

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord is near to all those who call upon him.
- Psalm 145



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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

Mass Intentions for September 25 - October 1, 2023

| Day | Time | Presider | Intentions |
|--------------|---------|-------------|--|
| September 25 | 8:00am | Fr. Killeen | Therese Kalemba(special intention), Francis Callaghan, Don Nelson(special intention) |
| September 26 | 8:00am | Fr. Novick | St. Cletus Parishioners |
| September 27 | 8:00am | Fr. Romero | Joseph Vieceli, Joe and Kay Klemak, Evelyn Prevenas, BC and Rip Collins |
| September 28 | 8:00am | Fr. Novick | Adrian Verhoeven, Colleen M. Reeves |
| September 29 | 8:00am | Fr. Kalas | Louie Marasovic |
| September 30 | 5:00pm | Fr. Novick | Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Kathleen Lutz |
| October 1 | 7:15am | Fr. Novick | William and Gloria Gray |
| | 8:45am | Fr. Romero | Derek Klein, Francis and Louise Callaghan |
| | 10:30am | Fr. Novick | Robinson Family, Stacy Baker, John Baker, Kay O'Connell Family |
| | 12:30pm | Fr. Romero | Carlos and Sofia Rivera, Gerardo Torres |

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

September - Erin McMahon Leddon

August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba

July - Dr. George Schein, Barb Weyrick

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

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

Edward Francis Kelly
Husband of Laura Kelly

May he rest in peace....

MISSIONARY SISTERS

This weekend we welcome the Missionary Sisters of the Lord of Hearts and St. Mary of Guadalupe. They are coming from Oaxaca, Mexico, to raise funds needed to build a "House of Mercy," a place where girls living in poverty or victims of abuse can find a place to heal and grow in the love of God.

They are selling religious and typical Mexican items in the narthex of the church. Please, consider supporting this cause by purchasing an item or simply leaving a donation.

We appreciate your generosity very much!

THANK YOU TO THE AMERICAN LEGION



A huge THANK YOU to Elaine and Pete and all the wonderful folks at Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion Post 1941 in La Grange for their feedback and support to the Bingo committee for this year's Fall Fest! In addition, they collected school supplies and food items for our Pantry this month. Thank you!!

Pastor's Note

*“Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.”*
Psalm 145:2-3.

Dear Friends,

Each moment of prayer and activity that we host is filled with the love of God which is received, celebrated, and shared by us all. So, in this spirit, it is with a heart filled with gratitude and joy that I am delighted to share with you some important updates and announcements.

First, this weekend in our parish bulletin you will see a detailed 2023 St. Cletus Parish Fall Festival Financial Report. This report is also available at our parish website and at the Parish Center. If you have any comments, feedback, or suggestions, please direct them to Jim Dion, the Business Manager, or Franco Foti, the Operations Director. And, please join me in offering a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for granting us a successful Fall Festival.

Second, funds raised through the Fall Festival will be used directly to support the mission of our Parish and School. Through prayer and dedication let us continue to collaborate with the Lord to make our Parish and School channels of his presence in everything we do. Providentially, the Lord gave us a significant income through the Fall Festival that will allow us to cover the cost of taking care of our parish facilities, which were built with hard work, sacrifice, and love. The conservation and enhancing of them now rests upon our shoulders. We have already accomplished some needed roofing repairs and tuckpointing work in our school building. Currently, we are tuckpointing the walls of our church. Thank you for your contribution and support.

Third, I would like to acknowledge and thank the members and leaders of the amazing Fall Festival Committee. The Fall Festival was successful in no small part through the generosity and leadership of Sara and John Hodak. They were ably supported by Bill and Kathy Murdoch, Lauren Kapusta, Maria O'Connell, Nikki Gorman, Karen Ziemba, Chuck Luna, Franco Hernandez, Mark and Amy Johnson, Greg Porod, Christy Schaefer, Kris Santin, Jim Dion, and Franco Foti. I learned a lot from this group as I watched them working so well with one other. The love that they have for St. Cletus Parish and the Lord is inspiring. God made himself so close to us through their work, ministry, and kindness. Please hold them in prayer. If you feel encouraged to join the committee for next year, please send an email to Sara Hodak at shodak@stcletusparish.com

Fourth, today (Sunday) we will have our first School and Faith Formation Family Mass at our 10:30 AM Mass. This is another special moment when we come together as a family of God to celebrate the gift of life, faith, family, and each other. At this special celebration, we will also take a moment to ask the Lord to bless our children who successfully completed the current and new Altar Servers formation. It is encouraging to celebrate Mass with the assistance of well-formed altar servers. As I offer them my heartfelt gratitude, I also would like to extend it to their parents. As a community, let us keep them in prayer.

Fifth, immediately after the 10:30 AM Mass all are invited to the Parish Center for social and fellowship which is being hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council. I am grateful for the continued leadership they provide. They love the Lord. They love St. Cletus Parish. They love sharing their gifts and blessings. I am confident that it will be another moment filled with the kindness of the Lord.

Six, on October 4th, 2023, as we celebrate the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, we will gather to pray and ask the Lord, through the intercession of St. Francis, to bless our pets. The prayer service will start at 4:00 PM by the flagpole. Please extend this invitation to anyone you know who would like to have their pets blessed.

Finally, we all are invited to spend an hour with our Lord Jesus on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 7:00 PM, we will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. This is a special moment when you can let Jesus gaze at you and you at him. I hope you can join us. Be aware that this is the ministry and contribution of the special Eucharistic Revival Committee that our parish is blessed to have. Please hold them in prayer.

May our awareness of the closeness of the Lord in our lives, family, work, and parish continue to grow.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE CHURCH BETTER

Of course, the above title should be no surprise to anyone. In the modern era (since Vatican II), this concept has been much more prominent. Oh, it existed in years prior to the mid-1960s Council, but for many years, if you worked at the church, you were likely getting paid (possibly not if you sang in the choir). It was also a very male-dominant employee base. Today, it's very much the opposite. The main volunteer base for the Church is female. But it's not male or female that matters – people that give so generously of their time and talent in order to make the parish and the Church groups where more people want to join in following Jesus Christ.

The Fall Fest was a great example of how volunteers are making a parish grow. In so many places at the Fest, I saw new faces helping in various capacities. I also saw quite a few of our younger families bringing their pre-teen and teenage children to lend their hands to the cause. It's good to get the young people involved early to show them how important they are to the growth of anything good in parishes. This past weekend, our 5pm lector was a recent graduate of St. Cletus School. She was great! Another young person was a Eucharistic Minister at the same Mass. And the altar servers are being trained properly, learning to be attentive to the priests and their responsibilities with grace. Keep praying for the new altar servers. Some of them are still a little nervous, but I've seen some really good signs for the future. Who knows where they will be

led to lead the Church in the future?

As someone who grew up in a home with parents who were determined to help our parish to grow, they instilled a similar passion in my brother and I. While my brother and I serve in two different capacities – me ordained, him a husband and father – we both hold on to the hope that God's kingdom will be one again somewhere in the not-too-distant future.

If you or someone you know might be interested in helping St. Cletus into the future, there is a link on the parish website with a list of ministries we offer. Also, if there are any ministries we do not currently offer, please feel free to bring your ideas to Fr. Elmer, Deacon Franco, or myself (preferably in writing to start with) so that we can pray, brainstorm, and communicate with you about how we may be able to do so much more for the glory of God.

God love every one of our volunteers, past and present! St. Cletus would not be anywhere near the parish it is today without you!

Fr. Mike

WE  OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: Respect Life Sunday



Please Join Us!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

COME, REST WITH ME

October 4, 2023 from 7-8PM

**The Church invites us all to renew our love of Christ
truly present in the Eucharist.**

**Come spend an hour with Jesus (face-to-face)
in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Experience God's love made visible.**

Fall Fest

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Following our Fall Fest and after accounting for all payables and receivables, we would like to share with you the financial results. We all know that Fall Fest is an event every parishioner wanted to see back on our calendar. This was an opportunity for fun and fellowship, which has also helped us to raise funds that are much needed by our church and school. Worth mentioning is the gross income we received for rides, which totaled \$ 101,410.00. As arranged with the carnival company, they kept 60% of that income but left us a \$ 7,000 donation for student tuition from that 60% to go towards our free tuition raffle which they had offered us at the signing of the contract. All in all we brought in \$200,223.80. After all expenses, including the 60% taken by the carnival company that left us with a profit of \$50,537.85. Plans are already rolling for Fall Fest 2024 and we are striving to make it the best one yet! Thank you for all of your support and please feel free to email Sara Hodak at shodak@stcletusparish.com with any questions or if you would like to find out how you can help with next years Fall Fest!

Sincerely,

D. Franco Foti

Operations Director



SHARING OUR GRACES AND BLESSINGS

Fall Fest 2023 is now history. It easily can be summed up as being a wonderful experience for everyone who attended. Considering the impact of Covid, those four days simply shouted: “St. Cletus, We’re Back!”

Having been involved in every Fest since they began, I was honored to be included in the “wrap up” meeting held this past week. A few of us gathered with our Fest Co-Chairs, Sara and John Hodak, to talk about the good that we saw and we touched on where we can improve for next year. (Yes, Sara and John will be back as they look toward delivering, with more planning time and with EVERYONE’S help, an even bigger and better version of St. Cletus Fall Fest!)

However, what struck me most about our meeting was the fact that we were presented a page which contained the income, expense, and net profit. Yes, we all knew we had great weather, celebrated a spectacular outdoor Mass honoring First Responders, and ate, drank, and were merry, but the bottom line was that the efforts paid off. It was a “fun” raiser, but it also was an important “fund” raiser for our Parish.

It was gratifying to say the least, that the “bottom line” was presented to us in a timely fashion and in the spirit of transparency that has had a rebirth at our Parish. Those “figures” are being presented to you in this issue of the Canticle on the next page

Good job co-chairs, sponsors, volunteers, parishioners, and all others who supported Fall Fest 2023. We look forward to another success in 2024! May God bless us all. Karen Ziembra

Fall Fest

Fall Fest 2023 Financial Results

| Category | Income | Expense | Net | Comments |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Entertainment | | 15,700.00 | -15,700.00 | Bands |
| Marketing | | 4,320.85 | -4,320.85 | Advertising and mailings |
| Miscellaneous Income | 150.25 | | 150.25 | Cash found on the ground |
| Split the Pot | 1,601.00 | | 1,601.00 | |
| Tip Jar for Food Pantry | 617.05 | 617.05 | 0.00 | Funds transferred to Food Pantry |
| Sponsorship's and Donations | 39,897.00 | | 39,897.00 | |
| Bingo | 2,293.00 | 2,295.40 | -2.40 | Profit after taxes |
| Bingo Split the Pot | 286.00 | 143.00 | 143.00 | |
| Lucky Leaf Raffle | 28,090.00 | 9,444.00 | 18,646.00 | |
| TV Raffle | 840.00 | 377.99 | 462.01 | |
| Carnival Ride ticket funds collected by St. Cletus | 53,944.25 | 46,599.75 | 7,344.50 | See note 1 (includes \$7000 student tuition) |
| Mega-Pass sale funds collected by St. Cletus | 34,852.00 | | 34,852.00 | See note 1 |
| Beverages | 28,081.25 | 9,314.32 | 18,766.93 | Beer, soda, water and coffee |
| Food (Vendor spot rental and direct food sales) | 4,340.00 | 926.91 | 3,413.09 | |
| Infrastructure – Purchases | | 6,332.49 | -6,332.49 | Banners, janitorial, electronics, hardware Stage, sound, tents, lights, security, toilets, dumpster |
| Infrastructure – Rentals | | 41,167.13 | -41,167.13 | |
| T-Shirt Sales | 4,608.00 | 3,602.40 | 1,005.60 | |
| Glow-Stick Sales | 145.00 | 152.40 | -7.40 | |
| Children's Craft Booth | 479.00 | 240.00 | 239.00 | |
| Bank and Credit card processing fees | | 1,452.26 | -1,452.26 | |
| Total Income | 200,223.80 | | | |
| Total Expense | | 142,685.95 | | |
| Profit before tuition payout | | | 57,537.85 | |
| Carnival donation (restricted funds) for student tuition | | | 7,000.00 | Part of the profit was a donation from the Carnival to pay for one student's tuition |
| Net Profit after tuition payout | | | 50,537.85 | |

Note 1 – Actual physical ticket sale breakdown

| | Reconciled Ticket Sales | Actual Ticket Sales Collected | Deficit |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| \$1.25 White Tickets | 1,357.50 | | |
| \$10 Yellow Packs | 2,760.00 | | |
| \$20 Green Packs | 8,060.00 | | |
| \$30 Pink Packs | 6,990.00 | | |
| \$35 Wristbands | 35,035.00 | | |
| Sub-total | 54,202.50 | 53,944.25 | -258.25 |
| \$55 Mega-Pass Sales | 22,990.00 | | |
| \$65 Mega-Pass Sales | 12,285.00 | | |
| Sub-total | 35,275.00 | 34,852.00 | -423.00 |
| \$1.25 Blue Tickets sold by Carnival from ATM | 4,686.25 | | |
| Digital Electronic Ticket Sales by Carnival | 7,246.25 | | |
| Sub-total | 11,932.50 | | |
| Total Ride Gross | 101,410.00 | | |
| 60% (Carnival portion of gross ride ticket sales) | | 60,846.00 | |
| Credit for funds already in Carnival Possession | | -7,246.25 | |
| Credit for Carnival Donation – Student Tuition | | -7,000.00 | |
| Total payment to Carnival (\$10,000 cash advance + \$36599.75 final payment) | | 46,599.75 | |
| 40% (St. Cletus portion of gross ride ticket sales) | 40,564.00 | | |
| Unrealized profit breakdown | | | |
| Money missing (uncollected funds) due to: | | | |
| 1) Megapass deficit (what we paid for Mega-passes minus what we collected for Mega-passes) | | -423.00 | |
| 2) Ticket sales deficit (due to errors in making change and ticket packs that stuck together) | | -258.25 | |
| Total unrealized profit | | -681.25 | |

Hispanic Ministry

| FECHA-DATE | HORA-TIME | EVENTO-EVENT | LUGAR-PLACE |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| 26 de septiembre, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. | Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament | Iglesia Church |
| 24 de septiembre 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.

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

¡RESERVA!

Convivencia Parroquial Anual
Sábado 21 de octubre, 2023
6:00 pm. - Centro Parroquial
¡Más detalles, pronto!

ONGOING FORMATION

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will meet on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm. in the Gallagher room for their ongoing formation. If anyone would like to be a part of these ministries, they are welcome.

FORMACIÓN CONTINUA

Los Lectores y Ministros Eucarísticos se reunirán el viernes 29 de septiembre de 2023 a las 7:00 pm. para su formación continua. La clase será en el salón Gallagher. Si alguna persona le gustaría ser parte de uno de estos ministerios, son bienvenidos.

LAS HERMANAS MISIONERAS



Hoy le damos la bienvenida a las Hermanas Misioneras del Señor de los Corazones y de Santa Maria de Guadalupe, procedentes de León, Oaxaca. Ellas vienen a recaudar fondos para construir un internado de señoritas llamado “Casa de la Misericordia” destinado para ayudar a niñas, adolescentes y jóvenes en situación de pobreza, orfandad, y maltrato. Están vendiendo, en el atrio de la iglesia, artículos religiosos y típicos de México. Rogamos colaboren con este esfuerzo comprando un artículo o simplemente dejando una donación. Apreciamos mucho su generosidad.

RECEPCIÓN DE BIENVENIDA HOSPITALIDAD Y FERIA MINISTERIAL.

Todos están invitados a unirse a nuestra primera recepción de hospitalidad de bienvenida y feria ministerial en el Centro Parroquial después de la Misa familiar de las 10:30 hoy domingo 24 de septiembre. Estamos emocionados de dar la bienvenida oficialmente a todos los nuevos feligreses y continuar construyendo una comunidad entre todos los que vemos cada semana en la iglesia y la escuela. Durante la recepción, tendrá la oportunidad de aprender más sobre nuestros diversos ministerios y ver cuál es la combinación perfecta para compartir sus dones.

En el futuro, organizaremos recepciones de hospitalidad de bienvenida trimestralmente. Cada trimestre, la recepción seguirá a una Misa diferente, así que mantén los ojos y los oídos abiertos para más detalles.

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
**THURSDAYS
4-8PM**

Wish List:

- Rice Dishes (Knorr's, rice a roni)
- Chicken Soup
- Canned Chili
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Peaches or Pineapple
- Jelly
- Toilet Paper
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Coffee or Tea
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Looking ahead to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays...here is a timeline for what to expect at the pantry! Registration information and volunteer signups will be made available soon.

Thanksgiving ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

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

CONTACT foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

Giving Tree

Timeline

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

CONTACT foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

A special thanks to all of our volunteers and donors who helped fill 2 St. Vincent DePaul trailers with donations last weekend!



AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Envelope Distribution: September 30-October 1

Help pass out baby bottle envelopes after Mass(s) on Respect Life Sunday. Check in 5-10 min before Mass to get your assigned location and help stay after Mass for 10-15 min. You may attend Mass. All ages welcome. Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-baby2#/>

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Quarterly Resume Review Saturday, September 30, 9-11 am

Join us for a helpful 20-30 minute, one-on-one conversation with an HR, or other search-related professionals. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, in La Grange. Visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Annual Archdiocese Domestic Violence Outreach Mass to end Domestic Violence for survivors and their families will be live-streamed on the Holy Name Cathedral YouTube channel Saturday, September 30 at 5:15pm. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join us online for faith-in-action to pray for an end to domestic violence.

School News

BIBLE BLESSING

This week our 6th graders received their new bibles and had them blessed by Father Ron at our Tuesday morning mass!



REMOVE THE SUNSET



#SAVE MY SCHOLARSHIP

ADVOCACY TRAINING

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
124 North Spring Avenue
La Grange IL 60525

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
6:00PM – 7:30PM

Tax Credit Scholarships have helped students across Illinois, including dozens at St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier in La Grange, attend their best-fit school. With the Invest in Kids Act scheduled to sunset at the end of the school year, let's raise our voices in support of these life-changing scholarships. At this training, you will learn how you can advocate for this program to our local state representatives, who will vote on this Act at the end of October.

Please park in either lot and enter Unity Hall (located between the school and church buildings)

URCENT Advocacy Training

September 26th 2023 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Pet Blessing

PET blessing



**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

ALL PETS ARE WELCOME!



(708) 352 6209 | St. Cletus | 600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

On October 17th we will meet in the Gallagher Room at 10 A.M. to discuss



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick.

For those who like to look ahead

December 12th: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13th: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE



Annual ST. CLETUS POT LUCK dinner is back!

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Center Gym/More information, soon!

Sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

RCIA

The RCIA process, for those adults interested in becoming Catholic, will begin in mid-September, and we would love to have you in our Catholic family! It's a chance to deepen your relationship with Jesus and find a community of like-minded people to journey with on your way to the sacraments. If you think you'd like to become Catholic, or you know someone that might like to become Catholic, we would love for you to join us! The process starts September 19. If you would like more information, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

HAVE YOU "INSURED" OUR PARISH?

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16)

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include St. Cletus Parish as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community.

For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. If you have additional questions, please contact *Marguerite Q. Zappa, Parish Support Manager, Archdiocese of Chicago* at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

Faith Formation



St. Cletus Religious Education classes have begun! We are very excited to have some 400+ children coming on Sundays and Mondays to have an encounter with God! We are very blessed to have 20+ Adults as Catechists and Aides and 5 High School students as Aides within classrooms or in our Special Needs Adaptive classes. Our program gives our children the opportunity to encounter God through scripture, interactive lessons, games, prayer experiences, service experiences, crafts and music.

HELP NEEDED

While our program began today, we are still in the need of additional Catechists and classroom aides. Please consider the ministry of passing on our faith to the children of our parish. The Religious Education Program meets on Sunday morning and Monday night. Grades Preschool to 8 meet on Sunday from 9:00 to 10:15 and on Monday Grades 1 – 8 meet from 6:00 – 7:15.

WE have a need for Sunday Catechists in grades – Preschool, Second, Seventh, and Eighth.

On Monday we are looking for Catechists in Grades Three and Seven.

For more information stop by the Faith Formation Table during the Ministry Fair or call 708.215.5416 ext. 230

What greater way can you be a disciple of Jesus than to teach His little ones?

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH OKTOBERFEST

When: Saturday, October 7th, 2023, from 1:00 – 10:30 pm.

Where: Holy Guardian Angels Parish, 1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park, 60626.

Why: Family fun for all with **FREE ADMISSION!**

BINGO from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the SLM Parish Center.

Children's games and bouncy house from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

Live entertainment: Jim Drnek Polka Band from 4:30 - 7:30 pm and

The Sylvies 8:00 - 10:00 pm in the Colonnade Room.

Delicious seasonal food and drink, with children's menu too.

Cash Share the Wealth Raffle, pull tabs and bag raffle. For Share the Wealth Cash Raffle tickets or other information please call

Matt Sinde, (847) 682-7404.

Come rain or shine to have a great time!!

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

We invite you to consider upcoming programs at The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park 708-482-5048 Visit our website to see our entire lineup of fall programs and retreats, and to register: csjthewell.org/offerings/ All programs are hybrid unless otherwise noted.

Put Your Best Foot Forward: Yoga and Your Feet
Tuesdays, Sep 26 and Oct 10; 1 – 2 PM
Facilitator: Nina Ginocchio
Oh my aching feet! If this is you, join us as we learn about the mechanics within the foot and ankle and work to strengthen and mobilize the area that is the foundation

of our bodies. Each session will have a lecture component, yoga practice (standing or seated), and some foot self-care tips. Series cost: \$30

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 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication

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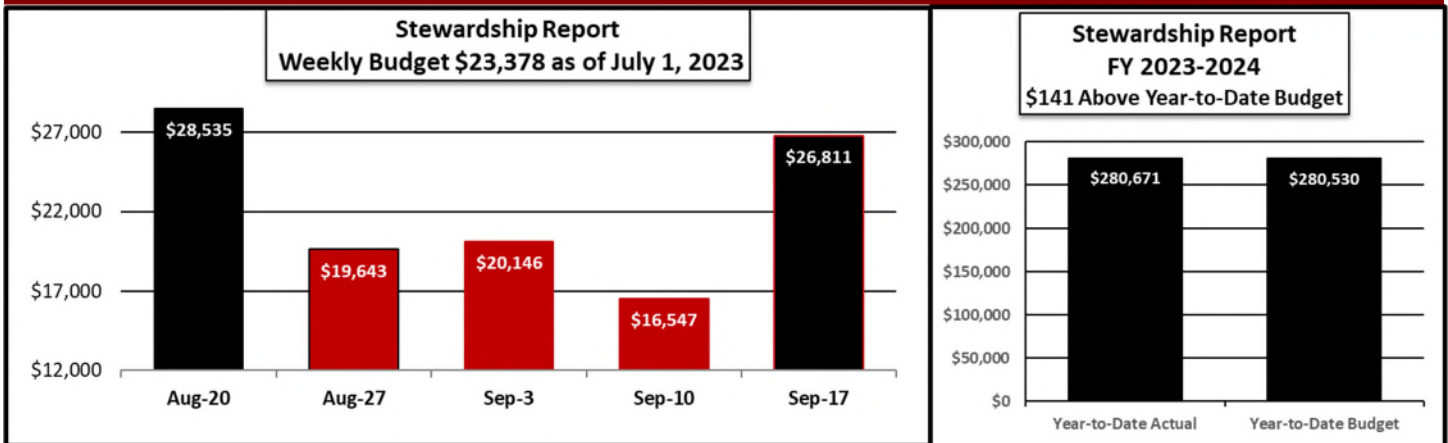
Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at stcletusparish.com 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 or 708.352.6209.

Week At A Glance

| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Sunday, September 24 | 10am-1pm | Parish Center | Hospitality and Ministry Fair |
| Monday, September 25 | 8am 6:15-9pm | Church Gallagher Room | Mass With School Children CREDO Meeting |
| Tuesday, September 26 | | | |
| Wednesday, September 27 | 9-12pm 1-1:40pm 8-10pm | Gallagher Room Church Parish Center | Mission Ladies Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball |
| Thursday, September 28 | 4-8pm | Food Pantry | Food Pantry Distribution |
| Friday, September 29 | | | |
| Saturday, September 30 | | | |
| Sunday, October 1 | | | |

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St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday Closed

MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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

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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.