

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

God . . . wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the  
truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4



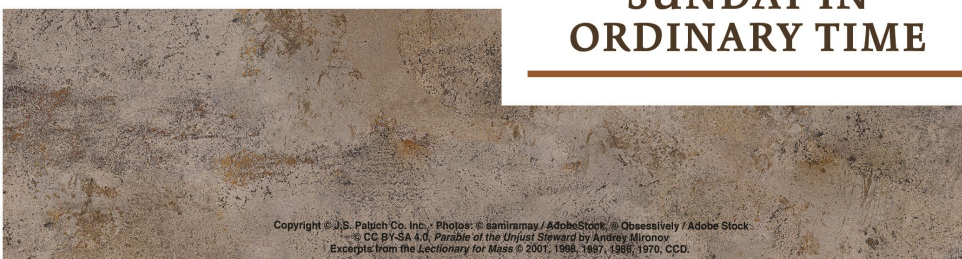
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



**No  
servant  
can  
serve  
two  
masters.**

Luke 16:13

**TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for September 19-September 25, 2022

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
September 19	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Mary Kay Rios
September 20	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Karen Golak, Ed Stec
September 21	Fr. Novick	8:00am	BC Collins
September 22	Fr. Novick	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 23	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Joseph Viececi, Evelyn Prevenos
September 24	Fr. Lodge	5:00pm	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Don Marchese, Daniel Klepczarek, Ginene Pascua, Denise Lynn Buralli, Eugene "Jim" Copp
September 25	Fr. Romero Fr. Novick Fr. Lodge Fr. Romero	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Jack Drogosz Gary Verhueven, Wanda and George Kuchta, Helen Frey, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Mike O'Connell, Darlene Kowalski, Kenneth Ruta, Thomas Birks St. Cletus Parishioners

### 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.*

**September** - Daniel Lacey, Joseph Halac, Gerda E. Dorso

**August** - Laura Terrazino, Francie Smith, Patricia Rodey

**July** - Louis Berger, Deborah Zemke, Frank Niwa, Peggy Shevlin

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

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



There is a second collection this weekend to support the Seminarian Education Fund. This fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps cover the cost of educating our seminarians as

they proceed through the stages of formation before ordination as priests. Your donation supports these men answering God's call to a life of service for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

**Rory Gary Daly**

Son of Ryan Daly and Candice Daly



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**Bryson Coleman**

Son of Brandon Coleman and Megan Bright

**Felix Lorenzo Guerrero**

Son of Felix Guerrero and Milagros Guerrero

**Audrew Jaine O'Osowka**

Son of Scott O'Osowka and Jaime O'Osowka

**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

## Pastor's Note

*“For the children of this world  
are more prudent in dealing with their own generation  
than are the children of light,” Luke 16:8b*

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus in today's Gospel invites us to prayerfully reflect about our experience of faithfulness and stewardship.

As we reflect on faithfulness and stewardship, we come to the realization that we have been entrusted with the gifts of life, faith, family, friends, faith community, and work. Hopefully, this gives us inspiration and the desire to respond with generosity and kindness.

Reflecting on faithfulness and stewardship, I am pleased to share with you some news where I have noticed the Lord affirming and blessing those who are faithful and exercise good stewardship.

First, thanks to your prayers and support, our efforts to strengthen the office of Faith Formation for Children is going well under the leadership and guidance of Lawrence Manetti, Director of Faith Formation for Children. I am also thrilled to let you know that we have hired Hector Obregon (Part-time) as the new Associate Director of Faith Formation for Children, effective September 7, 2022. He comes to us after serving for 14 years as the Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry at St. Viator Parish in Chicago. He has an excellent education background and experience in ministry and he is eager to share them with our children, catechists, and all of us. Please assist me in giving him a warm welcome to our parish community.

Second, on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, Fr. Michael Novick and I attended the monthly Vicariate Meeting that took place at St. Pius X Parish in Stickney, IL. All priests that serve in Vicariate IV are expected to attend. The meeting was led by Bishop Kevin Birmingham, who is the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV, and his team. Personally, I find the meetings to be helpful, encouraging, and informative. In addition, the monthly meeting also gives us an opportunity to exchange ideas and information with one another about what is going on in each of our parishes and the Archdiocese. Further, thanks to these meetings, I am able to see, connect, and talk with other priests who continue to serve the Lord and his people with dedication and joy. It is always good to be with them.

Third, on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, I had a lunch meeting with Fr. Edgar Rodriguez. He served at our parish as an Associate Pastor from 2008 to 2015. He told me that he enjoyed and loved being at our parish those years. He also told me about how kind you were to him. I really enjoyed my lunch conversation with him. I am encouraged by his faithfulness to the Lord and the people that he serves. He is currently serving at St. Genevieve Parish in Chicago, as an Associate Pastor.

Fourth, on Wednesday evening, September 7, 2022, we held our monthly Parish Finance Council (PFC) meeting in the Parish Center. We were pleased to welcome Jim Gorman as the new member of the PFC. With the leadership of Jim Dion, Business Manager, we carefully reviewed the income and expenses of the fiscal year 2022 (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022). After another meeting and discussion, we will prepare and share with you a financial report in October. We are blessed by the generosity, knowledge, wisdom, and dedication of each of the members of the PFC. I enjoyed being with, listening to, and learning from them. I am also encouraged by their dedication and the special love they have for the Lord and for St. Cletus Parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

May we continue to allow the Lord to show us how to be faithful and good stewards.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

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## Sunday Notes

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

**Second Reading** — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

**Gospel** — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;

Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;  
Lk 16:19-31

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Januarius

Tuesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng  
Ha-sang and Companions

Wednesday: St. Matthew

Thursday: Autumn begins

Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## Note From Father Mike

### The Seminary

Most people are coming to the realization that the Archdiocese is in the middle of the Renew My Church initiative for a couple of big reasons – lower Mass attendance leading to a need for less churches, and, there are fewer and fewer men being ordained priests. With the waning number of priests, we cannot staff the number of parishes with one pastor per parish. There have been several communities that have had one pastor to tend to the needs of sometimes two or three parishes. In years past, the Archdiocese would have never thought that our archdiocese would end up staffing parishes like many “rural” dioceses.

I remember being in the seminary and listening to another seminarian from Montana. That huge state has only TWO dioceses, what could simply be known as a West/East set-up. That is a lot of space to cover. Yet for all of that space, there might be 100 priests. He was saying that either the priest had to have a helicopter license, or to know someone who does because the parishes they would be responsible for are 70 or 80 miles apart. While Chicago might not be quite widespread, if the trends for diminishing ordinations in the Archdiocese continue, we may end up becoming a more “rural” diocese rather than the urban center we have been known to be for over 100 years.

But what sort of person should consider the priesthood? What qualifies someone for becoming a priest?

First and foremost, the fact of being a male ought to be a given, but even that has come into question over time. Or, so as not to offend anyone, a person who is assigned to be male at birth. The question of whether women could be ordained priests has come up many times over the course of my life. There have been plenty of arguments that have occurred over the centuries, and the argument used most often surrounds Mary Magdalene. She has the title of “Apostle to the Apostles” according to the Church. And if the priesthood is rooted in apostolic succession, then why doesn't Mary Magdalene's role allow for women's ordination? The key to the argument is the Last Supper. While there are many conspiracy theories about the person leaning on Jesus to His right is actually Mary while people have been told it is John (the younger son of Zebedee) because there were no women in attendance at the Last Supper, go back even a little further in the gospels where Jesus called the first twelve. Those are the people pre-

sumed to be in the Last Supper depictions with Jesus. What about all of those other things we hear about in movies and other theories like Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and the Church just covered it up. We can't be swayed by fiction, but we must keep faith.

The male must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and have an undergraduate college degree. It used to be that their major in college had to be in Religious Studies and/or Philosophy; however, the seminary system has programs for students to get the philosophy education they need to have for their graduate studies in Theology. Most of the Theology we have been taught comes from some of the most brilliant men who were philosophers before they moved on to study God and His Church. There are also many women who have taught the faith over time too, but even they didn't believe they should have been priests.

One of the other rules of ordination is that the man must be of 25 years of age. Being that most undergraduate degrees would be finished at the age of 21, that makes some easier sense because the theology classes and formation are typically four-year programs. Yet, this rule is almost outdated due to the lack of students going thru the system – being at an undergraduate level seminary, then going on to the graduate level. The bulk of any of the seminarians are men with college degrees in other majors and then a few years in the “work world.” Still, by the time ordination would come around, the person would be 25 years old without a doubt.

Oh, and of course, a priest needs to be able to love people. A seminarian probably SHOULD be able to do the same before becoming a student. But most of all, you probably would recognize certain qualities in young men like their attendance and devotion to Jesus. It's not a foolproof formula for every young man, but we are all responsible for the lack of priests in our world. We can't keep hoping the Vatican changes its teaching to include women or married men to be allowed ordination. For now, remember this – vocations to the priesthood (as well as religious life) ARE out in the world. Most just need a little encouragement to see the priestly life as viable. It's not going to make anyone rich in wealth, but rich in what matters most – faith.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

# Religious Education

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Our Faith Formation for the 2022 – 2023 begins today with our Open House for our Sunday classes and tomorrow, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for our Monday classes.

We are very excited about the beginning of the year. We have a great group of dedicated Catechists Classroom Helpers and Volunteers who will be working with our children.

Our Open House on Sunday is from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and on Monday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

If your children attended the St. Cletus Faith Formation Program and you would still like to register, please contact Lawrence Manetti at the Faith Formation Office through e-mail: [lmanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:lmanetti@stcletusparish.com) or by phone 708.215.5416.

## CATECHIST CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE NEEDED

If you feel you have a calling or want to learn more about Catechesis for Children, please call or e-mail Lawrence Manetti at the e-mail or phone above.

In order to help better facilitate our program, I am reaching out to our parish community. We are planning, if needed to provide another training session next week. Day and time to be determined.

Finally, as we begin our year, I ask you to remember our children and Catechists, Classroom Helpers and all our other volunteers as we work to bring our children to a closer and personal relationship with Christ.

# Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

## GUSHERS

Our Gushers recently gathered for an evening of reflection. They enjoyed each other’s company as they reflected on their ministry. It was a wonderful night of community! We look forward to many more!



## FEAST OF ST. JEROME

Father Elmer recently celebrated the feast of St. Jerome with some of our parishioners and many others at Summit Park District. It was a well organized and wonderful time to gather together in prayer and reflection.



# Pig Roast

*St. Cletus Community*

F I R S T A N N U A L

# PIG ROAST



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**

**IN THE COURTYARD  
AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

★ **FOOD** ★ **GAMES** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES** ★

★ **ENTERTAINMENT** ★

**DON'T WANT TO EAT? COME ANYWAY!**

**ALL THE FUN IS FREE!**

**Meal tickets now available for \$15 each online at the parish website or in the narthex after weekend masses.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

# School News

**Greg Porod, Principal**  
(708) 352-4820 | gporod@stcletusparish.com

**Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
(708) 352-4820 | cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

## BACK TO SCHOOL RAFFLE!

A BIG thank you is in order to our school families who helped us meet our goal of \$50,000 in our Back to School raffle! What a great way to kick off the year! Congratulations to the winners as well!



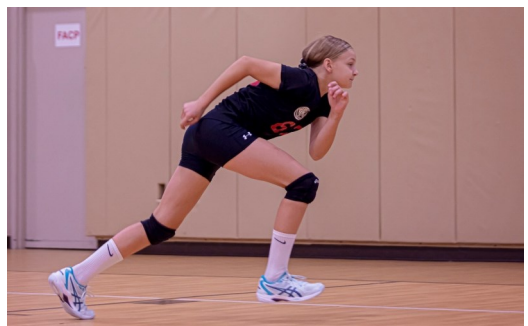
## PATRIOT DAY

This week we recognized Patriot Day with a red, white, and blue dress down day. It was a time to look back and remember all those lives lost on September 11, 2001



## SEASON KICK OFF!

Recently several of our athletics have kicked off their seasons! Cross Country, 5th and 6th grade girls volleyball, and 7th and 8th grade girls basketball have all had a great start to their new seasons! We are excited to also kick off a brand new sport, flag football!! It is so great watching them learn and grow and know they are in for a GREAT year!



# Hispanic Ministry

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



## 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.

## CLASES DE CAPACITACIÓN PARA LECTORES

Estaremos ofreciendo clases de capacitación para todos los lectores actuales. Estas clases son obligatorias para los lectores y serán facilitadas por el Sr. Javier Castillo de la oficina de Formación de Fe de por Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago.

Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Gallagher los días viernes 16 y 23 de septiembre, 2022 de 7:00 a 9:00 pm. Estas clases también están abiertas para aquellos interesados en unirse a este ministerio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

## TRAINING CLASSES FOR LECTORS

We will be offering a mandatory training classes for all current lectors. These classes will be facilitated by Mr. Javier Castillo from the office of Lifelong Faith Formation of the Archdioceses of Chicago. Classes will be held in the Gallagher Room on Friday, September 16 and Friday, September 23, 2022. These classes are also open to those interested in joining this ministry. For more information, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441

# Gather Order Form

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## GATHER FOURTH EDITION DONATION FORM

Please be sure to print legibly. Please place this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked "Hymnals". It may be placed in the weekend collection basket or returned to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Donor's name (as you would like it to appear on the bookplate): \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's address: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Donor's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of books being donated @ \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Check should be payable to: St. Cletus Parish Please indicate "Hymnals" on the memo line.

( ) Check here if you wish this to be an anonymous donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated; please attach to this form any additional donation information



# Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS  
FOOD PANTRY**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**6-8PM**

**Wish List:**

- Cleaners
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned meals (ravioli, chili)
- Canned meats (ham, chicken)
- Cereal
- Diapers

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

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*

## SVDP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Volunteers must be high school and up, adults welcome! Please dress for the weather, you will be outside. Volunteers will greet donors at their vehicles, unload items and load them into the donation truck. Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-svdp1>

## AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Sign up to help distribute baby bottle envelopes at Masses October 1-2. Please plan to arrive 5-10 min before Mass and stay 10 min after Mass. All ages welcome. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-baby2>



## AREA PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY: SAVE THE DATES!

**9/21/22, 7:00-9:00pm:** We will gather together in the St Francis Xavier Rectory Courtyard Room (124 North Spring) to brainstorm ideas for the year as well as hear an anti-racism presentation by Maureen Wierema entitled “Challenge Accepted”. Information about Exodus World Service programs to welcome refugees to the Chicagoland area will also be provided.

**9/28/22, 7:00-8:30pm:** Book Discussion led by Maureen Windmoeller at St. Francis Xavier in Unity Hall (124 North Spring) building that connects Church and Education Building accessible by church and school parking lots.) Light refreshments will be served.

## WORD OF LIFE



“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)\*.” \*NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion”

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars.



# Food Pantry Open House

ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

# BLESSING & OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, September 25 | 3:00-5:00

Join us in church at 3:00 for a special blessing & program followed by an Open House celebration.

All are welcome!



take a tour

giveaway prizes

enjoy refreshments



(please note there will be no pantry distribution at this event)

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

708.215.5418  
foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

# Ministry News

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

What comes to mind when fall arrives? Apples of course!! The women of St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invite you to our next general meeting where Pat McLamore will demonstrate her easy bake apple strudel and then we will enjoy eating some! (With ice cream naturally) All women of the parish are invited. Father Mike will also install our board members for the 2022/2023 year.

When: September 21, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Gallagher room in the Parish Center It won't be the same without YOU!

## BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **Cloud Cuckoo Land** by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on October 11 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

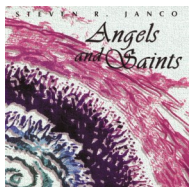
December 13: **The Thursday Murder Club (Book 1)** by Richard Osman

February 14: **Laine Change** by Mary Ann Doornbos

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

## SAVE THE DATE: GATHER 4 AND MUCH MORE



Musical presentation “Gather 4 and Much More” with composer Steve Janco. Sunday, October 2nd, 4:00 p.m. Parish Center. He will be introducing us to the mass setting “Mass of Angels and Saints” which he composed and we will be using in mid-October. ALL PARISHIONERS

are invited to attend! More information will be published closer to the date. Refreshments will be served.

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive is coming

Saturday October 1st - 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Sunday October 2nd - 800am to 1230pm

Please pack all clothes in Bags or Boxes

Household items such as picture frames, decorations, small kitchen items

Please NO- Furniture, toys electronics and appliances

## ST. CLETUS CREDO AND FR. ELMER INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON A FALL PILGRIMAGE!

The St. Cletus Continuing Religious Education Opportunities Committee (CREDO) and Father Elmer have collaborated to plan a day trip to Mundelein Seminary! We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer and some of his friends and former colleagues.

Date: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Time: Bus leaves at 8am sharp, returns at around 5pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Where: Mundelein Seminary, with special tour guide and speaker arranged by our Pastor!

The day will include a special, expanded tour led by Dr. Paul Hilliard Ph.D., Chairperson of the Department of Church History, and a talk and reflection led by Rev. Brendan Lupton, President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, mass celebrated by Father Elmer, lunch, and time to explore the grounds and shop in the bookstore. The day will include approximately a mile of walking on the tour and between buildings, standing, and some stairs. If you are not able to walk that far, you may drop out of the tour for private reflection in the chapel.

The cost for the trip covers lunch, deluxe bus (not a school bus), tip for the bus driver, and stipends for speakers. The majority of the cost is for the bus and gas.

Registrations will be after all masses on September 24/25 and Oct 1/2. Due to the bus capacity, registration is capped at 50 people. Make checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.

We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer! Please fill out this form when you register:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact name and

phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# Ministry and Community News

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION FORUM**

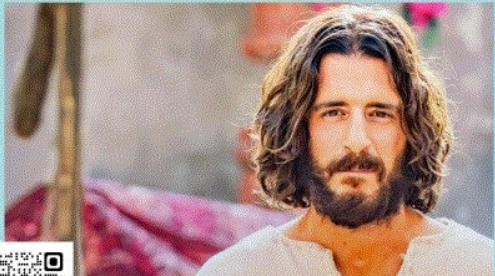
### FOLLOWING JESUS: THEN AND NOW

*exploring discipleship through The Chosen*

SUNDAYS: 9:15-10:45 AM, JOYCE HALL AT SFX  
WEDNESDAYS: 7-8:30 PM, PARISH CENTER AT SJC

9 EPISODES BEGINNING SUNDAY 9/18 & WEDNESDAY 9/21


<b>WATCH</b> <i>a high-quality, engaging episode</i>	<b>LISTEN</b> <i>to others' thoughts and reactions</i>	<b>SHARE</b> <i>if and when you feel comfortable</i>
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TO REGISTER: SCAN QR CODE, [CLICK HERE](#), or EMAIL [MMCMAHON@SFXLG.ORG](mailto:MMCMAHON@SFXLG.ORG)

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



**Fall Campaign**  
September 28th - November 6th

Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2022 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from September 28 to November 6, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove). Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

## VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

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

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

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

Amen.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Vocation Office  
750 North Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL  
[Chicagopriest.com](http://Chicagopriest.com)

## OCTOBERFEST

The HGA Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 3:30 -- 11:00 pm, rain or shine, in the St. Louise de Marillac parking lot, 1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park (or Parish Center if raining.) The attachment includes all the specific information about our event.

We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Cletus Parish to join us for an afternoon and evening of family fun.

## MOBILE ID AND I-CASH SERVICES

The Township of Lyons 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside in conjunction with Jesse White, Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs, State Treasurer will hold Mobile ID and I-Cash Services on Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Renew your driver's license, obtain a state ID card, get your license plate renewal sticker, search for lost & forgotten cash. Real IDs will **not** be available. Payment form is by Check Only. Call Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg @ 708-482-8300 x 221 for more information. **Appointments highly recommended.**

## OKTOBERFEST



**YOU ARE INVITED** *to* **ON THE ROAD AGAIN OKTOBERFEST**

**WHEN** **30** SEPTEMBER 6:00 PM \$100 per person

**WHERE** CHATEAU ORLEANS 8025 S. CASS AVE. DARIEN, IL 60561

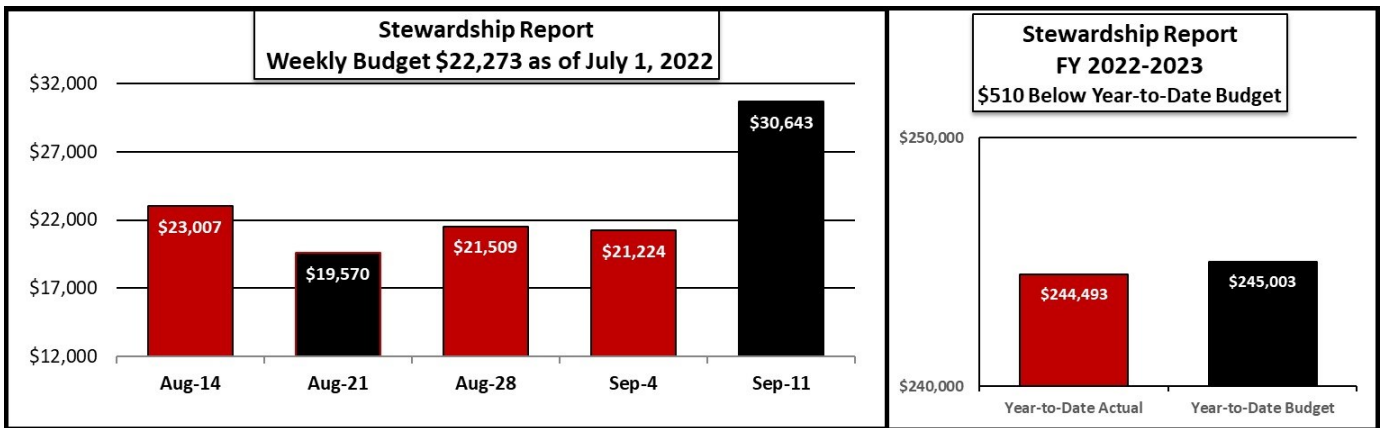
All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 18	4-5pm	Parish Center	Ed Ward Fine Art Series
Monday, September 19			
Tuesday, September 20			
Wednesday, September 21	9am-12pm 1-1:45 7-9:30pm	Parish Center Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary and Prayers CCW Meeting
Thursday, September 22	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, September 23			
Saturday, September 24	6pm	Back Field	Pig Roast
Sunday, September 25	8am-2pm 3-5pm	Gallagher Room Church and Food Pantry	Hospitality Food Pantry Blessing and Open House

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

*Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!*

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at [jdion@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jdion@stcletusparish.com) or 708.352.6209.



### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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

# 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*  
Rev. Michael Novick, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Kevin Hays, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*  
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*  
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Sara Hodak, *Bulletin Editor*

## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

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Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

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Mike Napleton                      Griselda Quintero                      Julio Quintero  
Jennifer Senyard

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Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## 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.

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