

# *Saint Cletus Parish Canticle*

**Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs  
to such as these.**  
— MARK 10:14



*October 2021*

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*St. Joseph,  
defender of life,  
pray for us!*



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## Mass Intentions for October 4 - 10, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
October 4	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Frank Baggio
October 5	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joseph Vieceli, Leona Kruk
October 6	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Elaine Rys, BC Collins
October 7	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Frank Wojcik
October 8	8:00am	Fr. Romero	William Winters, Pat & Birdie Winters, Beverly Hagen, Nick Brzezniak
October 9	5:00pm	Fr. Baker	Ed Stec, Agnes Meske, Special Intention - Michael Baker, Special Intentions of CCW Members
October 10	7:15am	Fr. Baker	Stacy Baker, George Duda, Kathleen Boland, Michael Garvey
	8:45am	Fr. Costello	Matthew Martin, Ludwik Stopyra, Rosemarie Gallagher, Frank Treski, Joseph & Eleanor Brousil, Margaret Glennon
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Hunter Richards, Michael O'Connell, Ann Marie Nabor, Gerry Tomazin
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Francisco Parra

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

**Maria T. De La Rosa**

**George J. Zielak**

**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.*

**September** - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

**July** - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patrick Wingert

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

### MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Masks are now required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities

in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

### INSTALLATION OF FR. ELMER ROMERO

Our new Pastor, Fr. Elmer, will be installed by our new Vicar, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, on Saturday, November 13 at the 5:00pm Mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special Mass. We will announce additional details as they become available for this celebration of our parish.

### HOPES FOR OUR PARISH FOLLOW UP EVENT

Please join us on October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church for a follow up to our September 13 meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if you did not attend the initial meeting.

## Marriage Banns



**Manisara Saengihrun  
& Brian Donatelli**

**Himja Bhatt & Kevin Stepuszek**

**Ryan & Kim (Stemler) Kruep**

## Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

God continues to journey with us! He gently encourages us to walk with Him and with one another as members of St. Cletus Parish. As we walk with Him, we are becoming aware of His actions and loving presence among us. Today, I share with you some such experiences.

As per the last weekend bulletin, you are aware that on Monday, September 13, 2021, we held our first encounter called "Dreams and Hopes" night, which was attended by 150 parishioners plus our Parish Staff. At that evening, as we shared our "Dreams and Hopes" for our Parish, I could not help myself but to be open and receive the mission with which the Lord Himself was trusting us, Parish Staff, through you.

I was moved by our Hopes and Dreams parishioner event a few weeks ago. Our adult parishioners expressed many wonderful hopes for our parish. One of them was for us to revitalize our Teen and Young Adult ministries here at St. Cletus. I am working with Barb Campbell to set up another Hopes and Dreams evening specifically for our teens and young adults of the parish (people between the ages of 14-25) in the near future. I think it is very important that we hear directly from them what their Hopes and Dreams are, and to give them the opportunity to discern how they can be involved in bringing them to life. Stay tuned for more information on this important initiative, and please keep all of our teens and young adults in your prayers.

As briefly mentioned last Sunday, today I am delighted to share with you a few more details about our first "Sharing Our Blessings" gathering which will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM in our Church. This gathering will help us to grow in friendship with one another, sing songs, listen to and pray with the Word of God, foster silence, listen to blessings shared by two members of our Parish Staff, elevate to the Lord our needs and intentions, pray the Our Father together, and receive a blessing. In addition, with the help of Bill Wettstein and weather permitting, we will have a bonfire (Place TBD). I think the bonfire will help us to meet, greet, and welcome new parishioners and share our blessings with them. I am grateful to the members of the special committee for their counsel and leadership with this initiative.

### **Sharing Our Blessings Committee:**

Barb Campbell, Karen Ziemba, Paulette Bolton, Deborah Blecic, and Bill Wettstein.

As of today, the format of our first "Sharing Our Blessings" will be as follows:

- Opening Song (7:00 PM)
- Introductory Rites
- Prayer
- Liturgy of the Word
  - Brief Reflection
- Song
- Sharing of Blessings by two members of our parish.
- Song
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Our Father
- Rite of Peace
- Concluding Prayer
- Blessing
- Song
- Bonfire
  - Opportunity for growth in fraternity and friendship (8:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

On Thursday morning, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, seven of our wonderful parishioners got together to weed on the front of Church and the flagpole circle. They did an excellent job. My special thanks to them, and in a special way to our leaders: Tom Reisel and Mary Delaney.

May our good and gracious Lord continue to help us become aware of his abundant blessings in our lives and our parish community.

***Fr. Elmer Romero***  
***Pastor***

# Sunday Readings

## READING I

*Gn 2:18-24*

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him."

So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man.

When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called 'woman,'

for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6*

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

## READING II

*Heb 2:9-11*

He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

## ALLELUIA

*1 Jn 4:12*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

If we love one another, God remains in us  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

*Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12*

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

They were testing him.

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"

They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."

But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

## XXVII Domingo Ordinario

### PRIMERA LECTURA

*Gn 2, 18-24*

En aquel día, dijo el Señor Dios: “No es bueno que el hombre esté solo. Voy a hacerle a alguien como él, para que lo ayude”. Entonces el Señor Dios formó de la tierra todas las bestias del campo y todos los pájaros del cielo y los llevó ante Adán para que les pusiera nombre y así todo ser viviente tuviera el nombre puesto por Adán.

Así, pues, Adán les puso nombre a todos los animales domésticos, a los pájaros del cielo y a las bestias del campo; pero no hubo ningún ser semejante a Adán para ayudarlo.

Entonces el Señor Dios hizo caer al hombre en un profundo sueño, y mientras dormía, le sacó una costilla y cerró la carne sobre el lugar vacío. Y de la costilla que le había sacado al hombre, Dios formó una mujer. Se la llevó al hombre y éste exclamó:

“Ésta sí es hueso de mis huesos  
y carne de mi carne.  
Ésta será llamada mujer,  
porque ha sido formada del hombre”.

Por eso el hombre abandonará a su padre y a su madre, y se unirá a su mujer y serán los dos una sola cosa.

### SALMO RESPONSORIAL

*Salmo 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6*

#### R. Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Dichoso el que teme al Señor  
y sigue sus caminos:  
comerá del fruto de su trabajo,  
será dichoso, le irá bien.

#### R. Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Su mujer, como vid fecunda,  
en medio de su casa;  
sus hijos, como renuevos de olivo,  
alrededor de tu mesa.

#### R. Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Esta es la bendición del hombre que teme al Señor:  
“Que el Señor te bendiga desde Sión,  
que veas la prosperidad de Jerusalén  
todos los días de tu vida”.

#### R. Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

Que veas a los hijos de tus hijos.  
¡Paz a Israel!

#### R. Dichoso el que teme al Señor.

### SEGUNDA LECTURA

*Heb 2, 8-11*

Hermanos: Es verdad que ahora todavía no vemos el universo entero sometido al hombre; pero sí vemos ya al que por un momento Dios hizo inferior a los ángeles, a Jesús, que por haber sufrido la muerte, está coronado de gloria y honor. Así, por la gracia de Dios, la muerte que él sufrió redundó en bien de todos. En efecto, el creador y Señor de todas las cosas quiere que todos sus hijos tengan parte en su gloria. Por eso convenía que Dios consumara en la perfección, mediante el sufrimiento, a Jesucristo, autor y guía de nuestra salvación. El santificador y los santificados tienen la misma condición humana. Por eso no se avergüenza de llamar hermanos a los hombres.

### ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

*1 Jn 4, 12*

#### R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Si nos amamos los unos a los otros, Dios permanece en nosotros y su amor ha llegado en nosotros a su plenitud.

#### R. Aleluya.

### EVANGELIO

*Mc 10, 2-16*

En aquel tiempo, se acercaron a Jesús unos fariseos y le preguntaron, para ponerlo a prueba: “¿Le es lícito a un hombre divorciarse de su esposa?”

Él les respondió: “¿Qué les prescribió Moisés?” Ellos contestaron: “Moisés nos permitió el divorcio mediante la entrega de un acta de divorcio a la esposa”. Jesús les dijo: “Moisés prescribió esto, debido a la dureza del corazón de ustedes. Pero desde el principio, al crearlos, Dios los hizo hombre y mujer. Por eso dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre y se unirá a su esposa y serán los dos una sola cosa. De modo que ya no son dos, sino una sola cosa. Por eso, lo que Dios unió, que no lo separe el hombre”.

Ya en casa, los discípulos le volvieron a preguntar sobre el asunto. Jesús les dijo: “Si uno se divorcia de su esposa y se casa con otra, comete adulterio contra la primera. Y si ella se divorcia de su marido y se casa con otro, comete adulterio”.

Después de esto, la gente le llevó a Jesús unos niños para que los tocara, pero los discípulos trataban de impedirlo.

Al ver aquello, Jesús se disgustó y les dijo: “Dejen que los niños se acerquen a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de Dios es de los que son como ellos. Les aseguro que el que no reciba el Reino de Dios como un niño, no entrará en él”.

Después tomó en brazos a los niños y los bendijo imponiéndoles las manos.



# Social Concerns Ministry



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

### Most needed at this time:

- Canned meats
- 2-3 lb rice
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta noodles
- Canned corn
- 2 lb dry pinto beans

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



Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on 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*

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a few more weeks left of the food pantry garden! Volunteers are needed to help water but especially needed to help with harvesting on Wednesdays! Thank you Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>

## GCFD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Please email Joan Kittler at [kittlerjh4533@gmail.com](mailto:kittlerjh4533@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, October 16th. St. Cletus is signed up, we just need a few good people to help. Remember, the St. Cletus Food Pantry earns \$15 per person, every time we work.

## BABY BOTTLE DISTRIBUTION

Be sure to pick up your baby bottle after Masses this weekend.

*Proceeds benefit the Women's Care Center in La Grange.*



## SVDP DONATION TRUCK

The donation truck for our local St. Vincent dePaul Society is in the St. Cletus parking lot this weekend - Saturday, October 2 from 10-5 and Sunday, October 3 from 8-12:30.

We can accept gently used clothing and small household items. Please note, we CANNOT ACCEPT furniture or large households items.

Thank you for your generosity!



## GIVING TREE UPDATE

We know it's just September, but we're already planning for Christmas!

Giving Tree registration will begin October 1 and go all month until October 31. Eligible individuals and families may register at any Thursday night food pantry distribution or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418 to complete registration over the phone.

Tags will be available for donors in mid-November and we will have plenty of volunteer opportunities in November and December so stay tuned!



## WORD OF LIFE



“St. Joseph’s ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life, [respectlife.org/reflection-joseph](http://respectlife.org/reflection-joseph)

**LIFE CHAIN**



Join us for the annual National Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 from 2:30-3:30 at the Southwest corner of LaGrange Rd and Ogden Ave (near Chipotle). Life Chain invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 1

hour. Signs will be provided as well as suggested Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, and scripture verses. We hope you will join us!

**MASS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

ACDVO 2021 Mass to End Domestic Violence and for Survivors and their families will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH**



Domestic violence was already an epidemic before COVID-19, but the health crisis has caused a tremendous spike in incidents of abuse. Even as lockdown restrictions are lifted, the abuse will not simply end. It remains a critical time for survivors, and greater awareness, education, and bystander intervention are desperately needed. This October, join us in activating bystanders and sharing information that can help those who are experiencing violence during this unprecedented time.

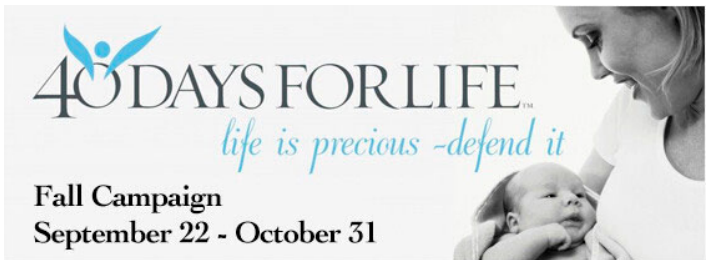
Visit [nomore.org/campaigns/dvam/](http://nomore.org/campaigns/dvam/) to see how you can become involved.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?  
CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:  
**708.485.5254**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**



WHEN: Wednesday, September 22 to Sunday, October 31, 7AM to 7PM daily  
LOCATION: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove  
SIGN UP: Sign up anytime online at: [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove)  
Click on "Log in/Signup" then "Register"

**CROP WALK**

CROP Hunger Walk Information:  
Saturday, October 16  
10:15am Check In  
10:30am Walk Begins

Location: The walk begins and ends at St. Cletus Education Building—Morrissey Hall

**\*\*Please bring a non-perishable food item with you\*\***

The route is 2 miles in length. There will be a shorter family walk, of 1 mile as well. An escort car continually travels the walk route and will pick up anyone who wants to return to the end point early.

To sign up and/or make a donation check out: [events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-cletus](http://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-cletus)

Nearly 1 in 4 households experienced food insecurity in 2020.



# St. Cletus School

**Greg Porod, Principal**  
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**Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
708) 352-4820 | cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

## VENDORS WANTED

Tables are \$35. Interested vendors should email Joleen at [joleenfortier@yahoo.com](mailto:joleenfortier@yahoo.com).

### St. Cletus Sip 'n Shop Vendors Needed!



Friday, November 12, 2021

6:00 - 9:00pm

St. Cletus Parish Center  
600 W. 55th St.  
La Grange, IL 60525



Sponsored by: St Cletus FSA

If you are interested in participating in the Vendor Fair

please contact **Joleen Kirchens**

[joleenfortier@yahoo.com](mailto:joleenfortier@yahoo.com)

## JOB OPENINGS



# St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

### HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Hours are 7:30am – 11:30 am

Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree needed. Substitute License required if education degree is not held.

### AFTERCARE WORKER

5 days a week from 3pm until 6pm or until the last student leaves. Pay is \$15 an hour.

Looking for a reliable, caring individual. College and High School Jr's and Sr's welcome to apply.

Must be VIRTUS Trained.

*Please contact the school office if interested at 708-352-4820*

## 8TH GRADE BUDDIES

The kindergartners and 8th graders met for the first time this school year! They will participate in activities together throughout the year. When the children all met, they made pocket rosaries together and these were gifted by the kindergarten children to their new 8th grade friends. The children promised to keep one another in their prayers!





### **THANK YOU AMERICAN LEGION**

Thank you to members of the American Legion in La Grange who came by last week to help us retire our flag and replace it with a new one! It was a beautiful ceremony for our 6th-8th graders to experience.

### **GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS MASS**

A big thank you to all of our grandparents and special friends who came to celebrate mass with us today! Every year it is such a popular event and we missed being able to celebrate with all of you last year!! So blessed to be together again. A truly great day to be a Cardinal .





# Religious Education

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

The new year in Religious Education has begun! Halleluiah! Last Sunday, we started with our Kick Off Picnic! We had so much fun coming together in person again, after a long year of being apart. Most of our families came to join in the fun, enjoy fellowship together, eat ice cream and play games with their children! It was such a blessing to be together again. Please enjoy some pictures from our fun time together!

If you forgot to register, it's not too late! Please find the registration forms online at <https://stcletusparish.com/learn/re/> Please get the registration forms back to our office by Wednesday, if possible, so your children don't miss out on any of our fun activities! You can email scanned copies of the forms to [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) or drop them off at the Parish Center or Parish School Office. We look forward to being back together soon!





## Ministry News

### RCIA



In these uncertain times people often search for something deeper and more meaningful. Some desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or desire to complete Sacraments on a faith journey that was started when they were a young child. Perhaps your spouse or a close friend is Catholic or you saw something

that prompted questions or inspired your interest about becoming Catholic. Maybe you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com).

We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

### BOOK CLUB



For the next book discussion, we are reading **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer. We will meet on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on December 14 we will discuss **The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg.

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

### TUESDAY SCHOOL MASSES

We will have school Masses each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. through the academic year when school is in session. We are blessed to have 340 students this year and we ask that adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

### ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS



Our annual Pet Blessing will be on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi near his statue, between the church and the parish center, on Monday, Oct. 4th at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

### SC COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Ladies of St. Cletus Parish - Are you looking for a prayerful, peaceful, spiritual way to start your Advent season? Then join Fr. Elmer & the women of our St. Cletus CCW on NOVEMBER 20th from 11:15am to 2:00pm for a time of prayer, discussion, lunch, and service. We have a great time planned so SAVE THE DATE! (more details to follow)

### DAILY REFLECTION

The hope so often on the lips of Pope Francis is a good shared by Christians of all denominations, something that sets us apart from those who have no hope. This hope is in Christ and the good he promises, even beyond this life; it is not something to hug to ourselves but to offer the world. If it is to convince others, it has to be more than just a private comfort.

It must inspire us to work for the betterment of human life, for good here and now, for the oppressed and poor, the victims of racism, of injustice and neglect. Those who have no hope might be inclined to say, "Why bother? Nothing is going to change."

We fail in hope when we ourselves believe and act as if nothing we do could ever be of any use and that we must wait for the Lord to intervene. Waiting for the Lord to do everything might sound like hope, but genuine Christian hope spurs us to concern for the world. Since hope is not the same thing as optimism, even those who have a more melancholic nature can have it.

It doesn't mean ignoring reality, ignoring suffering, but seeing through it to the Lord's love and care for the world. Hebrews says: "God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him by your service to his holy people. Our desire is that each of you show the same zeal till the end, fully assured of that for which you hope" (6:10).

[www.SaintJohnsAbbey.org](http://www.SaintJohnsAbbey.org)



## Community News

### **EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT BY PETER GENESER**



Hello parishioners of St. Cletus Church, My name is Peter Geneser and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 117 in Western Springs. I am a Junior at Nazareth Academy High School and I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project to provide religious items and personal care items to U.S. Veterans. I am asking for your help to collect travel-size toiletries and gently used or new religious items to be distributed to U.S. Veterans hospitalized in local VA Healthcare Centers. All donated religious items will be blessed by a member of the clergy before distribution. My hope is to distribute these items on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021. A collection box has been placed in the parish Narthex for your donations.

Travel-size toiletries needed:

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Shaving cream / Disposal razors
- Shampoo
- Liquid soap or body wash (no bar soap please)
- other travel size toiletries.

New or gently used religious items needed:

- Small crosses
- Rosaries
- Prayer cards
- Saint necklaces or medals

Monetary donations can be given to the Parish Office. Cash donations should be in an envelope marked Eagle Scout Project-117 and donations by check should be made out to BSA Troop 117. Thank you for your generosity

### **OPEN HOUSE AT NAZARETH ACADEMY**

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy high school this fall. Visit on Sunday, October 17 at 10 a.m. or Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. Learn all about Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity at Nazareth through formal presentations, guided tours and time to visit with students, faculty, staff and coaches. Pre-registration is REQUIRED at nazarethacademy.com. Space is limited. Nazareth is located at 1209 W. Ogden, LaGrange Park.

### **KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

WHEN: October 16, 2021 at 6pm  
 WHERE: Tailgaters Sports Bar and Grill  
 431 W. Boughton Rd. Bolingbrook, IL 60440  
 TICKETS: \$12 (plus tax & fee) available online at: [https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/\\$14](https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/$14) at the door.

### **MOBILE ID & I-CASH PROGRAM**

The Township of Lyons' Clerk's Office 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside in conjunction with Jessie White Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs State Treasurer, will hold a Mobil ID and I-Cash Program on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Renew your driver's license, get a vision screening, obtain a state ID, get your license plate renewal sticker, correct mistakes and search for lost cash! No Reservations necessary. Questions may be addressed to Elyse Hoffenberg, Clerk, @ [ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com](mailto:ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com) or by calling 708-482-8300-x 221. NOTE: Real IDs cannot be processed at this event.

### **REFLECT RETREAT**

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs), on Nov 12-14, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Access to Literacy Program at Triton College is looking for volunteers who are passionate about serving the community! Help native and non-native English speakers improve their literacy and numeracy skills through one-on-one or small group tutoring.

Requirements:

- Have genuine enthusiasm for teaching and learning.
- Strong commitment to supporting the growth of adult learners.
- Attend tutor trainings.
- Commit to at least two hours per week for a minimum of one year.

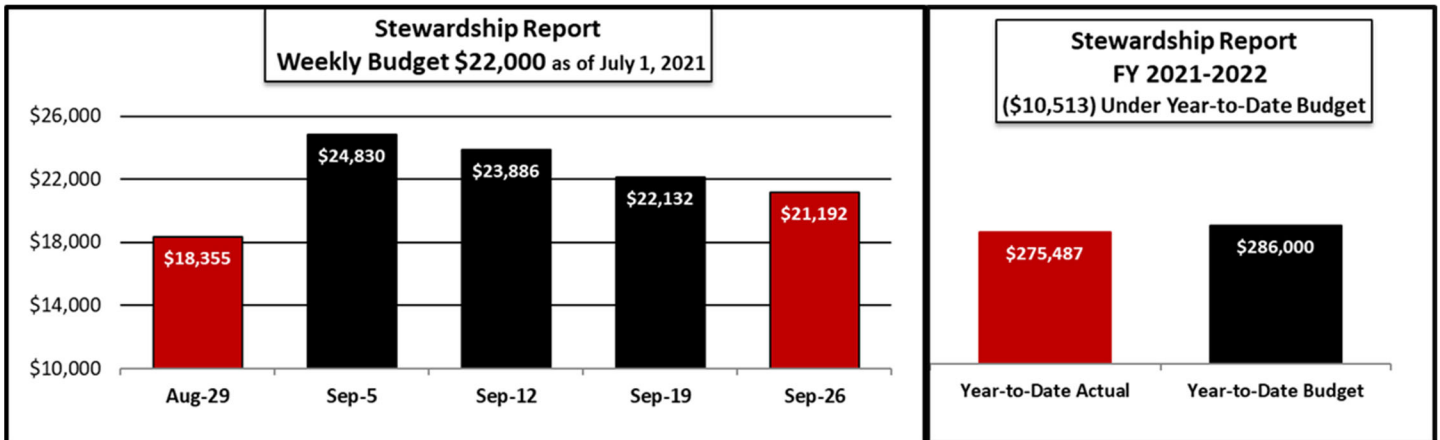
**\*\*NO PREVIOUS TUTORING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED\*\***

For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3730, or email [accesstoliteracy@triton.edu](mailto:accesstoliteracy@triton.edu). Se habla español.

### **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 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication

# Stewardship Report



## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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

Visit [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

## PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A QCD GIFT TO ST. CLETUS PARISH

*(Psalm 116:12)*

*How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done me?*

Please consider making a qualified charitable distribution (“QCD”) gift from your individual retirement account to (insert name of parish). A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. A QCD does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.


If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209 or email [mzwolinski@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mzwolinski@stcletusparish.com) or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or [kcampbell@archchicago.org](mailto:kcampbell@archchicago.org).

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 3	8-12:30 7:00am	Parking Lot Narthex	St. Vincent dePaul Society Donation Truck Respect Life Committee
Monday, October 4	4:00pm	School Music Room	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 5			
Wednesday, October 6	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, October 7	5:00pm 5:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 8			
Saturday, October 9			
Sunday, October 10			

# 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. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.*

Monday thru Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 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

## STAFF

### PARISH 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.



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