

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The fruit of righteousness
is sown in peace for
those who cultivate peace.
— JAMES 3:18

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SON OF MAN IS TO BE HANDED OVER TO MEN
AND THEY WILL KILL HIM,



*and three days
after his death
the Son of Man
will rise.*

~ MARK 9:31

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Mass Intentions for September 20 - 26, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
September 20	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Karen Gorak, Sylvia Pesut, Ed Stec
September 21	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Dennis R. Hejne Sr., Jeremy Rone, Wayne Kral
September 22	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Stanley Oboy, B.C. Collins
September 23	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Joseph Vieceli, Lillian Meleski
September 24	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Russ Evans
September 25	5:00pm	Fr. Clark	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Elaine Rys, Daniel Buonamici, Eleanor Artemenko
September 26	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Stacy Baker, George Duda, Richard Gomez, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Pollard	Frank Wojcik, Ann Marie Nabor, Harold Church, Mary Kay Rios
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Samuel Colonna, Charles & Florence Straka, Michael O'Connell, Kristen Kowalski
	12:30pm	Fr. Arancibia	Dr. Harold & Helen Janecek

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 - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

August - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

July - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patrick Wingert

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Masks are now required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

**MASKS ARE
REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



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

Charles Rodger Brown II

Husband of Nancy

Shirley O'Shea

Mother of Sharon O'Shea-Siegert
Grandmother of Amanda and Emily Siegert

May they rest in peace. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF FR. ELMER ROMERO

Our new Pastor, Fr. Elmer, will be installed by our new Vicar, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, on Saturday, November 13 at the 5:00pm Mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special Mass. We will announce additional details as they become available for this celebration of our parish.

Marriage Banns



**Manisara Saengihrun
& Brian Donatelli**

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM I attended our first St. Cletus School Board meeting, which took place at the Parish Center. The members of our School Board are Bob Malham, Kevin Hogan, Mike Napleton, and Bob Wasik (President). Principal Gregory and I joined them at their first monthly meeting.

I am delighted to let you know that our St. Cletus School has an amazing, dedicated, and vibrant board. They are committed in helping us to keep our school staying strong, inspiring, and stable. With the leadership of Bob, we really had an amazing conversation. I was touched by their passion and enthusiasm. Please keep each of them in your daily prayers.

Below I share with you a message prepared by Bob Wasik to all parents that was shared via email on Monday, September 13, 2021.

May our good and gracious God continue to share His blessings upon all of us.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Hello St. Cletus families,

I know it has been a while since the last Board Meeting Minutes, but I wanted to send out a quick note to discuss some of the topics we are working on with the Administration and Fr. Elmer. Last night, Fr. Elmer shared with us his spiritual path to the priesthood and information about his most recent experiences as an Associate Pastor, Pastor, and most recently his role at the University of St. Mary of the Lake guiding students on their discernment to the Priesthood. He also shared with us his commitment to education and his utmost joy in working with students, parents, and staff. He wants to play an active role as he brings a renewed energy to our school environment. We look forward to working with Father Elmer in the completion of some very important school projects.

The first key takeaway from our meeting is that the school is on an extremely positive trajectory from an enrollment standpoint...we added ~130 students this summer and we expect the trend to continue. The second key takeaway is that we are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful school and staff. It is our job (everyone on this email) to spread the good word of the school and the positive actions that are taking place.

For starters, Fr. Elmer wants to make sure our school building is getting the love and attention it needs. We are currently upgrading the fire alarm system and are in the market for an architect to come onsite to provide ideas of how we can make the front entrance as warm and inviting as possible (if you are an architect and wish to donate your services, we won't turn you down). Fr. Elmer and the administration believe the more we can welcome others and make them feel at home, the more everyone can experience and spread the positive news of the school. Additionally, we are considering ways we can fund an onsite playground for the kids to enjoy...more to come on this at a later date.

With the positive trend in enrollment, we want to capitalize and invest more resources into making this sustainable. Fr. Elmer and the administration are open to the possibility of hiring a Marketing resource to ensure we are getting our message of **Faith in God, Passion for Others & What We Do, Commitment to Excellence, Service to God & Others, and the Value of Family - Immediate & Community** out to the market. This position will also be responsible for Branding, Recruitment, Alumni Relations and some Fundraising. As we continue to invest in the school and parish, we ask that you spread the news as far and wide as possible to help in the effort.

In addition to these items, we also discussed the key areas of teacher retention and those who are experiencing tuition hardship. Our goal is to strategize on how we can create a "bonus" fund for the teachers to help show appreciation for their efforts as well as a fund to help those in need so they can continue on their Catholic journey here at St. Cletus. *Nothing* is guaranteed, but both are on our radar and we are trying to figure it out.

Additionally, if you have ideas and want to play an active part in your child's faith based education, please consider joining the School Board. If interested, I can be reached at bobwasik@gmail.com.

Whew, that was a lot! I hope this message provides every family with the good news it is seeking in regard to the school and parish. While we are not perfect, we are striving to make this the best parish possible. We have the **leadership** and **stability** necessary to continue making great strides in our **capabilities** and **value**. Please consider joining us on Monday to share your ideas and be an active part of the school your child(ren) loves so much!

Thanks for taking the time to read this and I will see everyone at some point soon, I'm sure.

Bob Wasik
President of the School Board

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Mark 9:31

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. There must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Tuesday: St. Matthew
Wednesday: Autumn begins
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

Doxology and Amen - "Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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Sunday Readings

READING I

Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend
him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the
test that we may have proof of his gentleness
and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of
him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me,
and by your might defend my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty have risen up against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord sustains my life.
Freely will I offer you sacrifice;
I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

READING II

Jas 3:16—4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars
and where do the conflicts among you come from?
Is it not from your passions
that make war within your members?
You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
you fight and wage war.
You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

ALLELUIA

Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey
through Galilee,
but he did not wish anyone to know about it.
He was teaching his disciples and telling them,
“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”
But they did not understand the saying,
and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,
“What were you arguing about on the way?”
But they remained silent.
They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.
Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”
Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta sauce
- 2-3 lb rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned chili

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, it will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Now on 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

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



St. Cletus Food Pantry Needs

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us at: <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>

We have a few more weeks left of the food pantry garden! Volunteers are needed to help water but especially needed to help with harvesting on Wednesdays! Thank you Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>

GCFD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Please email Joan Kittler at kittlerjh4533@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, October 16th. St. Cletus is signed up, we just need a few good people to help. Remember, the St. Cletus Food Pantry earns \$15 per person, every time we work.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sign up to help distribute baby bottle envelopes at the exits of church after Masses October 2-3.

Please arrive 5-10 min before Mass to check in and get your door assignment. After Communion, you can head to your assigned exit to help distribute envelopes.

All ages welcome. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3zEYAAu>

Proceeds benefit the Women's Care Center in La Grange.

Baby Bottle
distribution
October 2-3 Masses
Volunteer at: <https://bit.ly/3zEYAAu>
All proceeds benefit the
Women's Care Center in LaGrange

SVDP DONATION TRUCK

The donation truck for our local St. Vincent dePaul Society will be in the St. Cletus parking lot on Saturday, October 2 from 10-5 and Sunday, October 3 from 8-12:30.

We can accept gently used clothing and small household items. Please note, we CANNOT ACCEPT furniture or large household items.

Able-bodied volunteers are needed for this event to help unload donor cars and load the SVDP truck. Volunteers should dress for the weather and must be high school aged and older.

Volunteer Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3gzMMYU>



GIVING TREE UPDATE

We know it's just September, but we're already planning for Christmas!

Giving Tree registration will begin October 1 and go all month until October 31. Eligible individuals and families may register at any Thursday night food pantry distribution or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418 to complete registration over the phone.

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



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)*.”

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St. Cletus School

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VENDORS WANTED

Tables are \$35. Interested vendors should email Joleen at joleenfortier@yahoo.com.

St. Cletus Sip 'n Shop Vendors Needed!



Friday, November 12, 2021

6:00 - 9:00pm

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



Sponsored by: St Cletus FSA

If you are interested in participating in the Vendor Fair

please contact **Joleen Kirchens**

joleenfortier@yahoo.com

JOB OPENINGS



HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Hours are 7:30am – 11:30 am

Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree needed. Substitute License required if education degree is not held.

AFTERCARE WORKER

5 days a week from 3pm until 6pm or until the last student leaves. Pay is \$15 an hour.

Looking for a reliable, caring individual. College and High School Jr's and Sr's welcome to apply.

Must be VIRTUS Trained.

Please contact the school office if interested at 708-352-4820

MUMS THE WORD!



Reminder to those who ordered Mums: Mums pick up day is Saturday September 25.

The weekend of September 25-26 we will have mums available for sale after masses **while supplies last**.

REMEMBERING 9/11



Last Friday our students wore red, white, and blue in honor of Patriot Day. We remember all those lost on September 11th and strive each day to instill a foundation of service and kindness in our students, which they can take out in to the world to make a difference.

“Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.”

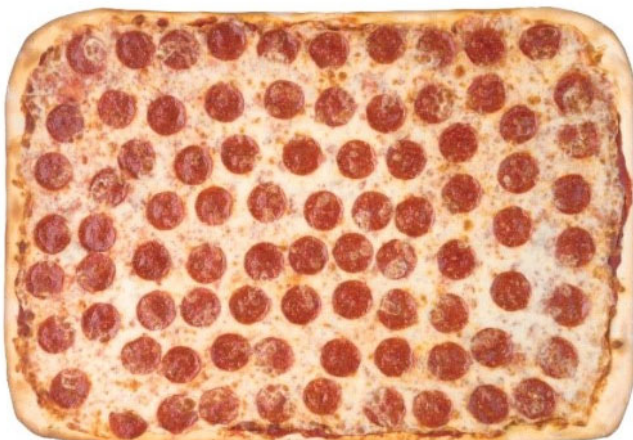


Mention this flyer when ordering at the location below and 50% of your purchase will benefit:

St. Cletus

**September 20th, 2021
11:00am-9:00pm**

**Nonna's Good Life Location:
42 S La Grange Road, La Grange IL
www.Nonnasgoodlife.pizza**



**Flyer must be presented when ordering.
Not valid with any Gift Card or Coupon.
MOVING FORWARD
BY GIVING BACK.**

Religious Education

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

As part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, adults, and families, the Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday. The Latin origin of the word Catechist means to “resound” or “echo”. Catechists echo the faith to others as they teach and witness to their faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we come together as both a parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. These catechists are found in our Religious Education ministry, in the Parish School, in our Pre-Cana and Marriage Prep team, in our Baptismal Prep team, in our RCIA teams, in CREDO ministry, and most importantly, in our homes with our parents as the primary Catechists of the faith to their children. It is important to recognize our parents, grandparents and guardians because they are the first true catechists, sharing the Catholic faith with their families. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. The day also provides an opportunity for us to consider ways we are witnesses for Jesus Christ ourselves.

The 2021 Catechetical Sunday theme is “Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed.” Catholics pray these powerful words at Mass which are a reminder of the healing that Jesus offers each one of us in the Eucharist. In a time and in a world in great need of healing, we remember Jesus the Healer. The Church shares Jesus’ special concern for all those who are sick or suffering and this year’s theme is an invitation to hear Christ’s invitation to new life in him.

Take some time today to reflect on how YOU are a Catechist. If you are a parent, remember your awesome role that you agreed to at your child’s baptism to be the first and best teacher of the faith. As disciples of Christ, how do you echo the faith to others around you? How do you share your faith story to bring others to Christ? We are all called to be Catechists. Pray and reflect on how God is calling you to resound and echo the faith to those in our community and families.

We are truly grateful for all of our many Catechists here at St. Cletus Parish, especially our parents who model and witness their faith every day within their families. May God bless you always and in all ways.

It is also appropriate today to recognize our new Coordinator of Religious Education: Griselda Rahman! Griselda began working in the RE Office on September 8th. We are thrilled to have her on the team! Here is a

message from Griselda:



Hello my name is Griselda Rahman. I would like to take a moment to share with you how it is that I came to fill the position of Coordinator of Religious Education. Perhaps for some it will sound familiar. One morning I had a feeling that change was heading my way as I was praying. I wasn’t sure what kind of change, but I knew it was going to be a big spiritual one in my life. I felt unprepared for what it was and prayed that He would provide me with the strength and knowledge to handle what was coming. I didn’t know how, when or from where it would come, but certain that it was on its way. Later that evening I received a call from Barb Campbell to touch base about the upcoming R.E. program. As soon as I hung up, I laughed and said “Wow Lord, that was fast”. I met with her and the plan began to unfold. My training is in healthcare and to do something completely different made me feel unsure to be honest. I prayed about the decision to take this position and each time He spoke to me through small signs (words said in passing, something read, a song), small things that sometimes we say “hmmm.... that was some coincidence. “However, we all know that there aren’t any coincidences when it comes to God. We listen and then we know that He is calling. We know that this is the moment we answer and be where he needs us to be. I hope to help make our program one in which our children will grow in faith and one our parents will choose to grow stronger and be grounded with beside their children. I hope it will be a place to revisit if we’ve left our faith wanting and return to learn and ignite that fire that burns in each of us for God and the world. I am excited to meet all the wonderful families and their children and look forward to working with some wonderful and talented people in our parish.

PRAYER FOR A CATECHIST’S SOUL

Gracious God,

Open the door to my soul and bring me peace and perspective. May I learn to be at home with myself, and to extend a hospitable welcome to your indwelling Spirit. Open the door to my heart and grace me with compassion and understanding. May I see with the eyes of Christ all those I am called to catechize. Open the door to my mind and soften my thoughts. May I make room for both ideas and imagination, ever aware that knowledge is a gift of your Spirit. Give me a joyful soul, heart, and mind so that I share with others the great news of salvation and redemption.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen

Ministry News

RCIA



In these uncertain times people often search for something deeper and more meaningful. Some desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or desire to complete Sacraments on a faith journey that was started when they were a young child. Perhaps your spouse or a close friend is Catholic or you saw something

that prompted questions or inspired your interest about becoming Catholic. Maybe you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com).

We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

BOOK CLUB



For the next book discussion, we are reading **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer. We will meet on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on December 14 we will discuss **The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg.

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

TUESDAY SCHOOL MASSES

We will have school Masses each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. through the academic year when school is in session. We are blessed to have 340 students this year and we ask that adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS



Our annual Pet Blessing will be on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi near his statue, between the church and the parish center, on Monday, Oct. 4th at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

LANDSCAPING MINISTRY



As promised, the second parish-wide weeding event will be Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 after 8:00 a. m. Mass. As we did before, please bring your own tools and gloves as we work together to beautify our school/church campus. Bring friends

who may not be on this email list, and bring children as long as they are accompanied by an adult. We will work for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.

Thank you to those who have accepted our invitation to go up on your own time and weed. Mary & I noticed how great the flagpole circle looked after 8:45a Mass on Sunday. No doubt one of you had already weeded this area. Thanks again!

Finally, perhaps you saw a write-up in the August 22, 2021 Canticle about a group of parishioners who are landscapers and along with their chosen leader, Elias Lopez, have volunteered to trim campus bushes and trees! Take a look next time you are up at church and see how great these plants look. If you see or meet Elias and any of his group, please offer your thanks and welcome them to the team. We are most grateful for all our volunteers. As we progress along this landscaping/weeding ministry, we will join forces and coordinate events in the future.

Thanks again for helping to make St. Cletus "A special place."

Mary Delaney & Tom Reisel

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication

Community News

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

BRIDGING THE DIVIDES, TENDING THE GAP CONFERENCE, ON ZOOM

Sep 24, 12 PM – 7:30 PM, and Sep 25, 8:30 AM – 5 PM The Congregation of St. Joseph and its Spirituality Centers (including The Well), in partnership with the Fetzer Institute, is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths, cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to interact respectfully with people with whom we disagree, and to heal divisions within our fractured world. The captivating lineup of speakers includes Helen Prejean, CSJ (death penalty activist), Dr. Vernice Solimar (Spiral Dynamics teacher), Diane Benschoter (deprogrammer and former cult member, appeared Aug. 29 on *60 Minutes*), Maka Akan Najin Black Elk (descendant of boarding school survivors), Dr. Arlie Hochschild (author, *Strangers in Their Own Land*), and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (atmospheric scientist). Participants can choose from 32 inspiring breakout sessions. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides>

VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in the food pantry at 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero. Staff, volunteers and clients are screened for COVID and wear

masks.

FOOD PANTRY DAYS:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY DAYS:

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

For information, contact Claudia Andrade at candrade@catholiccharities.net or (708) 329-4023.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

“Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God”... and Baby David was born!

You can be that sign from God! Join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever

you can. Or if you can't join us on site during this Fall season, pray from home.

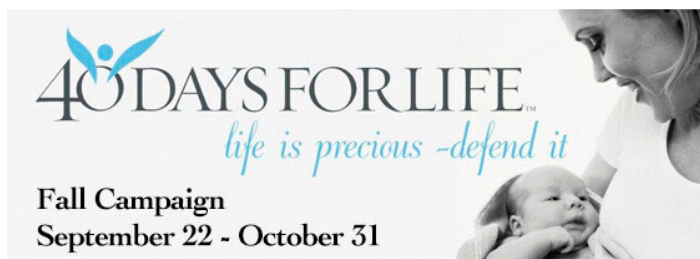
WHEN: Wednesday, September 22 to Sunday, October 31

7AM to 7PM daily

LOCATION: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove

SIGN UP: Sign up anytime online at: www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

Click on “Log in/Sign up” then “Register”



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WHEN: October 16, 2021 at 6pm

WHERE: Tailgaters Sports Bar and Grill
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Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

The September 12 Weekly Giving Report was not available at the time of printing. We apologize for the delay.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A QCD GIFT TO OUR PARISH, AS A REFLECTION OF HIS LOVE FOR US ALL

(1 John 4:19)

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- 3) Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.


If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209 or email mzwolinski@stcletusparish.com or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 19		Parish Center	RE Book Pick Up
Monday, September 20	4:00pm	School Music Room	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 21	8:30am	Parish Center	Breakfast with Parishioners after 8am Mass
Wednesday, September 22	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, September 23	8:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 7:30pm	Parish Grounds Church School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room	Clean Up/Weeding Event after 8am Mass Grandparents/friends Mass & Reception Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 24			
Saturday, September 25	1:00pm	Back Field	Mums Pick Up
Sunday, September 26	10:00am	Back Field	RE Picnic

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
School(708) 352-4820
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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 352-6209

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St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

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