

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of
salvation to the ends of the earth."
— ACTS 13:47B**

Those Celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist for the First Time on May 7 & 8, 2022

Caleb Adame	Agustin Hurtado	Jane Potter
Martin Alcalá	Maxwell Jones	Madonna Prischman
Luna Alvarez	Bianca Karu	Mario Pulido
Elisa Avila	Grace Keeley	Natalie Reyes
Madeline Barba	Kateri Kelliher	Nidia Reyes
Mia Barone	Mateo Lagunas	Molly Riberto
Keira Benjaminson	Victoria Laplaca	Amabella Rios
Khloe Bryerton	Sophia Leon	Amelie Rivadeneira
Lilliana Burns	Ethan Meacham	Joseph Rohloff
Revere Butauskas	Dylan Macander	Elise Roussel
Giovani Cabezas	Owen Machalinski	Charles Rufa
Mia Ciabattari	Abigail Malham	Avery Sassan
Peter Ciraulo	Lawrence Mason	Harper Senyard
James Condrón	Alexander McComb	Kate Shields
Mia Corral	Ariela Medina	Grace Simpson
Aaron DaSilva	Richard Molina	Nicholas Spahija
Julio DaSilva, Jr.	Jose Morales	Makayla Stanger
Michael Delsino	Eamon Morelock	Nikhil Tallarovic
Logan Demasi	Grace Mosqueda	Samuel Taylor
Alonso Diaz	Alexander Mraz	Giovanni Tejada
Jizelle Diaz	Fiona Mulcahy	Jazlyn Trujillo
Monica Diaz	Chloe Munoz	Mackenzie Tyrrell
Nico Distasio	Ismael Murillo	Anthony Vaccaro
Tony Distasio	Jonathan Murillo	Ava Van Wyck
Daniel Djurdjevic	Ricardo Murillo	Indira Venckus
James Domzal	Peter Muscato	Lily Vujica
Charles Esposito	Reagan Naddy	Maja Vujica
Abigail Evans	Olivia Natale	Henry Wasik
Viviana Flores Martinez	Maxim Nisbet	Christian Wasz
Gianna Fry	Matteo Oliverio	Joseph Weber
Ellie Grill	Valentin Pasillas	Tommy Whelton
Iker Gutierrez	Kourtney Pedersen	Fischer Willis
Michel Gutierrez Giusti	Cassandra Picazo	Stefanya Zaragoza
Bruno Hensel	Giovanni Picazo	
Damian Hernandez	John Poshek	

Mass Intentions for May 9 - May 17, 2022

Day	Time	Intentions
May 9	8:00am	Kay and Joe Klemak, James Smilor
May 10	8:00am	James Smilor
May 11	8:00am	James Smilor, BC Collins
May 12	8:00am	James Smilor
May 13	8:00am	Orest Dacio, James Smilor
May 14	5:00pm	Special Intentions of CCW Members, Delphine Marciszewski, Geraldine Bernacchi, David Olivier, Carolyn Pretzel
May 15	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Dorothy Dybas, Richard Gomez, Nancy Sweeney Gleason, Paddy Joe Walsh Moore Family, Norbert Madura, Sue Kalmer, Brone Maleckas Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Norbert Senior & Gonzalez, Joseph P. Kurcz, Juan Gaytan, Angie Ramirez, Concepcion & Mario Vera, Eileen Massura, Special Intention - Steve & Beatriz Sutkus 27 th Anniversary St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Rev. Robert Ebrom

Associate Pastor of St. Cletus Parish 1971-1976

May he 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.

April - Rafael Acevedo, Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Frank Niwa, Colin O'Brien

March - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri, Peggie Smith

February - Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

This Mothers' Day, we turn our hearts to Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all: Christ's sisters and brothers. With a mother's care she raised her Son and lived the joys and the grief that only a mother's heart can know. Whatever our spirits on this Mothers' Day weekend, the Mother of Jesus embraces us all, so let us pray...

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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A Note from Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate

Dear Parishioners,

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, which is called that because in the gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter in each lectionary cycle there is a reference to Jesus as our shepherd. In today's gospel, Jesus talks about how he knows his sheep, and they know him. If you spend much time around sheep, you will come to know that each sheep in a flock actually has an individual voice, and shepherds do know the individual voice of each one. Each lamb knows its mother's voice (and mothers do get agitated if their lamb disappears and will call to it until it comes back), and ewes can recognize their lambs' voices. Likewise, each sheep recognizes its own shepherd. In some places, separate flocks of sheep are put together in a sheepfold for the night, with one particular person minding them overnight, and then in the morning each individual shepherd comes and gets his or her own flock back to take to their own pastures. Each sheep recognizes its shepherd and its flock-mates, and they never get mixed up.

Some years ago, we went on vacation to a small town in Wales. The local sheep farmers pasture their flocks on unoccupied public land outside of the town (this is allowed by law). One day during the year, they take them off the hillsides in order to count them, inspect the new lambs, mark them and make sure they are healthy, and get some idea of the size and condition of their flocks. Each adult sheep has a particular mark painted onto their fleece so the shepherds can tell the flocks apart. Literally thousands of sheep are herded through the town to another large public space, where they are separated into the flocks. This takes remarkably little time. The sheep know which flock they belong to, in part because the ewes and lambs stay together. The dogs know which flocks they are supposed to be herding. It's all done in one day, and the sheep and the newly-marked and vaccinated lambs are herded back to the hillsides for the year. It was absolutely fascinating, and an occasion for everyone to get together afterwards to grill and socialize into the evening.

Like the Welsh sheep, we know that we belong to Jesus and to his father. We know his voice and he knows ours. If we keep together with God, we will know that we are safe. As the gospel says, no one can take us out of God's hands.

It is Mother's Day this weekend, and I was just reflecting on beekeeping, which is a hobby my son took up in high school and I continued when he grew up and left home. There are about 40,000 individual bees in a colony the size of ours, which sits in our back yard. Since our hive miraculously survived the winter last year, all of our current bees are daughters of the same queen (the lifespan of a bee during the non-winter time is a month or so). A queen bee in a hive does nothing but eat and lay eggs, and it is the job of the colony to take care of her, making sure she is fed and warm and safe. They also work to sustain the colony by feeding themselves and raising the larvae bees (their sisters, basically) to adulthood. However, it all goes back to the queen. The personality of bees in the hive (are they calm, or are they particularly defensive, or do they make a lot of honey or only a little honey) largely depends on the queen. Beekeepers can actually select the species of their queen with these traits in mind, and this is a huge decision when it comes time to get new bees or when the queen must be replaced. Our current colony is comparatively calm (not all of them have been) and produced a lot of honey last year, and I credit our queen for that. She has been an excellent mom for us!

I wish all moms and all those who act as moms a Happy Mother's Day!

Tina Norton
Pastoral Associate

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- Rice in 2 or 3 lbs.
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Flavored rice or noodles
- Boxed potatoes, hamburger helper
- Crackers and snacks

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



Follow us on
Facebook:
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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

FOOD PANTRY

Each year around Easter time, we provide gift cards to each household that attends the pantry. This year, because of your generosity, we were able to give \$20 gift cards to Walmart or Jewel to every household that attended! These cards allow families the flexibility to get items they need and want that we are not able to provide here. This has been especially helpful with the current rise in prices on almost everything we each purchase. Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



GREATER CHICAGO -FOOD- DEPOSITORY.

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, 8-10 volunteers serve at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Our next volunteer session will be **Saturday, May 21 from 8:30-11:30**. Volunteers can be ages 16+. Volunteers age 11-15 must be accompanied by an adult. GCFD is located at: 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632. Email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or kittlerjh4533@gmail.com to sign up.

The GCFD requires that we wear long pants, shirts that cover the shoulder and shoes that cover the entire foot.

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY DONATIONS

This weekend the Area Respect Life Ministry is collecting donations for Women’s Care Center in La Grange.

Please see the Wish List to the right for the most needed items and bring them to Mass with you!

Wish List

Baby bathtubs	Newborn Onesies
Bobby Pillows	Diapers
Silicone Bibs w/food catcher	Baby Bottles
Munchkin Miracle Cups	Baby boy blankets
Burp Cloths	Baby wash/shampoo
Infant Toys	Hooded Towels
Play Mats	Baby Wash Cloths
Infant Laundry Detergent	Baby Safety Kits
Gifts for women	(nail clippers, thermometers, etc.)
(nice lotions or makeup such as lip balm or mascara)	Swaddle Me Blankets

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY CARNATION SALE



We are selling carnations for \$1.00 each that you can purchase for the loved ones in your life.

Please stop by!

MISSION LADIES

Are you doing some Spring cleaning? If you have any fabric, ribbons, lace, thread, or yarn, please consider donating the items to the Mission Ladies!

Donations can be placed in the food pantry donation bins or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you!

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK PRESENTS: HOW TO RESPOND TO DIFFICULT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Thursday, May 19, 7:00 pm in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Have you wondered about how best to respond to difficult questions during an interview? Ever wonder what the recruiter is looking to hear when they ask a challenging question? John McCarthy is a highly experienced developer of talent and has interviewed hundreds of

candidates in his 35 years as a sales executive. John will review challenging interviewing questions he and other recruiters use, and discuss some of the best responses for those questions. Be better prepared for future interviews when you are comfortably prepared for those challenging interview questions.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Rd, Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) is a fellowship of men and women with a common desire to become employed or seek career advancement through a Christian forum. All programs are open to everyone and there are no dues or fees for membership.

More information can be found on our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

WORD OF LIFE



A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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Hispanic Ministry

FECHA	HORA	EVENTO	LUGAR
10 de mayo, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia
15 de mayo, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en Español	Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00PM – 5:00AM	Adoración Nocturna	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30AM—9:15AM	Confesiones	Iglesia



FELICIDADES A TODAS LAS MADRES DEL MUNDO



HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

LA SOCIEDAD ST. CLETUS FIACRE:

Estamos anunciando un nuevo ministerio en St. Cletus, la Sociedad St. Cletus Fiacre.

Su leyenda es esta: Fiacre le pidió al obispo local más

terreno para plantar alimentos y hierbas. El obispo le dijo que podía tener tanta tierra como pudiera atrincherar en un día. Después de la oración, Fiacre usó la punta de su bastón para remover la tierra, derribar árboles y desenterrar zarzas y malas hierbas para preparar la tierra para un jardín.

Después de su muerte en el año 670 d.C., las personas que visitaron su monasterio afirmaron que tenía poder curativo. Fiacre se representa en el arte y la estatuaria como un anciano que lleva una pala (ver arriba).



En futuros artículos del Cántico, busque la imagen de arriba de San Fiacro para anuncios. ¡Nos gustaría que se una a nosotros! Los deberes de este ministerio incluyen desyerbar, plantar plantas anuales, limpiar macizos de flores y, en mayor medida, construir una comunidad. Si se desea unir a este ministerio, envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Delaney y Tom Reisel a madtfr@att.net.

Sound System

*Make a
Joyful Noise
unto
the
Lord...*

That's our goal, to lift up our voices in praise of the Lord. To do that in a way that allows us all to hear the Word of God, replacing the broken, inadequate sound system in our church is an absolute necessity.

Many fellow-parishioners have stepped up and made contributions toward our desired remedy. For your generosity we thank you.

We are getting closer to our goal every week but still need to make a final push to make our dreams a reality. Please consider assisting the St. Cletus Parish family by making a donation.

Your donation can be made electronically through the parish website (<https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>). Donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office or by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday mass. If donating by check, please write "Sound System" in the memo line.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



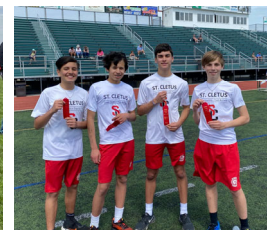
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A big congratulations is in order to 8th graders Emma Calderon, Jackie Castillo, Alyssa Salgado, Maya Goryl, Iris Pulido, and Natalie Ocampo who represented our school at the Illinois State Science Fair in Peoria over the weekend. So proud of you for all the hard work you put into your projects and for representing our school so well! Way to go girls!



"By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes."

Last week, our 6th graders put on a wonderful performance of MacBeth in a night of "theater in the round". The perfect way to experience Shakespeare! The time and hard work that the entire class put in to the show was clear to see both behind the scenes and on stage. A BIG thank you is in order to our 6th grade teacher, Ms. Hays, for the very hard work she put in to make this all possible!

The St. Cletus Track & Field season is underway and the hard work they have been putting in at practice is clear to see. Thank you to all of our coaches and volunteers who make the season a success!

Religious Education

GOD COULD NOT BE EVERYWHERE, SO HE CREATED MOTHERS. (JEWISH PROVERB)

Today we celebrate Mother's Day in the United States. As a Mother myself, I was reflecting on how I have felt about this holiday over the past 27 years of motherhood. My feelings ranged from excitement to ambivalence. Women who experience tragedy around reproduction feel grief or a sense of being excluded or diminished on this day. Many women who are mothers are deeply aware that life often falls far from the ideal, and sometimes brings disappointment. The joy and excitement of being a first-time mother cannot be matched. One thing that all mothers will agree on: no one gives you the playbook for being a mother, and although it is hard, you'll never regret it! Children take up residence in your soul and always stay there, whether they have left you or not. On this Mother's Day, let us thank God and ask Him to bless our natural mothers as well as all of the incredible women in our lives who have been our spiritual mothers. Those who have nurtured, supported, guided, corrected, taught and modeled how to live in faith, hope and love.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend we are celebrating the First Holy Communion of 96 students from Religious Education and the Parish School. We are so excited to welcome them to the Table of the Lord for the first time!

Pope Francis refers to the Eucharist as a gift. He reminds us about how important the Eucharist is to our faith journey. He encourages us to receive the Eucharist as a family as often as possible. Our Holy Father spoke to a group of children in Italy as he recalled his First Holy Communion many years ago. He addressed the children and stated, "You will make your First Communion, always remember that day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength."

As we reflect on these words of Pope Francis, we can give thanks for all the teachers, relatives, and friends of these children who have helped prepare them for First Holy Communion, and who assist them in their future growth in faith through their prayers and actions. We especially thank the parents who are the primary educators of the children in the ways of the faith. Please continue to pray for these children, that they continue to eagerly join us at the Table each week, and continue their life-long faith journey as missionary disciples!

Lord Jesus Christ,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Amen.

END OF YEAR MASS AND PICNIC!

MASS & PICNIC

We are excited to end our RE Year with an RE Family Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 3 p.m. in the Church for all RE Families. We will follow the Mass with an end

of year picnic on the back lawn (or if inclement weather, in the Parish Center). We hope you will all join us! Please register at the link online – www.stcletusparish.com/re

2022-2023 RE ACADEMIC YEAR TO BE IN-PERSON

We are excited to announce that next year's academic year will resume fully in-person on Sundays from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for Pre-3-8th Grade, and on Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. for Grades 1-8. Registration forms are available online at www.stcletusparish.com/re

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR!

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

In order to be fully in-person for the coming academic year, we need over 50 Catechists and Aides! Please consider becoming a Catechist or Aide for the children in our program. We have openings in all grades from Preschool to 8th Grade.

— Please email Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com for more information on joining this important and rewarding ministry!

Youth Ministry

KAIROS - SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Kairos retreat will be offered on September 29-October 2 at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien. Applications will be available mid-summer! All incoming High School Juniors and Seniors are eligible to attend! We hope you will join us!

ALL TEEN GATHERING

Last Sunday we hosted our last All Teen Gathering for this academic year. We feasted on Buona Beef and then worked on making Rosaries for future First Communicants at our parishes. We had a great time reflecting on the Gospel message of the day, while enjoying food, fellowship and fun! Please join us next year as we continue this tradition of our combined Youth Ministry programs between St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier.

Watch the Canticle in late summer for more information on when we will begin in the next academic year. Enjoy some photos of our fun rosary project last week!



Sunday Notes (continued from page 2)

A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshipping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a “great multitude” worshipping God “day and night in his temple.” Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila
- Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
- Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
- Saturday: St. Matthias

Sharing Graces and Blessings

2022 SPRING AUCTION THANK YOU

Thank you St. Cletus Families, parishioners and supporters of the 2022 Spring Auction "Under The Big Top"! With your wonderful support and dedication to our school, we were able to surpass our goal of \$80,000! We are pleased to announce we raised a total of \$84,289! When we say it takes a Village, we know our village is there to support us! We thank you, from the bottom of our hearts! Thank you to all those who helped to make this event amazing! It was a great time! Just another reason why, IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!



Good Shepherd Sunday & World Day of Prayer for Vocations

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Good Shepherd of us all,
I thank you today for all the good shepherds in my life
and for all the ways you've shepherded me
through their love, their watchful presence,
their devotion and protection...

I thank you for my parents, my first shepherds;
I thank you for their protection, for the shelter of their
love,
and for all they sacrificed for me
to help me grow...

I thank you for other shepherds in my family
and for all my friends
who comfort and challenge me,
who dry my tears and make me laugh,
who stay faithfully close by my side...

I thank you for all the shepherds
who taught me in school,
who counseled and directed me,
who shaped me and helped me to become
the person I am today...

I thank you for shepherds
whose names I don't know, who stand in harm's way

'round my town and 'round the world,
keeping vigil through the night to keep me safe,
standing guard that I might sleep without a worry...

I thank you for the shepherds you've called home,
especially those gone much too soon,
whose gentle shepherd's crook I miss,
whose presence still abides within my heart...

I thank you for those shepherds
who remember me in prayer,
who keep me in the sheepfold of your grace,
lifting up my name and needs to you:
to you, my good and gentle Shepherd,
Good Shepherd of us all...

Amen.
(Fr. Austin Fleming)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



World Day of Prayer will be observed on
Sunday, May 8, 2022 also known as
"Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose
of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's
instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the
harvest to send laborers into his
harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray
that young men and women hear and
respond generously to the Lord's call to
the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of
apostolic life or secular institutes.

Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the
USCCB website.

Ministry News

LIVING ROSARY PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY!



What better gift is there for Our Mother Mary than praying the Rosary in May! You can join us on Sunday, May 15th at 11:30 when we will pray all

20 decades of the Rosary in the Parish Center. This is a very moving way to follow the lives of Mary and Jesus. It takes about 90 minutes but stay for as long as you can. Or come every Wednesday at 1:00 when we gather to pray the rosary in church. This is a close, welcoming community that shares our prayers and intentions before the Lord. You can also pray for the rosary from home for Ukraine every Monday at 2 or 7 pm.

There are so many ways to make the Rosary a part of your May celebrations. Mary will be glad to see you whenever you can step out of these harried lives in order to visit with her. For more information call Mary Lu (630-430-3338) or Linda (708-482-0669).

ST. CLETUS FIACRE SOCIETY



We are announcing a new ministry at St. Cletus, the St. Cletus Fiacre Society. Never heard of this 7th Century Irish Monk, the patron Saint of Gardeners (also the patron Saint of taxi drivers!)? Neither had we until we started doing a little research and he seems like a good sponsor for this new ministry.

His legend is this: Fiacre asked the local bishop for more ground on which to plant food and herbs. The bishop told him he could have as much land as he could entrench in one day. After prayer, Fiacre used the point of his staff to turn the earth, topple trees and dig up briars and weeds to prepare the land for a garden. A suspicious local woman was convinced that such a feat could only be performed by sorcery but the bishop viewed Fiacre's act as a gift from God and proclaimed it a miracle. Supposedly, the woman's jealousy caused Fiacre to implement a ban on women from his monastery. Thankfully, the St. Cletus Fiacre Society is more enlightened and has no such ban on women!

As word of Fiacre's miracle spread, visitors to Fiacre's Garden brought seeds and plants from afar, and his gardens became famous throughout Europe. The Catholic Church considers Fiacre the saint of growing food and plants used in medicine. After his death in 670 A.D., people who visited his monastery claimed that it had

healing power. Fiacre is depicted in art and statuary as an elderly man carrying a spade (see above). While we as yet do not promote our campus grounds and flowers as providing any healing power, we do believe that our efforts to beautify our campus with flowers can invoke hospitality, welcoming all to our beautiful church and grounds.

We would love to have you join us! Duties of this ministry include weeding, planting annuals, cleaning up flower beds, and to a greater degree, building community. If you would like to become a member of this ministry, helping produce an experience that flowers and prayer can provide, welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors, please send your email address to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel at madtfr@att.net. We will add you to our contact list and provide more specifics about future events and projects.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL ST. CLETUS WOMEN

Whether you are a great friend, an awesome companion, devoted wife, caring mother, grandmother or great grandmother, doting aunt or helpful mentor, we the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women wish you a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY filled with special blessings.

We also invite you to join us for our May Crowning, Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm in the Church. This will be followed by a gathering in the Gallagher Room with refreshments, a free raffle, and a short meeting outlining upcoming parish and council events. Hope to see you there.

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles. We will meet on June 14, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. PLEASE

NOTE: June 14 is the correct date for the meeting.

For those who like to look ahead....

8/9: **Have You Seen Luis Velez** by Catherine Ryan Hyde

10/11: **Cloud Cuckoo Land** by Anthony Doerr

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

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 11, 2022

The parish will host Mass in the Grass followed by live entertainment on Saturday, June 11. Mass will be at the regular time of 5:00 p.m. with entertainment following. More details in the coming weeks - be sure to save the date!

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

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Lord Jesus,
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Online Evening Prayer for Young Adults

Young adults 18+ are invited to pray online together with School Sisters of Notre Dame on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. CT. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events.

Living our Call as SSND: Transformative Education Around the Globe

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. CST* to learn more about SSND and their

educational vision as it relates to ministries around the globe. Hear from sisters native to Canada, Guam, Hungary, Mexico, Nigeria and the United States as they speak about service in their homelands and beyond. Learn more and register at ssnd.org/events/5-3-22.

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What: Retreat for Widowed Men & Women
When: June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
Where: St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information, 708-354-7211
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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.



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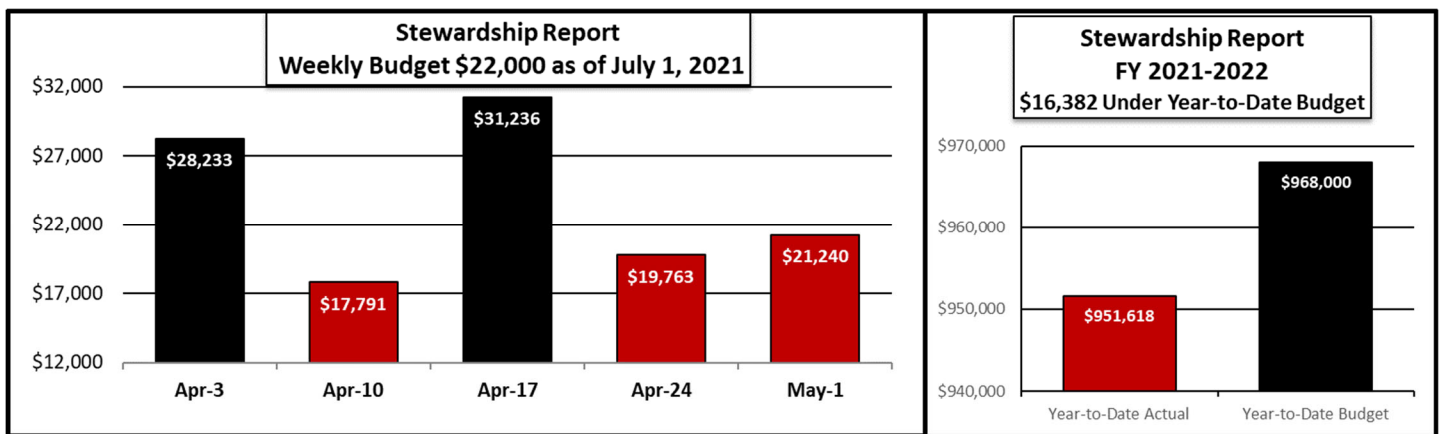
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 8	7:15am 12:30pm	Narthex Church	Respect Life Committee First Communion Spanish
Monday, May 9	9:30am 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Meeting Room	May Crowning Baptism Preparation Class
Tuesday, May 10	3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church Parish Center Meeting Room	Altar Server Training Spanish Holy Hour Baptism Preparation Class
Wednesday, May 11	9:00am 1:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers
Thursday, May 12	3:00pm 6-8pm 7:30pm	Church Parking Lot School Music Room	Altar Server Training Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 13	7:30pm	Parish Center	Cabaret: Dueling Pianos
Saturday, May 14			
Sunday, May 15	12:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room	Living Rosary Meeting

Stewardship Report

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter collection, as of 05/03/22, is \$97,891.26.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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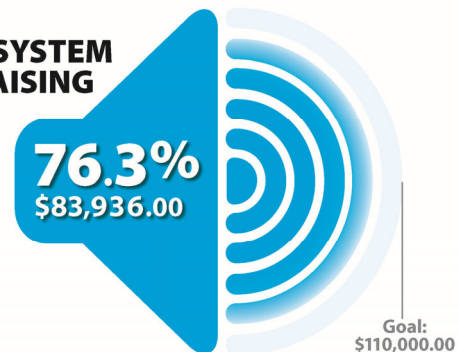


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 Sunday 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

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Vision Statement

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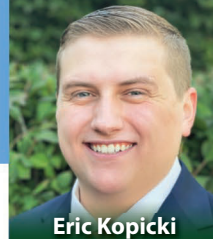
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