



St. Cletus School



Class of
2021



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Mass Intentions for May 31 - June 6, 2021

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
May 31	Fr. Baker	8:00am	BC Collins
June 1	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Frank Kloss
June 2	Fr. Baker	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
June 3	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Elaine Rys, Daniel Buonamici, Agnes Meske
June 4	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Nan Rettig
June 5	Fr. Clark	5:00pm	Frank Wojcik, George Husick, Ken Kakareka, Carolyn Simek, Daniel Buonamici, Special Intention - 50th Anniversary Al & Bonnie Kakareka
June 6	Fr. Baker	7:15am	George Duda, Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez
	Fr. Clark	8:45am	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Baker	10:30am	Georgie Kotan, Frankie Kotan Sr.
	TBD	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Dan Coakley

Husband of Maureen Coakley

Donna Pekarek

Wife of Chris Pekarek

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.

May - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino

April - Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

March - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Judy McLean, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Sandra Eckrich, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patricia Rodey, Patrick Wingert

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

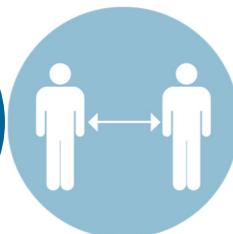
PARISH CENTER SUMMER HOURS

St. Cletus Parish Center Summer Hours in June and July:

Monday thru Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

ONLINE SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All worship opportunities require that you pre-register. No walk-ins allowed. The sign up links can be found on our website, stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office for assistance at 708.352.6209. Recordings of masses are available on the St. Cletus Parish YouTube channel.



Notes from Fr. Bob...

TRINITY SUNDAY

One of life's greatest joys is to watch little children as they begin to explore the world on their own. We can see their eyes gradually open to the wonders around them. They are in to everything, experimenting with touch and taste, and learning to use all their senses. It is a challenging time for parents, especially when they learn to speak and ask the why, the what and the how. Handling their difficult questions is a great skill. It is a case of trying to satisfy their little minds for the moment, knowing that there is so much more to learn and that even then they and we may never fully grasp the mystery.

So, how do we deal with questions about things of which we are not really sure? For example, I may understand a little about jet engines and aerodynamics, but I still marvel that a huge plane manages to take off so gracefully.

Just like children, we adults are surrounded by a wonderful and mysterious world. Although we may reckon ourselves wise in the ways of the world, we are still very much aware of our inability to make complete sense of it all. Often we can give no clear answer, especially to the question, 'why?' In such moments it is good just to marvel at the mystery and rejoice in the fact that it is.

The word 'mystery' has a rich and deep Christian significance. It is a word that we use, not to avoid thinking about the 'big issues' of faith, but to help us explore our very limited understanding of the nature of God. This is a process which Jesus himself, Son of God but incarnate as a human being with a finite human comprehension, has entered before us.

Jesus was aware of a Father who loved him passionately. He knew that God was no distant landlord unconnected with his life. God was Abba, Father, desiring the love of his children and desiring the very best for each one of them. There can be no logical explanation why God should love his creation so intensely. Our theologians and philosophers may strive for answers, but, in the end, we simply have to acknowledge, Jesus, that is just how God is. That God wants us to be close to him is a great mystery, yet it is also the fundamental truth underlying the faith we profess.

Jesus was not content simply to explain his theory of God the Father. He strove to demonstrate the mystery of God in the building up of God's Kingdom here on earth. He came, not simply to educate us, but to enliven, liberate, and inspire us. He came to fill us with the Holy Spirit, God's uniting love. Just like people who stand amazed at a wondrous sight, Jesus is not content to keep the experience of God as Father to himself. He has no option

but
to invite
other people to
marvel at the same mystery. This is
the reason for the great commission we witness in today's gospel.

The first command of Jesus is 'to go'; to leave the safe secure world and be active. Our sharing in the mystery of God is not simply a passive wonder, it drives us to leave our isolated worlds and stride forth with zeal in our desire to draw others to experience the same mystery.

Next, Jesus instructs his followers to 'make disciples'. Ideally, before we formalize our adherence to a particular way of life, code of conduct, or belief system, we should have experienced the value of such a commitment. For Jesus the first reality is that people should be introduced to God as father and be so amazed by the encounter that they are then drawn to commit their whole lives to God. Perhaps too often we have tried to force others to accept the 'package' without introducing them to the giver of the gift. When this happens the mystery is reduced to abstract ideas – one-in-three, three-in-one – rather than a vibrant life-giving relationship.

Once we come together in God's family we can teach each other, to witness in word and deed to the mystery of love in our lives: to do what Jesus commands. We become a people who are 'tuned in' to the greatest mystery of the universe.

Pentecost Blessings,



Fr. Bob, Pastor

WELCOME FR. ELMER ROMERO



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta sauce
- canned tomatoes
- Flavored Rice/Noodles
- 2 lb Dry Pinto Beans
- Diapers (Size 3-6)
- Baby Wipes

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



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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

Another amazing year with Nazareth Academy "Circle the City" day of service. The seniors helped coordinate a food drive that filled our shelves!

Thank you!



GARDEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We had a GREAT crew out last weekend to help prep the garden for planting! Thank you for your hard work pulling all the weeds!

Flexible, daytime opportunities to help water and weed the garden on Mondays/Fridays (weather permitting) are available. Wednesday afternoon harvesting slots are also available.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>



ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Internet Assistance

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is eligible, you can receive: Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals, A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50). Apply at: getemergencybroadband.org

Rent Assistance

The Illinois Housing Development Authority will accept applications for the Illinois Rental Payment Program starting on Monday, May 17. The emergency rental assistance program is designed to support households in Illinois that are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants are eligible for up to 15 months of assistance. The grant can cover the past due rent from the previous 12 months and future rental assistance for the next three months, if deemed necessary. The maximum grant amount is \$25,000.

For help with an application, please contact BEDS at (708) 354-0858 and ask for assistance with an Illinois rental assistance application. They have prevention assistants who can help navigate the online application process for applicants, and have language proficiency in Spanish, Arabic, and Polish.

Illinois Rental Payment Program
Preserving Housing Stability during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Applications available
May 17 at ILRPP.IHDA.org

Questions? Contact us:
QUESTIONS.ILRPP@IHDA.ORG
Toll Free: 866-454-3571

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Sunday Notes



THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel — Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

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COWARDLY

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.

—Confucius

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56 |
| Tuesday: | Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17 |
| Wednesday: | Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27 |
| Thursday: | Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128: 1-5; Mk 12:28-34 |
| Friday: | Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37 |
| Saturday: | Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44 |
| Sunday: | Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | The Most Holy Trinity |
| Monday: | Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day; 9th Week in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday: | St. Justin |
| Wednesday: | Ss. Marcellinus and Peter |
| Thursday: | St. Charles Lwanga and Companions |
| Friday: | First Friday |
| Saturday: | St. Boniface; First Saturday |

FEAST OF FAITH

Liturgy and the Holy Trinity

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are "a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (quoted in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 16).

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TRUE RICHES

They are rich enough who are poor in Christ.

—St. Jerome

Religious Education

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—these are words we use every time we pray the Sign of the Cross. Even young children know them. This prayer helps us to express the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, that God reveals himself in Three Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This is difficult for anyone to understand, especially young children. St. Patrick famously explained the Holy Trinity by relating God in Three Persons to the shamrock. A three-leaf clover has three lobes that are unique from each other but all part of the same clover or shamrock. They are three leaves, but one shamrock.

When we teach young children in our classes about the trinity, we also use everyday items they are familiar with – a hard boiled egg (three parts: shell, white part, yolk) or an oreo cookie (two black cookies and the creamy center) to help them see how three parts make up one thing. No matter how we do it, the children often struggle to understand how God can be Three Persons at one time. Yes, there is one God, and this God is our Father. This God is also the Father's Son, and God the Holy Spirit is

the love that flows between the Father and the Son. It's usually pretty challenging for young minds, and some adult minds alike!

At some point we tell the kids that it is okay if we do not fully understand the Trinity. That's what makes it a *mystery*: it can only be known through God's Revelation. We can learn about the Trinity through his work in creation and in Scripture, but ultimately, it is something that we cannot understand through human reason alone. It can only be revealed by God through faith.

There are some things that we know are true because of our faith, even if we do not completely understand them. Our faith helps us believe and accept God's Revelation, even when we do not fully understand these things with our rational minds. That is what we mean by the word *mystery*: it is something that can only be known through God's Revelation. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the source of all the mysteries of our faith. We can be faithful followers of God and profess our faith in the Holy Trinity while it remains a mystery.

Please enjoy the last of our First Communion photos taken at our First Communion Mass on May 2nd.





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5TH GRADE DARE GRADUATION

So proud of our 5th graders who celebrated their DARE graduation this morning! A BIG THANK YOU to Officer Falls of the LaGrange Police Department for all her hard work and for guiding the students through this great



TAKING CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

Last week Ms. Witkowski's 5th grade class planted flowers with Mrs. Delaney



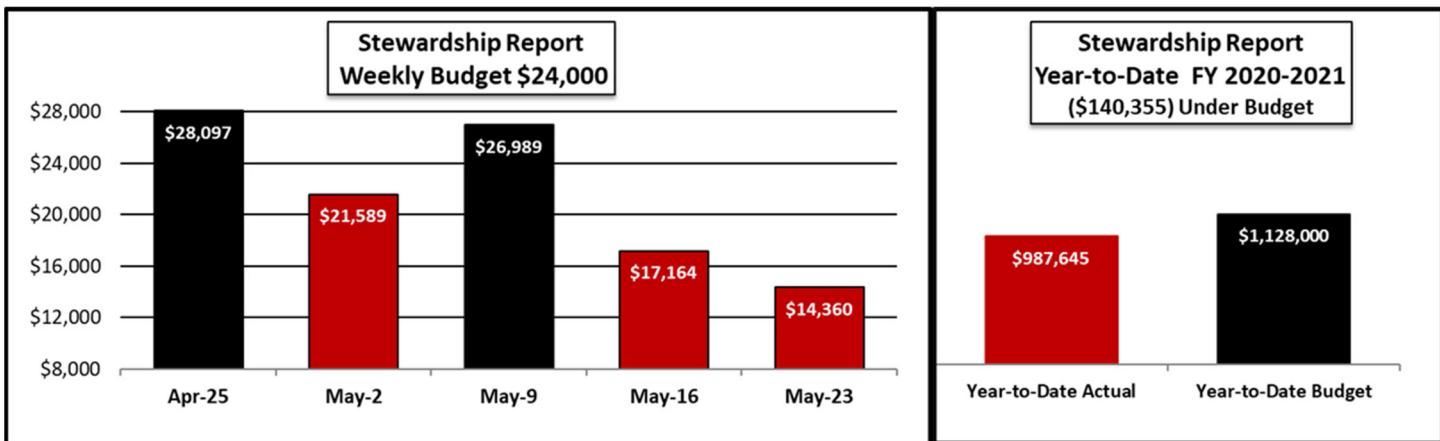
2021-22 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Visit www.stcletusschool.com to learn about all the great things happening at our school and take a virtual tour. Give us a call at 708.352.4820 for more information.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!



Stewardship Report



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading Saints for All Occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan. We will meet on June 8, 2021 at 7 PM. The location will be announced in the Canticle beforehand. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

WORD OF LIFE


“In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ...Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Live the Gospel of Life”
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THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom unless noted otherwise, during this time of COVID-19.

COMING IN JUNE:

Solitude and Resilience, June 3, 6:30-8:30 PM Zoom
As COVID-19 begins to loosen its grip, what learnings might we take from this pandemic, with all its interruptions, that can bring us healing and hope? Explore

the invitation that solitude holds in this evening retreat with poet and scholar Mark Burrows.

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Wilmington, IL, June 15, 10 AM – 12:30 PM in person, on site field trip - Walking in a field of abandoned WWII munitions factory bunkers, we'll receive a brief history of this land which is being restored to a prairie (complete with a herd of bison). We will then use the Earth Exchange process to give back an act of beauty to this wounded site.

Directed Retreat, June 20, 7:30 PM – June 25, 5:30 PM on Zoom - From the comfort of home, meet with a spiritual director daily to fit your schedule, and partake in group sessions each evening.

2 Hemisphere Solstice, June 20, 7:30 – 8:15 PM Zoom
We join in celebration with our friends from Down Under. Experiencing the beginning of different seasons, we will contemplate the interplay of light and dark, north and south, summer and winter.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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

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

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

CONFessions

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 8:30-9:15 a.m.
Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal 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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

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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.

