

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name.

— ACTS 10:43

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?

HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.

~ Luke 24:5-6

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for April 18 - April 24, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
April 18	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Fred & Eleanor Artemenko, Rudolf Ramelsberger
April 19	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Susan Felice
April 20	8:00am	Fr. Costello	BC Collins, Ronald Koch
April 21	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
April 22	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Frank Wojcik, Gracia Battistoni, John Battistoni
April 23	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Harry & Joan Brown, Al Saporito, Daniel Klepczarek, Henry Wallace, Hugo Ovando
April 24	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Richard Gomez, Susan Felice, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Nanci Makris, Moore Family, Agnes Schulz, Roy Kasang
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Joseph Accardi, Joseph P. Kurcz, Gerald Dudek, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Christine Joyce
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Irene Wojcik

Mother of Ken

Edward Ferianc

Brother of Ellie Augustine

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

April - Dan Keller, Frank Niwa, Colin O'Brien

March - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri, Peggie Smith

February - Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

GOOD FRIDAY SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on Good Friday to help Christians in the Holy Land. More information can be found at <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>

FACILITIES CLOSED APRIL 15 - 18

St. Cletus Parish Facilities will be closed on Good Friday, April 15th and Monday, April 18th.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 19th at 9:00 a.m.

HAPPY EASTER



On behalf of Fr. Elmer, Fr. Dan, and the parish and school staff, we wish you all a blessed and holy Easter.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter!

Today is a very special day for all of us. It is a day when we come together to remember and celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. It is a day when we are invited to reflect and ponder on the immense love that God has for us. It is a day when we are invited to feel and experience the heart of the Father that out of love allows his only Son to rise from the dead after offering his life on the cross for us.

If you feel moved to unpack and discover more the heart of the Father and of his Son and the work of the Holy Spirit, I encourage to turn to today's readings. They have valuable information and insights that can connect you and draw you into the heart of the Father. I can only imagine how marvelous it might be to find ourselves at that place. I believe this is the deepest desire or longing that we all have.

As we become aware of our deepest desire and longings, I am delighted to let you know that I continue to taste, sense, and experience the richness and grace of the heart of the Father at our parish as I journey with you. I am humbled and encouraged by your ongoing support, hospitality, and kindness. It is your prayer, witness, and kindness that continues to animate me to get up every day and fulfill my ministry as your pastor. It is in your hospitality, generosity, and kindness that I experience the heart of the Father and the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Easter today, I would like to offer you my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me to share my life and vocation with you.

I kindly ask you to join me praying and asking God for peace in the world, most especially in Ukraine. The invasion and war that people of Ukraine are experiencing is heartbreaking. They are our brothers and sisters. They are children of God. They deserve to have and live in peace. Let us continue to hold them in prayer hoping that they will have peace soon.

May the risen Lord grant us his grace and strengthen our faith so that we can continue to remain in the heart of the Father.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

2021 Retirement Fund for Religious Acknowledgement

Dear Father Romero,

Lenten blessings!

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Cletus Parish for your generous donation of \$5,685.65 towards the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Fund, please don't hesitate to contact me at jzonsius@archchicago.org.

Gratefully,
Sister Judith Zonsius, O.S.B.
Retirement Fund for Religious
Interim Coordinator

Sunday Notes



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EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today’s psalm guides our response to God’s power: “it is wonderful in our eyes.” Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus’ resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John’s Gospel admits that the disciples “did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Even Jesus’ closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become “a fresh batch of dough.” Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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BEGINNING AND END

Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

—St. Ambrose

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Earth Day

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection in my daily life?

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WE REMEMBER YOU, O RISEN LORD

We remember you, O risen Lord,
New Covenant at the feast of the cross.
Your resurrection dresses the table
for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

Blessed are you!

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Letter from Cardinal Cupich

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Easter 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we gather this year to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, we cannot avoid our circumstances. Shadows of sin and death loom large over us. The pandemic, our experience of social unrest and daily violence on our streets, and, of course, the horrors of war in Ukraine and other parts of the world—all remind us how much we need the Lord's redemptive and healing power in our lives.

Our source of hope amid these challenges is anchored in all that we have witnessed in the liturgies of Holy Week. We have celebrated that the Lord Jesus entered into the fullness of our human experience. He went to the very darkest edges of that human experience. He entered into our suffering, struggle, and even our desperation, when he cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He squarely faced sin and death on the cross.

And it was precisely in the moment he fully emptied himself, placing himself totally in the hands of God, that he was raised up from the dead victorious. But, his rising from the dead is not just a matter of his personal vindication. He came back from the dead for us, to give us a share in his victory. This is what takes place in our Baptism, which is confirmed in the Holy Spirit, and sustained by the Eucharist. He lives in us, and his victory over sin and death lives in us as well.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we need to share the victory of the resurrection with others, as Jesus did with us. We do this by being sisters and brothers to one another. As Church, we are a family of faith that walks with each other in moments of pain, struggle, and grief, keeping alive the promise that Jesus, the victor over sin and death, remains with us. We are never abandoned. My prayer for all of us in the Archdiocese of Chicago is that we will stand firm in hope, confident that the One who has gone before us in death has come back from the dead for us. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

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St. Cletus Kindergarteners have been collecting donations each week during Lent. This week they got to come deliver the donations, get a tour of the pantry, and ask questions. You are never too young to help! These little learners had great questions and a true understanding of what it means to help others. And they brought some of their own favorite things to donate to the pantry!



Our April 2nd Spring Auction was a wonderful success! We have reached--and likely exceeded--our \$80,000 fundraising goal! These funds help St. Cletus School maintain its overall operating budget and is very important to keep our school strong and thriving.

We are very grateful for all of our Auction volunteers and participants! Special thanks go to:

Bob and Emily Wasik; John and Sara Hodak; Dan and Sharyn Byrne; Chris and Rhonda Aumann; Sonia Ponce; Larry Valenta; Katie Malham; Joel and Anitra Hamilton; Elizabeth Jacoby; Felix Estrada; Jack and Liza Degnan; Mike and Margaret Napleton; Mark and Amy Johnson; Jana Svec; Christy Schaefer; the St. Cletus Fathers' Club; and everyone who so generously helped us prepare this exciting, successful event for St. Cletus School.

THANK YOU TO ALL!



Our Junior Kindergarten visited the Lenten display in the Morrissey Hall lobby. They prayed for loved ones and put their intentions in the Lenten Prayer box.

Religious Education and Youth Ministry

EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE!

May the joys and blessings of this Easter season be with your family all year long! Our Lenten season was filled with many opportunities to serve others, including making Easter placemats, paper flower arrangements, and prayer treasure jars for our homebound parishioners and those in the Bella Terra Nursing Home in LaGrange. Our students all participated in different prayer opportunities, including our 5th Grade presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. Everyone was challenged to find a new way to fast from things that keep us from being close to God. Our teens continue to serve others through service opportunities at Feed My Starving Children, working with Kolbe House Jail Ministries, and making Easter Baskets for children in Off the Street Club, at St. Blasé and St. Gall Parishes, and in Precious Blood Ministries in Chicago. They also participated in our Stations of the Cross and Living Stations of the Cross at both St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes. We pray that your Easter Season will be filled with joy and a renewed relationship with Jesus!

The next few weeks are very busy for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. The children are preparing for their First Communion Masses on May 7th and 8th. Please keep all those who are preparing for Sacraments of Initiation in your prayers in the coming weeks!

A FEW IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- April 23 Special Sacraments Class and retreat in Morrissey Hall, 1-4 p.m.
- April 24 Earth Day celebration for all children in RE program
- April 27 Optional First Communion portraits in Church (by appointment only)
- May 4 First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 **for children in 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 7**
- May 6 First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 **for children in 1 p.m. Mass on May 7**
- May 7 First Communion Masses at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- May 8 First Communion Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY INITIATED CATHOLICS!



We are so happy to celebrate those who were on the RCIA journey this past year, as they completed the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil! We were so excited to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Gianna Alonso, Johnnie Collazo, Bella Collazo, Naveah Hernandez, Erin Hoover, Brooks Pelletier and Izzy Pelletier! Following the Baptismal rite, we were excited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with not only those listed above, but also with Matthew Antinossi, Noah Bader, Johnnie Collazo, Sr., Jessica Cruz, Ximena Cruz, Laura Gautschy, Ray Gautschy, Betty Hadar, Ashley Maranon, Brandon Maranon, Lindsey Oettel, Kimberly Pelletier, Michael Petrbock, Ambra Taylor, Renn Teodoro, Pedro Valdes, Yuritz Valdes, Belisa Vences, and Nora Vences. Our beautiful vigil was highlighted when all 26 newly confirmed received the Eucharist for the first time. What a beautiful liturgy and sacramental celebration we shared. It has been an honor for the RCIA team to have accompanied these 26 amazing children, teens and adults on this faith journey over the past year. Please continue to pray for these newly initiated as they continue their faith journey, and get more involved in our Church!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Monumental VBS to be held June 13-17, 2022. Please see the parish website for details and the registration forms!



Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
**THURSDAYS
6-8PM**
**CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

Wish List:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat

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



Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry
Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

FOOD PANTRY

Right now your donation is **DOUBLED!** All donations go directly to food pantry operations and all donations are tax-deductible. Funds will be used to make necessary updates to our new location:

- electrical support and upgrades for multiple commercial cold storage units
- building out a storage room
- upgrading bathrooms from child to standard size
- painting, signage, lighting, shelving and other operating expenses...

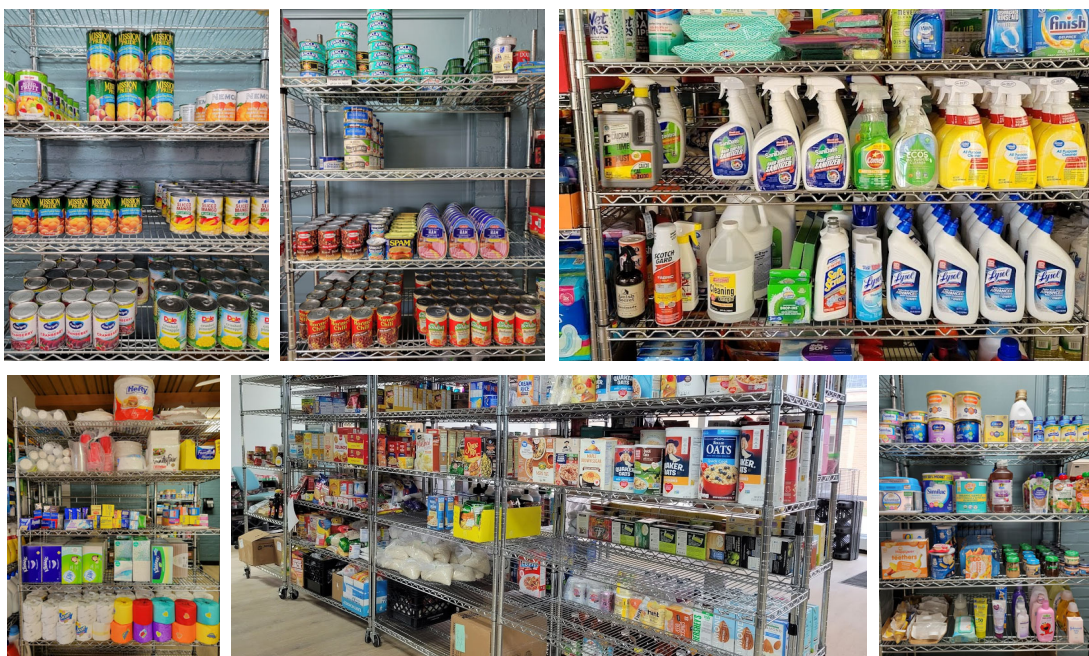
all the things that help create a welcoming and functional space for our community.

Online Donations can be made at: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/305/event/22074>
OR you can send a check to:

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

(Donations can also be dropped in the Rectory Mail Slot or collection basket) Thank you for all of your sustained support!

Here are some sneak peek photos at how the new space is coming along!



LENTEN OUTREACH

Happy Easter!

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local



community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the collection basket or to the Parish Center. Thank you!

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



ICP is now offering SUNDAY DRIVES! This new service enables ICP clients to get out of the house, see the seasonal foliage, and chat with our friendly drivers. No errands or stops; these rides are just for pleasure! Call the office to volunteer to drive or refer someone who would love to become a client and receive these rides. (708) 354-9328.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Executing the Pivot

Looking to undertake a career change but challenged in how to begin? Be sure to join us on Thursday, April 21 from 7-9 pm for some creative ideas. Pivoting mid-career to a different profession, while potentially rewarding, can be difficult to execute. Join us as Nicole Magats, recruiter and career coach, walks us through how to successfully stand out when trying to pivot careers. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

As part of the upcoming Synod of synodality, the UCVVB's Synod Team is seeking input from those who have experienced Domestic Violence or supported a friend/family member experiencing DV. The Synod is explicitly seeking feedback in this area and your input is very appreciated. Feedback will be used anonymously to contribute to the Catholic for Family Peace's report as a national organization to the USCCB's Synod Team at the October 2023 Synod on synodality.

Listening Session, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. with Spanish interpretation. Please register/For favor registre con anticipation: <https://tinyurl.com/45a62c9y>

After registering, you will receive an email containing information about joining the meeting. Después de registrarse, recibirá un correo electrónico de confirmación con información sobre cómo unirse a la reunión.




DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

Hispanic Ministry

Fecha	Hora	Evento		Lugar
17 de abril, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en español		Iglesia
19 de abril, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo		Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00PM – 5:00AM	Adoración Nocturna		Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 AM	Confesiones		Iglesia



Agradecemos a todos las personas que hicieron posible que se llevara a cabo el Vía Crucis viviente el Viernes Santo 15 de abril, 2022. Gracias por su tiempo y disponibilidad de compartir su talento en nuestra comunidad de San Cleto. Gracias a todas las personas que apoyaron con su presencia

Ministry News

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - HELP FOR THE UKRAINE



The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invites all members of the parish to join with us locally to help the people suffering in the Ukraine. The people of Ukraine need our prayers, but they also need tangible humanitarian aid. On the weekends of April 16-17 (Easter) and April 23-24 (Divine Mercy Sunday) there will be collection boxes in the narthex of the church for those wishing to donate much needed medical supplies or money to help ship them.

Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Palos Park is accepting items like first aid kits, bandages, gauze, pain killers (Tylenol, Aspirin, etc.), Neosporin, tourniquets and cold/flu medicine, as well as hygiene items. They coordinate the shipment of these items via truck and plane to Poland and from there to the Ukraine. As items cost approximately \$2.00 per pound to ship, they are also gratefully accepting financial aid. Checks should be made payable to: "Sts. Peter and Paul Church". (Please put "Ukraine" on the memo line). Questions - contact Pat at 708-205-9678.

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. Please consider joining together within our parish to help the needy of Ukraine as best we can.

LIVING ROSARY



Praying for Peace in Ukraine—
The power of prayer is one of the best gifts we can give to the people of Ukraine. At Fatima, Mary asked us all to pray the rosary for peace and Ukraine is a perfect place to start. Rather than have everyone

gather in person, the Living Rosary is hosting two pray-from-home rosaries every Monday at 2 pm and 7 pm for peace in Ukraine. This way families can pray together at night or people can join in after work. Mary will hear our prayers together and our "mystical rosary" will bring our hopes and worries to the Lord.

No need to sign up or register, just know that others are praying with you at the same time from their homes. If you have questions, call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338. Or come to church on Wednesdays at 1:00 and join us in person to pray the Rosary for our intentions.

COME JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

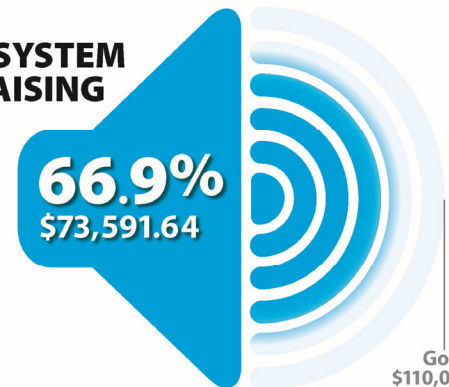


Please join us for Coffee and... in the Gallagher Room of the Parish Center on the third Wednesday of the month following the 8:00 a.m. morning mass. We will be serving coffee and cookies and conversation for anyone who wants to attend (you don't have to attend mass to come, but why not?). Stay as long as you like and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Our next gathering will be April 20.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

SOUND SYSTEM FUND RAISING STATUS

66.9%
\$73,591.64



Goal:
\$110,000.00

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 11, 2022

Mass In The Grass & Entertainment – Save the Date – June 11

The parish will host Mass in the Grass followed by live entertainment on Saturday, June 11. Mass will be at the regular time of 5:00 p.m. with entertainment following. More details in the coming weeks - be sure to save the date!

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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

the St. Cletus Parish website at stcletusparish.com 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.

Hospitality Weekends Return!

Please plan to join us after all Masses in the Parish Center on the last weekend of each month for Hospitality. Our first gathering will be April 23-24 and hosted by the Council of Catholic Women!

Each weekend will be hosted by a different ministry group so we can learn more about the exciting things happening in our Parish community.

We can't wait to gather with you next weekend!



Hospitality Weekend
April 23-24

Sponsored by:
ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Concert April 24th

Join some of the area's finest vocalists and instrumentalists as we share an afternoon of songs by arguably one of the greatest composers and lyricists in recent history. We are excited to announce that Fr. Ken Baker, Laura Freeman, Erin Doppke, Kathleen Kress, and more will perform at this concert.



Fr. Ken Baker



Laura Freeman



Erin Doppke



Kathleen Kress



Tribute
TO
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 | 4 P.M.

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

This concert is presented free of charge. Donations accepted.

Community News

WORD OF LIFE



“Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Are you, or someone you know, widowed? *If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. -- All are welcome.*

What: **Retreat for Widowed Men & Women**

When: June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)

Where: St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information, **708-354-7211**

joyfulagain7211@gmail.com | www.joyfulagain.org

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.

Vocation Office | 750 North Wabash Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611 | Chicagopriest.com

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Online Evening Prayer for Young Adults—Young adults 18+ are invited to pray online together with School Sisters of Notre Dame on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. CT. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events.

Living our Call as SSND: Transformative Education Around the Globe—The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. CST* to learn more about SSND and their educational vision as it

relates to ministries around the globe. Hear from sisters native to Canada, Guam, Hungary, Mexico, Nigeria and the United States as they speak about service in their homelands and beyond. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/5-3-22.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish on Sunday, April 24, 2022. 2:30 p.m.—Rosary Prayer and Individual Confessions. 3:00 p.m.—The Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

(Reflection on Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer, Silent Adoration, and Benediction.)

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

The Township of Lyons 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside in conjunction with Jessie White, Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs, State Treasurer will hold Mobile ID, a Rules of the Road Review and

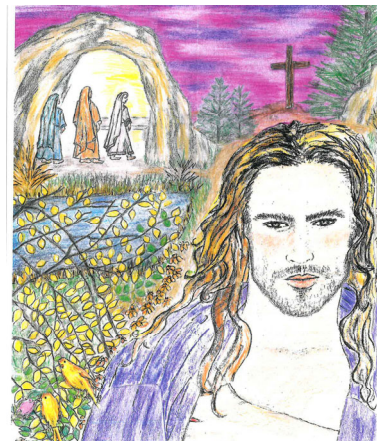
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BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

EASTER ART

Thank you parishioner Bonnie Scepkowski for your Easter artwork submission.



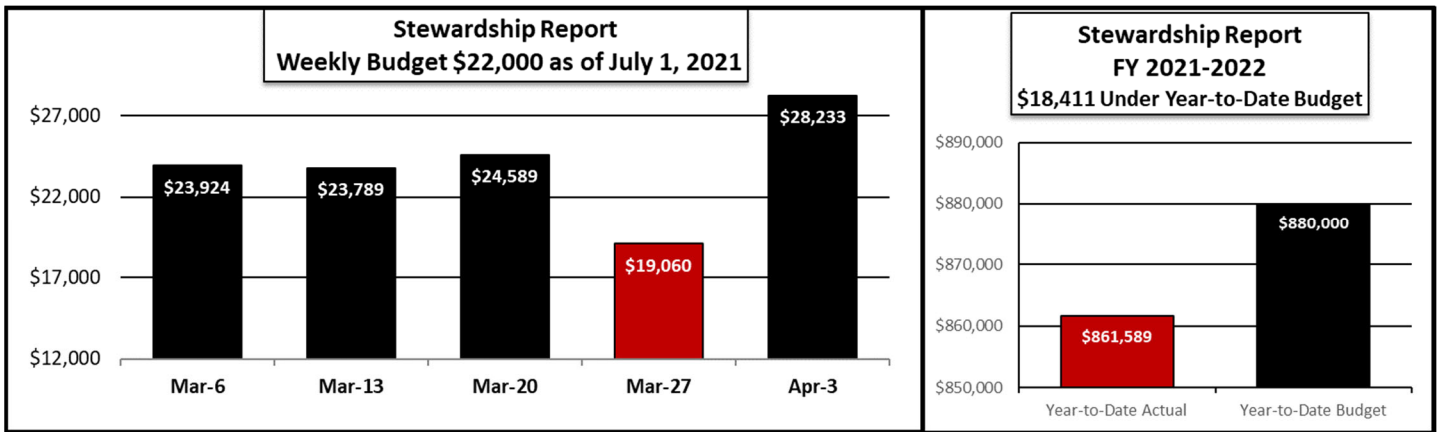
Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 17			
Monday, April 18			
Tuesday, April 19	7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Meeting Room	Spanish Holy Hour SCCCW Meeting
Wednesday, April 20	8:30am 9:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Parish Center Meeting Room Church Parish Center Meeting Room	Breakfast with Parishioners Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers Parish Finance Council
Thursday, April 21	6-8pm 7:30pm	Parking Lot School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 22			
Saturday, April 23	6:00pm	Parish Center	Hospitality after Mass
Sunday, April 24	7:45am 9am-1pm 4:00pm	Parish Center Morrissey Hall Parish Center	Hospitality after Masses Religious Education Earth Day Celebrations Ed Ward FAS Tribute to Sondheim Concert

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to early printing deadlines, the April 10th Weekly Giving Report will appear in the April 24th Canticle.



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

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

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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.

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Kevin Kopicki



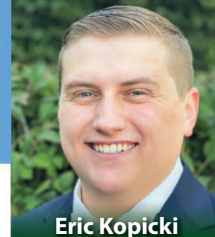
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