

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

There are different kinds of
spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.
— 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4



Fr. Lorenzo



*Thank you Fr. Lorenzo Gamboa for your
service to St. Cletus. We will miss you.
We wish you well in your next assignment.*

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Mass Intentions for May 24 - May 30, 2021

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
May 24	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Patricia Hays, Jordan Nicolosi, BC Collins, Agnes Meske
May 25	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski, Louie Pesut
May 26	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
May 27	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Margaret Ann Float
May 28	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski
May 29	Fr. Baker	5:00pm	Martha Mullaney, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Richard Colonna, Daniel Buonamici
May 30	Fr. Baker	7:15am	George Duda, Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez
	Fr. Clark	8:45am	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Clark	10:30am	Bill Bolton, John Jacobs
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Thomas Hanna
Husband of Alice

Steve Knapkiewicz
Father of Chris Zagorski

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.

May - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino

April - Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

March - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Judy McLean, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Sandra Eckrich, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patricia Rodey, Patrick Wingert

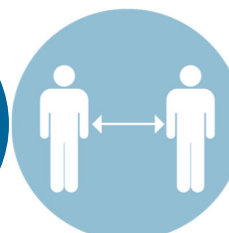
Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

WELCOME FR. ELMER ROMERO



ONLINE SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All worship opportunities require that you pre-register. No walk-ins allowed. The sign up links can be found on our website, stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office for assistance at 708.352.6209. Recordings of masses are available on the St. Cletus Parish YouTube channel.

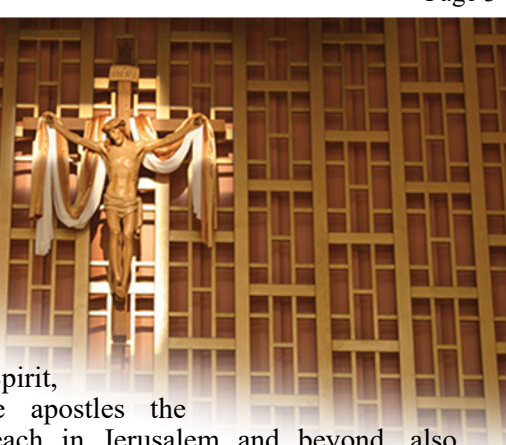


Notes from Fr. Bob...

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the birthday of the community we call the Church, created by the Holy Spirit. Today we affirm that we believe in the Holy Spirit – the Lord, the giver of life. How does he give us life? There are experts who produce reports on what gives us life that can perhaps shed some light on this. They say that we all need to be educated in relationships. We need to learn how to make and sustain lasting, quality relationships. These experts, who are not in the least bit religious, say that if we are to have happy, fulfilled lives, we need to realize that external things, like having more and more money, bigger houses, better cars, more exotic holidays, aren't what make us happy. Perhaps that is what Paul tells us when he says that self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, leading to jealousy, quarrels, envy and the idolatry of materialism. Again, according to many experts, the things that make us happy and able to face the difficulties of life are a sense of belonging, a sense of community, a network of quality relationships. When they are in place, whatever is going on in the outside world, at least we have a measure of happiness in our own world.

That is exactly what we believe as Christians. St. Paul tells us that the Spirit is our life. In the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they too will be his witnesses. They are drawn together into a community of love, so that they can live out in their life together the love of God, to which they are bearing witness. Their actions reinforce their preaching. Put simply, you can't be a Christian by yourself. When people say 'you don't need to go to church to pray', they are right. But to be a Christian we do need to belong to a community if we are to do what Jesus commanded: celebrate the Eucharist, serve other people and bear witness to the world. That is why the Church is



called into being. The same Spirit, who gave the apostles the courage to preach in Jerusalem and beyond, also enables us to be the Lord's witnesses to the people of our own time, but we cannot do these things alone.

Belonging to a community is part of what it is to be human, as well as Christian, part of what it is to have a happy, full and fulfilled life. It is the Spirit who draws us into community and so gives us life. The same Holy Spirit, who came upon the community of the apostles, is given to each one of us through the church community at our baptism and confirmation. But the Spirit is given for a purpose: so that we too can witness to the risen Christ. The Spirit equips us for this mission by giving us the gifts which Paul lists: love, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness – the gifts which make community possible.

As Paul tells us, we need to be open to the Spirit and to let ourselves be directed by the Spirit. This means allowing ourselves to enter meaningful, committed relationships with others, and working together in service of others and in witness to Christ. Today, with confidence, we can all ask the Spirit to give us his gifts and to enable us to proclaim the gospel of Christ by the quality of our love and the witness of our daily lives.

Pentecost Blessings,

Fr. Bob, Pastor



Fr. Lorenzo

***Thank you for your service
and ministry to St. Cletus.***

***We wish you well
and will miss you!***

Fr. Lorenzo will be available after all masses this weekend in Clark Hall as we bid a fond farewell.

Light refreshments will be served.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Flavored Rice/Noodles
- 2 lb Dry Pinto Beans
- Diapers (Size 3-6)
- Baby Wipes

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

Follow us on Facebook:



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

GARDEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Flexible, daytime opportunities to help water and weed the garden on Mondays/Fridays (weather permitting) are available. Wednesday afternoon harvesting slots are also available.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>



ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Internet Assistance: The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is eligible, you can receive: Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals, A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50). Apply at: getemergencybroadband.org

Rent Assistance: The Illinois Housing Development Authority will accept applications for the Illinois Rental Payment Program starting on Monday, May 17. The emergency rental assistance program is designed to support households in Illinois that are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants are eligible for up to 15 months of assistance. The grant can cover the past due rent from the previous 12 months and future rental assistance for the next three months, if deemed necessary. The maximum grant amount is \$25,000.

For help with an application, please contact BEDS at (708) 354-0858 and ask for assistance with an Illinois rental assistance application. They have prevention assistants who can help navigate the online application process for applicants, and have language proficiency in Spanish, Arabic and Polish.

Illinois Rental Payment Program

The Illinois Rental Payment Program (ILRPP) can provide up to \$25,000 in emergency rental assistance.

Eligibility Requirements

- Household must have experienced a financial hardship directly — or indirectly — due to the pandemic.
- Household is behind on rent and/ or is at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- 2020 household income was below 80% of the Area Median Income, adjusted for household size.
- Proof of citizenship is not required. Rental assistance is not a "public-charge" benefit.

Rental Payment Program

- Eligible households may receive up to 15 months of assistance from June 2020 through August 2021.
- Priority will be given to:
 - households with a member who is currently unemployed.
 - households below 50% of the Area Median Income, adjusted for household size.
- The grant is paid directly to housing provider.
- For program information, visit IHDA.org.
- Housing providers and tenants can submit a joint application starting May 17 at ILRPP.IHDA.org.

Illinois Rental Payment Program
Preserving Housing Stability during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Applications available
May 17 at ILRPP.IHDA.org

Questions? Contact us:
QUESTIONS.ILRPP@IHDA.ORG
Toll Free: 866-454-3571

ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **Saints for All Occasions** by J. Courtney Sullivan. We will meet on June 8, 2021 at 7 PM. The location will be announced in the Canticle beforehand. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

WORD OF LIFE



“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Be Not Afraid”
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RESPECT LIFE

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join us in praying A Novena for Life in honor of this special feast day.

A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation

May 22–30 | Sign up: respectlife.org/visitation



MISSION LADIES

It's been long time since the Mission Ladies have gotten together to work on Mission items. So far it doesn't look like we can get together before Sept. 2021. A few of the Mission ladies have been doing Mission work at home. We are low on supplies - Mission Ladies are in need of Fabric Yarn - all colors, GlueSticks - (regular size), Crosses, (no bigger then 1- inch, and Ribbon, white 1/4 inch wide.

We are completely out of white eyelet fabric for making Christening Bibs for babies who are baptized at St. Cletus Church. For information please call 708-839-9605, Thank you. Dolores Scaletta

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom unless noted otherwise, during this time of COVID-19.

Virtual Summer Retreats:

Solitude and Resilience, June 3, 6:30-8:30 PM. What learnings might we take from this pandemic, with all its interruptions, that can bring us healing and hope? Directed, June 20 – 25. From the comfort of home, meet with a spiritual director daily to fit your schedule, and partake in group sessions each evening.

Boundless Compassion, July 18 – 23. Discover how compassion can change a heart, change a life, change a world, using insights from spirituality, science and psychology.

Legacy, August 15 – 20. For those of us of a certain, age, this retreat entertains two central questions: What am I leaving? To whom am I leaving it?

In-Person Field Trip:

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Wilmington, IL, June 15, 10AM – 12:30PM. Walking among a field of abandoned bunkers from a former munitions factory, we'll contemplate the cultural history of this wounded site, which is being restored to a prairie. Using the Earth Exchange process as a guide, we will give back an act of beauty.

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

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Happy Birthday!

Today is Pentecost Sunday, also known as the “Birthday of the Church”. Before the risen Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, he visited his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit to them. We hear in the Acts of the Apostles that one morning, when the apostles were gathered with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them. “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:4) The Holy Spirit filled them all with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others.

The Holy Spirit came to them on Pentecost. God the Father and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help and guide the Church. The gift of the Holy Spirit changed the world and gave rise to the new Church, which is why we call Pentecost Sunday the “Birthday of the Church”.

Today, Pentecost Sunday reminds each of us that we are filled with the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5:25 we hear, “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Here are a few suggestions for keeping in step with the Spirit in our lives:

In our homes – find ways to inspire and encourage those we love to use their talents, abilities and gifts of the Spirit. Avoid fighting, or provoking and envying each other. A home filled with the Spirit is a home of peace.

In our Church – come to Church and worship together with your church community, asking the Holy Spirit to reignite the gifts of the Spirit within us. Share compliments and gratitude to those who have served us at Mass during this past year – the clergy, the liturgical ministers, and the countless volunteers on the reopening team who welcome us, usher us and keep us safe when we come to Mass.

In our communities – ask the Holy Spirit to give us the courage and the right words to say when we have conversations with neighbors and friends.

Fr. Hesburgh of Notre Dame once shared that the one prayer that is *always* appropriate—whether you are fearful or at peace, whether you are joyful or sad, whether you are confident or afraid, whether you are young or old—is “Come, Holy Spirit!” Teach your children to ask for the Spirit to come and help them by praying, “Come, Holy Spirit!”

We hope you also enjoy more photos of our First Communicants from our Communion Masses on May 1st.





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8TH GRADE RIBBON CEREMONY

Last Friday we were able to continue a great St. Cletus tradition...our 8th grade ribbon ceremony! We were so happy to gather once again with our 8th graders and celebrate them!



CLASS OF 1999 MEMORIES

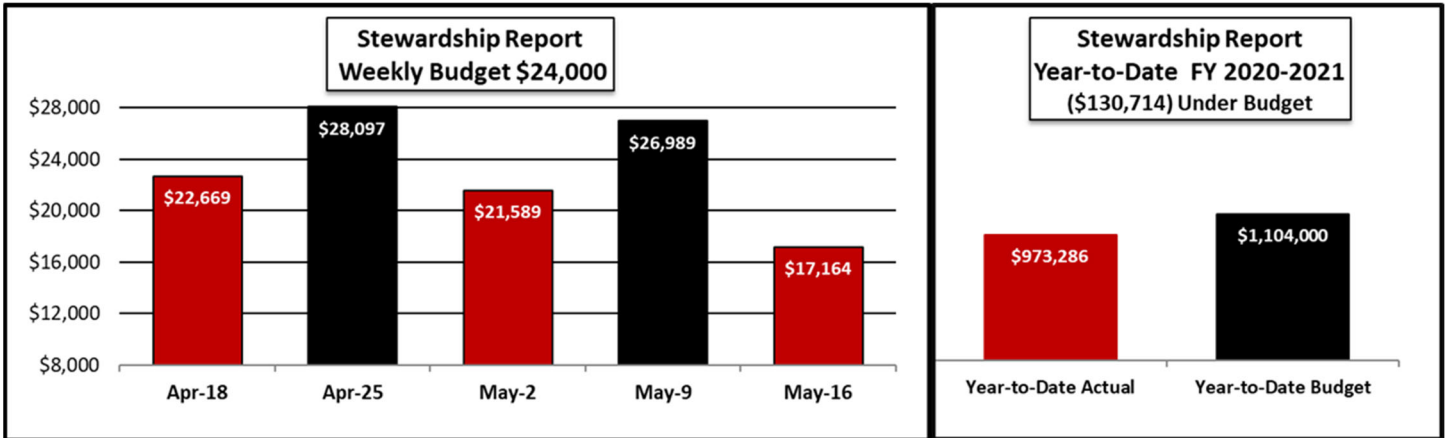
Alumni from the class of 1999 came across their time capsule they had created during their time at St. Cletus! What a walk down memory lane!



2021-22 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Visit www.stcletusschool.com to learn about all the great things happening at our school and take a virtual tour. Give us a call at 708.352.4820 for more information.

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? Visit www.stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708 -352-6209.

Sunday Notes - Pentecost Sunday

LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

In today’s responsorial psalm the Church sings out: “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.” All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called covering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul’s words reach out into the future to us: “we were all given to drink of one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today’s psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
- Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
- Wednesday: St. Philip Neri
- Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
- Saturday: St. Paul VI; Blessed Virgin Mary

A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit,
 who sent Christ Jesus
 to carry the Good news to the poor,
 we pray to you:
 Help us to continue your work
 by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p.181

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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-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 8:30-9:15 a.m.
Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal 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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

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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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