



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Anyone who does not renounce all
your possessions cannot be a disciple.
— Luke 14:33



SEPTEMBER

4

2022

Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for September 5-September 11, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
September 5	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Andrew Wnek, Reverend Robert Ebrom, Jim O'Neill
September 6	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 7	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Ray and Joni Pietrzak, Betty Niwa, Grace and Jim Copp
September 8	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Evelyn Prevenas, Murphy Family
September 9	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Helen Frey
September 10	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Special intentions of the CCW members, Rosalie Kruse, Joseph and Beth Salvitti, Irene Skrip, C. Rodger Brown, BC Collins
September 11	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Jack Drogosz, Jim Copp
	8:45am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewski, Robert, Rosalie, and Roger Kruse, Henry and
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Gail Saban, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Lila and Bert Walsdorf, Irene and Frank Skrip
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Julian Urbina-Medina

Son of Maribel Medina

Grandson of Maria and Jose Medina

Margaret Stanek

Mother of Jeanne Weiss

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 -

August - Laura Terrazino, Francie Smith, Patricia Rodey, Nancy Kraus

July - Louis Berger, Deborah Zemke, Frank Niwa, Peggy Shevlin

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

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS ON 9/11

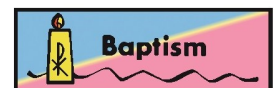
In commemoration of the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 we will honor First Responders at our 10:30 mass on Sunday, September 11th. We have invited representatives from our community to be with us and ask that First Responder Parishioners also join us at this liturgy. This tradition will continue as our St. Cletus Parish gives thanks and prayers for all active and retired police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical providers as well as remember in a special way the victims of 9/11. Refreshments will be provided immediately following the mass. Contact the Parish Center Office, 708-352-6209, for more information.



ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Emmanuel Samer Totonchi

Son of Samer and Kara Totonchi



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TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*“Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days,”*

Psalm 90:14

Dear Parishioners,

How do you start your day?

Some people start their day by making the sign of the cross. Others by raising their minds and hearts to the Lord. Some others by carving some quiet time before they engage in all the excitement that a new day brings. What about you? What is your practice? What is the first thing that you normally do at the beginning of each day?

Following the recommendation of my spiritual director, mentors, and good friends, one of the first things that I do as soon as I wake up is to connect with the Lord. How? I pick up the bible and do a Lectio Divina with the reading of the day. Then, I take a walk for about 20 to 25 minutes. As I start my walk, I ask the Lord to walk with me. During my walk with him I talk to him mostly about you. I tell him that you all are gracious, caring, and so dedicated to your parish. Walking with the Lord each day has been and continues to be amazing and renewing.

You and I walk with the Lord daily, each in our own unique way. It is from this experience that I am pleased to share with you some opportunities where I noticed the presence of the Lord among us and walking with us.

First, last Sunday after our 12:30 PM Mass, we held our first gathering of ministers and volunteers. We were blessed by over 60 people who attended the gathering. The intention of the gathering was to acknowledge, affirm, encourage, and thank them for generously serving the Lord and us at our Sunday Mass. Some of those who attended the gathering are also responsible for the way how our plants and flowers look amazing in our parish. I enjoyed very much being with them. I would like to thank Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry, for organizing the gathering, which was awesome.

Second, on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 7:00 PM, we held our get together with our catechists and volunteers in the Gallagher Room. The first thing that I did at the gathering was to thank and affirm each of them for their dedication and love for our children. It is thanks to them that our children are able to receive to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

Then, I took the opportunity to introduce to them Lawrence Manetti, who is the new Director of Faith Formation for Children. He led the remaining part of the gathering. We are blessed to have Lawrence Manetti. He is a man of deep faith. He loves and enjoys serving the Lord. He is a good listener. In collaboration with our catechists and volunteers, he wants to offer a solid formation to our children. He enjoys my full support. Please keep him, the catechists, and volunteers in your daily prayers.

Third, last Tuesday, August 30th, 2022, at 8:00 AM, I was lucky to celebrate the School Children’s Mass after the summer break. I don’t know what it is, but there is something unique, something different, something beautiful that I get to sense and experience each time I have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with our school children. From my experience of praying and celebrating Mass with them, I find them to be thoughtful, reverent, and engaging. They participate well in Mass. They receive Holy Communion prayerfully. They express a sense of belonging and joy. Praying and celebrating Mass with them is pure joy and a blessing. If you would like to, come and join us any Tuesday when we have our School Children’s Mass. I would like to thank our School Administrators, staff, and teachers for being such good mentors and role models for our children. I also would like to thank you, parents, for trusting us with the education and faith formation of your children. Let us ask the Lord to grant us a good new school year.

Fifth, the first St. Cletus Pig Roast is just 20 days away. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and leadership of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council around this marvelous activity that will bring us together as a parish community. I am also inspired by the spirit of generosity of all those who are signing up to help as volunteers. I feel like we all are going to have a great time. I am looking forward to it. Let us pray for good weather.

Finally, as we grow in our relationship with the Lord, may he continue to fill our lives with his kindness each day.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor



Pig Roast

St. Cletus Community

F I R S T A N N U A L

PIG ROAST



SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

**IN THE COURTYARD
AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

★ **FOOD** ★ **GAMES** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES** ★

★ **ENTERTAINMENT** ★

DON'T WANT TO EAT? COME ANYWAY!

ALL THE FUN IS FREE!

Meal tickets now available for \$15 each online at the parish website or in the narthex after weekend masses.

SEE YOU THERE!

Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday: St. Peter Claver
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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:

What would be true freedom for me?

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Note From Father Mike

Who can conceive what the LORD intends?

This is a question that comes up frequently in our world. Everyone wants to know "What is God thinking? Why did He let that happen? Why did that young person have to die?" Or one of my personal favorite statements is "God is not happy!" Meanwhile, there are also many scientists (as I probably have mentioned before) who seem to want to not only figure out just how old the universe may be, but also how the universe will end. Technically, to those who have even some knowledge of the faith and faith in God, we realize that we can only guess when it comes to those sorts of questions. "No one knows the time or the day when the Lord will return."

Take, for instance, the recent deluge of rains along the Gulf Coast. It's mind-boggling to you and me about the amount of rain they'd been experiencing. The images we see on the news of the residents from the assisted living community being rescued are headshaking to us and we ask why. The flood water levels are staggering. We must assume God is not evil. Therefore, we want to seek another answer.

What about the extreme heat in Europe like they had not seen in many years? What about the people who have been killed in various instances of "mass shootings" around the country? What about the older man who is beaten, robbed, and left for dead (sometimes actually dying)? What about the continued war in Ukraine? People continue to ask, "what is God trying

to tell us through these and other world events?" The truth is that while we know that God is always good and not vengeful like some once thought, it's clear that one of the lessons we've been told to take from these and other sad stories is that regardless of the situation, KEEP FOLLOWING JESUS' TEACHING TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Extremely late in St. John's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus "Lord, what about him (St. John)?" Jesus responds "What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours? YOU FOLLOW ME." (John 21:22) It's not that we shouldn't be asking questions concerning God. After all, we were created to be able to know God as we were created in His image and likeness. That is our starting point. Just as we were conceived in the womb and likely were born approximately nine months later, so to Jesus – the Son of God AND Son of Mary – was conceived and was born nine months later (regardless of the calendar dates – it's just to say He is one of us). The only thing Jesus doesn't have in common with the rest of us is that He never gave into temptation and sinned.

Believe me when I say that I have wrestled with many of the puzzling questions concerning God. The trickiest question is "why does God allow evil things to happen?" Of course, I have my theories (known specifically as theodicies where evil is concerned). Yet, remember this – FOLLOW JESUS COMMAND TO LOVE.

Behave,

Rev. Michael Novick

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



We are still accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year!

If you are interested in our Religious Education Program here at St. Cletus, we ask that you register by September 10th so we

are able to finalize our enrollment and class assignments prior to our Open House on September 18th.

St. Cletus offers Traditional in-person Religious Education Classes for children in grades 1 – 8, where children have an encounter with Jesus leading them to discipleship through the various classroom and service experiences.

These classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

A Special Needs Program is provided to meet the needs of children. This program meets on Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Our Early Childhood Program provides beginning religious instruction for children age 3 – 5. Songs, crafts,

and stories are used to instill a sense of community and introduce our young parish members to Jesus.

Please take time to complete the registration forms to register you child for the 2022 – 2023 Religious Education Year. Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re or in the Parish Center and Religious Education Office.

For additional information please contact me, Lawrence Manetti at (708) 215-5416 or by e-mail: lmanetti@stcletusparish.com.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are still in the need for Catechists and Classroom Assistants.

If you have a love for children and sharing your faith, please consider this important ministry.

There will be a get together at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallagher Room tomorrow, Monday, August 29th to plan and learn about the upcoming year. All current Catechists and Classroom Assistants and other Program Volunteers are invited to attend. Those interested learning about being a Catechist or Classroom Assistant are also invited to attend.

Gather Donation Form

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GATHER FOURTH EDITION DONATION FORM

Please be sure to print legibly. Please place this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked "Hymnals". It may be placed in the weekend collection basket or returned to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Donor's name (as you would like it to appear on the bookplate): _____

Donor's address: _____ Envelope number: _____

Donor's email address: _____ Donor's telephone number: _____

_____ In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: Name: _____

_____ In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: Name: _____

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Number of books being donated @ \$25 each: _____ x \$25 = _____

Check should be payable to: St. Cletus Parish Please indicate "Hymnals" on the memo line.

() Check here if you wish this to be an anonymous donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated; please attach to this form any additional donation information

Hispanic Ministry

ECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
6 de septiembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
4 de septiembre, 2022	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

CLASES DE CAPACITACIÓN PARA LECTORES

Estaremos ofreciendo clases de capacitación para todos los lectores actuales. Estas clases son obligatorias para los lectores y serán facilitadas por el Sr. Javier Castillo de la oficina de Formación de Fe de por Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Gallagher los días viernes 16 y 23 de septiembre, 2022 de 7:00 a 9:00 pm. Estas clases también están abiertas para aquellos interesados en unirse a este ministerio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

TRAINING CLASSES FOR LECTORS

We will be offering a mandatory training classes for all current lectors. These classes will be facilitated by Mr. Javier Castillo from the office of Lifelong Faith Formation of the Archdioceses of Chicago. Classes will be held in the Gallagher Room on Friday, September 16 and Friday, September 23, 2022. These classes are also open to those interested in joining this ministry. For more information, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441

GRACIAS

Gracias a todas las personas que asistieron a las clases de formación para Ministros de Eucaristía, tuvimos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre la Eucaristía e historia de este maravillo ministerio. Gracias por su tiempo y dedicación.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who participated in the formation classes for Eucharistic Ministry. We had the opportunity to reflect on the Eucharist and the history of this wonderful ministry. Thank you for your time and dedication.

JUNTA DEL COMITÉ GUADALUPANO

Los miembros del Comité Guadalupano tendrán una junta el martes 13 de septiembre, 2022 a las 6:00 pm., para continuar planeando los eventos de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Si a usted le gustaría ser parte de la planeación, favor de acompañarnos a esta junta. La junta se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial, todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 6:00 pm., to continue planning Our Lady of Guadalupe events. If you would like to be part of the planning, please join us. The meeting will take place in the Pastoral Center, everyone is invited to participate.



Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS
6-8PM**

Wish List:

- Cleaners
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned meals (ravioli, chili)
- Canned meats (ham, chicken)
- Cereal
- Diapers

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

Follow us on Facebook:
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Instagram:
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](#)



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

Join us for our upcoming Food Pantry Blessing & Open House! Please join us at 3:00 in church for a special blessing and program followed by an open house celebration. Special guests Bishop Birmingham and Amy Laboy, Vice President of Programs and Community Partnerships at Greater Chicago Food Depository will be joining us! We will have refreshments, prizes, tours and more. All are welcome!

ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

BLESSING & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 25 | 3:00-5:00

Join us in church at 3:00 for a special blessing & program followed by an Open House celebration. All are welcome!

take a tour

giveaway prizes

enjoy refreshments

(please note there will be no pantry distribution at this event)

St. Cletus Parish 600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525 708.215.5418 foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

WORD OF LIFE



“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities* “Another Look at Abortion”

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

Ministry News

KAIROS

High school juniors and seniors: Save the dates of September 29-October 2 for Kairos 39! The retreat will be at Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien and students from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes will also be participating. More information is coming! Registration for Kairos 39 is open. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up right away <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/K39>

IN PERSON PRE-CANA RETURNS!

We will be offering an in-person pre-Cana session, required for marriages in the Archdiocese of Chicago, on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30-4:30 in the Gallagher Room. This will be facilitated by parishioners Henry and Kathy Morlock, who facilitated our programs before the pandemic and who have done online pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese since then. Pre-Cana allows couples to learn and reflect on the meaning of a Catholic marriage and apply the teachings of the church to their own lives. Please join us if you plan to be married after October 29! A contribution of \$100 will include the workbook, coffee and snacks during the day. We hope you will join us for the 5 p.m. mass afterwards. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, in the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE



St. Cletus Parish
Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

WHY PRAY?

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Special Guest Speaker:
REV. JOHN G. LODGE, S.S.L., S.T.D.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIAL GATHERING AFTER THE REFLECTION. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT BY USING SIGN-UP GENIUS
WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F0D48A4A923ABFCT-WHYPRAY

ED WARD FINE ART SERIES



The Wind
FINE ARTS SERIES
A WINDY TALENTS II

Jazz Psalms

FEATURING
TWO TIME GRAMMY AWARD WINNER
HOWARD LEVY

**Sept. 18th
4 p.m.**

St. Cletus Parish Center
Free Admission

This concert is a benefit for the glenhagen farm retreat, a place to grow, experience and explore the wonders of God's creation. Learn more at glenhagenfarm.org

ST. CLETUS CREDO AND FR. ELMER INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON A FALL PILGRIMAGE!

The St. Cletus Continuing Religious Education Opportunities Committee (CREDO) and Father Elmer have collaborated to plan a day trip to Mundelein Seminary! We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer and some of his friends and former colleagues.

Date: October 22nd, 2022

Time: Bus leaves at 8am sharp, returns at around 5pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Where: Mundelein Seminary, with special tour guide and speaker arranged by our Pastor!

The day will include a special, expanded tour led by Dr. Paul Hilliard Ph.D., Chairperson of the Department of Church History, and a talk and reflection led by Rev. Brendan Lupton, President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, mass celebrated by Father Elmer, lunch, and time to explore the grounds and shop in the bookstore. The day will include approximately a mile of walking on the tour and between buildings, standing, and some stairs. If you are not able to walk that far, you may drop out of the tour for private reflection in the chapel.

The cost for the trip covers lunch, deluxe bus (not a school bus), tip for the bus driver, and stipends for speakers. The majority of the cost is for the bus and gas.

Registrations will be after all masses on August 27th/28th and September 3rd/4th. CREDO is co-hosting parish hospitality the last weekend of August, so registration that weekend will be in the parish center, and in the narthex on the following weekend. Due to the bus capacity, registration is capped at 50 people. Make checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.

We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer! Please fill out this form when you register:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home or cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact name and phone: _____



Ministry News

MISSION LADIES



“Come Join Us”

As it is known we are a small mighty & dedicated Mission Ladies group. We enjoy socializing with each other’s company. We are looking for young and not so young ladies to join our Mission. No special talent is required to participate in sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc.

We meet every Wednesday 9am to 12noon. We do not meet during the summer months and no dues are required. Also work at home, if you like. **Invitation is open to all..**

We are in need of 4 ply & baby yarn -all colors. Velcro, Eyelet & cotton fabric, and small crosses (at least 1” high (no higher) for the Christening Bibs.

When leaving any donation in the Ushers Room - please mark it or “Mission Ladies % Dolores”. For more information call - Dolores Scaletta - (708) 839-9605

ST VINCENT DEPAUL CLOTHING DRIVE



Clothing Drive Our Annual Clothing Drive is coming
Saturday October 1st - 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Sunday October 2nd - 8:00am to 12:30pm

Please pack all clothes in Bags or Boxes

Household items such as picture frames, decorations, small kitchen items

Please NO- Furniture, toys electronics and appliances

Thanks

Jim McLamore

SVDP President

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

What comes to mind when fall arrives? Apples of course!! The women of St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invite you to our next general meeting where Pat McLamore will demonstrate her easy bake apple strudel and then we will enjoy eating some! (With ice cream naturally) All women of the parish are invited. Father Mike will also install our board members for the 2022/2023 year.

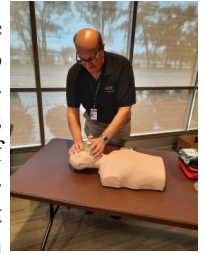
When: September 21, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Gallagher room in the Parish Center It won't be the same without YOU!

GUSHERS

As part of their mission to make people feel welcome and safe when they come to St.Cletus, forty eight members of the usher/greeter team (including a few friends and spouses) were trained in CPR, use of an AED, and treatment for choking victims. The classes on August 27 were taught by Craig Scott, a fireman/paramedic with over forty years of experience as a first responder. His personal stories reinforced the importance of providing care as soon as possible and his teaching style made the classes fun. The attendees practiced their new skills with enthusiasm and declared that they feel more confident in assisting people who need help at mass or other liturgies.



Join us! The gushers from 8:45 and 10:30 mass decided to mark the end of summer by going casual and wearing denim as they greeted people before the beginning of mass. The gushers are always looking for new members. Just ask one of us how you can join. Dress code is voluntary.

ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



Announcing a new **CREDO** ministry!

Enroll your deceased loved ones **free of charge** and be comforted to know others are joining you in prayer for the repose of their souls.

Enrollment forms can be found online at:

www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/

Enrollment forms are also available in the narthex next to the small wooden drop box located on the shelf.

Join your fellow parishioners in offering up your works, prayers, joys, and sorrows for the benefit of the holy souls in purgatory.

Questions? Contact Barb Pristo via email: SCPS@stcletusparish.com

Ministry and Community News

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FORUM

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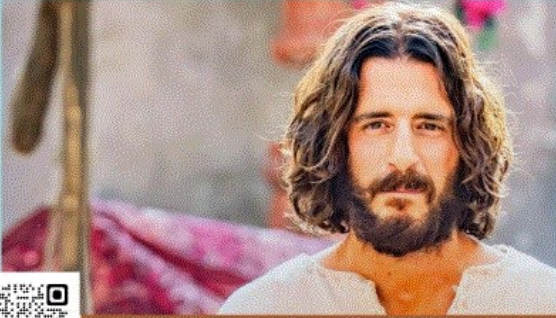
FOLLOWING JESUS: THEN AND NOW

exploring discipleship through The Chosen

SUNDAYS: 9:15-10:45 AM, JOYCE HALL AT SFX
WEDNESDAYS: 7-8:30 PM, PARISH CENTER AT SJC

9 EPISODES BEGINNING SUNDAY 9/18 & WEDNESDAY 9/21

WATCH <i>a high-quality, engaging episode</i>	LISTEN <i>to others' thoughts and reactions</i>	SHARE <i>if and when you feel comfortable</i>
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Flourish meets twice a month on Thursdays from 9-11am in the SJC Parish Center. Our fall session begins on Thursday, September 8. Cost per study is \$26.95 plus tax and shipping. Interested in joining this dynamic and faithful group of women? Please email Beth Korenchan at bkorenchan@comcast.net for more information. We hope you will join us!

VOCATION PRAYER

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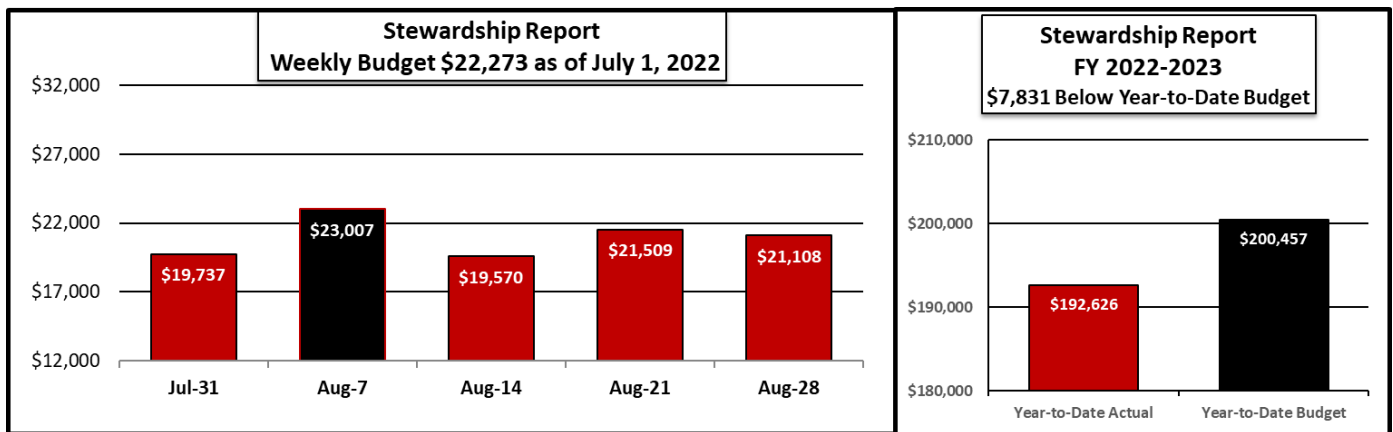
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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 4			
Monday, September 5			
Tuesday, September 6			
Wednesday, September 7	1-1:45	Church	Living Rosary and Prayers
Thursday, September 8	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, September 9	7-8pm	Gallagher	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, September 10	8:30-9:15am 8-11pm	Church Church	Confessions Hispanic Adoration
Sunday, September 11	10:30am	Church	First Responders Mass

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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

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Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
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Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

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Vision Statement

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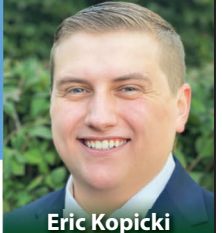
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