



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.**
— PHILIPPIANS 3:8

LET'S "LENT TOGETHER"

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday)
8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

Spanish Holy Hour
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

Rosary and Prayers
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
Apr. 8 - 7:00 p.m.

School Stations of the Cross
Apr. 8, 14 - 2:30 p.m.

Communal Reconciliation Service
Saturday, April 2 - 10:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
Monday, April 4 - 7:00 p.m. St. Cletus

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday, April 10
Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale
Please return your CRS Rice Bowl

Holy Thursday April 14
Washing of the Feet Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration follows Mass

Good Friday April 15
Passion of the Lord - 3:00 p.m.
Celebración de la Pasión del Señor - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 16
Easter Basket Blessing - 10:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 17
Easter Masses - 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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LENT

2022

Mass Intentions for April 4 - 10, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
April 4	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Rudolph & Rosemary Kegl
April 5	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Renee Saban, John & Marguerite Keating, William & Ethel Garski, Urban & Louise Hubona
April 6	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Marge Polaski, Frank Wojcik, Joseph Viececi
April 7	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Kay & Joe Klemak
April 8	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
April 9	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Allen Maresh, Daniel Klepczarek, Susan Felice, Edward Hrzenjak, Special Intention of CCW Members
April 10	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Richard Gomez, John Yena, Leroy Pollina, Ernest Brooks, Joseph Sorrentino, Moore Family Ola Maveety, Walter Maveety, Ethel Maveety, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Thomas Birks, Sharon Searle St. Cletus Parishioners
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	

COMMUNIAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Please join us for our area reconciliation services:

St. Francis Xavier - Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Cletus - Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Alice Katzmarek

Harry R. Wallace
Father of Michael Wallace

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.

March - Dan Keller, Colin O'Brien

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

January - Debby Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeegan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY. ALSO, THERE IS NO 8AM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY OR HOLY SATURDAY.

Holy Thursday - April 14

Please note there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass. Also note the time of Mass is 7pm.

Washing of the Feet School Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.

School Stations of the Cross - 2:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Adoration follows Mass

Good Friday - April 15

Please note there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass

Passion of the Lord - 3:00 p.m.

Celebración de la Pasión del Señor - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 16

Please note there will be no confessions or 5:00 p.m.

Evening Mass. Also note the time of Easter Vigil is 7pm.

Easter Basket Blessing - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 17

Please note that all Masses are in the Church.

Easter Masses - 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

I hope your Lenten journey continues to be an opportunity that leads you closer to the heart of Jesus.

Since the beginning of Lent, I have continued to notice that more parishioners attend daily and weekend Mass, and more people have been making an effort to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. I am also aware that during Lent, we all look for ways and opportunities to nourish our spiritual life and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. At our parish, since the beginning of Lent, we have been blessed in our praying the Stations of the Cross as a community by having a particular parish ministry offering leadership. My special appreciation goes out to the leaders and members of each ministry that helped us to pray well each Friday evening the Stations of the Cross.

In order to nourish our spiritual life and strengthen our relationship with the Lord, on Thursday, March 24th, 2022, at 7:00 PM we hosted our Lenten Gathering Reflection. The theme of our gathering was: *Renewing Faith in a Time of Crisis*. We were blessed to have Fr. James Halstead as our special guest speaker. Fr. Halstead, a professor emeritus of De Paul University, gave us a profound reflection. He skillfully allowed us to become aware of the many crises we currently face in our daily lives: health, relationship, economic, political, natural, cosmic, and so forth.

Below you will find five wonderful personal reflections that came to us from those who attended the Lenten Gathering/Reflection. I encourage you to read them prayerfully.

I'm very thankful that I was able to attend The Lent Reflection offered by our church. It helped me realize that the crises we face in this life are temporary and that we are only here for a short time. Our citizenship is in Heaven, and we should be working on the things that will help us prepare for eternity. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these reflections, as they will help you experience the Love of God deeper! - Beronica Martinez

We attended the Lenten reflection offered by Fr. James Halstead, OSA and it was a nice, spiritual experience. The event began with prayer and music, setting the table for Fr. Halstead who eloquently gave us much hope for conflict resolution within all contexts of life. He reminded us to search for God's peace, a grace available to all amid suffering. Also, he encouraged us to remember our journey's goal, which is heaven, and finalized by inviting and encouraging us all to encounter the love, peace, and joy of Christ in adoration. The event was a breath of fresh air and brought a beautiful sense of peace to our hearts. We thank Fr. Elmer, for feeding our spiritual journey and we hope more of such events are offered in the near future. - Lilia and Steve Dziak

Our culture tells us that one should minimize crises and, when they occur, one should face them alone. Father Halstead gave us a long list of crises of many types, arguing that they are too numerous to avoid and too difficult to handle alone. One of his examples was the crisis that Moses faced at the burning bush when God told him that he must go back to Egypt and convince Pharaoh to release the Jews from slavery. Another example is Mary's crisis when she learned that God the Father wanted her to bear his Son. Both Moses and Mary had to abruptly change their plans and face what seemed to be an impossibility. Yet, they did—by trusting in God and counting on His help. We must do the same to successfully face our crises and continue to have a happy life. What is the secret? A life of regular prayer with God and a willingness to give up control to Him. Father Halstead's remarks reached me because my crisis now is caring for my wife Joanna who has advanced Alzheimer's Disease. It is difficult to simply let God be in charge. - Xavier Polonski

The Lenten Gathering and Reflection presented a new and in-depth perspective of Catholic faith's relationship to crises in both a personal way and a broader societal manner as well. Father James Halstead delivered incitement, comprehension, inspiration and wonder at the immense glory and love our LORD has for each of us as we face the trials — the cross each of us bears — in our daily lives. He gave all in attendance a “bigger picture” so relevant to the season of Lent. I look forward to participating in more programs like this here at St. Cletus that most surely will enhance all of our spiritual journeys. - Leonard Bertin

I usually am one of those Catholic's that practices what I learned as a child about Lent and usually give something up. Lately, I have tried to do internal gestures that might improve my faith, other than just self-denial. Attending the Lenten Gathering helped me spiritually, listening to Rev. James Halstead, O.S.A. discuss crises that we all face in our lives. One of many issues we face might be a medical crisis as this is why Fr. Halstead was a replacement speaker for Fr. Pizzo who had back surgery earlier in the week.

What I took away from the gathering is that our society and Church are faced with many challenges and crises. Many of these crises are beyond our immediate control or influence. Sometimes, as Americans, we believe and feel that we can control all aspects of our life. This belief that we have total control of our lives, or putting too much faith in secular ideas, can often cause worry and anxiety, taking us away from our God.

Our Faith should be put in the community of Heaven. Our goals here on earth are to live our lives as best we can, listen and learn, assisting each other. We joined together in a long-forgotten prayer (for me at least) “Hail Holy Queen,” where two lines may have summarized the evening with, “To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we sigh, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.” - Tom Reisel

Fr. Halstead, at the end of his reflection, invited us to allow God to draw us closer to his heart, continue to pray, practice stillness, recommit ourselves to Him, be kind to one another, and let God be in charge.

May the Lord who knows our longings and crises help us to find peace, serenity, comfort, and healing in Him.

Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor

Sunday Notes

April 3, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



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SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Isidore
Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle
Friday: Abstinence

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?

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TRUE TEACHERS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



SAINT CLETUS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Walter Klimcke
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 10
7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Join us next Sunday in the Parish Center for the Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast and the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale.

Pancake Breakfast Tickets:

\$7 Adults, \$4 Kids under 10

Includes:

- Pancakes (all you can eat)
- Sausage
- Beverages:
Coffee, Tea, Juice, and Milk

Additionally:

- Split-the-Pot Raffle
- SCCCW Bake Sale 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
or until sold out.

Please plan on attending before and after each Mass. Final seating is 12:00 p.m.



Bake Sale

Palm Sunday
7:30am ~ 2:00pm

St. Cletus Parish Center

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

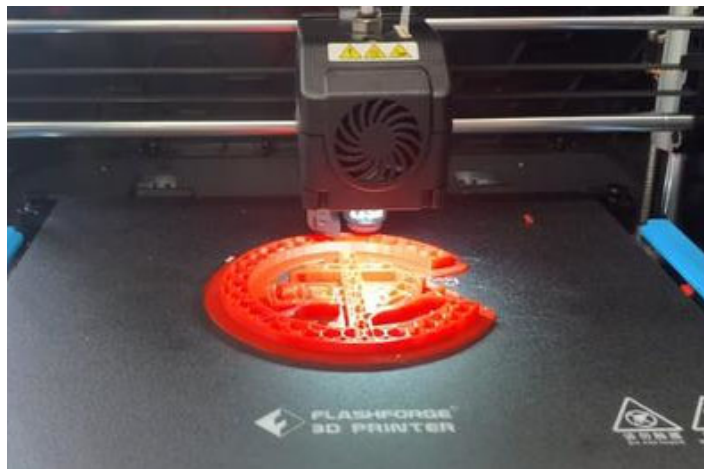
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We hosted our very first chess tournament last weekend and what a great “knight” it was! Thank you to Mr. Manetti for all of the hard work he put in to make this event happen! Thank you also to all of our volunteers who helped make the night a success! Our Cardinals had a fantastic showing, finishing second in all grade level divisions! Way to go Cardinals!



Upper grades are being introduced to 3D design and printing during TLC class. Students utilize 3D design software and modern printing technology to create their own 3D printed creations!



Dear PARISHIONERS: It's not too late to donate to our annual St. Cletus Auction! Although the event itself is over, we are still collecting monetary donations towards our School goal of \$80,000.

We have a little more time before the Auction officially closes and every dollar helps us!

A big THANK YOU to all our Parishioners that have participated thus far!



"O God, our Father, in the days to come, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the faithful departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask also that the Most Holy Mother of God extend her blessed mantle of protection over Ukraine."

It was a beautiful sight to see our students donning blue and yellow today as we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Religious Education

THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES!

One of our Family Catechesis lessons this month focused on the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. A fun activity was designed to help families understand how the Spirit works in our everyday activities.

We asked each family to gather together and pick an object to hide. It can be anything from a toy, book, ball etc. Next, pick one person to be the seeker and escort them to another room so they are not aware of the objects location. Then hide the object and pick one person to be the Holy Spirit while those remaining will be the distractors. Distractors in life are things that don't allow us to listen to the Spirit and keeps us off the path and apart from God and building our relationship with Him. When ready, call the seeker back in. The person chosen to be the Holy Spirit will guide them to the object thru various directions until they find the hidden object. The distractors will be just that...their jobs is to distract in any way they can. Don't tell the seeker who is the Holy Spirit, they will have to figure that part out just as we should by being still and listening and trying to block out all distraction to find that voice we need to follow. The Holy Spirit has many gifts to offer. It gives us courage to do the hard things, it makes our hearts dance with joy, it grants us wisdom to make choices and leads us as well as gifts us patience to wait. At the end of the activity when the object has been found, take a moment as a family and pray for peace and anything else your heart asks. Today, try this activity with your own family, and reflect on how we need to strive to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and block out the distractors. Enjoy a few photos of some of our families after doing this fun activity!



SAVE THE DATE! VBS IS BACK!



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

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the RE Family has a tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross together with an enactment of the Living Stations by our Fifth Grade Class. This year, we were blessed to have our Fifth Graders (and a few High School teens as well) lead our parish community in praying the Stations of the Cross.

On Friday, March 11th our Fifth Graders and High School teen John Crandall led us in the parish Stations of the Cross in the Church.

On Sunday, March 20th, our Fifth Graders and High School teen Declan Norris led our RE community in the Living Stations of the Cross. They all did a phenomenal job! Please enjoy some of our photos from our Living Stations of the Cross event.



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

**THURSDAYS
6-8PM**

**CHURCH
PARKING LOT**

Wish List:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat

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



Follow us on
Facebook:

@StCletusFoodPantry

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*If you have questions
or would like to
volunteer with the
Social Concerns
Ministry contact
Kendall Grant
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FOOD PANTRY

A HUGE thank you to Del's Moving and Storage! Parishioner and owner, Randy Balla, donated the services of his staff to move all of our commercial cold storage units! All SIX units had to be carried up a flight of stairs and moved across campus to our new space. We are so grateful for their heavy lifting and generous support. If you're in need of movers consider working with Del's!



Food pantry donations can be dropped off in the Church Narthex Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm, Saturday between 8am-6pm, and Sunday between 7am-2pm—Or anytime in the donation bin found past the flagpole, near door 4.

Please remember we cannot accept perishable items like meat, dairy, etc. please do not leave them in the bins. Do double check expiration dates. We can take non-food items like paper towels, toilet paper, and personal hygiene items. We do not accept clothes.

Thank you for your generosity!



AGING CARE CONNECTIONS CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM



The senior meals program is back and better than ever! Now offering drive thru. Check out the details and let others who qualify know about this great program!

The Congregate Meals program serves older adults (aged 60 and older) with a nutritious lunchtime meal for a suggested donation of \$2.50. They are now offering a contact-less meal pick up option Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Salerno's Pizzeria and Sports Bar, 9301 W 63rd St, Hodgkins.

Please call 708.354.0099 to RSVP 48 hours in advance or to cancel an existing reservation.

LENTEN OUTREACH

Making a Difference

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally?

Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

Rice Bowls are due back next weekend, April 9-10 and can be put in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Center during business hours. Thank you!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

How are Catholics responding to Domestic Violence?

Catholics for Family Peace: Education and Research Initiative on Domestic Abuse is conducting an online national survey on the Catholic response to dating and intimate partner violence (domestic violence). The survey is bilingual English/Spanish and intended for anyone affected by domestic violence and those who minister to them. The results of the survey are anonymous and will contribute to Catholics for Family Peace's report as a national organization to the USCCB's Synod Team in preparation for the October 2023 Synod on synodality. The survey is available at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/jlYVzoB>

INTEGRAL ECOLOGY AND CREATION CARE RETREAT



Young adults (18-39) in and around Chicago are invited to join the Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Climate Covenant for a retreat getaway focused on integral ecology and creation care April 29-May 1.

Throughout the world, young people are finding themselves overwhelmed before the many crises with which we are faced today, from the climate crisis to racism to mounting political polarization and a widespread disregard for life. At the same time, young people are organizing themselves like never before in response to the hurting world around them. We are longing for community even as we are creating it, aching for justice even as we fight for it. Learn about the

Archdiocese of Chicago's efforts to implement the Laudato Si' Action Platform and find out how you can be involved in making history in your community. Young people have an important role to play in inspiring the U.S. Catholic community to meaningful action on the ecological crisis, and it starts in your backyard.

This retreat is offered from the context of Catholic faith. All are welcome to join. Register by April 12. Learn more and register online. For more information, contact Anna Robertson, Director of Youth and Young Adult Mobilization at Catholic Climate Covenant at anna@catholicclimatecovenant.org.

WORD OF LIFE




"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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

Hispanic Ministry

Fecha	Hora	Evento		Lugar
3 de abril, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en español		Iglesia
5 de abril, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo		Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00PM – 5:00AM	Adoración Nocturna		Iglesia
Sábados	8:30AM	Confesiones		Iglesia
Viernes	7:00PM	Vía Cruces Bilingüe (Ingles/Español)		Iglesia



El Viernes Santo 15 de abril, 2022 a las 11:00 a.m. se llevará a cabo el Vía Cruces viviente en la Iglesia. **Favor de hacer planes para ese día y únense a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Después de la representación del Vía Cruces tendremos una convivencia en el Centro Pastoral. Todos están invitados.**

Youth Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY 2022 SUMMER MISSION TRIP



Our parishioners have been so generous with their treasure and prayers to support our 94 teens and adults going on our summer mission service trip to Montague, Michigan. It is a trip of firsts:

- it's the first mission trip that our parish has taken in three years
- it's the first mission trip for all 78 teens
- and it's the first time that we've done a combined trip with teens from St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier parishes.

So what do you do on a mission trip? Each day we'll work six hours in the community restoring homes, feeding the hungry, lifting the spirits of children, bringing joy to the elderly and helping local social agencies. Our evenings will be filled with activities that help foster the Catholic faith.

At a recent gathering of our teens, each one was asked about what they hope to gain from this experience. Here are the top 10 reasons why they are excited about the trip:

- #10. We hope to feel a sense of accomplishment in completing a service project.
- #9. We want to grow closer to God and to learn more about our faith.
- #8. We want to meet people from different parts of the USA.
- #7. We enjoy helping others and are excited to see a new community.
- #6. We want to create good memories.
- #5. We want to become better people.
- #4. We hope to create life-long friendships and a feeling of gratitude.
- #3. We want to learn more about ourselves and others.
- #2. We want a greater sense of awareness of the issues people are facing today.

And the

#1 reason: We want to serve GOD and make a difference.

We are so grateful for your support. We will continue to meet and prepare for this amazing experience, and look forward to sharing our experiences with the parish when we return in late June.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE!



Girls Church League is a chance to have **FUN**, and an opportunity for high school girls from area churches to play in a community basketball league. Through church league, we strive to provide opportunities to play alongside friends old and new, foster community-wide sportsmanship, and to provide an outlet to connect with like-minded Christians in our area.

We will be playing in an open-gym format this year. We will meet on four different evenings from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Gym, 145 N. Waiola, La Grange. The gym dates are April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18.

Go to our parish website and download the registration form, or pick up a form in the Parish Center. Return the completed form with your check for \$30 to the Parish Center (attn. Barb Campbell). The registration fee pays for our referees, gym costs, and a league t-shirt. Registration is first come, first serve. Please complete the registration materials right away, as there may be a waiting list. **Registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday, April 12th.** Any questions should be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

EASTER BASKET SERVICE PROJECT AND ALL TEEN NIGHT – SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH!



Easter Basket Service Project
April 10

Our ALL TEEN NIGHT is on Palm Sunday this Month!

Worship with us at Palm Sunday 5PM Mass at St. John of the Cross Parish, then join us at 6PM for dinner in the Parish Center, followed by our service: Making Easter

Baskets for children at Off the Street Club, St. Blase, St. Gall, and Precious Blood Ministries.

Please use this link to sign up so we can best plan for food and supplies:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-easter>

We will be collecting candy, crayons, coloring books, small toys, and sidewalk chalk. Please bring some with you that evening!

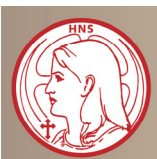
Ministry News

HOSPITALITY WEEKENDS RETURN!

We heard you! At our recent Hopes & Dreams gathering in the Fall, many people were interested in having hospitality available after Masses again. With some COVID restrictions recently lifted, we are looking forward to reigniting these gatherings and providing space to build community and visit with one another while enjoying some treats!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in the Parish Center on the last weekend of each month. Each weekend will be hosted by a different ministry group so we can learn more about the exciting things happening in our Parish community. More details to come!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The Holy Name Society is having the yearly pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10, after a 2 year break because of COVID. Please plan on attending before and after at each Mass (7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). Final seating is 12:00 p.m. Any questions call Rod Bradford 708-370-9001.

THE ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BAKE SALE IS BACK THIS YEAR!



All parishioners are welcome to stop by the Parish Center to purchase some sweet treats on Palm Sunday, April 10th from 7:30am to 2:00pm (or until sold out).

A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to funding our parish sound system and the CCW scholarship fund.

The Council would appreciate your donation of baked goods for the event. Drop off times are Saturday, April 9th from 4-7pm and Sunday, April 10th from 7:30 am until 2pm or until sold out. Please bring donated bakery to the Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. Thanks for participating in this fundraising effort by baking, buying or both!

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **What Alice Forgot** by Liane Moriarty. We will meet on April 12, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Please note, this is our new meeting time. For those who like to look ahead... June 14, **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles. As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

EASTER BASKET SERVICE PROJECT



Easter Basket Service Project
April 10

Our Easter Basket Service Project is back! Youth Ministry teens will be making baskets for children at Off the Street Club, St. Blase, Precious Blood and St. Gall.

Please consider donating items to fill the baskets.

Items Needed: Candy, Crayons, Coloring Books, Small Toys, and Chalk.

Please drop off your donations in the church narthex or in the bin outside of the Parish Center.

LIVING ROSARY



Praying for Peace in Ukraine—

The power of prayer is one of the best gifts we can give to the people of Ukraine. At Fatima, Mary asked us all to pray the rosary for peace and Ukraine is a perfect place to start. Rather than have everyone gather in person, the Living Rosary is hosting two pray-from-home rosaries every Monday at 2 pm and 7 pm for peace in Ukraine. This way families can pray together at night or people can join in after work. Mary will hear our prayers together and our “mystical rosary” will bring our hopes and worries to the Lord.

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

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

SOUND SYSTEM FUND RAISING STATUS

65.6%
\$72,220.64

Goal:
\$110,000.00

Community News

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

WALKING WITH JESUS THESE DAYS - Monday, Apr 11, 9:30—11 AM, repeated 6:30—8 PM
Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ, DMin This presentation offers a “tour” of the places in Jeru-salem that we recall during the Triduum, with photos, commentary, and pauses for reflection. \$15. In person at The Well.

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at **St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, IL**. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. -- All are welcome.

What: Retreat for Widowed Men & Women

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

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

For further information, 708-354-7211

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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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THE FEAST OF MERCY (Divine Mercy Sunday)



The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years. Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.

Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".

The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection ... and a reminder, too, of what He asks of us in return - to trust Him and be merciful to others.

The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

**THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SFX
 ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022**

2:30 PM - ROSARY PRAYER AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

3:00 PM - THE HOLY HOUR WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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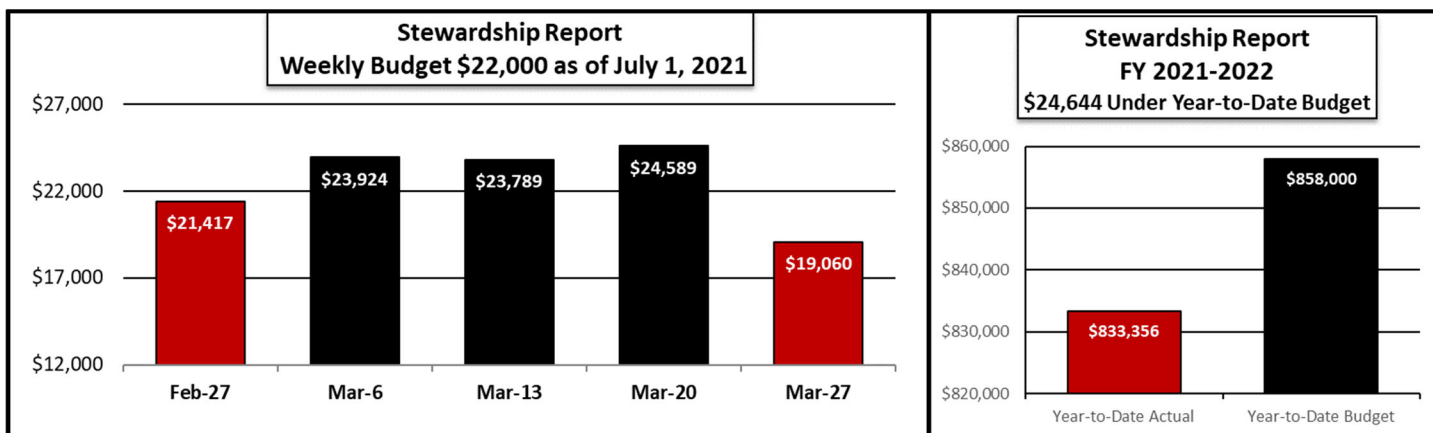
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 3	7:15am	Narthex	HNS Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales
Monday, April 4	7:00pm	Church	Lenten Parish Reconciliation
Tuesday, April 5	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 6	9:00am 1:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers
Thursday, April 7	6-8pm 7:30pm	Parking Lot School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 8	2:30pm 7:00pm	Church Church	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 9	5:00pm	Narthex	CRS Rice Bowls Collection
Sunday, April 10	7:15am 7:30am 7:30am	Narthex Parish Center Parish Center	CRS Rice Bowls Collection HNS Pancake Breakfast SCCCW Bake Sale

Stewardship Report



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


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

Name _____ Phone # _____

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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 thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 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

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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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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