

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

[K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— 1 Timothy 6:14



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September 25, 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Lying at his door
was a poor man
named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for September 26-October 2, 2022

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
September 26	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Joseph Viececi, Phyllis Prevenas, Edward Kwak, Therese Kalemba
September 27	Fr. Novick	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 28	Fr. Romero	8:00am	BC Collins
September 29	Fr. Novick	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 30	Fr. Romero	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
October 1	Fr. Romero	5:00pm	Adam and Marie Pietrzak, Daniel Klepczarek, Robinson Family, Debbie Zemke, Grace and Eugene 'Jim' Copp
October 2	Fr. Novick	7:15am	Richard Gomez, Jack Drogosz, Mary Jo Noonan, Martha and Anton Kesman, Tony Kesman, John Novacek Sammy Colonna, Gary Verhueven, Mickey Leicht, Helen Frey Deanna C. Zurenko Marco Arvizo
	Fr. Lodge	8:45am	
	Fr. Romero	10:30am	
	Fr. Hays	12:30pm	

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 - Daniel Lacey, Joseph Halac, Gerda E. Dorso, Charles McCarthy, Francie Smith, Laura Terrazino

August - Patricia Rodey

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

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes

FSA HOSPITALITY

Please join us after all Masses on Sunday for Hospitality in the Parish Center. This month is hosted by our St. Cletus Parish School Family School Association (FSA). Stop by and enjoy refreshments while learning more about our vibrant parish school.

Hospitality Weekend: September 25th

Sponsored by:
**Our Family School
Association**



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.

Pastor's Note

“But you, man of God,
pursue righteousness, devotion,
faith, love, patience, and gentleness,” 1 Tm 6:11

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is amazing. He reveals himself to us daily. He generously blesses our initiatives and efforts as we collaborate with him.

It is with gratitude, appreciation, and joy that I share the following news and updates with you.

First, since November 8, 2021, we continue to offer Baptism Prep (English and Spanish) every other month for all those who want to baptize their children at our parish. We extend the invitation to attend the Baptism Prep to parents and godparents of each child. The response has been positive.

Last year I was lucky to be on for all the Baptism Preps, which I enjoyed very much. Since July 1st, 2022, I have been sharing the responsibility with Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor. He teaches Baptism Prep in English and I do the Spanish one. He had his first one on Monday, September 12. The following day he shared with me his joy about his experience. He said that the Gallagher Room was filled with parents and godparents. He was moved by their witness and active participation during his talk. The following day, Tuesday, September 13, I had the Baptism Prep in Spanish. Fr. Michael and I continue to find the Baptism Prep as a unique opportunity to meet, greet, and welcome parents and godparents. In addition, we both think that Baptism Prep allows us to explore and deepen our knowledge of our faith and our understanding of the sacrament of Baptism.

Second, on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM we held an evening of reflection: Why Pray? in the Parish Center. We had close to a one hundred people who attended the gathering. We were certainly blessed to have Fr. John Lodge as our special guest speaker who offered us an outstanding talk. He inspired and touched the hearts of many who attended. Some of them shared the following with me, for example:

“A very interesting and ‘enlightening’ gathering to discuss ‘prayer’ in our lives.”

“Many thanks also to Father Lodge for his wonderful presentation. I particularly was moved by the suggestion that we set aside quiet time so that we can listen for what God has to say to us in that conversation. Father Lodge changed my perspective on prayer. With that new perspective, I am hoping for a deeper and richer relationship with God.”

I would like to acknowledge and offer my heartfelt gratitude to those who joined us, the Parish Staff, and in a special way to the wonderful members of the Parish Pastoral Council. We are blessed to have an active, kind, engaged, and mission-oriented Council. They generously volunteered to be responsible for hospitality and fellowship at Why Pray? Please continue to keep them in prayer.

Third, Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries, has made me aware that our cantors have been invited to and are already attending a special ongoing formation/training called: NPM Chicago Cantor Tune Up! This formation/training is being led by Timothy A. Johnson who serves as a Pastoral Associate at St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Hyde Park. It is encouraging to know how our cantors continue to seek for opportunities to grow in their skills, service, and ministry to us all. Our parish community is blessed not only by their beautiful voices but also by their love for the Lord and our community. I take this opportunity to offer each of them my deepest gratitude and appreciation. Please keep them in prayer.

Fourth, today at 3:00 PM we will have the Blessing and Open House of our Food Pantry. Since July of 2021 we have been discerning, collaborating, working, and praying for what the Lord will show us at today's blessing and open house. We are grateful to our generous donors, parishioners, volunteers, staff, local leaders, Chicago Food Depository, and above all to our guests who bring Christ to us. In a special way, I would like to recognize and thank Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, for her genuine love and concern for our guests and her fine leadership in implementing a new vision of service to our brothers and sisters. I am humbled by the way we are now welcoming and serving our guests.

I offer my special thanks to Bishop Kevin Birmingham, Episcopal Vicar of our Vicariate IV, for joining us today and blessing our new Food Pantry.

May the good Lord continue to share his grace with us so that our awareness of his presence and action in our lives be all for his glory!

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

WHY PRAY

Thank you to everyone who attended our “Why Pray” event on September 14th! What a great showing we had! Nearly 100 parishioners came to enjoy the evening. And of course a big thank you to Father John Lodge for offering such a meaningful time to reflect!



Note From Father Mike

Thank you to everyone who has continued to encourage and support my bulletin articles. I am overwhelmed by your comments. I hope never to be too stuffy. If you ever think that you see me heading in a bad direction, pray about whether or not what I say is truth. I am always willing to have more conversation rather than hard feelings that can fester into ugly wounds.

I received an email after last weekend’s article on the need for the seminary and why we all need to continue to support its efforts. The parishioner asked me to comment on my own experience of how I came to say yes to God, the experience on my time at Mundelein, and what fears did I have to overcome as priesthood drew closer and closer.

When I was ready to apply to Mundelein for studies, I had to have the support of not only my family but of my pastor who was all too thrilled to hear what I was hoping to become. I must admit that I first spoke with the associate pastor before bringing my thoughts to the pastor, but once I had someone else who felt I could do it, I was pretty sure the pastor would back me too. Changing directions from a life of physical labor and an undergraduate math degree was not simple. I actually decided to take a religious studies class the summer before even applying for the seminary because I wanted to prove to myself that I could still do the classwork almost 6 years after my undergrad studies. Once that was ok, I decided to go for it. It was as if God just kept prodding me along. I just needed to stop fighting against Him.

Being that I was not an exceptional student at any level of my education, graduate classes were tough. I actually had a teacher who once told me that I didn’t know how to write (who knew?). I grew with the help of a great faculty, plus loads of support from classmates and friends. There were plenty of people from my home parish that were overjoyed at my being in the seminary too. The more support I received, the harder I worked at learning what I could. After five years of cramming lots of information into my brain and my heart, I still

was terrified. I was terrified of failing most of all. That continues to be something that can rip my soul to shreds. Some have told me over the years that even Jesus failed. My response is that He didn’t fail – He obeyed the Father to do whatever it took to save the human race and to bring them home to heaven.

Fear of failing has always been my number one obstacle in life. I am my own worst enemy like most people I know. Sometimes I don’t do something I should at least try before saying no (that doesn’t apply to food). But the other thing that really ruled my soul as to how I ministered was the abuse scandal that came to light in 2002, just a year after ordination. I was not only angry about the priest’s actions I was seeing in the news, but that the bishops adopted a “zero tolerance” policy. Even to just last week, a priest of the Archdiocese was removed from his parish for the second time in just a short time. He was found innocent in the first charges, but the news came to us last weekend about more allegations. I have no idea about the truth of the allegations, I just know that the priest maintains his innocence. But he is sort of an exception to what has gone on in past cases. Not that the other priests were necessarily guilty, but others just didn’t want to deal with the press and decided not to fight for their reputation, and so they decided simply to leave ministry altogether.

I remember being at my parents’ home when the news of “zero tolerance” hit the airwaves. I was not angry with the bishops for doing what needed to be done, but angry with the fact that it only takes an allegation of misconduct, and we are cast into a category of assumed guilt. That would be failure in the worst way.

My hope is not only to never fall into such a category of assumed guilt while knowing I am innocent of whatever it may be. My hope is that I can find the real joy that I once had in my early days of ministry that simply comes from Jesus Christ and is so important to celebrating the sacraments.

In Christ our Shepherd,

Fr. Mike

Religious Education

NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



We had an exciting and successful Open House. It was great to meet so many of our families and the children. We are very happy to be back in person as we begin classes this week. We are

looking forward to a great year.

Please continue to pray for our children that they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and for our Catechists.

We are still in need of Catechists and Classroom Assistants. If you feel you have a calling or want to learn more about Catechesis for Children, please call or e-mail Lawrence Manetti at the e-mail or phone above. In order to help better facilitate our program, I am reaching

out to our parish community. We are planning, if needed to provide another training session next week. Day and time to be determined. Finally, as we begin our year, I ask you to remember our children and Catechists, Classroom Helpers and all our other volunteers as we work to bring our children to a closer and personal relationship with Christ.

Welcome Hector Obregon-Luna

Hello Dear Parishioners of St. Cletus,

It is with great satisfaction that I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Hector Obregon-Luna, born in Peru and a missionary in Chile, Ireland, Pakistan and India since I was 19 years old. I arrived in the USA in 2001 and since 2003 directing programs of Religious Education, Master Catechist for the Archdiocese of Chicago, Speaker and philanthropist in the public arena. At this time, I am grateful to have been given the opportunity by Father Elmer to be joining the staff of St. Cletus as the Associate Director of Faith Formation for Children.

Speaking briefly about my background. Along with my credentials as a philanthropist and educational leader, I hold a Master of Systematic Theology with World Mission Concentration; today known as Ecumenical Concentration from the Catholic Theological Union.

The past seventeen years I have been serving the St. Viator Parish community as the Director of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Media Coordinator. Alongside my position at St. Viator, I serve as the bilingual consultant for the RCL Benziger Kendal Hunt publishing company and Adjunct Faculty at the Institute of Pastoral Leadership at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

Being a missionary, crossing cultures, language and beliefs is my discipleship commitment. Listening communities, fostering faith and creating spaces for future leaders is my call. As parents are the first Catechists of their children, I work in creating bridges between generations and traditions.

It is an honor to serve at St. Cletus and my goal is to work with the families as they bring their children to the faith formation, the catechists as they partner in our children's faith formation and the parish community. I look so forward in meeting with future young leaders to foster the vitality of the community and create spaces of worship and faith development for our young generations

On a personal level, I live at Elmwood Park with my wife Maria, Toby and Lulu, together we love going out for walks in our neighborhood, to the Lake Shore and the Morton Arboretum. Since we have the privilege to live in a very cosmopolitan place, we enjoy tasting food from all cultures, but of course, cooking Peruvian food.

I look forward to meeting with you all and writing this new chapter of our lives. To those of you who we already met, thank you for your hospitality; you already made me feel at home.



Gather IV and Much More!



SAINT CLETUS PARISH

Living our Faith, Building our Future.



GATHER

GATHER IV & Much *More!*

Introduction to our soon to arrive
Gather 4th Edition hymnals.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

4:00 P.M.

St. Cletus Parish Center!

Join us for an exciting and interesting afternoon as we explore our soon to arrive new Gather hymnal. **Steven Janco, M.C.M., D.Min.**, will be our main presenter.

In addition to a comprehensive overview of the new hymnal, we will learn a new Mass setting: Mass of Angels and Saints. We will hear about the inspiration that led to its composition and have the opportunity to sing it together!

This 4th Edition, although rooted in strong tradition, features a diverse roster of composers and a wider selection of musical styles. GIA, the publisher, says: "Gather 4th Edition meets (current) theological, pastoral, liturgical and musical criteria and is representative of today's world and the modern Catholic Church."

Light refreshments will be served!

St. Cletus Parish Music Ministry - (708) 215 5423 - kziemba@stcletusparish.com

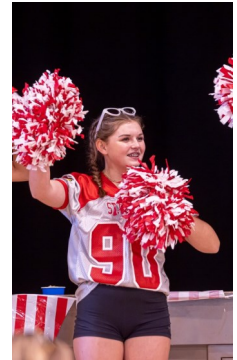
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SPIRIT PEP RALLY

Last Friday we celebrated one of our favorite traditions! Our student body gathered to SHOUT their Cardinal pride! As you can see we had A LOT of fun! Both our 8th grade girls and 8th grade boys did a fantastic job with their performances! HEY CARDINALS....WHAT'S YOUR BATTLE CRY? V.I.C.T.O.R.Y



PBIS DRAWING

Last Friday also kicked off our first PBIS drawing! At the end of each week our teachers will draw winners from each classroom who have exemplified the character traits we are focused on-Respect, Responsibility, and Compassion. It was a wonderful sight to see our students not only excited for the drawing, but even if their name wasn't called they were genuinely excited for their friends! So proud of our cardinals!



CALLING ALL VENDORS

ST. CLETUS
SIP N SHOP
VENDORS
NEEDED!

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
6-9PM

Sponsored by the St. Cletus FSA
If you are interested in participating please
contact Joleen Kirchens at joleenfortier@yahoo.com

ST. CLETUS PARISH
CENTER
700 WEST 55TH STREET
LAGRANGE, IL 60525



Hispanic Ministry

ECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
27 de septiembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
25 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.

LA DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA



A partir del miércoles 12 de octubre, el Ministerio Hispano estará llevando a cabo la Devoción Guadalupana 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

Beginning Wednesday, October 12, the Hispanic Ministry will be having 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.

GRACIAS

Gracias a todas las personas que asistieron a las clases de formación para Proclamadores de la Palabra, tuvimos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre las lecturas e historia de este bendecido ministerio. Gracias por su tiempo y dedicación.



THANK YOU



Thank you to all the people who participated in the formation classes for Lectors. We had the opportunity to reflect on the readings and the history of this blessed ministry. Thank you for your time and dedication.

Advent Planning

I have always said “liturgists live in the future,” and earlier this month, members of staff met to discuss how we will celebrate Advent at St. Cletus. I got to hear what has been done in the past, and we all shared ideas of Advent celebrations that we had done/seen in other parishes. It was a wonderful collaborative meeting and I came away very excited about how we will be celebrating Advent here this year.

Advent is my favorite time of the year. The day closes in and we have a chance to be warm and cozy as we wait and hope and prepare for Christmas. The spirit of all of us working together is strong here, and I look forward to our season of expectation as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Right now, we plan for musical performances, Taize prayer and an evening of reflection, as well as other

Advent activities. Watch the Canticle for our calendar of Advent events, coming soon, and please plan to join us.

~Tina Norton
Pastoral Associate



Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Cleaners
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Rice/Pasta sides (like rice a roni)
- Soup
- Canned meals (ravioli, chili)
- Canned meats (ham, chicken)
- Cereal
- Diapers(sizes 4-6)

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

Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:



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

SVDP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Volunteers must be high school and up, adults welcome! Please dress for the weather, you will be outside. Volunteers will greet donors at their vehicles, unload items and load them into the donation truck. Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-svdp1>

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Sign up to help distribute baby bottle envelopes at Masses October 1-2. Please plan to arrive 5-10 min before Mass and stay 10 min after Mass. All ages welcome. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-baby2>



Life Chain

Sunday, October 2 from 2:30-3:30

Interested participants will gather in prayer at the SW corner of Ogden Ave and La Grange Rd (near Chipotle). Signs will be provided.

“Each year, since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life and form a “Life Chain” across the country.”

AREA PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY: SAVE THE DATES!

9/28/22, 7:00-8:30pm: Book Discussion led by Maureen Windmoeller at St. Francis Xavier in Unity Hall (124 North Spring) building that connects Church and Education Building accessible by church and school parking lots.) Light refreshments will be served.

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together tells the story of how America arrived at this current moment: “divided and self-destructing, materially rich but spiritually starved and vastly unequal.” Author Heather McGhee “paint(s) an irrefutable story of racism’s costs, but at the heart of the book are the humble stories of people yearning to be part of a better America, including white supremacy’s collateral victims: white people themselves.” A New York Times bestseller for 10 weeks, *The Sum of Us* explains how we developed a “zero sum” perspective that prevents us from seeing how we can further our economic interests by working together. The Chicago Tribune said, ‘Required reading to move the country forward...’, and it was a TIME Magazine Must-Read Book of 2021.

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.



Food Pantry Open House

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

Ministry News

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive is coming

Saturday October 1st - 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Sunday October 2nd - 800am to 1230pm

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

ROSARY TABLE NEXT WEEKEND!!

Have a rosary needing repair? Ready to take a step closer to Mother Mary? Next Sunday the Living Rosary will host the semi-annual Rosary table in the narthex. This is a perfect way to start Mary's month of October. We have free rosaries to share and other devotional items. Bring rosaries to be repaired or to be donated. We also host the weekly Wednesday 1:00 Rosary at church and on Sunday, October 16th, will pray the Rosary at 11:30 in the Parish Center. Mary's entire life was a prayer to the Father and by praying with her, we can experience the depth of the Father's love for his children and Christ's sacrificial gift. See you next week! For more information call Mary Lu Gebka (630-430-3338) or Linda Lofgren (708-482-0669).



VISIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

On the Thursdays in the month of October, we will be bringing back our Visio Divina Bible Study, using the illustrations of the St. John's Bible, and the lectio divina method. We will be looking at Bible passages and illustrations which will help us get ready for Advent and Christmas. If you were here for the summer Visio Divina, you are most welcome to come back, and if you would like to try this method of reflecting with an illustrated Bible, we would love to have you! Sessions will begin at 11:00 a.m. (new time!) on Thursday, October 6 in the Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. There is no fee. If you have questions or you would like to sign up, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Honoring St. Francis of Assisi, we will be holding a Blessing of Pets on his feast day, Tuesday, October 4 at 4 p.m. in the church parking lot. All pets and owners are welcome and will receive a special blessing. In case of rain, we will move into the Parish Center gym. All pets must be on leashes or otherwise contained. We look forward to seeing all the pets of St. Cletus!

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 September 24/25 and Oct 1/2. 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: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact name and

phone: _____



Ministry and Community News

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

HELP CHICAGOLAND MOMS AND BABIES

2,705 babies born to Chicagoland WCC moms

Luxury BINGO

Wednesday, October 19th

Join us for our annual Luxury Bingo event at Drury Lane!

to reserve your spot or table today please visit: luxurybingochicago.com

Women's Care Center

You help local women have healthier pregnancies, For Information, contact Charlie Williams and become self-sufficient parents. charlie@supportwcc.org, 574-387-1332

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
life is precious - defend it

Fall Campaign
September 28th - November 6th

Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2022 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from September 28 to November 6, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Saturday, October 8, 9am- 2pm
Lyon Township High School - South Campus in the gymnasium
4900 South Willow Springs Road
Western Springs IL 60558



Hosted by AdventHealth Hinsdale and AdventHealth LaGrange

The clinic is free and open to the public. Families and children are welcome! We invite those who need medical care regardless of insurance or immigration status. Join us to receive free medical services.

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.

Amen.

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750 North Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL
Chicagopriest.com

OCTOBERFEST

The HGA Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 3:30 -- 11:00 pm, rain or shine, in the St. Louise de Marillac parking lot, 1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park (or Parish Center if raining.) The attachment includes all the specific information about our event.

We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Cletus Parish to join us for an afternoon and evening of family fun.

OKTOBERFEST

YOU ARE INVITED to ON THE ROAD AGAIN OKTOBERFEST

WHEN
30 SEPTEMBER 6:00 PM \$100 per person

WHERE
CHATEAU ORLEANS
8025 S. CASS AVE.
DARIEN, IL 60561

All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

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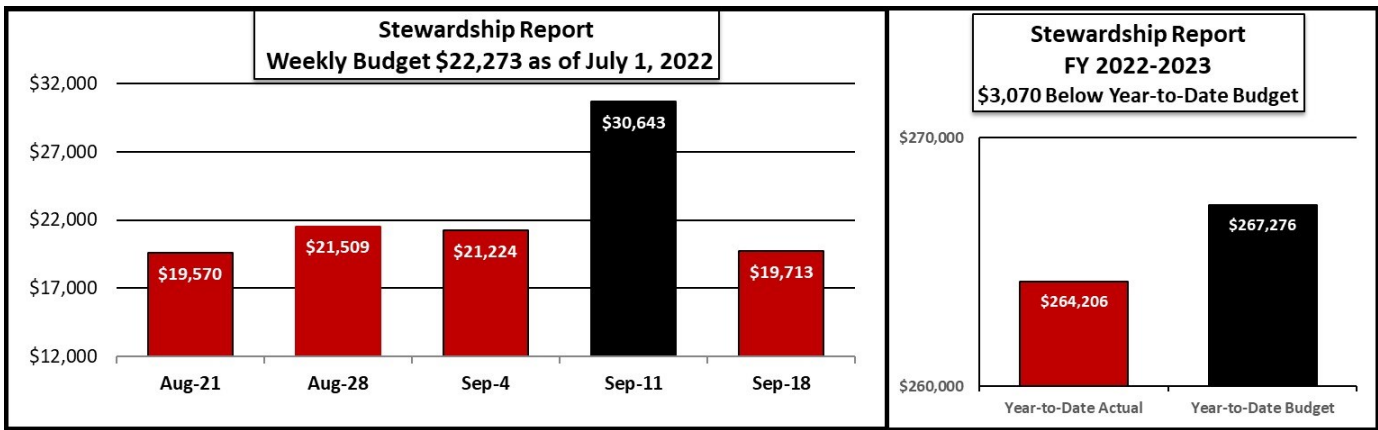
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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 25	8am-2pm 3-5pm	Gallagher Room Church and Food Pantry	Hospitality Food Pantry Blessing and Open House
Monday, September 26			
Tuesday, September 27			
Wednesday, September 28	9am-12pm 1-1:45	Parish Center Church	Mission Ladies Living Rosary and Prayers
Thursday, September 29	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, September 30			
Saturday, October 1			
Sunday, October 2	3-6pm	Parish Center	Gather IV and Much More Event

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



PROJECT REPORT

On Monday, September 18, Murphy Construction Service LLC replaced over 7600 square feet of asphalt in the southeast parking lot in front of the Parish Center and the school. The asphalt in this section had deteriorated in the past few years to the point where it was breaking up into gravel. The cost of this replacement was \$35,200, which was funded, in part, by the remaining parish portion of the Disney rental funds, as well as from parish savings.



St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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School(708) 352-4820
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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.
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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.

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HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, *Pastor*
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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

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