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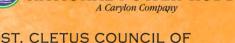




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### Mass Intentions for September 11 - September 17, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
September 11	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewski, St. Cletus Purgatorial Society
September 12	8:00am	Fr. Romero	George Herts, Julie Nykiel
September 13	8:00am	Fr. Novick	BC and Rip Collins, Delphine Marciszewski
September 14	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Frank Wojcik
September 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie Marasovic, Michael McAndrew(special intention)
September 16	5:00pm	Fr. Belauskas	Lydia Danielewicz, Charles and Florence Straka, Daniel and Rosemarie Moore, Ed Ward
September 17	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Novick Fr. Kalas Fr. Romero Fr. Romero	Patricia Lammel Al Haddad, Evelyn Prevenas Frank Treski, Stancy Baker, John Baker, Karen Provan, Frank Niwa, Natalie Nicoletti Luis and Lucina Luna Benitez, Miguel and Maria Rodriguez, Angel and Margarita Jaramillo, Sofia and Carlos 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.

#### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Nathaniel Ricco Menes Son of Daniel Ricco Menes and Daniela Viurquiz

**Gabriel Mene** 

Son of Joseph Jacobucci and Anne Lewis

Leornando Derek Flugencio

Son of Erik Paul Fulgencio and Micaela Murillo

Raphael Matheo Fulgencio Son of Erik Paul Fulgencio and Micaela Murillo

**Amayah Milani Torres**Daughter of Adalberto Torres and Marisol Garcia

Esiah Benicio

Son of Adalberto Torres and Marisol Garcia

Madelyn Rae Weiss

Daughter of Michael James Weiss and Megan Ann Bauler

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF **BAPTISM** 



### Pastor's Note

"Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him."

Psalm 95:1

#### Dear Friends,

The Lord who is kind, gentle, and loving is blessing our parish community by allowing us to host our 2023 Annual Parish Fall Festival once again since Covid19 hit our planet. The Lord himself touched the mind and heart of many to come forward and offer leadership for this amazing event that we all feel part of it. These past few weekends, we saw many volunteers in the narthex of our church offering more information about the Fall Festival, selling Megapasses, Lucky Leaf raffle tickets, and offering a smile to all. I was able to sense the presence and closeness of the Lord in their service and ministry.

Working and collaborating with Sara and John Hodak (Chair), the Committee, volunteers, and the Parish Staff have been a blessing with the planning and implementation of the Fall Festival. They have God as part of their lives. They have a good prayer life. They have good intentions. They love serving others. They love sharing their gifts and talents. They are good at what they do. They are happy people. They radiate kindness, gentleness, and dedication. They are an inspiration for us all. Each day, I give thanks to the Lord for each of them. In advance, I offer them my heartfelt gratitude for allowing us to bring back the Fall Festival. Please hold them in prayer.

Sara and John (Chairs) and I have appreciated hearing your good suggestions and words of encouragement. The Hodaks happily offered me constant positive updates. I heard them saying: "Father, the Megapasses and Lucky Leaf raffle tickets sales are going well." "We got the permit from the Village of La Grange." "All the bands have confirmed." "This year, we will have a K9 presentation," and so forth. I believe your prayers, kindness, and support has made a huge difference for which I am most grateful. My hope and prayer is that we continue to share our prayers and good intentions with and for each other.

Today (Sunday) at 10:30 AM we will have our First Responders Outdoor Mass. As members of St. Cletus Parish, we appreciate the work, service, and dedication of our brothers and sisters who have chosen to dedicate their lives protecting the lives of others. We acknowledge and thank them for the daily sacrifice they make. As people of faith, not only at Mass today, but each day, we pray and ask our almighty God to watch and protect them each day.

It is my prayer that the 2023 Fall Festival will fill our hearts with awe, gratitude, and joy. I feel in my heart that the Lord is inviting us to come "into his presence with thanksgiving and joyfully sing psalms to him."

Fr. Elmer Romero



### **Note From Father Mike**

### I have asked this question for the last 22 years...

Do you remember where you were when you heard about compassion and sacrifice. the incidents of September 11, 2001, when terrorists hijacked two airplanes and crash them into two of the most iconic structures in the world – the World Trade Center in the heart of New York City? I hope you remember and that you never forget as much as you may believe you want to forget about it all. It was horrifying, terrifying, extra sad, and downright shocking. Every person outside of New York watched on the destruction glued to the TV.

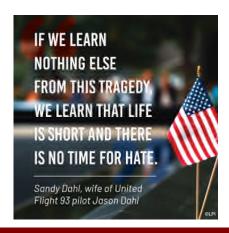
So many people came to our churches, temples, and other religious structures in search of answers to the question "how could this happen?" People lived in fear for many Fr. Mike months. Air travel almost came to a halt. Sporting events were cancelled for about a week. Anywhere there was a possibility of many people gathering, security was on high alert. "How indeed, God?"

The truth of the matter, my friends, is that as much as we wanted answers to our questions from God, it was a collective act of free will by like-minded, twisted, and evil men. God never causes evil to happen. And many angry voices say "He could have stopped it from happening. How could he let so many men and women die like that, many taken from their families too early in their lives.?" The lessons men have learned over the last 22 years about security are one thing, but what about the lessons of how we are called to love and to serve since the events of that fateful day?

The first responders taught us that it was not out of duty to do whatever it took to save as many as possible, but out of

I think one lesson I personally learned was that life is not a guarantee but a daily gift. Each day we should be grateful for waking up. Each day we should be grateful to God for calling men and women on the front lines of society trying to protect and serve. Each day we need to pray for even the fraction of society who are considering doing evil and ask God to send His angels to help change their minds.

May the souls of all of the faithful departed, especially the first responders, rest in peace.



### **Sunday Notes**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday**: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk

6:20-26

**Thursday**: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil

2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn

19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk

6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-

12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Grandparents' Day

**Monday:** Patriot Day

**Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

**Thursday**: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday**: Our Lady of Sorrows

**Saturday**: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Mar-

tyrs

Next Sunday: Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary

Time; Catechetical Sunday



### Join Us For The Last Day Of Fall Fest!

# September 10th **Timeline of Events**





10:30am: First Responder Mass on Our Fall Fest Stage

12pm: The Guilty Pleasures Perform





💑 1pm: 18+ Cash Bingo in the Parish Center

2pm: La Dama del Bolero y su Trio Ruby Perform  $m{m{\ell}}_T$ 





3:25pm: Bears Vs. Packers Game Under the Big Tent. \$3 Miller Lite During the Game

3:30pm: K9 Presentation • 👺



9pm: Lucky Leaf Raffle and TV Raffle Pulls!







### **Wonderful Live Entertainment Continues!**

Vengan a disfrutar el último día de Fall Fest. La Dama del Bolero y Su Trio Ruby realizan su espectáculo a las 2 de la tarde.



Come enjoy our last day of fall fest!

La Dama del bolero y su trio Ruby

will take the stage at 2pm!

### **School News**



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mum Sale Order Form



Once again, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are teaming up with Hinsdale Nurseries to sell beautiful 2-gallon mums and ornamental cabbages. The mums are available in 5 colors and are well worth the price!

- 2-gallon mums and ornamental cabbages are \$10 each. We can accept cash or checks made payable to St. Cletus School.
- Orders are due to the school office by Friday, September 15.
- Mums should be picked up on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the St. Cletus backfield. However, if you order your mums through an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, that student will deliver your mums to you.

Any questions, please contact Eileen Dorchinecz at eileendorch@gmail.com.

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10 de septiembre 2023	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass		<b>Iglesia</b> Church	I
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month <b>Sábados</b>	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m		Iglesia Church	Iglesia	20-2-50

### ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

#### NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

### DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

### **GUADALUPE DEVOTION**

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

### INTENCIONES DE MISA

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10

### RESERVA!

Sábado 21 de octubre, 2023 6:00 pm. - Centro Parroquial

#### THANK YOU

¡Más detalles, pronto!

Thank you to all the people who made possible the Multigenerational gathering on Sunday, August, 27th. We had an amazing time and mainly blessed with the beautiful weather. The Carnitas (pork meat) were so delicious. We all enjoyed the food and desserts. Thank you so much to the people who prepared the carnitas. Thank you all.

#### **GRACIAS**

Agradecemos a todas las personas que hicieron posible la convivencia Multigeneracional el domingo 27 de agosto. Pasamos un tiempo increíble, y sobre todo bendecidos con la temperatura. Las Carnitas estuvieron deliciosas. Todos disfrutamos la comida y los postres. Muchas gracias a las personas que prepararon las carnitas. Muchas gracias a todos.







### **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**

Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

### **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

Food Rescue DRIVERS NEEDED - Contact foodpantry@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418

Fridays 3-4 times per month commitment.

- Comfortable driving a large vehicle
- Clean driving record
- Ability to lift 30+ pounds

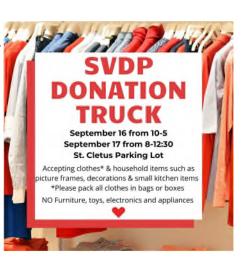


### **SVDP DONATION TRUCK VOLUNTEERS: SEPTEMBER 16-17**

Volunteers needed to help greet donors at their vehicles, unload items and load them into the donation truck. Volunteers must be high school and up. Please bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Please review the available slots to sign up. Thank you! https://www.signupgenius.com/

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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



### **Faith Formation**

### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2023 – 2024**

Our Faith Formation Year begins next Sunday, September 17 and Monday, September 18 with our Open House. Families are to accompany their child (ren), to the Open House. Children will have the opportunity to visit the classroom and meet the Catechist.

Light refreshments will be available in Morrissey Hall during the Open House. The hours of the Open House are Sunday 9:00-10:15 a.m. and on Monday 6:00-7:15 p.m. Families should attend the Open House on the day their children attend.



### **CATECHISTS NEEDED**



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 <a href="mailto:lmanetti@stcletusparish.com">lmanetti@stcletusparish.com</a>.

OUR FINAL SCHEDULED CHATECHIST ORIENTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M. IN MORRISSEY HALL. *NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.* 

### **Hospitality**

### WELCOME HOSPITALITY RECEPTION AND MINISTRY FAIR.

Everyone is invited to join our first Welcome Hospitality reception and ministry fair in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Family Mass on Sunday, September 24.

We are excited to officially welcome all new parishioners and continue to build community among everyone we see each week at church and school. During the reception, you'll have the chance to learn more about our various ministries and see which one is the perfect match to share your gifts!

Moving forward, we will be hosting Welcome Hospitality Receptions quarterly. Each quarter the reception will follow a different Mass, so keep your eyes and ears open for more details.



### **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 12<sup>th</sup>: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13<sup>th</sup>: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

#### **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 MISSION LADIES your relationship with Jesus and find a community of likeminded 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 Septemour pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

### **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

### ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOM-EN

The CCW would like to invite all ladies to our next general meeting 9/13 @ 7pm in the Gallagher Room. Enjoy light refreshments, installation of officers by Fr.Mike and a musical presentation from the Choral-Aires Chorus.



The Mission Ladies will start up again on Wednesday, September 13! The Mission Ladies are an organization dedicated to making handmade items for children and nursing homes. We sew, knit, and crochet—dolls, lap robes, wheel ber 19. If you would like more information, please contact chair bags, etc. Join us for our meetings every Wednesday, September 13-May from 9:15am-Noon in the Parish Center.

### In Memory

### A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF KAREN PROVAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

Potluck

This event, sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women, is being held to honor our former president, active member of the music ministry, devoted parishioner, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and to many, our dear, sweet friend, Karen Provan. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> she was called to eternal rest after a brief and devastating bout with cancer.

The event will include a brief prayer service, refreshments, and an invitation for you to offer brief remembrances of Karen. We hope that you will join us for this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life of a truly great Christian woman, Karen Provan.

For more information contact 708-710-0644 or email: ccw@stcletusparish.com



### **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.

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# HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH OKTOBERFEST

When: Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 ADDMISSION!

**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!!

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Week At A Glance				
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	
Sunday, September 10			Fall Fest Grandparents Day	
Monday, September 11			Patriot Day No School	
Tuesday, September 12	7-8pm	Church	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary(Spanish)	
Wednesday, September 13	9-12pm 1-1:40pm 7pm	Gallagher Room Church Morrissey Hall	Mission Ladies Living Rosary Catechist Formation	
Thursday, September 14	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution	
Friday, September 15	5-11pm		Fall Fest	
Saturday, September 16	8pm-12am	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	
Sunday, September 17				



### **Preferred Partners**



# Thank you!

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### St. Cletus Parish Information

### **CONTACT US**

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

#### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

#### MASSES

Saturday Evening.	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
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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

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LIAISONS	
FSA President	
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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.