

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
-Isaiah 56:7



Timeline of Events

9/07

- 5-10pm
- Blooze Brothers 7-10pm

9/08

- 5-11pm
- Hillbilly Rockstarz 7-10pm

9/09

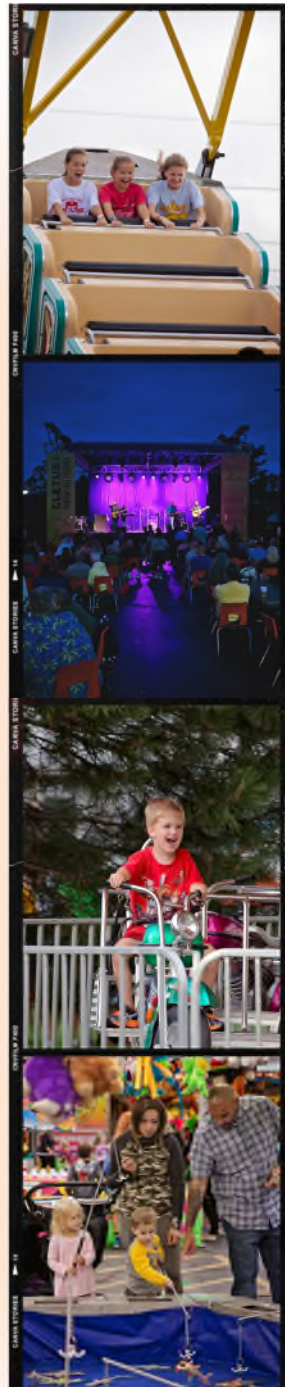
- 12-11pm
- St. Cletus Kids Got Talent 12pm
- K9 Demonstration 1-1:30pm
- "Caliente" featuring St. Cletus Alum Ian Barajas perform 1:30pm
- DC Studios Perform 3pm
- Bingo 2:15-4:15pm in Morrissey Hall
- Neverly Brothers 8-10pm

9/10

- 10:30am-9pm
- 10:30am outdoor First Responders Mass
- 12pm Carnival and food vendors open
- Bingo 1-3pm in Morrissey Hall
- La Dama del Bolero y su Trio Ruby performs 2pm
- Bears game under the big tent with \$3 Miller Lites 3pm
- K9 Demonstration 3:30-4pm
- Maggie Speaks 6-9pm

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Mass Intentions for August 21st- August 27th, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
August 21	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Joe and Kay Klemak
August 22	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Eugene Copp
August 23	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins, Frank Niwa
August 24	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewski, Frank Wojcik, Special intention - 66th Wedding Anniversary of Al and Geri Hinton
August 25	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie Marasovic
August 26	5:00pm	Fr. Kalas	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Rose Marie Hrozenjak
August 27	7:15am	Fr. Novick	John and Frances Kennedy, Deceased members of Catholic Women Council
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	40th Wedding Anniversary - Jack and Patty Vonder Heide, Henry and Eleanor Madoy
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	Margaret Stanek, Susan Gierhahn, Stancy Baker, John Baker, Frank Niwa
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Antonio Hernandez, Antelmo Ramos Sanchez

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.

August - Erin McMahon Leddon, Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba

July - Dr. George Schein, Barb Weyrick

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

Lorraine Crnkovich

Patricia M. Rodey

May they rest in peace....

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Sean Anthony Polz

Son of Conrad Polz and Amanda Villani

Robert Thomas Swiderski

Son of Jason Swiderski and Jennifer Welter

Evelyn O'Hara Mitten

Daughter of Peter Mitten and Rachael Callison



TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend, the Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus from Puebla Mexico, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will have a second collection in this Parish to raise funds to continue with their construction of the Mission house that was destroyed by Hurricane Grace in August 2021 in Huehuetla, Sierra Norte of Puebla. A place of mission with indigenous people for 80 years: where many indigenous people have come to know God through retreats, bible studies, catechetical formation, basic medical services, and much more. Please consider in helping them. Let us give the best of ourselves to dignify God's creation.

Pastor's Note

*“If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences,
it is the fact that so many of our brothers
and sisters are living without the strength, light,
and consolation born of the friendship with Jesus Christ,
without a community of faith to support them,
without meaning and goal in life.”*
Evangelii Gaudium 49.

Dear Friends,

The Lord continues to bless and affirm our efforts as we grow in friendship with him and each other. It is in the intimacy of this friendship that he shares his life with us. He gives us strength, light, consolation, and meaning. This is something that he delights in doing and we know it from experience.

Aware of the joy, peace, and love that we receive from the Lord at our beautiful parish, I am happy to share with you some important updates.

First, I ask you to join me in welcoming Franco Foti as our new Operations Director (full-time). He started his new journey with us on August 14, 2023. He has been working for the Archdiocese of Chicago since 2010 in different capacities, such as Pastoral Associate, Director of Religious Education Program, Adjunct Instructor at Mundelein Seminary, and Operations Director. Franco holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Administration degree from the Salvador University, Argentina, Associate in Applied Science Degree – Computer Information Systems from Morton College, IL, Certificate of Pastoral Studies for Parish Studies for Parish Lay Ministers from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Certificate of Studies in Hospital Ministries from Loyola University Medical Center, IL, and Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. Franco will be assisting me with the stewardship of the human, financial, and physical resources of the parish. I am grateful for the support, guidance, and recommendations that I received from the Operations Director Search Committee, Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Staff, and the Archdiocese of Chicago in this effort. I am confident that with Franco's leadership and ministry, we will continue to find ways to grow as a parish community according to the will of the Lord. Please hold Franco in prayer.

Second, on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, I held our first Eucharistic Revival meeting in the Rectory. At the meeting, we prayed, shared our experience of the Eucharist, became aware of the National Eucharistic Revival led by the United States Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Chicago. We also listened and shared with each other our desires to grow in knowledge of the Eucharist and to find ways to foster Eucharistic devotion at our parish. Following the recommendation of the Eucharistic Revival Committee of St. Cletus Parish, we will read together “This Is My Body,” a book written by Bishop Robert Barron, hold our first Exposition and Benediction on October 4th, 2023, and host An Afternoon of Sharing of Holy Moments where we will share with each other the way the Lord spoke and engaged us as we read “This Is My Body.” Books were purchased already, and the Committee anticipates distributing them the weekend of September 16-17, 2023. Please join me in keeping the members of the Committee in prayer.

Third, the current and New Altar Servers Formation went well. We were blessed to have over 15 children who faithfully attended the formation we offered as a parish. I was encouraged by their interest, energy, and willingness to learn in order to serve well at Mass. They received proper formation from Deacon Santos Gutierrez. It is my hope that with the assistance and service of well-formed Altar Servers our celebration of Mass will be more special, meaningful, and spiritual. I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to each and one of them as to their parents. Please hold them in prayer.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing prayer, support, and friendship. I want you to know how much I appreciate your trust and the love you have for St. Cletus parish, which is truly a special place. Thank you for inspiring me to serve and share my priesthood with you. I am enjoying it!

May the Lord continue to bless us as we grow in friendship with him and each other.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

“Revivaling”

Please don't be alarmed by the title of the article. I once had a friend who would make up his own words for various things. This is just the sort of example that he would have used.

I didn't hear Fr. Ron Kalas' homily this past weekend, but he told me that his main theme had to do with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. It's a long way of saying that we as Catholics believe that ordinary bread and wine are truly changed at the consecration during Mass into Jesus' Body and Blood. Now maybe you had the chance to hear Fr. Ron, and maybe you have had the fortune to read about some statistics as to whether or not Catholics really believe in this teaching. The sad answer to that question is that the percentage of those who don't believe is growing. In this crucial time of the Eucharistic Revival, that negative trend needs to change.

It's enough to know that there are less people who DO believe. What is worse for me is that there are less and less Catholics who say that our teachings on the importance of receiving the Eucharist really matters in the grand scheme for their salvation. And some people may think that it's only “young people” who don't believe or believe they need it.

One common phenomenon that is a contributing factor to most of these beliefs is individualism. Many people, even before COVID ravaged the society, were beginning to talk more and more about what THEY themselves believed about Jesus, the Eucharist, and the Church. This, unfortunately, was only made worse by the pandemic as we were put in situations of being at home instead of going to Church for Mass. For some people, Mass on TV became what they eventually “wanted” because if they chose to watch on TV, they didn't need to get dressed up or put on make-up. They were not as attentive to what was happening during Mass and would become distracted by phone calls or some sort of chore that they forgot to do. Mass just became less and less important for them – and I am talking about people who would normally have attended on Sundays. That is what scared me a bunch – listening to people I was trying to shepherd and had come to see regularly just stop coming to Mass and become “okay” with it.

“Spiritual communion is acceptable and sufficient. They would always say that prayer during the Mass from Holy Name Cathedral.” While I heard that quite often from those who stopped coming to Church to worship, the reality is that the Church didn't have to give that dispensation and the spiritual communion prayer was created for this who DIDN'T have the capability to attend Mass, and that remains the case. It's not simply an “easy way out” from attending Sunday Mass, but that seems to be the way many people have been thinking, even after the Cardinal lifted

the dispensation from attending due to the pandemic. Sundays are still Sundays. Even if you didn't die by NOT attending, it is no less important. Maybe that is why we are struggling to build a sense of being a community. That's what I believe to be missing – a communal sense of the Eucharist. Jesus calls each of us individually, of course, but He calls us to gather. Some of you remember an older Church song called “We Gather Together.” As a matter of fact, I think we've continued to use it periodically here at St. Cletus.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

He chastens and hastens his will to make known

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing

Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own. (Gather, #697)

Maybe the Church herself has done a disservice too by teaching that through baptism we are united as brothers and sisters, but that isn't the same as having our bodies physically present to speak with one voice, sing with one voice, and partake of THE ONE meal.

You have made yourself known to us, O Lord. Blessed be your Most Holy Name. Blessed be God forever!

Find the lost.

Fr. Mike

**Our desire
for God
can only
grow when
we place
ourselves in
His presence.**

-Pope Francis



Welcome, Deacon Franco!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Gospel passage we hear today is one that I reflect on often. Sometimes I wonder if Jesus was using the so called “reverse psychology” to bring the truth out in the open. The dialogue he maintains with the Canaanite woman becomes a message for his disciples and it is loud and clear: no one is rejected. Everyone is welcome. Pope Francis recently had a similar message for the youth gathered in Lisbon for World Youth Day: “the Catholic Church is for everyone, everyone, everyone.”

My name is Deacon Franco Foti. I am the new Operations Director for your parish. What attracted me to this place was the diversity and the sense of belonging from everyone whom I met. This is a place where everyone is welcome, no matter where we come from or what language we speak. We share our faith and that’s what makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.



I am very happy to be here, and I am very grateful to Fr. Elmer and the staff that so warmly welcomed me for this new chapter in my life. I was born in Argentina, from an immigrant Italian family. In my youth I came to the United States, and it became my home. I was ordained a deacon in 2009 and in 2010 I decided to leave the secular world to devote my life to ministry and work for the Church. It was one of the best decisions I made in my life. I have spent the past 14 years in two parishes, and I have met many people who showed me the face of Christ in their actions and words.

My professional background has been in management and information technology. A few years after I was ordained, I decided to pursue a master’s degree in Pastoral Studies, which immensely enhanced all the education and formation in ministry I had received up to that moment. I also find joy in home improvement projects and love to read about history. I am fluent in Spanish and Italian. I continue serving as a deacon in other communities where there is a need. I am also an adjunct instructor for the University of St. Mary of the Lake, specifically with the Lay Ministry Formation program offered in Spanish, where I teach Sacred Scripture.

I had a chance to meet several parishioners, namely those who service in the Pastoral and Finance councils. I hope to meet many more as I continue walking with everyone in this journey. As I become part of this wonderful parish, I ask for your prayers. Please, rest assured you are in mine.

Sincerely,

Franco

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-2

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2023 – 2024 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

If you haven't had the opportunity register for the coming year, please stop by the Gallagher Room on Sunday, August 27 from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

During the International Congress of Catechists, Pope Francis said, "Catechesis is a pillar of faith education and we need good Catechists! The 'work' of Catechists is to 'be' a Catechist, because this is something that embraces our whole life. It means leading people to encounter Christ by our words and our lives, by giving witness."



Pope Francis is calling **YOU** to be a Catechist!

Jesus is calling **YOU** to be a Catechist!

You are called to live your faith and help others encounter Christ!

The Religious Education Program at St. Cletus is currently looking for adults and High School students who are interested in helping our young people of the parish encounter Christ. You do not need to have any previous background in teaching, just a love of children and desire to share your faith and help others encounter Jesus! Please contact the Religious Education Office to discover how you can share your faith at (708) 352-2383 or email lmanetti@stcletusparish.com.

Undecided? We will be hosting an information night on Tuesday, August 29 where you can learn more about the Faith Formation Program at St. Cletus.

Save the Dates!

ST. CLETUS PARISH EVENINGS OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations

Matthew 28:19



Peter Newburn, DMin



Msgr. John Canary



Rev. Brendan Lupton

August 16, 2023

What does the Story of Salvation Have to Do with Me?

Peter Newburn, DMin

August 23, 2023

¿Qué Tiene que Ver Conmigo la Historia de la Salvación?

Peter Newburn, DMin

October 18, 2023

The Seven Steps of Love according to St. John of the Cross.

Monsignor John Canary

December 6, 2023

The Season of Advent: A New Beginning with Jesus.

Rev. Brendan Lupton

Evenings of Prayer and Reflection will be held 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in St. Cletus Church

School News

RIDES * GAMES * MUSIC * FOOD

4 DAYS OF RIDES FOR JUST \$55!!!

SEPTEMBER 7th - 10th



600 W. 55th St

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST * LA GRANGE

Remember to purchase your Fall Fest Megapasses!! Purchase by September 6th at a price of \$55 which gets your child on all the rides all weekend as many times as they want to ride!! You can purchase in the school office, Parish Center, after weekend masses, or online! Online sales close at 6pm on September 2nd.



When a school family purchases a megapass they will automatically be entered in to a raffle to win FREE TUITION for the 2023/2024 school year! Don't miss out on this amazing deal! Purchase yours today!

Scan here to purchase!

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

The St. Cletus class of 2019 stopped by before they all head off to their first semester in college! Wow! How time truly flies! We hope they have a wonderful and blessed first year at college and don't forget to continue to visit!



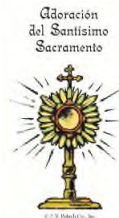
TAX CREDIT REMINDER

Remember to donate to St. Cletus School through the Tax Credit Scholarship Incentive Program! For additional donation information please call Empower Illinois for guidance at 1.800.616.7606 or call the St. Cletus School Office at 708.352.4820. Share this information with your relatives and friends. Thanks for supporting St. Cletus School



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
22 de agosto, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
20 de julio 2023	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



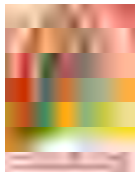
ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING



Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at 7:00 pm. in the Gallagher Room. We will continue planning the events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If anyone would like to be a part of the planning, they are welcome.

REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Miembros del Comité Guadalupano tendrán una reunión el jueves 31 de agosto, 2023 a las 7:00 pm. en el salón Gallagher. Continuaremos planificando los eventos para la fiesta Guadalupana. Si alguien quisiera ser parte de la planificación, es bienvenido.

WORSHIPERS OF THE MEXICAN NOCTURNAL WORSHIP

Last Saturday, August 12, 2023, an assembly of Worshipers of the Mexican Nocturnal Worship took place here at St. Cletus Parish. It was a training and updating workshop of the Mexican Nocturnal Worship at the national level. It was a great opportunity to share with all the people from different churches of the Archdiocese of Chicago. May God continue to bless you in this great ministry.

ASAMBLEA DE ADORADORES DE LA ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA MEXICANA.

El pasado sábado 12 de agosto de 2023 se llevó a cabo aquí en la Parroquia San Cleto una asamblea de Adoradores de la Adoración Nocturna Mexicana. Fue un taller de formación y actualización de la Adoración Nocturna Mexicana a nivel nacional. Fue una gran oportunidad para compartir con todas las personas de diferentes iglesias de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Que Dios los siga bendiciendo en este gran ministerio.



¡RESERVA!

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



Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Canned meats/meals
- Chicken Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Flavored Rice Packs
- Jelly
- Diapers size 2, 4, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes
- School Supplies

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Congratulations to our Graduates!

(Left to right: Conrad, Angelina, Lauren, and Colin)

This time of year is always bittersweet as we say, “see you later” to some of our graduating seniors. This year we had four volunteers who have collectively dedicated hundreds, possibly thousands, of hours to the pantry over the years. Three of them (Angelina, Lauren and Colin) all attended St. Cletus School and have been volunteering since junior high! We celebrated them with pizza and treats this past Thursday as we wished them all well on their next adventures!

“One of my favorite memories of food pantry is seeing on the smiles on everyone’s faces. One person that stuck with me was A. He always put a smile on my face. Being at food pantry impacted me so much because it showed me how some people need the help to provide for their families. I’m really going to miss going to food pantry at 3:30 every Thursday and joke around with people till 8 or 8:15.” Colin O’Brien, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Golf Management

“Throughout high school I volunteered at the St. Cletus Food Pantry, but it wasn’t until my senior year that I began helping consistently. Getting to know many of the volunteers who help regularly and interacting with shoppers were two of my favorite experiences. Many people became familiar faces that I looked forward to seeing each week, and I am excited to return on my breaks from college.” Conrad Sandrzyk, Marquette University, Engineering

“The St. Cletus food pantry is something that I believe everyone should experience. From the outside, it looks like any ordinary volunteer opportunity, but once you start, something magical happens. At least for me, I got to connect and have conversations with those in my community, whether they were volunteers or patrons. I love hearing everyone’s stories and forming connections. From carrying bags from the rectory to the church in seventh grade to standing outside during the pandemic and now, in the present, I’ve seen the food pantry change and adapt time and time again so no one went hungry. Throughout the years, I’ve learned how to care for others in need and solve unique problems. I’ve learned how vital it is to the community to serve and have each other’s backs. I wouldn’t have spent my Thursday evenings any differently. I know I’m going off to college soon, but I’ll take what I learned from the food pantry and continue to serve the community there. But don’t worry, you can’t get rid of me just yet. I’ll be back next summer!” Lauren Schinker, Purdue University, Engineering

“My time at the food pantry over the past five years have been some of the best times. I absolutely loved volunteering there. My experiences helping people has truly humbled and changed me. Not only did I love volunteering here, but I also loved the people. Spending time with all of the other volunteers has genuinely helped shape me as a person. Watching the pantry change and being there for it, from carrying bags up stairs to helping shop in room 98, has been one of the best experiences of my life. I am so thankful for the time I spent at food pantry, and I can’t wait to visit and volunteer when I am home from college.” Angelina Bechir, Clemson University, Biochemistry

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



Social Concerns Ministry



Important Dates



Volunteer Opportunities

We are setting new records every Thursday night and we need more volunteers. **We have increased the number of volunteer slots for both shifts on Thursday night.** Sign up **now available through the end of October.** Please sign up if you can join us! Students 6th grade and up are welcome. Adults needed also! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>

Join Us For Bingo At Fall Fest!

ST. CLETUS FALL FEST BINGO

Saturday September 9th
2:15PM to 4:15PM

Sunday September 10th
1:00PM to 3:00PM

MORRISSEY HALL

- Limited to 125 Seats
- Must be 18+ to Play
- Only Players Allowed
- Cash Prizes
- Bring Cash for Extra Games and Treats



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

For those who like to look ahead...**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.**



October 17 **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN Ladies of our CCW, our meetings for this coming year have been changed to the **SECOND** Wednesday of the month.

Those dates are:

September 13, 2023, November 8, 2023, January 10, 2024, March 13, 2024, May 8, 2024

Be sure to start off the year with us at our first meeting on September 13th at 7:00pm in the Gallagher Room of the Parish center. We will have a short business meeting followed by a performance from Evening Edition which is a choral group of women singing 4 part acapella harmony. Don't miss it! More details to follow.

Save these dates and bond with your CCW friends!

THE WELL PROGRAM

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 please register in advance at: csjthewell.org/offerings/



Iona Pilgrimage Reunion

Thursday, Sep 7, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Reunion for those who traveled to Iona, Scotland on a pilgrimage, and for those non-participants who are interested in seeing beautiful photos and hearing about the experiences of the retreatants. In-person at The Well, and on Zoom. No Charge.

Called to Ecological Conversion Retreat

Wednesday, Sep 20, 9am – 3pm

The state of the world is calling us personally and as a human community to an ecological conversion, with no time to waste! Ecological conversion will give us the hope and energy we need to save each of us and the planet as a whole. Cost: \$75 (includes lunch).

SAVE THE DATE



Potluck 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

Golden Anniversary Mass

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Married in 1973?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.** The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

We hope to see you there!



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.



JOYFUL AGAIN



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.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at

St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois.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/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: Sept. 20 & 21, 2023 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)

Where: St.Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois

(Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information , call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

MISERICORDIA WOMEN’S LEAGUE NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET

Are you interested in joining a friendly group of women (age 21+) who enjoy working together and supporting the mission of Misericordia?

Come to our Wine and Cheese social gathering and learn more about the Misericordia Women’s League!

Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

(Social Gathering at 6:30 p.m.)

9 Gateway Lane, Oak Brook

Contact Janet Meyer at 630.222.4660 or

jmcilella@gmail.com

for more information.



**MISERICORDIA
HEART OF MERCY**



Walk A Mile in Their Shoes
Support People with Disabilities

8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023
at North Central College in Naperville

Join Ray Graham Association in making a difference! You can rally your friends to form a team or contribute to a team already making strides. Every step counts and every dollar matters.

Why should I walk?

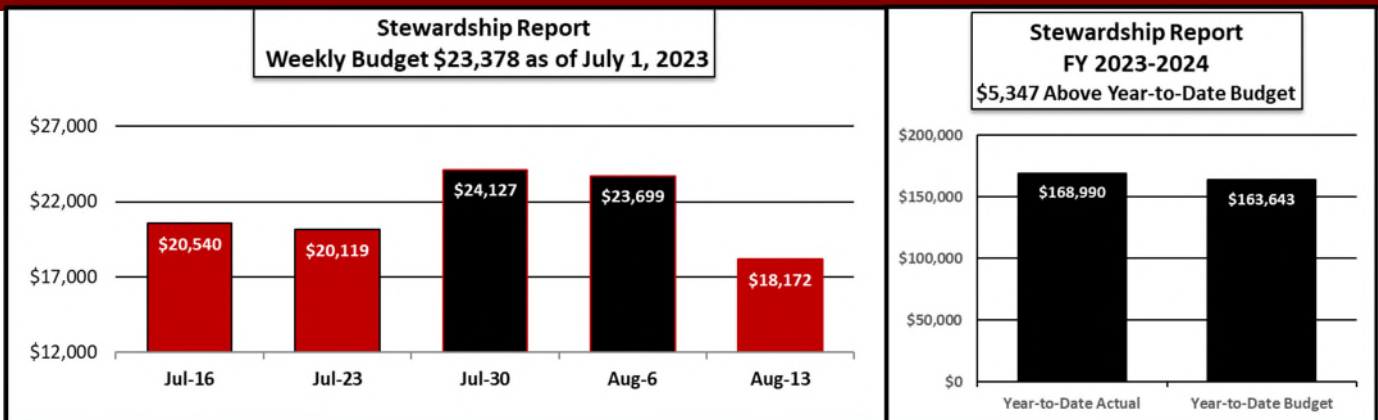
- Faith in Action: Live the Catholic teachings of love, compassion, and charity by participating in an event that transforms lives.
- Support Our Neighbors: RGA empowers people with disabilities to reach, grow, and achieve. Every step you take brings us closer to a world where everyone belongs.
- Community Building: Walk alongside fellow parishioners, families, and like-minded community members.

Learn more at TheMonarchWalk.org!

Week At A Glance

xDAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 20			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Monday, August 21	6:15-9pm	Gallagher Room	CREDO Chosen Discussion Group
Tuesday, August 22	7-8pm	Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, August 23	1-1:40pm 3-8pm 7-8:30pm	Church Church	Living Rosary Dining 4 Dollars at Nonna's Noche de Oracion y Reflecion
Thursday, August 24	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, August 25			
Saturday, August 26			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Sunday, August 27			Fall Fest Ticket Sales

Stewardship Report



Preferred Partners




Interested in becoming a preferred partner?
 Email fallfest@stcletusparish.com
 to find out more or donate at
<https://stcletusparish.com/fallfest/>

Thank you!



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 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..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor
Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor
Rev. John Lodge, Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy
Mr. Ramón Cazales, Deacon
Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor Emeritus

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Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate (708) 215-5412
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Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

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FSA PresidentJoleen Kirchens
Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.