

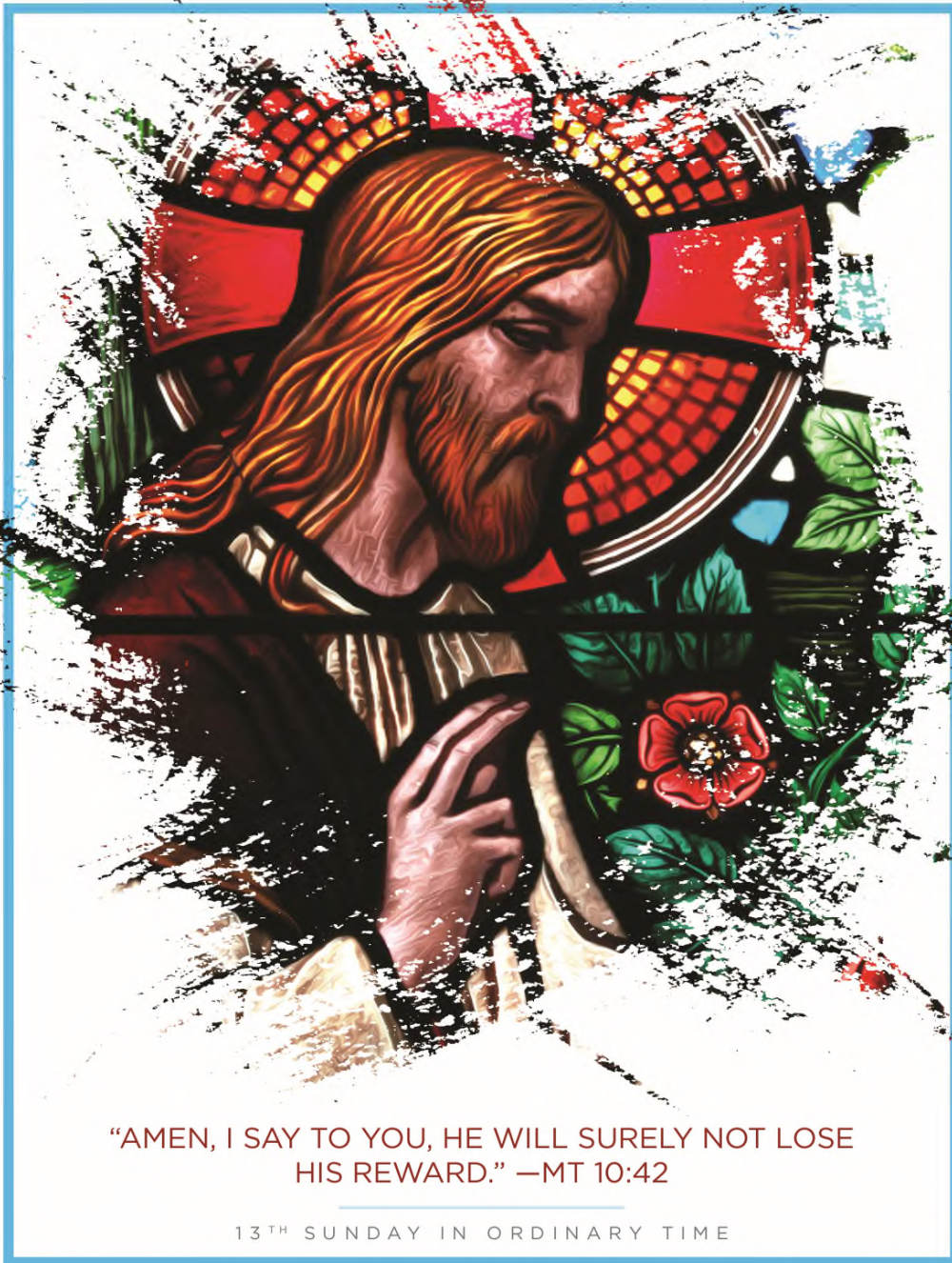
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

I will sing the goodness of
the Lord forever
-Psalm 89



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“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, HE WILL SURELY NOT LOSE
HIS REWARD.” —MT 10:42

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for July 3 - July 9, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
July 3	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marcizewski, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Gale Wroblewski
July 4	8:00am	Bishop Birmingham	St. Cletus Parishioners
July 5	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Michael Pizzuto, Arlene Colonna, BC and Rip Collins, Roland Davis and Mary McGartland Davis
July 6	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Paul L. Budvitis, Joseph Vais
July 7	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nan and Bob Rettig, Evelyn Prevenas, Marguerite Keating, Louie Marasovic
July 8	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Delores Doda, Katherine Tomasovich, Diane Trimble, Patricia Hays, Carl and Kathy Boyer 50th Wedding Anniversary
July 9	7:15am		John Duda, John and Frances Kennedy, Beth King
	8:45am		Gerald Dudek, Frank Wojcik, Marco, Emilia, Rattin and Bill DePasquale
	10:30am		Raman Gaitan and John Reyes Sr, Stancy Baker, John Baker
	12:30pm		Xavier Zaragoza, Leticia Zaragoza, Deacon Maria Avila

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.

July - Dr. George Schein, Erin McMahon Leddon, Karen Provan

June - Mary Duckett, Colleen Ann Uhler, Geraldine Osmolak, Yesenia Castillo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy

May - Patty Garza, Kathryn Rak, Ignatius DeVeno, Maria Farfan, Nicholas Rodriguez

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or

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

Ethel A. Novak

May she rest in peace....

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Sofia Adrianna Mayoral

Daughter of Joel and Christine Mayoral

Nora Rose Moore

Daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Moore

Teddy Noel Lopez

Son of Jacob Lopez and Lili Davila

Aiden Issai Urrutia

Son of Issai Manuel Urrutia and Miriam Martinez

Leo Andres Zamarripa

Son of Gorge Zamarripa and Destiny Almanza

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Marriage Banns



**Natalie Kulpinski
and
Zachary Hoffman**

Pastor's Note



"I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there,"
2 Kings 4:9b-10.

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, June 21st, 2023, I made a trip to Peru to spend some time with my family. From the moment I arrived home my parents offered me their radical hospitality. They wanted to spend time with me. They were prepared to share their time and heart with me. Pretty much every day (7 days) we had breakfast, lunch, and dinner together. With the direction of my mother, I made breakfast (oatmeal and poached eggs) and dinner four times at home. I managed to bake some chicken and pork. I also grilled twice. The remaining three days, we were invited by my siblings either for breakfast or dinner. A few times, we went out for lunch. I felt accompanied and loved. I enjoyed very much the hospitality and presence I received from my parents and siblings. I consider all of this as a blessing for which I give thanks to the Lord.

Both of my parents continue to show me the beauty of the ministry of hospitality and presence. I remember when I was growing up, how my parents welcomed and offered hospitality to strangers at our house. We had a small house with 12 kids living in it, but my parents always found a way to share their hearts with those who chose to spend an evening and night with us. As I look back to those moments and the actions of my parents, I am able to acknowledge how the Lord was shaping my heart. He was forming me to be his priest first through my parents. I never realized this until now.

As I look back to on my short time at St. Cletus Parish, I am happy to acknowledge your warm, gentle, and kind hospitality towards me. This is something I have continued to receive since I joined you back on July 1st, 2021. Only God knows why he brought me to you as your parish priest. He keeps nourishing, shaping, and filling my heart with his kindness through your hospitality, presence, and friendship. He keeps forming my heart and my priesthood according to his holy will as I grow in friendship with you. Formation never ends. The opportunity to notice the action and closeness of the Lord in our lives is always there. My parents through their hospitality, presence, and love allowed me to discover this truth about God.

It is my prayer and hope that we continue to grow in the ministry of hospitality, presence, and friendship as a parish. I am happy to affirm that we are already good at this. But we also know that deep in our hearts the Lord is inviting us to be more intentional, especially towards those who are new to our parish. I feel like the Lord is trusting and encouraging us to share our kindness, joy, and love with all those who have joined us since or after Covid. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to take a moment and introduce ourselves, acknowledge, and offer a warm welcome to those who came to pray and celebrate Mass with us. Gestures of love, kindness, and friendship are always appreciated and welcomed. In advance, I would like to thank you for joining me in this effort.

I am happy to share with you that through the leadership of the Parish Pastoral Council, we will be offering a focused, radical hospitality in the Parish Center quarterly. After a particular weekend Mass, we will have hospitality in the Parish Center with a more substantial refreshment. The goal will be to engage and grow in friendship with the new members of our parish community. We thought that we should try this because we are a community that loves being together to grow in friendship with each other. We are also aware that we have a beautiful parish that allows us to be creative and use our imagination in our efforts to build community. Plus, our parish is blessed with generous and caring men and women who are always ready to support initiatives that come from prayer, good discernment, and the heart. Shortly we will offer you more details. Please join me with your prayers.

I am happy to let you know that the Leadership Team will be meeting on July 14th, 2023, in the Parish Center to plan for the Fall Festival. The Fall Festival will be an opportunity to be good hosts and to offer our hearts to those who live in our neighborhood. We know that many in our neighborhood have stopped going to church. They no longer practice the faith. Perhaps if we engage them with gentleness and love they might feel encouraged to come back. I feel like the Lord is giving us such a great opportunity right now in our parish to be missionary disciples. Starting today, let us pray for such grace.

As I was writing this letter, I enjoyed the accompaniment of my mother. We both were sitting in the dining room. She sat quietly right next to me. I know that she was praying for me and for you. I felt the closeness and love of the Lord through her presence and accompaniment. It is amazing how the Lord speaks to us through the people that love us.

Happy Fourth of July! Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

My country 'tis of thee

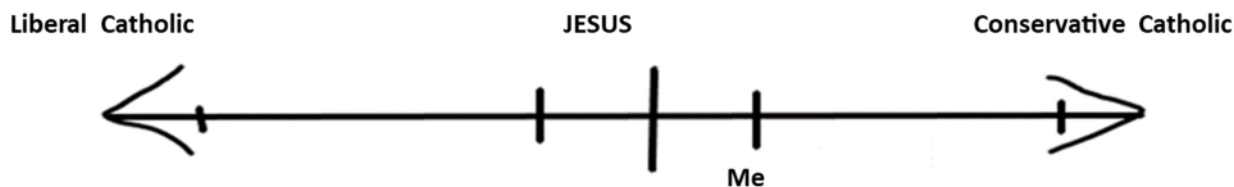
It's hard to believe sometimes. It's hard to believe that there is still lots and lots of oppression in the world. Persecution happens daily, not only of Catholics, but human beings in general. It's a sick thought to believe any government should be so hard on the people they ought to serve. It's just as sick to think that any grouping of people is less important to humanity and that any grouping of people might be "better" than another. The times and reign of Adolf Hitler are the perfect secular example for a "modern" time, as he and his government/military did everything they could to exterminate those of Jewish descent. In a more biblical sense, we can almost say the same thing about the Egyptians as they enslaved the Israelites, too.

The United States has that great document "The Declaration of Independence." "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..." (Declaration, #2) This quote is one that most people my age once sang on some Saturday mornings in the Schoolhouse Rock segments between the cartoons shown on Channel 7. Yes, we learned some of our history from Saturday cartoons. And a lesson we learned was that the many people who had come to the United States mostly from Europe continued to be oppressed by other nations. It took great vision for our forefathers to see their people as free, made in the image of God.

The fireworks we see every year for the 4th of July may be absolutely beautiful, but their beauty is their secondary function. Primarily, we should be reminded of the battles our military men of the day fought to be sure that we could be a nation free from tyranny – ALL PEOPLE! And with those battles, many lost their lives – sacrificing themselves for the cause. It's not that the Church will recognize those men to be saints, but they learned that there is something in this life greater than themselves. WE need to get on board, my friends.

If anyone needs another instance of oppression, look no further than amongst many members of the Catholic Church. Conservatism and Liberalism are not simply terms that have political implications, but they happen right before our eyes each and every day. I've written about this subject in the past, particularly about the dangers of the extremism of many on each "side." Each "side" looks at the other with disdain, practically saying that the other is demonic for how they express their faith and what they believe, e.g., how Jesus would handle certain situations. The last time I checked the Scriptures, Jesus, Himself, told us we are not to judge others lest WE be judged. Yes, if we see someone doing that could be considered sinful, it would be right to privately reprimand them and TEACH them why they might reconsider their actions. However, **no one** but Jesus has that final say in terms of somebody's salvation.

Try to remember my graphic I made years ago:



Here is the way I see things. I see Jesus as THE ideal, so He is the center line. I consider myself as traditional in my thought; trying to think like Jesus at all times. However, while that is where I fall on the scale, it means that I can dialogue with someone who may deem themselves to be "progressive" in how they interpret Jesus' actions. Still, I also pity the people who are extremists on the graph, right and left. I have witnessed all too often that those extremists will not even consider dialoguing – whatever they believe is absolute and there is no "gray" area for searching for truth. Truth is freedom to be like Jesus. He is the only absolute in the Catholic faith!

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Join Us This Tuesday!

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS



JULY 04, 2023. 8:00 A.M.



Join us for our Annual Tradition as we pray for and honor all military personnel.

We invite any veterans or those on active duty to wear their uniforms (or some piece of their uniforms) and to sit together by branches of service.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT: The Most Rev. Kevin Birmingham
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Episcopal Vicar – Vicariate IV

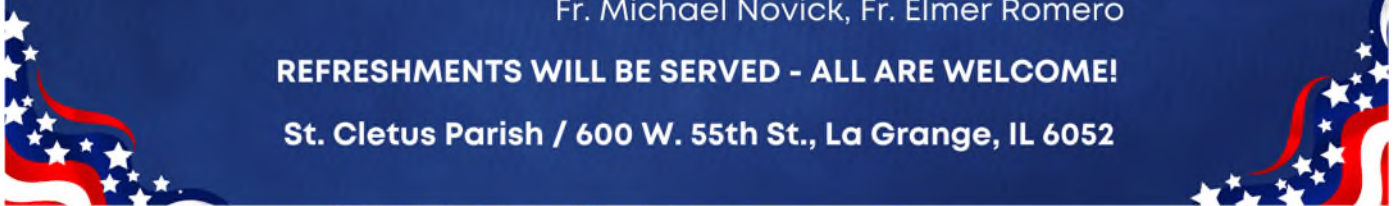
HOMILIST: Fr. David Mowry, M.Div., S.T.L.
Mundelein Seminary
Instructor in the Department of
Biblical Studies and Homiletics.

CONCELEBRANTS: Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor
Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Justin Sisul, Helen McComiskey, Kris Santin,
Karen Ziemba, Tina Norton, Ryan Rump,
Fr. Michael Novick, Fr. Elmer Romero

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED - ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Cletus Parish / 600 W. 55th St., La Grange, IL 6052



Altar Server Formation

ST. CLETUS PARISH

CURRENT & NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Formation



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Saturday, June 17, 2023

10:00 - 12:00 PM

Gallagher Room

Instructor:

Deacon Santos Gutierrez

FORMATION SESSION (2)

- July 10th & 12th, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 PM
 - August 7th & 9th, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 PM
- CHURCH**

SACRISTANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

School News

AUCTION PRIZES CONTINUE!

As you can see, families that bought in to our open gyms at our Cardinalpalooza have been having a lot of fun!



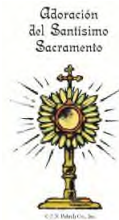
ART CAMP!

This summer we are offering several camps to our students and last week kicked off our first week with art camp! A week full of creativity!



Hispanic Ministry

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

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be Formation sessions for all altar servers on July 10 and 12th, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the church. This class is for current Altar Servers and those who wish to be a part of this ministry. Teenagers and children who wish to participate as altar servers are welcome. We ask parents to encourage their children to participate in this ministry. Sacristans are encouraged to attend. Deacon Santos Gutiérrez will be the instructor.

MONAGUILLOS(AS)

Habrà Sesiones de Formación para todos los Monaguillos el 10 y 12 de julio de 2023 de 6:30 - 8:00 pm en la iglesia. Esta clase es para Servidores del Altar actuales y aquellos que deseen ser parte de este ministerio. Los adolescentes y niños que deseen participar como monaguillos son bienvenidos. Pedimos a los padres que animen a sus hijos a participar en este ministerio. También se anima a los sacristanes a asistir. El diácono Santos Gutiérrez será el instructor.



Vacation Bible School!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2023/2024 school year are invited to attend vacation bible school! July 10-14 9:30am-11:30am. The cost is \$40 per child or \$75 for two children. Payments can be made by check, payable to St. Cletus.

Child's Name: _____ Gender: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Entering Grade (23-24): _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: IL Zip: _____

Parent's Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home email address: _____

Relationship to child: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

We are looking for junior high and high school students to help, along with adults!

Students:

I, _____ give _____ permission to assist with the Bible camp.

(Parent/Guardian) (Student's Name)

Form completed for: Jr High Volunteer HS Volunteer (circle one)

Adult volunteers - please answer the following:

_____ Are you Virtus trained? (Those 18 and older must visit Virtus.org to register and set up an account).

X _____ Family Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian or Volunteer Signature: _____

Address City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone Cell Phone/Emergency Phone: _____

Please return this form with payment to the Parish Center



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary time

Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday: Independence Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

**THURSDAYS
4-8PM**

Wish List:

- Canned meats/ meals
- Chicken Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Flavored Rice Packs
- Boxed Potatoes
- Jelly
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on
 Facebook:
 @StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:
 @St.CletusFoodPantry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Our garden is growing thanks to our dedicated volunteers who tend to it every day of the week! We are on track for another great growing season.

Volunteer Opportunities

Food Rescue Weekly Volunteer or substitute: Help every Friday morning on our weekly food rescue pickups or consider being a substitute driver/volunteer (morning shifts on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays). Volunteers must be comfortable driving a large vehicle and able to lift 30+ lbs. Please reach out to Kendall at foodpantry@stcletusparish.com or 708-215-5418.

Food Pantry Distribution: Volunteers help work directly with customers by assisting them with shopping, helping load vehicles and help the pantry with set up or clean up, depending on the shift. Volunteers must be 6th grade and up and can come without a parent. Adults welcomed! Food Pantry Volunteer sign up is now available for the whole summer! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>

ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Thursdays
 Shifts available:
 3:15-5:30
 5:15-8:15
 Minimum age: 6th grade



Sign up at:
<https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>

MORE INFORMATION
 708.215.5418
FOODPANTRY@STCLETUSPARISH.COM



WORD OF LIFE

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.” *USCCB “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”*



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

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **Christ the Lord out of Egypt** by Anne Rice. We will meet on August 8 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. In addition to the book discussion, we will meet in the Fr. Gallagher Room on **Thursday, August 17th at 6:30** to watch the movie adaptation ***“The Young Messiah”*** and compare the book with the movie version. Please note this is a change in date for the movie and discussion.



For those who like to look ahead....

October 10 **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick

JOIN US ON AUGUST 16TH!

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

‘What Does the Story of Salvation Have to Do with Me?’

Come hear the most transformative message of all time!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
Peter Newburn, DMin.

Peter Newburn, DMin, has served in full-time ministry at the parish, diocesan, and national levels for 35+ years. From 2012-2015, Peter and his wife Joy, along with their three children, were a missionary family in Cameroon (West Africa), where Peter taught theology at the major seminary. He continues to go to Cameroon annually to lead priest retreats and provide formation for lay leaders in various dioceses. He is fluent in Spanish. Peter teaches Scripture and leadership formation courses at the University of St Mary of the Lake (Mundelein) and serves as a mentor and coach with Divine Renovation, a Catholic organization that supports pastors from all over the world in the work of parish renewal. Peter is passionate about the Kerygma and helping others to use their gifts to fulfill God's purposes.

Wednesday
August 16, 2023
7:00 - 8:30 PM
CHURCH



OUTLINE

7:00 PM	Opening Song
7:05 PM	Welcome and Introduction of Special Guest Speaker
7:10 PM	Reflection by Peter Newburn, DMin.
8:00 PM	Personal Silent Reflection
8:05 PM	Meditation Song
8:10 PM	Conversation with Peter Newburn, DMin.
8:20 PM	Acknowledgements / Thank you!
8:25 PM	Pray together The Lord's Prayer Blessing
8:30 PM	Closing Song

SUMMER IS COMING FAST – DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES!

The St. Cletus Religious Education Program has programs to fit the needs of each parish family. Our **Early Childhood Program** provides beginning religious instruction to children ages 3-5.

For families with children in public schools, we have **Traditional Religious Education Classes** and **sacramental preparation** for children in 1st – 8th Grade, where children have an encounter with Jesus through scripture, service experiences, interactive activities and games, and classroom experiences. These classes occur on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. throughout the academic year.

Please take the time to complete the registration forms to register your children for RE classes for the 2023-2024 academic year! Registration forms can be obtained from the Parish or School Office or by e-mailing the Faith Formation Office at Imanetti@stcletusparish.com. ***Please take the time to register***



Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

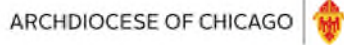
Lord Jesus,

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

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

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

Amen.



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



Join the **Ignatian Volunteer Corps!** Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in underserved, marginalized communities two days per week

(September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, companions to the elderly, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org

ENGAGE COMMUNITY – SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

July 12 Gather for Music Under the Stars

What: South of Disorder (Jimmy Buffet Band). Bring lawn chairs or blanket. Free.

No RSVP Needed.

July 29 West Suburban Symphony at Cantigny

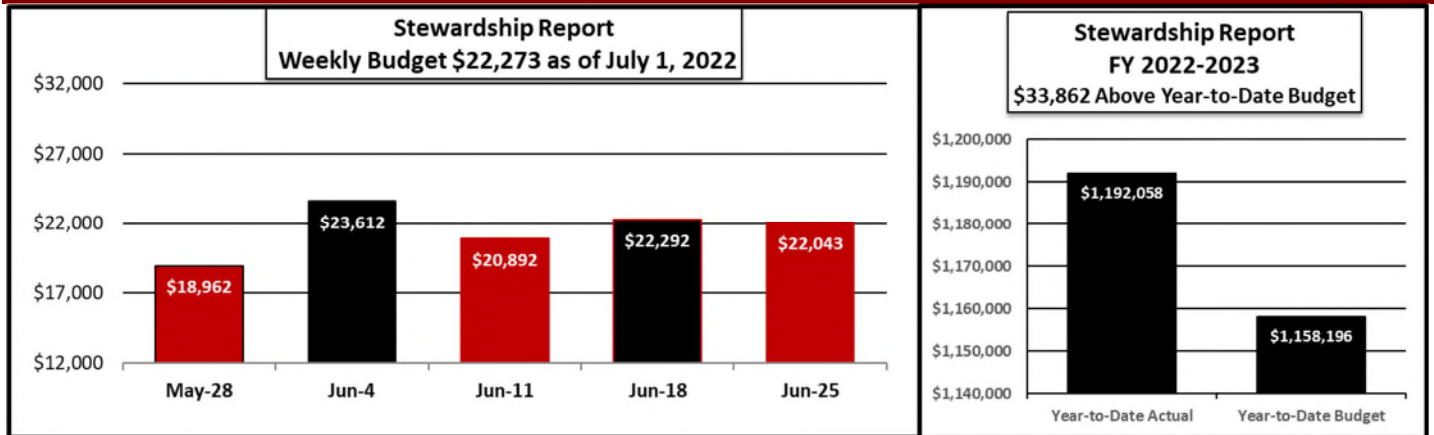
What: **SIMPLY THE BEST MOVIE MUSIC.** The concert includes tunes from *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Disney, and Pixar movies, and much more.



Week At A Glance

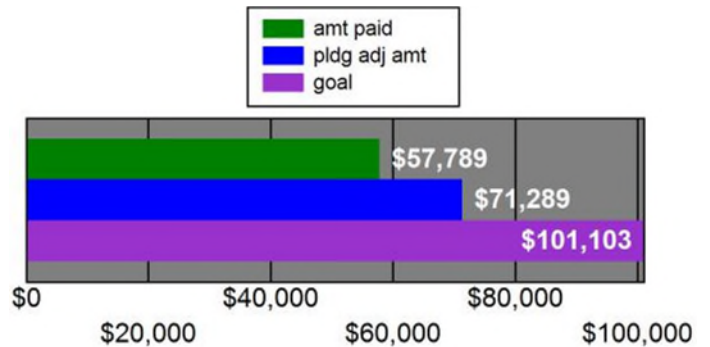
xDAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, July 2			
Monday, July 3			
Tuesday, July 4	8am	Church	4th of July Mass
Wednesday, July 5	1-1:40pm	Church	Living Rosary
Thursday, July 6	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, July 7			
Saturday, July 8	8pm-12am	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, July 9	12am-5am	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

Stewardship Report



ACA REPORT BY PARISH - 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THROUGH 6/19/2023

Parish # 870
Parish Name St. Cletus
Donor Count 262
2023 Goal \$101,103.05
Amount Pledged \$71,289.00
Amount Paid \$57,789.00
Balance Due \$13,500.00



GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD

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

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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

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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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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.