

# *Saint Cletus Parish Canticle*

Lord, let us see your kindness, and  
grant us salvation  
-Psalm 85



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## Mass Intentions for August 14th- August 20th, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
August 14	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Mary Dybas, St. Cletus Purgatorial Society
August 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Sean Richards
August 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins
August 17	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
August 18	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Virginia Herran, Eleanor Bier, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Kelly Yearling, Louie Marasovic
August 19	5:00pm	Fr. McCabe	Neil Mullan, John Nisbet
August 20	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Mary Dybas, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Clark	Phyllis Prevenas, Mike Thuma, Fred Grosskopf, Frank Ferrentino
	10:30am	Fr. Kalas	Darlene Kowalski, Delphine Marciszewski, Marco, Emilia, Rattin and Bill DePasuale, Stancy Baker, John Baker
	12:30pm	Fr. Novick & Deacon Cazales	Antonio Hernandez, Antelmo Ramos Sanchez

### 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.*

**August - Erin McMahon Leddon, Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**

**July - Dr. George Schein, Barb Weyrick**

**June - Mary Duckett, Colleen Ann Uhler, Geraldine Osmolak, Yesenia Castillo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy** Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

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

**Donald Massagli**  
Husband of Catherine Massagli

May he rest in peace....

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

**Emma Jimena Jimenez**  
Daughter of Juan Luis Jimenez and Karina Velázquez

**Alexander Emiliano Hernandez**  
Son of Rafael Hernandez and Maria Susana Lopez

**Ophelia Salinas**  
Daughter of Luis Antonio Salina Jr. and April Mora

**Homer Xavier Reyes**  
Son of Homero Reyes Jr. and Diana Salinas

**Abigail Dominguez**  
Daughter of Jorge O. Dominguez and Cindy Paz

**Antonio Dominguez**  
Son of Jorge O. Dominguez and Cindy Paz

**Francisco Marcelo Enriquez**  
Son of Francisco Enriquez and Monia Medrano



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

## Pastor's Note

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is:  
what are you doing for others?"*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Friends,

In 1957 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave a profound speech in Montgomery, Alabama. As he addressed his listeners, he described "life's most persistent and urgent question" as being, "What are you doing for others?" He was just 29 years old at the time. It seems like Dr. King dedicated almost all of his time answering this question. Why? Perhaps he wanted to show us how orienting our efforts outward creates perpetual growth for generations to come.

So, what are you doing for others? How do you give back to your community and parish?

As I look back to my time as you pastor at St. Cletus parish, I am able to name some concrete initiatives, events, and activities that brought us together. Among these are: a New Sound System for our church, the relocation of the Food Pantry, Hopes and Dreams Gathering (2), Sharing our Holy Moments, Lenten Fish Fry (2), Pig Roast (2), Pet's Blessing, An Evening of Prayer and Reflection, and so forth. I am happy to say that your role, participation, support, and commitment in each of them was fantastic and encouraging. It is my prayer that the Lord continues to bless your generous heart. Continue to show us how we all can experience joy and peace as we share our lives and blessings with others.

The main entrance to our church looks warm, friendly, and welcoming. The Lord warms our hearts through his creation: plants, trees, and flowers as we come to Mass. They look beautiful thanks to the dedication and care of our brothers and sisters who are members of the St. Fiacre Society Ministry. I see them cleaning, weeding, and watering almost every day. They love St. Cletus. They love the Lord. They love gardening. They find joy and peace seeing our parish warm and welcoming. Feel free to join them. Please let us keep them in prayer.

Preparations for our Fall Festival continue to go well. I am encouraged by the generosity and commitment shown by Sara and John Hodak (Leaders) and the members of the committee. They are excited. They work well together. They support each other with kindness. They want us to have a fantastic Fall Festival. By the way, they are still looking for more volunteers. I encourage you to send an email to Sara Hodak at [shodak@stcletusparish.com](mailto:shodak@stcletusparish.com) and let her know that you want to help. Please let us keep our Fall Festival Team in prayer.

I am happy to share with you that I have invited Luis Lopez to be our new Manager of Technology (full-time) for the parish and school. He expects to earn his Bachelor of Science: Information Technology Specialist, Cyber Security from Purdue University, IN by the end of this year. He spent 10 years serving in the United States Army. As a sergeant (2016-19), he had the opportunity to serve as mentor and role model to junior soldiers. He also motivated and trained over 40 squad members to become proficient with equipment and daily tasks. I am confident that Luis will successfully share with us his strengths as our Manager of Technology and new member of our parish staff. Let us offer him our welcome.

On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM we will hold our *Evening of Prayer and Reflection* in our beautiful church. We are blessed to have Dr. Peter Newburn as our special guest speaker. The theme of his presentation is: "What Does the Story of Salvation Have to Do with Me? Come hear the most transformative message of all time!" Dr. Peter is a man of faith. He is a missionary disciple. He is passionate about the mission. He is humble. He has the ability to connect well with his listeners. He lets the Lord work through him. He will help us to refresh our knowledge of what we believe and strengthen the relationship we have with the Lord. Please join me in offering a warm welcome to Dr. Peter Newburn.

May our efforts to do for others continue to be blessed by the Lord.

Fr. Elmer Romero

**Our beautiful grounds thanks to  
the hard work of the St. Fiacre  
Society Ministry**





## Note From Father Mike

### Missed Ya!

To all of my “fans,” sorry I missed the bulletin deadline for last weekend. I hope to be on the ball again. So, I am starting early.

I opened up the topic of the Eucharistic Revival in a recent article. Having been away last week, I had the chance to visit a smaller town in the heart of Indiana for Sunday Mass. As much as I enjoy being the celebrant for Mass, it’s good for me to be able to simply participate *in cognito*. It allows me to have an objective view of how things are done in “other parts of the world,” how we are universal in nature. Yes, the prayers are exactly the same wherever you go (or at least they OUGHT to be). Yet, every parish has its own unique personality.

I recall when I was close to finishing a special project back in 2014 and I needed to do just a little more research. I had met a priest while at a conference from a diocese in Louisiana I had never heard of, Lake Charles – if you look at a map and see Louisiana’s “boot heel,” that’s where Lake Charles is. It’s not very big. I asked the pastor if I could come down for a visit, but didn’t tell him about my research project. It was a great visit and very interesting to see the universality of our Church through the liturgy. As I said, it was only the personality of the parish that was different.

The reason I bring up these two experiences is to help you in the way they helped me. We have stated in the past that even if we go on vacation, Sunday is still Sunday. Mass is still obligatory. It’s not only important here in our very own archdiocese, but remains important wherever you see a Catholic Church. Also, I encourage you to take the opportunity to visit a smaller, rural community’s worship. The hospitality tends to be so good. Being in the part of Indiana I was visiting, I was still north of the Mason/Dixon line, but the southern hospitality was palpable.

Of course, this Eucharistic Revival we are in is meant to be helping all Catholics to fall in love with Jesus and His Church again through the celebration of the Eucharist. I am sure there will be opportunities for other forms of prayer and formation based around the Eucharist too. Please pray and take the opportunities we will be offering and please encourage others who might have fallen away to give Jesus’ Church another chance.

Sometimes, an invite is all it takes.

Fr. Mike

## Sunday Notes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-3

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-2

**Tuesday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-1

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

**Tuesday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary

**Saturday:** St. John Eudes, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Evening of Prayer and Reflection

### AN EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

*"What Does the Story of Salvation  
Have to Do with Me?"*

Come hear the most transformative message of all time!

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Peter Newburn, DMin.

Peter Newburn, DMin, has served in full-time ministry at the parish, diocesan, and national levels for 35+ years. From 2012-2015, Peter and his wife Joy, along with their three children, were a missionary family in Cameroon (West Africa), where Peter taught theology at the major seminary. He continues to go to Cameroon annually to lead priest retreats and provide formation for lay leaders in various dioceses. He is fluent in Spanish. Peter teaches Scripture and leadership formation courses at the University of St Mary of the Lake (Mundelein) and serves as a mentor and coach with Divine Renovation, a Catholic organization that supports pastors from all over the world in the work of parish renewal. Peter is passionate about the Kerygma and helping others to use their gifts to fulfill God's purposes.



**Wednesday**  
**August 16, 2023**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**CHURCH**



#### OUTLINE

- 7:00 PM Opening Song
- 7:05 PM Welcome and Introduction of Special Guest Speaker
- 7:10 PM Reflection by Peter Newburn, DMin.
- 8:00 PM Personal Silent Reflection
- 8:05 PM Meditation Song
- 8:10 PM Conversation with Peter Newburn, DMin.
- 8:20 PM Acknowledgements / Thank you!
- 8:25 PM Pray together The Lord's Prayer  
Blessing
- 8:30 PM Closing Song

## "Mass-ive" changes!!!

Hello Saint Cletus! Don't worry, we won't be celebrating mass accompanied by the didgeridoo. At least, not yet. (If I don't have the piano tuned soon it's going to start to sound like one though!).

Before I talk about said changes, I wanted to share how -amazing- it has been, especially lately, to hear you all singing! One recent Sunday in particular Michael Eardly was the cantor and afterward he and I looked at each other and said "that was fun!"... you all sang so loud and so well I felt like I was just accompanying you and not leading you. It's really inspiring for us in music ministry to hear you and to feel like we're part of a 400 voice choir. Keep it up! (you have been!).

To that end- I'm nervous to change things on you, but I'm pretty confident you'll be fine- I'd like to start introducing new mass settings. So beginning this week, we're going to do just that... but piecemeal. Many of you heard one of them when the new Gather were purchased: the "Mass of Angels and Saints" by Steve Janco. The other is the "Mass of Saint Ann" by Ed Bolduc.

Here's how I'd like to do this:

At Saturday masses, you'll be learning "Saint Ann", because this setting sounds particularly good with drum kit and guitar. In fact, some of it sounds kindof incomplete without drums at least... and so because of this we're going to use that setting with the Contemporary Choir every other Saturday, and stick with our current "Mass of Joy and Peace", at least for the Gloria and Holy Holy, on the off-weeks. It's a \*great\* setting that I think you'll love. We will start introducing the parts that \*do\* sound good sans kit first, and then once choirs are back in full swing we will include the others.

At Sunday masses, you'll be learning "Angels and Saints". This setting (in my opinion) is a great setting ...that just doesn't happen to sound great in a more contemporary style.

So! I'm going to offer you some take-it-or-leave-it homework: Check out these settings at home to help familiarize yourself with them! Since this is a print article, including a hyperlink to recordings in a web browser would be.. silly. But! Through the magic of Google you can easily find them. I'd recommend searching the following keywords to get you to recordings I like:

For Saint Ann: go to Google.com and search "Mass of Saint Ann". Literally could not be easier! The publisher/composer has professional recordings that pop right up!

For Angels and Saints: it's a little more tricky. Sadly there isn't a publisher-created version that I'm finding and there are a lot of "homemade" versions (not to diminish anyone's effort!) that don't quite give you the whole picture. However! There are recordings on one page I found that are -really- well done! Go to Google.com and search "steven janco mass of angels and saints t morales". There are two videos of Angels and Saints you should find with that search... one that is just the Gloria, and one that includes the rest of the mass parts. Just don't expect me to have a full orchestra like this gentleman does (although I'll do my best to emulate one).

Whether you come to Saturday mass regularly or Sunday- I absolutely encourage you to check out both! They're both in our new Gather:

Mass of Angels and Saints is "Setting Five", beginning at number 285.

Mass of Saint Ann is "Setting Seven", beginning at number 312.

As I said earlier, we'll do this piecemeal. So a bit before each mass begins I'll do a little rehearsal with you where I sing you a phrase, you sing it back, we put it together, and you sort of learn it by rote (while looking at it in your hymnals!). First I'll start with the Gospel Acclamation (the Alleluia). You've literally got one word to sing, so it doesn't get more straightforward than that. We'll build from there.

There are a lot of great mass settings out there, but I also don't want to overload you. Once we get these under our belt we will have 5 (to my knowledge)... one, the Glendalough mass, is not in our hymnals... but the others (Creation, Joy and Peace, Angels and Saints, and Saint Ann) are there and I'd really love to be able to switch it up at least seasonally. When we get to the point where you're comfortable I'll likely have which mass setting we will be using announced by the cantor before the opening hymn. When we get there, anyway.

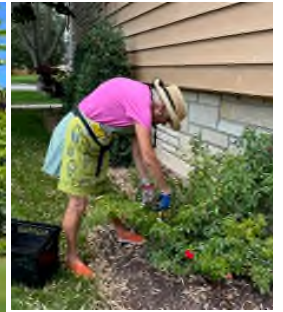
For now, expect to get more face-time with me than you ever hoped for or wanted (I say this mostly jokingly!) before masses begin to help you out with these. I'm excited to hear you get to do something new, and hope you enjoy them as much as I do!

**Ryan**



# Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

The St. Fiacre Society can often be seen hard at work throughout our grounds making sure it looks as beautiful as can be!



# Evangelization and Renewal

Office of *Evangelization & Renewal*

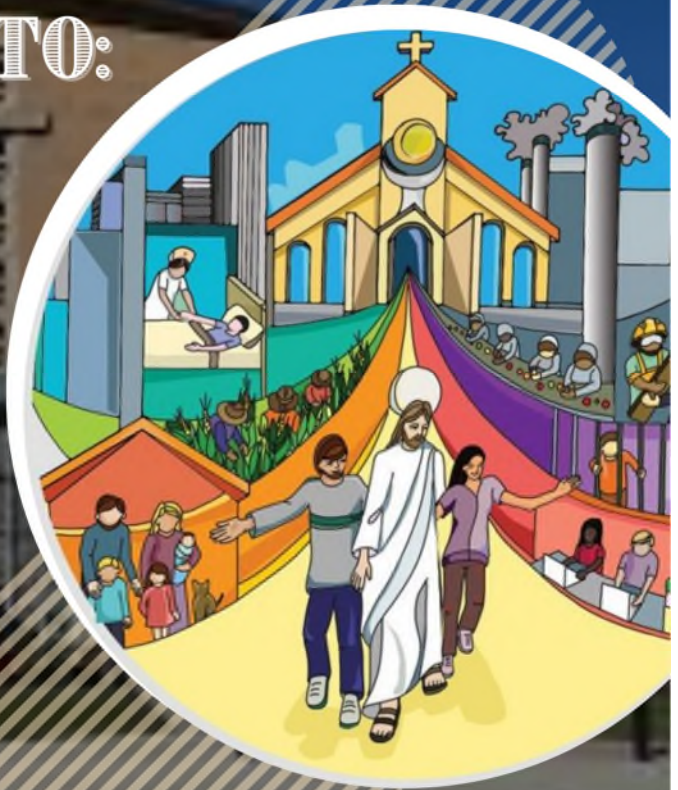


## OUR TEAM TO:

- INSPIRE
- WELCOME
- JOURNEY
- AND CONNECT

with returning catholics, new members in search of belonging, and members discerning their involvement into our parish ministries. Let's host ALPHA!

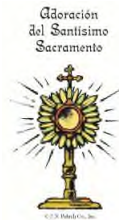
**READY?**



Contact Hector: (708) 714-4423  
hobregon@stcletusparish.com

# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
15 de agosto, 2023	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
13 de julio 2023	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
<b>Segundo Sábado de cada mes</b> Second Saturday of each month	<b>8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.</b> 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	<b>Adoración Nocturna</b> Night Adoration	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
<b>Sábados</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Confesiones</b>	<b>Iglesia</b>



## 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.

## DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

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

## GUADALUPE DEVOTION

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

## INTENCIONES DE MISA

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm. in the Gallagher Room. We will continue planning the events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If anyone would like to be a part of the planning, they are welcome.



## REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Miembros del Comité Guadalupe tendrán una reunión el jueves 31 de agosto, 2023 a las 7:00 pm. en el salón Gallagher. Continuaremos planificando los eventos para la fiesta Guadalupeana. Si alguien quisiera ser parte de la planificación, es bienvenido.

## SEGUNDA COLECTA DE COOPERACION MISIONERA, ARCHIDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Los días 19 y 20 de Agosto, las Misioneras Carmelitas de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús de Puebla México, a través de la Archidiócesis de Chicago, estarán realizando una segunda colecta para recaudar fondos económicos y poder continuar con la construcción de la casa Misión que fue destruida por el huracán Grace en agosto 2021 en Huehuetla, Sierra Norte de Puebla. Lugar de misión con indígenas desde hace 80 años, donde muchos indígenas han conocido a Dios a través de retiros, catequesis, clases de biblia, servicios médicos básicos y mucho más. Por favor considera en ayudarlas y colaborar con ellas. Demos lo mejor de nosotros para dignificar la creación de Dios.

**¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!**





# School News

RIDES \* GAMES \* MUSIC \* FOOD

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

SEPTEMBER  
7th - 10th



600 W. 55th St

To make Fall Fest a success we need YOU! Please scan the code to see what slots are still available!



ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST \* LA GRANGE

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!**

**Come join our team!**

# WE ARE HIRING

JOB OPENING

## Jr. High Teacher!

**CALL US !**

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**St. Cletus School**  
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE



## CHESS CAMP!

Our students had a great time at Chess camp this week! We are so blessed to have Mr. Manetti as part of our staff and so willing to share his knowledge!



## TAX CREDIT REMINDER

Remember to donate to St. Cletus School through the Tax Credit Scholarship Incentive Program! For additional donation information please call Empower Illinois for guidance at 1.800.616.7606 or call the St. Cletus School Office at 708.352.4820. Share this information with your relatives and friends. Thanks for supporting St. Cletus School



# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS  
4-8PM

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Canned meats/ meals
- Chicken Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Flavored Rice Packs
- Jelly
- Diapers size 2, 4, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes
- School Supplies

Follow us on Facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:  
@St.CletusFoodPantry

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



We are flying through school supplies, serving 122 households last week. AdventHealth Cancer Institute staff recently did a huge school supply drive for the pantry! They delivered over 20 boxes of school supplies to help families prepare for the start of the new school year. We are so grateful for their partnership and commitment to serve the community.



### Volunteer Opportunities

**Food Pantry Distribution:** Volunteers help work directly with customers by assisting them with shopping, helping load vehicles and help the pantry with set up or clean up, depending on the shift. Volunteers must be 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up and can come without a parent. Adults welcomed! Food Pantry Volunteer sign up is now available for the whole summer! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>

*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com*

**SVDP DONATION TRUCK**

September 16 from 10-5  
September 17 from 8-12:30  
St. Cletus Parking Lot

Accepting clothes\* & household items such as picture frames, decorations & small kitchen items  
\*Please pack all clothes in bags or boxes  
NO Furniture, toys, electronics and appliances



## Ministry News

### BOOK DISCUSSION

In conjunction with Credo, we will meet in the Fr. Gallagher Room on **Thursday, August 17th at 6:30** to watch the movie adaptation of **Christ the Lord out of Egypt** by **Anne Rice** "*The Young Messiah*" and compare the book with the movie version.



For those who like to look ahead...**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.**

October 17 **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY (A CREDO MINISTRY)

*"A wealthy Genoese merchant when he died left no provisions for suffrages for his soul. Everyone wondered why a man who had been so devout and charitable to others did not include Masses in his will. A notebook was found. Over 2000 Masses were celebrated for others which he personally attended. At the end of the notebook was written: 'Let anyone who wishes to be certain of having good done to him procure it himself during his lifetime.' " - St. Leonard*

*of Port Maurice*

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 40 prayer warriors praying for 415 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones for FREE**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us in prayer for the holy souls! May purgatory be emptied!!! May no soul be forgotten!!!

Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

**Special intentions for August anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, August 14th, 8am**

### CREDO MOVIE NIGHT AUG 17 – THE YOUNG MESSIAH

CREDO is hosting a movie night in conjunction with book club. Book club is reading *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*, and we are showing the movie adaptation, *The Young Messiah*, a week later. Book Club will discuss which was better, the book or the movie, after the movie.



But we also invite anyone who just wants to see the movie to join us on Thursday August 17 at 6:30 in the Gallagher Room. An optional discussion after will be available.

The book and the movie are fiction, both imaging what it might be like to be a seven-year-old Jesus and realizing that You are very different. The *National Catholic Register* says "*The Young Messiah* offers an imaginative vision of the most iconic and celebrated family in human history that is both surprising and familiar, warmly human and credible yet also different." (<https://www.ncregister.com/news/sdg-reviews-the-young-messiah>)

The movie has generated much theological discussion, but the bottom line is it is fiction. One commenter says "We know that at 12 Jesus understood in a conscious human way he was the Son of God. We don't know what he understood in this way at seven. The picture proposed by *The Young Messiah* isn't necessarily correct, but it's a reverent, thoughtful, psychologically credible picture that will rightly be widely embraced by devout Christians, and will even be of interest to open-minded non-Christians." (<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2016/03/11/on-jesus-human-knowledge-and-the-young-messiah/>)

We hope you can join us for the movie. **CREDO**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ladies of our CCW, our meetings for this coming year have been changed to the SECOND Wednesday of the month. Those dates are:

**September 13, 2023**

**November 8, 2023**

**January 10, 2024**

**March 13, 2024**

**May 8, 2024**

Be sure to start off the year with us at our first meeting on September 13th at 7:00pm in the Gallagher Room of the Parish center. We will have a short business meeting followed by a performance from Evening Edition which is a choral group of women singing 4 part acapella harmony. Don't miss it! More details to follow.

Save these dates and bond with your CCW friends!

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN



# Community News

## **PUEBLA-MEXICO MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN, ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

### **A second collection will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.**

On August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, the Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus from Puebla Mexico, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will have a second collection in this Parish to raise funds to continue with their construction of the Mission house that was destroyed by Hurricane Grace in August 2021 in Huehuetla, Sierra Norte of Puebla. A place of mission with indigenous people for 80 years: where many indigenous people have come to know God through retreats, bible studies, catechetical formation, basic medical services, and much more. Please consider in helping them. Let us give the best of ourselves to dignify God's creation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



## **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.



## **MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET**

Are you interested in joining a friendly group of women (age 21+) who enjoy working together and supporting the mission of Misericordia?

Come to our Wine and Cheese social gathering and learn more about the Misericordia Women's League!

Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

( Social Gathering at 6:30 p.m.)

9 Gateway Lane, Oak Brook

Contact Janet Meyer at 630.222.4660 or [jmcilella@gmail.com](mailto:jmcilella@gmail.com) for more information.




## **Co-sponsored with the Siena Center of Dominican University ECOSPIRITUALITY AND ECOJUSTICE IN LAUDATO SI' with Mary Evelyn Tucker**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 | 6:30 – 8 p.m. (CT)  
Cost: \$30  
Hybrid (In person and on Zoom)  
The Well Spirituality Center  
1515 West Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526

Mary Evelyn Tucker, a leader in the field of religion and ecology, will speak to the essential role of religious leaders at this time of ecological crisis. Her talk launches a new initiative at The Well, to awaken us to the spirituality of Laudato Si' as it flows from The Universe Story, and to the ways we can take action for the care of Earth.

Bill McKibben, the climate activist, has called Laudato Si' "perhaps the most important document yet of this millenium." Its ecojustice message, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" brings together the suffering of people and planet in a compelling manner. Mary Evelyn will discuss some of the main influences on the encyclical as well as some of the resulting movements. We will be inspired to take action.

To learn more and register visit [csjthewell.org/programs/tucker-ecospirituality/](https://csjthewell.org/programs/tucker-ecospirituality/).



**Facilitator: Mary Evelyn Tucker**

Mary Evelyn Tucker was a member of the Earth Charter Drafting committee and the International Earth Charter Council. She is co-director with John Grim of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. With Brian Thomas Swimme, Tucker and Grim created *Journey of the Universe*, a multi-media project that includes a book, an Emmy Award winning film on PBS, a podcast series, and free online courses from Yale/Coursera. She is co-author of *Thomas Berry: A Biography* (2019).



# Week At A Glance

xDAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 13			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Monday, August 14	7pm	Church	Assumption Vigil Mass
Tuesday, August 15	8am	Church	Assumption Mass
Wednesday, August 16	1-1:40pm 7-8:30pm	Church Church	Living Rosary Evening of Prayer and Reflection with Peter Newburn
Thursday, August 17	4-8pm 6:30-9pm	Food Pantry Gallagher Room	Food Pantry Distribution <b>CREDO</b> /Book Club Movie Night
Friday, August 18			
Saturday, August 19	2:30-4:30pm	Back Field	Back to School Bash Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Sunday, August 20			Fall Fest Ticket Sales

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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. Thank you!

### GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD

Thank you for your continued stewardship of St. Cletus Parish. Parishioners sometimes ask for suggestions about appropriate weekly contributions. When in doubt, consider giving your hourly pay rate at work (“*giving your first hour to God*”). Whatever you can give will go toward keeping the lights on and supporting the good work of the Parish.

## St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners



**Interested in becoming a preferred partner?**  
**Email [fallfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto:fallfest@stcletusparish.com) to find out more or donate at <https://stcletusparish.com/fallfest/>**

*Thank you!*



# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ..... 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

## WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office .... (708) 352-6209

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. John Lodge, Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy**  
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### PASTORAL STAFF

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## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Elmer Romero  
Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

### LIAISONS

FSA President .....Joleen Kirchens  
Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## 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.