spyrison, Jack Drogosz, John Duda
	Fr. Lodge	8:45am	Mike Cuda
	Fr. Novick	10:30am	Edward Erdmann, Joseph Bartkowiak, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Alfano and Sorrentino Family, Edwin and Emma Palzer
	Fr. Romero	12:30pm	Presentación de 3 años de la Niña Natalia Luna, Juan, Guadalupe, Angel, Miguel, Teresa, Magdalena, Eric and Elizabeth Montenegro, Guadalupe Pena

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

Lydia Danielwicz

Sister of Kathy Boyer

David A. Visk

Brother of Linda Philipon

Mariann Tausch

Sister of Carolin Tausch

Marjorie Predan

Robert Rachford

May they rest in peace.

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- Joanne Jungels, Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O’Connell

September - Daniel Lacey, Joseph Halac, Gerda E. Dorso, Charles McCarthy, Francie Smith, Laura Terrazino

August - Patricia Rodey

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

AFFY TAPPLE SALE NEXT WEEKEND



Our parish school FSA will be selling Affy Tapples after masses next Sunday while supplies last! A delicious chance to support our school!

Pastor's Note

*“The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens,” Sir 35:14*

Dear Parishioners,

It is with gratitude and great joy that I share with you the following two important items.

First, on Monday, October 17, 2022, we held our Hopes and Dreams Conversation in the Parish Center. We started at 6:30 PM by sharing a meal. Then, at 7:00 PM Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor, led us in prayer and offered us a reflection. After his reflection, we discerned together our Hopes and Dreams for our parish. We were asked to name three to five blessings and two opportunities for growth. Then, a leader from each table, shared some blessings along with things that can be improved to all who were present. Listening to all blessings being named clearly and boldly was humbling and inspiring. One blessing that was acknowledged and mentioned by almost everyone was the fact that something good is happening at our parish. In addition, the sense of hospitality, belonging, and generosity is growing. Opportunities for becoming actively engaged and involved at any parish activities and events other than attending Mass is available and offered.

After being encouraged and inspired by all the blessings shared and heard, we had the opportunity to hear directly from our parish leaders: Camille Koch (Delivering a report on behalf of Helen McComiskey, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council); Douglas Morrissey, Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council; Bob Wasik, President of the School Board; and Gregory Porod, Principal of St. Cletus School. Each of them with their fine report, helped us to know, understand, and appreciate better what the Lord does at our parish. As you can see, they are men and woman of faith who love the Lord. They are good at what they do. They love to serve. They want to see our parish and school growing. They gently offer me their support, prayer, and counsel for which I am wholeheartedly grateful. Please keep each of them in prayer.

I also had the opportunity to share some blessings that the Lord has been giving me since my arrival to St. Cletus parish at our Hopes and Dreams Conversation. The number one blessing for me is prayer. It is in prayer that we grow in relationship and friendship with God. It is in prayer that we come to understand, believe, and embrace His will. It is in prayer that we are inspired and animated to do the will of God. Finally, it is in prayer that we learn to love God and all those to whom He loves. The rest of my sharing will soon be available at the parish website since the entire session was recorded.

The parish hall looked warm, welcoming, inviting, elegant, and appropriate for our Hopes and Dreams Conversation. Echoing some feedback received, the meal we shared was also delicious. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped setting up the hall, picked up and served dinner/dessert, and assisted with cleaning. In a special way, I would like to acknowledge and thank Olga Montalvo, Administrative Assistant and Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries, for making sure the parish hall looked beautiful for our gathering, for welcoming and working together with volunteers, and offering excellent leadership. Both of them are examples of service and collaboration.

Second, the installation of the new sound and streaming system is already happening. They started the project on Monday, October 17, 2022. They plan to finish the major work by the end of next week. They intend to return next year (Spring) to complete the project once they receive parts that are back ordered. Jim Dion, Business Manager and Chris Wagner, Director of Technology/Communication, have been closely monitoring the partial completion of the installation of the sound and streaming system. I think we are already able to notice the difference. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and generosity.

Finally, I pray that our desire to serve and get involved continues to grow in our beautiful parish. Please check out the parish bulletin and website for opportunities to serve and get involved. We are always looking for volunteers. As we now, the feeling of satisfaction always comes from serving.

May the Lord continue to bless our efforts and grant us His blessings.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor.



Note from Father Mike

It's happening again...

It's likely a perception issue on my part, but it always seems that the closer we get to November, the more funerals we celebrate. One of my friends and I would joke and say "People are just dying to get to heaven."

November is the month that we celebrate remembering. While I know that there is still another Sunday before November gets here, it certainly feels familiar. Normally, most parishes might have 5-6 funerals per month. Places like St. Cletus (because of the sheer size of the number of registered families) may celebrate 7 or 8 funerals. The exception for larger or smaller parishes is the month of October. We can pretty well count on at least 2-3 more during October. Again, it may simply just feel that way, but it's practically a given. And that's not necessarily bad nor good.

Of course, before we arrive at November, Halloween comes. And yes, while it's more associated with ghouls, ghosts, goblins, and other scary creatures, the truth is that the Church begins its celebration of remembering Halloween evening. For many years, All Saints Day (November 1st) has been a Holy Day of Obligation. In years past, that would have meant that parishes would have a "vigil mass" or "mass of anticipation" so that the many who work day-time hours could attend Mass to meet their obligation. With the number of priests having dwindled over time, less places are doing an evening mass whether on the evening of October 31st or November 1st. It's not that we want people to feel guilty for not having been able to attend. It has simply become more and more difficult to find enough priestly help. It's not the best excuse. There shouldn't even be an excuse. However, there is also a much more serious matter here – many Catholics have simply stopped attending Holy Days of Obligation over the past 30 years or so. It's a "catch 22" – we have less priests so there are less masses AND we have less people who even take the obligation seriously, so we have less of a need for more mass times.

The only reason some parishes are still carrying on with Holy Days of Obligation is because they have a school, and the children attend that morning. In my past experience, the number of others attending, either with or apart from the school children, is down probably 300% since the year 2000. Again, these are not actual statistics, but the best approximations due to the trends I've watched. Even the parents of school children either DON'T stay for Mass with the children on those days OR they CAN'T because of work. It's simply become very sad. If someone works all day, they are bushed and don't have the energy to attend Mass IF they even remember the holy day.

I'm not one to complain about these things. What I want to know is what is the Church to do about Holy Days of Obligation? There are a mere 6 days throughout the calen-

dar that the Church still deems to be days Catholics SHOULD attend Mass outside of Sundays. And yet, we don't even have full participation for Sundays either. How does the Church reverse the trend? Go back to the Holy Days of Obligation for a moment.

I can't remember what year it happened, but in more recent history the Church relaxed some of the obligation of holy days when they fall on either Saturdays or Mondays in an attempt to make things less daunting for people's schedules, i.e., people would not be asked to attend Mass twice around the weekend. It seems like a decent-sized "bone" thrown to the Catholic population, but did it backfire? Did the Church in essence diminish the importance of those days for Catholics by relaxing the obligation? So now, while there are still technically 6 holy days, only two are always obligatory regardless of their day of the week – Christmas and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th for those keeping score).

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Finally, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. These four dates are the ones where the obligation is relaxed for the Saturday or Monday exceptions. Oddly, Ash Wednesday isn't a Holy Day of Obligation, but many treat it that way. Holy Thursday is not obligatory, but many treat it that way. Good Friday is not even obligatory (there isn't even a Mass that day), but lots of people still attend. Easter is always Sunday, so that isn't even on the list of holy days. EVERY Sunday is holy.

Brothers and sisters, we need to figure out a way to help Catholics begin to see why the Church NEEDS the Holy Days of Obligation. There are even less holy days than there once were. So, the Church again threw Catholics another bone before the other exceptions. Any thoughts? I'd love to hear from you. Never be afraid to email me.

Rev. Michael J. Novick

Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

This past Monday we held our “Sharing Hopes, Dreams and Conversation” gathering in our Parish Center. It was a evening of fellowship, prayer, and conversation about what we hope for the future of both our parish and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared ideas, concerns, and blessings! We heard from not only Father Elmer but also Father Mike, our Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, school board, and our principal! What a wonderful evening!



Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How would I change if my faith, hope, and charity were to increase? How would I behave differently?

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WISE



ARE YOU CONFIRMED?
Have a heart for *Service?*

Join **WISE**
WEAR SMILES, IGNITE SOULS, SERVICE AND ENCOURAGE

PRAY / LEAD / IMPACT

MORE INFORMATION IS FORTHCOMING NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER 26, 2022 @ 5:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

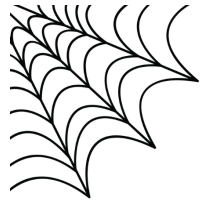
SIGN UP!

Have questions? Call Hector ☎ (708) 215 - 5415

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-wise>

School News

TRUNK OR TREAT



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JOIN US ON OCTOBER 31ST FOR OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT! THIS IS A SCHOOL WIDE FAVORITE AND WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

PLEASE RSVP TO THE LINK BELOW BY OCTOBER 28TH
[HTTPS://STCLETUSPARISH.COM/TRUNKORTREATFORM/](https://stcletusparish.com/trunkortreatform/)

ARRIVE BEGINNING AT 12:45 TO DECORATE YOUR CAR. CHILDREN WILL PARADE OUT BEGINNING AT 1:45. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING CANDY TO PASS OUT TO THE KIDS TOO!



HOLY FIRE CHICAGO

On Friday October 14th, our 7th and 8th graders attended Holy Fire Chicago for the first time since 2019! It is a day filled with worship and fun that are beautifully blended together to create a day that our students will not soon forget! It was truly a blessed day!



FLAGS FOR OUR VETERANS



Veterans Day is fast approaching! This year our parish school will be displaying small American flags with soldiers names around our campus in honor of Veteran's Day. Proceeds will be donated to "Support Over Stigma", a charity that supports, activity duty military, veterans, first responders, and their families. If you would like a veteran in your life recognized please return this form with payment to the school office by October 28th. Please contact Sara Hodak at shodak@stcletusparish.com with any questions!

CUT HERE

Flags are \$5 each

Name of Veteran/s: _____

One Veteran Per Flag. Be sure to send correct payment if you would like multiple.

Donated By: _____

Check here if you would like To receive your flag after the display

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

Please make checks payable directly to "Support Over Stigma". You can also directly donate to them online at <https://www.supportoverstigma.org/> (be sure to note when you donate that it is for the St. Cletus flag display)

If you choose to donate online be sure to still return this form to the school office with your veterans name/names included and mention you donated online

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
25 de octubre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
23 de octubre, 2022	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA



El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupe 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

Beginning Wednesday, October 12, the Hispanic Ministry will be having 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.

BOLETOS DE RIFA

El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupano estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para las fiestas Guadalupanas. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 20% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el 12 de diciembre, 2022 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupana. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.



RAFFLE TICKETS

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupano Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the Guadalupana 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, 2022 during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441

SEGUNDA COLECTA

El domingo 30 de octubre, 2022 habrá una segunda colecta para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupana el día 12 de diciembre, 2022. Tomaremos otra colecta en noviembre. Favor de ser generosos.



SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, October 30, there will be a second collection to help with the expenses of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2022. Another collection will be taken in November. Please be generous.

MINISTROS DE HOSPITALIDAD

El viernes 28 de octubre de 2022 habrá una reunión con todos los ujieres (El ministro de Hospitalidad) que sirven en el ministerio hispano, ellos tendrán la oportunidad de compartir sus experiencias y desafíos en el ministerio. La reunión será a las 19:00 horas. En la Sala Gallagher.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

On Friday, October 28, 2022, a meeting will be held with all the ushers (The Ministry of Hospitality) who serve in the Hispanic ministry, they will be sharing their experiences and challenges. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallagher Room.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- Canned Tuna
- Baby Wipes
- Toothpaste
- Jelly
- Soup
- Boxed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Diapers Size 5 and 6
- Laundry Detergent
- Beverages-tea, coffee, cocoa, and juices

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

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



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

FOOD PANTRY

Our friends and neighbors from St. John of the Cross Parish came by this week with the first of two October deliveries. As you can see...LOTS of donations to help fill our shelves. Thank you!



THANK YOU LIAM!

Happy 8th Birthday, Liam! As part of Liam's birthday his friends and family collected donations for the food pantry. We're so grateful for your gener-



GIVING TREE

Giving Tree Registration is now available! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Giving Tree you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418.

Tags will be available for donors in mid-November and we will have plenty of volunteer opportunities in November and December so stay tuned!

TURKEY BUCKS & THANKSGIVING

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco (Countryside) doors and invite customers to donate to the "Turkey Bucks" program to provide a Thanksgiving Meal to a family in need. This is essential to our Thanksgiving Distribution! Various daily opportunities are available thru November 18. Opportunities are also available to help distribute Thanksgiving meals on Saturday, November 19. Sign Up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-turkey> **Please note...this is an unsupervised volunteer opportunity and an adult is recommended to be present** This calendar simply coordinates dates. Volunteers must check in with the Jewel Manager when they start their shift. Parents, use your discretion based on your child's age and maturity to decide if they should be dropped off or need a parent present during the volunteer shift. All ages are welcome (with a parent).



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THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

Free Thanksgiving Dinners will be distributed on Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-4:00 at the food pantry. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! Please sign up at an October food pantry distribution or by contacting Kendall at 708-215-5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com

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.



Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



The next few weeks will be very busy in the Faith Formation Office. Classes will meet on Sunday October 23 as well as Monday 24.

We will host our Commitment Ceremony for our Seventh Graders as they begin their journey to Confirmation.

Our Eighth Graders are coming to the end of their journey. Confirmation for our Eighth graders will be on Saturday, February 11. Bishop Casey will be the celebrant.

TEEN SEEKERS

Our first meeting of our Teen Seekers was this past Wednesday. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall.

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL FOR BOYS



We have begun our registration for those interested in joining the St. Cletus Boys Church League Basketball. Practices are one weeknight in the parish gym and games are Saturday evenings at area churches and gyms.

Applications can be found on our website. In order to have a season, we do need help. Two coaches for each team are needed and a coordinator to be responsible for the St. Cletus site.. Practices are 9-10:00PM in the St. Cletus Gym School and games are Saturday evenings at area churches and gyms. The cost is \$100 per player.

Even if you are trying out for your high school team, please register and reserve your spot on a team, which we can cancel should you make your school team.

In order to have a season, **we do need some help.** Please consider helping us run the season for our St. Cletus Boys this year! Email Lawrence Manetti at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com to help.

Parish Finance Council Update

Monday night, October 17, 2022, a parish-wide meeting was held in the Parish Center entitled “Sharing Hopes, Dreams and Conversation.” The meeting included fellowship, prayer and discernment and was a follow-up to a similar meeting held last Sept. 13, 2021. Doug Morrissey, your Parish Finance Council (PFC) chairperson, was one of four parish ministry speakers to share a short update. In our continuing efforts to highlight everyday parish expenses, below is part of Doug’s presentation at the meeting.

How much is your electricity, gas, insurance and property maintenance? Electricity, heating oil, property insurance and routine maintenance cost St. Cletus \$380,000 last year. Current average Sunday collections are \$22,000. This works out to 17 weeks’ worth of Sunday collections (almost a third of the year) just to keep the lights on and the walls standing. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Finally, the St. Cletus Fiscal year 2022 (year ending June 30, 2022) Annual Parish Financial Report will be published in an upcoming addition of the Canticle. Please read the report and become familiar with its contents as this is one of many required PFC functions. Any questions about this year’s report, parish budget or other PFC concerns may be directed to our email address finance@stcletusparish.com.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Our next PFC meeting will be Wed, Nov. 16, 2022.

Parish Finance Council Members:

- Jonathan Andrews
- Michael Burns
- Renee Callaghan
- Doug Morrissey
- Patty Morrissey
- Bob Persa
- Jim Gorman

- Tom Reisel
- Adriana Varela
- John Vincent



Ministry News

MISSION TRIP

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP *Mission Trip*

Where: CINCINNATI, OHIO

When: JULY 16 - JULY 21

Who: RISING SOPHOMORES THROUGH OUTGOING SENIORS

Why: TO LOVE, SERVE, & CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER & THE POOR



REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 16TH AT 8:00PM

What: The teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus will COMBINE again for a CHWC mission trip. Like our previous mission trips, we are expecting another life-changing week of serving communities, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, and having fun. The teens will keep busy throughout the week painting and rehabbing homes and helping social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Cincinnati, Ohio.

IN-PERSON PRE CANA

If you are getting married in late 2022 or any time in 2023, please consider attending an in-person Pre-Cana marriage prep class on Saturday, October 29. This class will be facilitated by Henry and Kathy Morlock, who are parishioners here at St. Cletus and have conducted Pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese for several years. This class is required if you plan to be married in any church in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the fee is \$100. For more information or to sign up, please call our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office.

ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

A CREDO ministry

Enroll your deceased loved ones and join us in prayer for the holy souls.

Enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety



ED WARD FINE ART SERIES

BAPTISMAL MINISTRY

We are hoping to start a new Baptism Ministry here at St. Cletus. The Baptism Minister would help set up the font on Saturdays before the baptisms (which are at 11:00 or 11:30, depending), welcome the families and help them find seats in church, and then put the baptism materials away afterwards. No special theological knowledge is required, and you'll get a chance to meet new people and show them that St. Cletus is a welcoming place. Training will be provided. Also, any confirmed teens who might like this ministry can have service hours. If this is interesting to you, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, for more information.

WEDDING MINISTRY

As the pandemic recedes we are having more weddings scheduled at St. Cletus, and we would like to have more Wedding Ministers to help. Wedding Ministers see to the wedding rehearsal, make sure all the paperwork is together, set up for the mass on the wedding day, and oversee the wedding itself. Usually this is done as a team of at least two ministers. It's a chance to welcome families and give them a happy memory of their time at St. Cletus. You can do this as often as you like. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office.

Ministry and Community News

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, November 5th from 9-11 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, in La Grange. Visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources

WORD OF LIFE



“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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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FALL BAZAAR

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Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale



When: Saturday November 9th,
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Order your Kringle Danish by 11/7 and you can pick it up at St. Francis Xavier on Sunday 11/20th between 10am-1pm. We can make different arrangements if this date or time doesn't work for you.

How can I order my Kringle by 11/7?

You can visit the Youth Ministry website page to place your order and pay online. <https://forms.gle/jS5UaNfafKaz3PDj7>

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Our teens thank you for your support!!

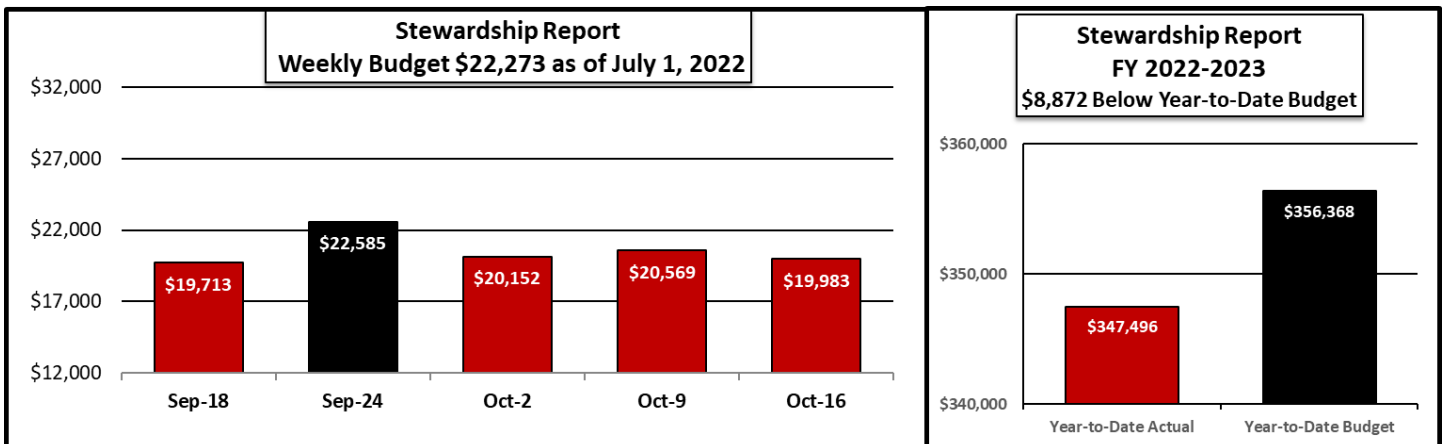


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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 23	11:45am-4pm	Courtyard	Carnitas Fostering Community and Friendship
Monday, October 24			
Tuesday, October 25			
Wednesday, October 26	9am-12pm	Gallagher Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, October 27	11-12:30pm 6-8pm	Gallagher Room Food Pantry	Visio Divina Bible Study Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, October 28			
Saturday, October 29	8:30-9:15am 4pm-7pm	Church Gallagher Room	Confessions Hospitality
Sunday, October 30	7am-2pm	Gallagher Room	Hospitality

Stewardship Report



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St. Cletus Parish Information

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www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

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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.

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Vision Statement

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