

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.
- John 20:29



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for April 17 - April 23, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
April 17	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Bud Drucker, Tom McAfee
April 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joseph Vieceli, John H. Coye, Theresa Devoka
April 19	8:00am	Fr. Novick	BC and Rip Collins
April 20	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Evelyn Prevenas and Agnes Meske
April 21	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Michael Vieceli(special intention)
April 22	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Gracia Battistoni, John Battistoni, Zenaida Nabo, Columba Co, Santos and Efrena Aranas
April 23	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Novick Fr. Lodge Fr. Novick Fr. Romero	John Duda Richard B. Daley, Mary Ellen Aiu, Sarah and George Conkwright, Robert Ward Christine Joyce, Rosemary Kus, M.J. Stuart Carlos Rivera, Gerardo Torres, Stanley Lopez

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.

April - Patricia Rodey, Karol Picazo

March - Enemorio Cisneros, Galdino Padilla, Juana García, Beto Montalvo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy, Denise and Rich Jandura, and Baby Muffy, Francie Smith, Enrique Durán, Donald Hogue

February - Daniel Lacey, Matthew O'Connell, Roman Szabelski, Edward Rojack, Juana Martinez, Louie Soto, Leo Gonzalez, Tillie Gonzalez

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...

Michael Maloy
Husband of Mary Beth Maloy

May he rest in peace....

JOIN US TODAY!



amber trio
Sunday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.
St. Cletus Church

Tricia Wlazlo, Christine Janzow Phillips, and Nancy Hagen will present a one hour program entitled Las Favoritas that will feature music for oboe, english horn, oboe d' amore and piano from a wide range of composers and musical styles. It will be an extraordinary musical experience!

Pastor's Note

"The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord,"
John 20:20b

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord continues to be good to us. He continues to bless our desires to be with him, and to grow in friendship with his risen Son, Jesus Christ, and each other. He delights seeing us together, especially when we pray and celebrate life and faith together.

Easter Sunday was special for all of us at our parish. Starting with our 7:15 AM Mass all the way to our 12:30 PM Mass, we noticed that there was hardly any pew left unoccupied. Our hearts were touched by the Spirit of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. We all felt compelled to journey towards St. Cletus Parish to celebrate Easter.

I would like to thank you for your support, prayers, trust, friendship, and the witness you continue to give me. This is something you have been sharing with me since the day I joined St. Cletus, on July 1st, 2021. I want you to know that it means a lot to me. I am delighted to be sharing my life, ministry, and priesthood with you. Praying and celebrating Mass with you is my joy. Know that I hold you in my daily prayer.

As a parish, we are blessed to have a wonderful Parish Staff. Each of them fulfills their responsibilities and ministries with care. They generously share their gifts, talents, and strengths with us. They pray and look for ways to assist as we experience growth as a parish. We continue to hold our biweekly Parish Staff meetings which I find to be helpful and insightful. Please keep them in prayer.

In a special way, I want to acknowledge and thank Kris and Clara Santin for leading the Art and Environment Committee that our parish is blessed to have. It is thanks to their artistic minds and hearts that the altar area of our church has been looking special, warm, welcoming, engaging, and beautiful since Thanksgiving. Kris and Clara are volunteers. They love serving and sharing their strengths with us. They appreciate and welcome help from other members of our parish. Camille Koch has been helping them, I and thank her. If you would like to join them, simply send them an email at Mr.santin4@gmail.com Please let us hold them in prayer.

On Good Friday, Elias Lopez (parishioner) and his nephew Salvador Lopez took the initiative to clean the garden beds in front of our church, Parish Center, and the Rectory. Then, they added new mulch. They told me that they wanted the entrance of our church looking clean and nice for Easter. They spent over 5 hours to complete the project. Elias and Salvador offered their time plus the mulch as a donation to the parish.

Our Lenten Tri-Parish Reconciliation Service, which we celebrated on March 27, 2023, went well. With the leadership of Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor, after praying, hearing the word of God, and the examination of conscience, we all had the opportunity to received God's love and forgiveness by approaching one of the ten confessors we were blessed to have. Last year we had 9 confessors. This year the Lord sent us one more confessor.

May the Spirit of Jesus Christ continue to refresh our hearts and spirit.

Fr. Elmer Romero



Note From Father Mike

Spring has sprung and the wind is beginning to blow out at Wrigley Field (or even at that other ballpark, whatever its name is – just kidding). Now that the Church has entered the Easter season, it seems like there are less and less holidays to look forward to. Sure, there are Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Juneteenth, Fathers Day, and the 4th of July. However, the closest any of those holidays are to being Holy Days is Mothers Day.

The Church will have two Holy Days that don't always get much attention in terms of major days, and yet, when they come around, the Church would like us to celebrate them in a bigger way – Ascension and Pentecost. The Ascension of the Lord has been in the middle of many conversations over time because it was always referred to as Ascension Thursday – 40 days after Easter; however, in many dioceses, it has moved to the Sunday that follows (the 7th Sunday of Easter). Why? The primary reason for moving the Ascension is that less and less people were even able to attend during the week. It'd been a Holy Day of Obligation, but when the Church began noticing that less people were attending, she had to ask why. The obvious answer is that schedules of peoples' lives were no longer the same. Of course, when I was in grammar school, we attended Mass on holy days. What about the rest of the children, let alone their parents? Parents' schedules changed too. With both parents working, who was going to be responsible to take the children to Mass on a Thursday? Plus, those same parents might have asked "what am I going to do about my own attendance?" Moving the celebration to being on that following Sunday made sense to many Church leaders. Therefore, some do Sundays, some kept Thursdays. But what about now that there are less and less people coming to Mass even on weekends? Again, the Church wrestles with this "new" question. I don't have an answer yet.

Wish I did. Unfortunately, the consequence that is most prominent right now is Renew My Church and the merging of parishes so that those who DO attend Mass can celebrate Ascension.

That is only one of the two holy days in the Church I mentioned. I simply wanted to give an example here. Just imagine the conversations happening to deal with the present day meetings to answer more questions like this.

Something else that is suffering in the Church (partially because of the COVID-19 epidemic) is that there are fewer and fewer people who are interested in taking communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. With the number of people who were taking communion to peoples' homes or to hospitals or nursing facilities dwindling because even THEY might not be physically able to minister like they want, we need to be able to find more people to volunteer in this rewarding ministry. It takes some training, but ask anyone who is either currently doing the ministry or someone who can no longer do so and they will tell you just how much better their own lives have become because they have formed a deeper relationship with the Eucharist and met new friends along the way.

With that said, I have found that there is a day-long training for people who wish to be ministers of care on May 6th from 8:30am-4pm at Advent Health LaGrange Hospital, 5101 Willow Springs Rd, LaGrange, IL 60525. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost involved. They only ask that you call ahead. They can only accommodate 35 people. Call and reserve your place ASAP. The main hospital phone number is 708-245-9000. Please consider where God is calling you to serve Him

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-1

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-3

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Earth Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Sharing our Graces and Blessings

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

A **BIG THANK YOU** is in order to our Art and Environment Committee. Your hard work and dedication is truly a blessing.



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HOLY WEEK

What a beautiful and blessed holy week we experienced together!



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BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS

Not only are we blessed with a beautifully decorated church but our grounds were also made fresh and lovely by more volunteers stepping up to offer their generous support to our parish. Thank you!!



School News

WASHING OF THE FEET

Our first graders did a wonderful job putting together their washing of the feet prayer service on Holy Thursday. It was clear how much work the students and teachers put in to make such a beautiful service. We are so proud of you!



APRIL D4D

APRIL DINING 4 DOLLARS NIGHT

Little Joe's


TWO DAYS!


APRIL 17TH & 18TH

OPEN TO CLOSE


**REMEMBER TO MENTION ST. CLETUS
WHEN PLACING AN ORDER**


ST. CLETUS SCHOOL WILL RECIEVE
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS

THANK YOU!

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A CARDINAL!



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

**PRESCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
AND STORYTIME**

APRIL 23RD OR MAY 9TH 3-4PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES PLEASE
JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE AND
STORYTIME FOR YOUR CHILD
WHILE YOU GET A TOUR OF OUR
SCHOOL!



RSVP HERE

<https://stcletusschool.com/openhouse/>

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
18 de abril, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
16 de abril, 2023	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.

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana 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. @stcletusparish.com. at the Hispanic Ministry office or Deacon Ramón Cazales. 708-215-5441 el Viernes Santo 7 de abril a las 7:00 pm en español.

¡GRACIAS!

Gracias a todos los que participaron en el Viacrucis Viviente el Viernes Santo. Fue una experiencia maravillosa para todos. Gracias a todos por organizar esta representación del Vía Crucis. Gracias a todos por su apoyo.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Living Satiations of the Cross on Good Friday. It was a wonderful experience for everyone. Thank you all for organizing this representation of the Via Crucis. Thank you to everyone for your support.



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- Applesauce
- Pasta
- Canned tomatoes
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Personal Care Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Diapers size 3-4 and 5-6
- Baby wipes

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

More than two million recipients in Illinois who depended on the federal emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are experiencing a cut in their food budgets. For them, this cut comes at a time when they're already feeling the weight of decades-high inflation and rising costs for the food they need to feed themselves and their families . . .

Which means, right now, even more of our neighbors will need to turn to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and pantries like ours, for help. Your support at this time is critical to meeting the increased need for food across our communities. Please consider donating to help us reach our \$35,000 matching grant! Or please see our most needed items on our wish list. Thank you!

WHY DONATE FUNDS?

- **Your dollar goes 8-10x further!** As a member of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, we are able to purchase items at a deep discount.
- We can purchase produce and other needed items in bulk, offering **healthy options for clients.**
- Funds are used to provide **financial assistance** to those experiencing hardship.
- **Right now your donation is DOUBLED!**
- All donations go directly to **food pantry operations.**
- All donations are tax-deductible



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



Energize Your New Job Search Using Your New LinkedIn Profile

Want to impress everyone with your LinkedIn profile? Of course you do! Then join us on Thursday, April 20 from 7-9:00 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5055 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Denis Curtin is a LinkedIn Trainer and Coach who helps job seekers and companies optimize their LinkedIn profiles. Denis is an outstanding presenter who quickly engages the group and entertains as he presents dynamic ideas for improving your LinkedIn profile and presence. He has been assisting job seekers at the Holy Family Job Support Group in Inverness for the past 25 years, and has presented to our ICN group for the past 10 years. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Mass for Life

April 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us in praying for the sanctity of life and the closing of the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign with a mass celebrated by Bishop Bartosic at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N State St. Chicago) All are welcome!

LENTEN OUTREACH

Thank You

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl to the collection basket or Parish Center or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate

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

Ministry and Community

THANK YOU!



Thank-you to all the bakers, workers and shoppers who supported the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women’s Bake Sale on April 2. A big thank-you also to the local businesses that donated to the sale: Kirshbaum’s Bakery, Kirsten’s Danish Bakery, Crumbl Cookies, and Fill My Jar Handcrafted Candies. The bake sale was a great success, only three cookies were left unsold at the end of the day! Sale proceeds will benefit the CCW Scholarship Fund (for both the school and faith formation programs) and CCW service projects and programs. Thank you again to all who supported this fun event, we hope you enjoyed some delicious treats!

MINISTERS OF CARE TRAINING

Archdiocese of Chicago No Cost Ministry of Care training.....Single Day!

When: May 6th, 2023 (Registration 8AM) 8:30am-4:00pm

(Lunch Provided)

Where: Advent Health La Grange Hospital 5101 Willow Springs Rd La Grange, IL 60525 Use Main La Entrance @ Bldg 1

Ask for directions to Dixon “C” Education room at Lobby

Please contact : Deacon Tom Carlson to enroll or if you have any questions.

Email:tcarlson@archchicago.org

Mobile: 630 746 8384

Participation is limited to the first 35 People to enroll

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

It is difficult to believe but we have only three sessions for this year. We will be meeting this week 4/16 & 17; next week, 4/23 & 24, and our final week of classes will be on 4/30 & 5/1.

First Communion will be celebrated in English on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and in Spanish during the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7.

In all it has been a good year and we thank our Catechists for their commitment and our Faith Formation Families for their kindness and support during the year.


We will begin our registration process the first week of May, look to the bulletin and website for more information. **God Bless, Lawrence Manetti**

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. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH



If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

ENGAGE COMMUNITY – APRIL EVENT

Why Fun is the Secret to a Healthier Life

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 26th to add some fun to your life.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL.

When: 7:00-8:30 April 26

Who: All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: We’ll watch an enlightening TED Talk on the importance of fun followed by group discussion to put our new insights to work.

You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). RSVPs are encouraged but not required for this event.

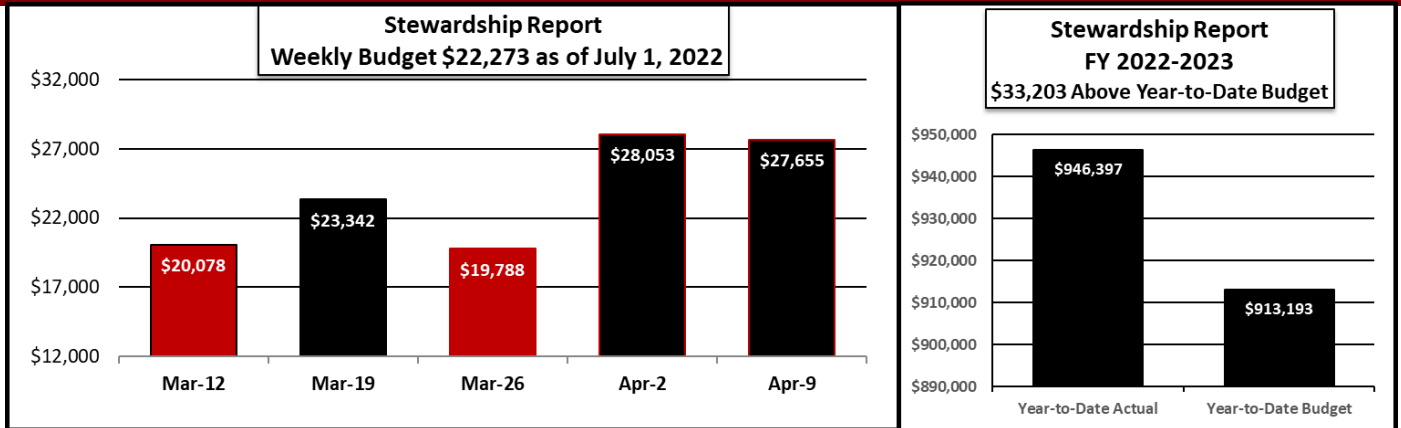
For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

Community events are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 16	4pm		Ed Ward Fine Art Series
Monday, April 17		Little Joe's	Dining 4 Dollars Night
Tuesday, April 18	7-8pm	Little Joe's Church	Dining 4 Dollars Night Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (Spanish)
Wednesday, April 19	9am-12pm 1-1:40pm	Gallagher Room Church	Mission Ladies Living Rosary
Thursday, April 20	7pm 4-8pm	Parish Center Food Pantry	Willy Wonka Jr. Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, April 21	4pm & 7pm	Parish Center	Willy Wonka Jr.
Saturday, April 22	8:30am-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, April 23			

Stewardship Report



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.

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. Thank you!

St. Cletus Parish Information

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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 SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 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

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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.