

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.**
— PSALM 145:15



JULY 25, 2021 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THOSE WHO WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH OF THE FISH AS THEY WANTED.**

~ John 6:11



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Mass Intentions for July 26 - August 1, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
July 26	8:00am	Fr. Costello	BC Collins, Frank Mamolella, Sammie Colonna
July 27	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Rita Engles
July 28	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Gene Gajos
July 29	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Delphine Marciszewski
July 30	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Maria and Eugene Fedyn
July 31	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Frank and Regina Kondor, Daniel Buonamici
August 1	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, George Duda
	8:45am	Fr. Baker	Harold Church, Peter Kujawa
	10:30am	Fr. Baker	James Tobolski, James Jasinski
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Jose Quintana
Husband of Maria

May he 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.

July - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey

June - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

May - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, 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 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

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.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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

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

A Note from Fr. Elmer

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you some updates regarding our St. Cletus School.

I am pleased to let you know that our St. Cletus School is blessed to have a faith-filled, passionate, and dedicated Principal, Gregory Porod. He loves what he does. He wants to provide our students “the foundations for life,” help them grow in their faith, and see them receiving a fine quality of education.

Principal Porod and I have been meeting twice a week since July 1st. We both think that it is important for us to have a direct communication and a good working relationship. Per mutual agreement, he and I plan to hold a weekly meeting once school starts.

Under the leadership and direction of Principal Porod, our facility and maintenance team is working attentively to have all the classrooms ready for the new school year.

As I continue to learn about my role with our School, I am becoming aware not only what goes on at our school but also about how generous you are with our students. Principal Porod and I greatly appreciate your generous support and contribution.

Below you will see a letter sent out to all parents a few days ago which is signed by Principal Porod and me.

May the Good Shepherd continue to inspire us to share our Catholic faith especially with our children through our school.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

Dear St. Cletus School Families,

We hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather that we have been experiencing lately. As we begin to approach the start of the 2021-2022 school year, we ask God to continue to bless our St. Cletus School families and benefactors. As always, thanks for your continued positive support in all that we do.

Our new Pastor, Father Elmer Romero, and I had the opportunity to meet this past week. We both share a common vision about the important role St. Cletus School plays in the overall parish community. We talked about the importance in offering liturgical opportunities for students, maintaining high academic standards, providing extracurricular activities, and creating an environment for students, parents, and staff that make them feel part of a larger Catholic Parish School Community.

Father Elmer shared that he looks forward to helping the school continue to grow, and that he wants to be actively involved in supporting the spiritual and academic growth of our students. He and I will work as a team facilitating ongoing collaboration between the parish and the school.

We will continue to pray for all of you and your families and ask that you continue to pray for us as we work together educating our children.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide all of you in all that you do!

God Bless.

Father Elmer Romero
Pastor

Gregory N. Porod
Principal

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Jelly
- Toothpaste
- Facial Tissue (Kleenex)
- Pasta sauce
- canned tomatoes
- flavored rice/noodles
- 2 lb dry pinto beans
- Diapers (size 3-6)
- Baby Wipes
- School Supplies

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



Follow us on Facebook:
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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

We need your help! We are partnering with local Scout, Chris Rekstad, as he prepares for his Eagle Scout Award. He will be helping us coordinate our School Supply Drive and Distribution this year. We are SO happy to have his help!

Please see the needed items in the graphic to the right. They can be dropped off in the 'Food Pantry' Donation bin outside the Rectory at any time.

Please note, all items should be new and unopened. Thank you!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

When we talk about domestic violence, just who and what are we discussing?

It is easy to put that “other” person over there, to feel sorry for her/him, to shun the abuser, to “tsk, tsk, tsk” about how it never used to be like this, to say “there but for the grace of God...”, to stereotypically link her/him to poverty, drugs, under-education, or certain racial or ethnic groups.

Was she just a poor judge of men? Didn't she have any backbone? How could she let her children see that going on? Why didn't her family help her? Why didn't she just leave?

Unfortunately, interpersonal and intimate partner violence isn't so simple. During October, Domestic Violence month, this space will share with you some situations and some of the many faces of violence, so you can see for yourself how complicated it can be. As you read, please pay attention to the people as you picture them in your mind, to their appearance, their ethnicity - if you notice, to their general demeanor.

MYTH: Domestic Violence is bad, but it happens elsewhere. It doesn't happen in my community, my neighborhood, my culture, my religion, or my congregation.

FACT: Domestic Violence happens to people of every educational and socio-economic level. Domestic violence happens in all races, religions and age groups. Domestic Violence happens in both heterosexual and same-sex relationships.

You are not alone!

In an emergency, dial 911 or call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233

Carrol A. M. Smith, PhD, RN, faculty of UIC. The Many Faces of Interpersonal Violence. The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Chapter 1, What is Domestic Violence?



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



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



SAVE THE DATE FOR ICP's FALL BENEFIT

Friday, October 1, 2021 at 6pm at Carriage Greens Country Club. Plans are in the works to be back in person for our fall benefit this year, so please save the date for this fun evening in support of older adults! More details coming soon...

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEERING



**GREATER
CHICAGO
- FOOD -
DEPOSITORY**

If you haven't been able to grab one of our food pantry volunteer slots, considering volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food

Depository. Let them know you are from St. Cletus Food Pantry and you will earn \$15 for our pantry each time you volunteer! Check out their link for volunteer eligibility information and sign up. www.chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer

RENTAL ASSISTANCE



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Are you behind on rent? Applications are being accepted for the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Illinois Rental Payment Program. 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.

For help with an application, please contact BEDS at (708) 354-0858 and ask for assistance with an Illinois rental assistance application. For more information, go to: <https://www.ihda.org/about-ihda/illinois-rental-payment-program/>

VOLUNTEER WITH BEDS PLUS



Over a thousand volunteers work with BEDS Plus Care to end homelessness in our communities. Whether you have a few hours on a weekend to spare or want to help year-round, there is a place at BEDS where you can make a difference.

For more information visit our website: <https://beds-plus.org/ways-you-can-help/volunteer/>

Volunteer Orientation is now held via Zoom. For more information, email volunteer@beds-plus.org

WORD OF LIFE



"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Married Love and the Gift of Life"*

NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK JULY 25-31, 2021

The dates of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humana vitae (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood.

Couples' stories, sample intercessions, homily notes, graphics, and more can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>



Religious Education

CELEBRATING WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Today is the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it is fitting that we celebrate it on the Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. Our Grandparents and the Elderly are cherished gifts in our society. The older generation has “seen it all”, and they have lived most of their lives with unpredictable and challenging times, including this current pandemic. They are true survivors, having overcome very difficult experiences including war, droughts, fires, financial recessions, business failures and pandemics. They can certainly provide us all with some valuable wisdom and perspective in these current challenging times.

Grandparents and the Elderly offer us their personal memories. Memories help us to understand who we are, and help us to prepare for our future. Grandparents carry the collective experiences of many generations before them. That’s a wealth of memories and wisdom!

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family’s history. In today’s world, social media has significantly increased the number and range of contacts of our youth, but often their contacts are limited to their own age range. The presence of the elderly in their lives can help to improve that imbalance. The elderly also benefit from our younger generation as well. Young people help their elders to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They help to keep elders young!

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts of Grandparents and the elderly to our younger generation is that they have the gift of time to share. Grandparents often have more time to spend with the younger generation, from offering rides, teaching them to cook or build things, reading them stories, or just having the time for interactive play. The main gift is their presence – just being present to others. Their own love and care, in combination with their

observations and life experience, are all components of making a culture of security and care for the younger generation.

It is important to recognize that the loss of faith practice of grandchildren can be a deep source of sorrow for our Grandparents and Elderly. Pray for your grandchildren. When you pray, pray with trust and pray for them by name. Tell your grandchildren that you are praying for them. Preach without words – be the kind of person you want your grandchildren to become: trustworthy, respectful, generous, and faithful. Be joyful and talk about the good that you see others do, including the good that they do.

Many Grandparents do not live near their grandchildren to be physically present with them. Here are a few suggestions for Long-Distance Grandparents:

Whats App, Facetime, Zoom... and a host of other apps are good ways to keep in touch with your grandchildren. Make sure you have a news item or interesting fact to pass on to them in your video chat. Write a note on your calendar to remind you to connect with them virtually at a regular time each week.

Texting is quick...and perfect for passing on jokes, a fun photo, a fun fact or an interesting quote. Get your grandchildren to show you how to include emojis and gifs to take your texts to the next level!

Email is so easy...and perfect for sharing an attachment from your photos, or a news item, or even an interesting story or piece of family history.

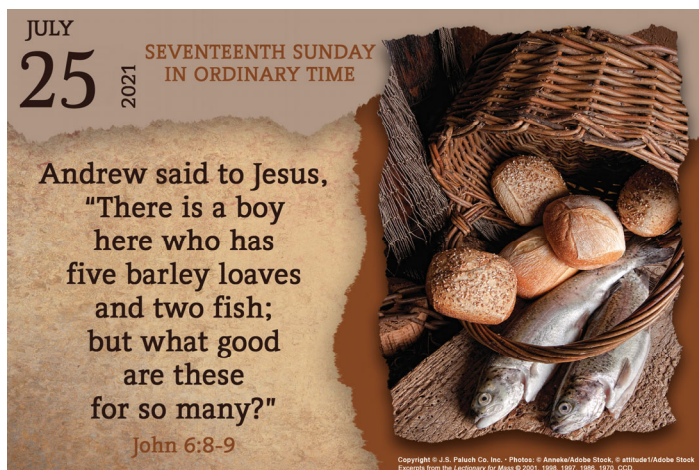
Snail mail is slow...but brings true delight to your grandchild when they receive a letter, card or care package in the mail!

Let’s use this special day to connect with our Grandparents and the Elderly. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for their love, wisdom and example to us all.

REGISTER FOR RE TODAY!

During the summer, we ask that you register your child for our upcoming year in Religious Education! Registration forms can be found online at our website: www.stcletusparish.com/re This coming year will be a combination of at-home lessons and in-person events which will provide opportunities for your child to encounter Jesus through prayer, retreats, service and fun! **Please make sure to register by August 1st** to ensure we have enough time to order your child’s books and materials for the coming year!

Sunday Notes



ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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WORKING AND SAVING

Work hard and save your money so when you're old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
 Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
 Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
 Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus
 Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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PRESSURE

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.

—Anonymous

Deacon Stuart Heyes Homily - July 11, 2021

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ARE YOU CHOSEN? ARE YOU?

In today's readings and Gospel we heard a lot about being **"CHOSEN"**

The Jewish people were the chosen ones as we read in the OT - But they offended and disappointed God - for example in today's first reading from Amos!

God chose Amos to go to the Northern Kingdom of Israel and remonstrate with the people because of their unfaithfulness to God's covenant.

But Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, insults and dismisses him, despite Amos's protestations that as a humble shepherd and orchard keeper he had nothing to gain personally but was commissioned - **"CHOSEN"** by God.

So Christ in his ministry extends those Chosen to include gentiles, and no wonder given the reception He got from The Jewish leaders and indeed His own Jewish friends and neighbors in Nazareth - as heard in last week's gospel.

Who does He think He is - A carpenter's son, son of Mary. A prophet is not without honor except in His native place indeed!!!

So in today's second reading Paul writes to the Ephesians that God Chose them - to be Holy and they are blessed through Jesus Christ - because God chose them from the beginning of time.

Making it clear that in God's plan all are equal - Jews and Gentiles - All are **chosen**.

Then in Mark's Gospel we hear what it means to be **CHOSEN** by Jesus.

Jesus not only ignores the disbelievers but he doubles down on his ministry and sends out his disciples - two by two - they are **CHOSEN** to have power over unclean spirits, to rely on the faithful for hospitality, and to make a public display of rejecting the disbelievers - "shaking the dust of their feet"

So those of us who believe in God the Father, The Son and Holy Spirit are indeed chosen. BUT we are expected to live our lives accordingly - not easy in society today.

And as I read and thought about this aspect of being **CHOSEN** - a story I read recently came to mind. It was written by Marie Armenia for the local TN paper.

To summarise - its end of time - God has had it with all the hate & division.

But Because some of us believed what God said and because of His mercy we are standing in Heaven with Popes, Martin Luther, Calvin, Rabbis, Prophets, Wesleyan brothers, Evangelists, Priests, Nuns, Saints old and

recent, and even a few politicians!

We look around and are surprised by some people we know that made it - God is more merciful than we could ever have imagined !! Then we realise we are there by His grace despite such un-Christian human thoughts!!! - but all thoughts of denominations and disagreements are forgotten -

We are all THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Now Its time for REWARDS CEREMONY of ETERNITY to begin.

Gabriel the Archangel steps forward and blows his trumpet and announces **the reward for the most faithful servant of God** goes to **"Elmer Schmertz"**

I didn't make this name up Fr. Elmer - it was the name in the story.

All assembled are puzzled - no-one it seems has heard of Elmer Schmertz - **who is he??**

And Gabriel reading their minds tells them:

Elmer wasn't famous on earth but he was famous in heaven - where it counts.

He didn't care if people knew his name - it was the name of Jesus he wanted people to know

It wasn't fame that motivated Elmer but **Love of God and Love of people**,

Gabriel continued - Love is a big deal up here - ELMER was ignored most of the time, suffered sometimes - but did what he knew God wanted him to do - **all day, every day - all his life -**

Yes he was a nobody on earth but up here he was **famous!!**

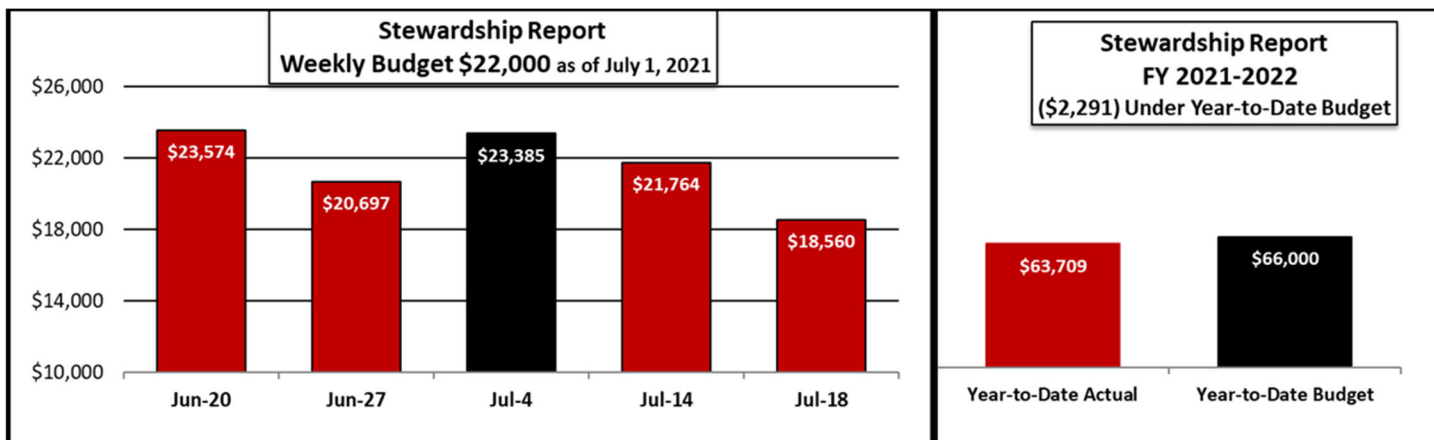
In Conclusion - some of you will have heard me say that I'm not the pope nor the President of the US, nor the Cardinal of the Archdiocese or the governor of the state nor a big shot TV Sports or entertainment personality BUT I interact with many many people during my life - **as we all do -**

What God and His Son expects of us as **CHOSEN** disciples is that we influence those within our sphere of influence - in how we behave, live, act, **but most of all LOVE.**

That's what it means to be **CHOSEN** by God - so go out into the world and live your lives like Elmer Schmertz -

Love of God, Love of people - And while you may not be famous on earth - your reward will be great in heaven.

Stewardship Report



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Light Between Oceans** by M L Stedman. We will meet on August 10, 2021 at 7 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on October 12 we will discuss **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer.

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

FALL FEST WILL RETURN IN 2022

We are excited to announce that the St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest and carnival will return September 8-11, 2022. We will not host a carnival this year, but we do still plan to run the Grand Raffle again this Fall.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL IS HIRING!

We are looking for several position to be filled at St. Cletus School.

Please contact the school office @ 708-352-4820 or email cschaefer@stcletusparish.com if you are interested!

Positions available:

- Part time Reading Resource teacher
- Full Day preschool teacher
- 1st grade teacher
- Aftercare worker (from 3pm – 6pm)
- Substitute teachers – all grades needed

It's a Great Day to be a Cardinal at St. Cletus School!
Please consider joining our family!

NEW MINISTER OF CARE TRAINING

Ministry of Care to the Sick is a pastoral ministry to those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or who are confined to the home. Ministers of Care are trained and formed for pastoral visits with time to listen, pray and share the Eucharist. Attendance at all six sessions fulfills the Archdiocesan requirement for Ministry of Care certification and is led by experienced lay ministers serving in Vicariate IV.

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Aug 4 - Sept 8

[https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/
new-minister-of-care-training/](https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/new-minister-of-care-training/)

Registration includes handouts, light snacks, Certificate of Completion, & Communion to the Sick guide.

Date/Site/Topic:

1. Aug 4 (Zoom) Intro to the Theology of Pastoral Ministry to the Sick
2. Aug 11 (@SJC) Pastoral and Practical Aspects of Ministry of Care
3. Aug 18 (@ SJC) Pastoral Listening Skills
4. Aug 25 (@ SJC) Theology of Aging and Theology of Grieving, Death and Dying
5. Sept 1 (@ SJC) Importance of Prayer
6. Sept 8 (Zoom) Eucharistic Ministry: Theological, Pastoral and Practical Aspects


This training utilizes videos produced by Sr. Jane Schlosser, RSM at the Carmelite Spirituality Center in Darien, IL. Videos and training in English only.

For Additional Information:

St. John of the Cross Parish
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PARISH CENTER OFFICE JUNE/JULY HOURS

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

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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.

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 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) 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.

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WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas bathes in an ADVERTISED shower shaves with an ADVERTISED razor brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste washes with ADVERTISED soap puts on ADVERTISED clothes drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee drives to work in an ADVERTISED car and then . . . refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn't pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.
WHY IS IT?

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