

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

I shall live in the house of
the Lord all of my days.
- Psalm 23



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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.” - Mt 22:4bc

Mass Intentions for October 16 - October 22, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
October 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	George Krug Jr.
October 17	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Stephanie and Stanley Francuz
October 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nick Brzezniak
October 19	8:00am	Fr. Novick	David Trzesniewski
October 20	8:00am	TBD	Delphine Marciszewski, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Louie Marasovic, Maria Chavez
October 21	5:00pm	Fr. Belaskas	Rose Marie Hrzencjak, Fred Grosskopf
October 22	7:15am	Fr. Novick	John and Frances Kennedy and Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Frank Wojcik
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	Marco, Emilia Rattin and Bill DePasquale, Edwin and Emma Palzer, Stacy Baker, John Baker, Lila and Bert Wasldorf
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Carlos y Sofia Rivera and Gerardo Torres

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.

October - Debbie García, Carina Orona, Erin McMahon Leddon, Geraldine Osmolek

September -

August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba

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

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

Serafin A. Hernandez
Husband of Maricris Hernandez

Kathleen Kasperski
Mother of Dawn Brooks

Joyce Field
Mother of Antoinette Martinez

May they rest in peace....

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Daniah Chaidez
Daughter of Juan Carlos Chaidez and Viviana Sanchez

Carlos Chaidez
Son of Juan Carlos Chaidez and Viviana Sanchez

Fabio-Levi Morelos
Son of Fabian Moreles and Maria Abrego

Rubi Guadalupe Ortega
Son of Luis Alberto Ortega and Cristina Herrera Guzman

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



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Pastor's Note

*"I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life."*

Psalm 23:6b

Dear Friends,

As we spend time and walk with the Lord, we notice him loving us, healing us, and filling us with peace. It is a special grace that the Lord bestows upon us anytime we pause and avail ourselves of his presence. This is something that many of you experience as you grow in your relationship with the Lord. It is this experience that enables you to get up daily and on weekends to be with him.

Aided by the grace of God, we are choosing to keep our eyes and hearts more on the good things that the Lord continues to do at our parish that we love dearly. As we do this, I continue to see more members of our parish community stepping up and saying, "How can I help?" It is my prayer and hope that we continue to allow the Lord to work through us. We know that serving him and those he loves is a great privilege and joy. It refreshes our souls.

On Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 7:00 PM, we had our First Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (English) in our beautiful church. It went well. It was a special moment of prayer. We all had the opportunity to gaze at Jesus in silence. We also had the opportunity to sing together. We felt the presence and the warmth of the Lord in our midst. We sensed our hearts being loved, healed, and filled with peace. The Art and Environment for the occasion was marvelous. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the members of the Eucharistic Revival Committee that our parish is blessed to have. Their dedication, service, and leadership are encouraging. Please hold them in prayer.

As the awareness of the Lord in our lives grows, naturally we want to spend more time with him and lead others to him. It is this sense of the closeness of the Lord that is animating us to host: "Hearing God in the Burning Bush," on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, immediately after our 5:00 PM Mass. This special moment of prayer and fostering community will take place in the beautiful courtyard that our parish is blessed to have. It is intended for people of all ages. I have asked Hector Obregon, Director of Evangelization and Renewal, to offer leadership with this event. Please let him know if you want to help by sending him an email at hobregon@stcletusparish.com

As I mentioned before, "An Evening of Prayer and Reflection" is becoming part of our parish life. Remember that in September 2021 and in October 2022, many of you stated loudly and clearly by saying: "We want to know more about our faith." "We want to grow in our relationship with Jesus." "We want to grow as a community." I took to prayer your hopes and dreams. Then, I consulted with others in the parish and elsewhere.

As a consequence, we are blessed to have Rev. Monsignor John Canary as the keynote this Wednesday at our Evening of Prayer and Reflection. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 14, 1969. He served the priests and people of the Archdiocese of Chicago with great distinction in a variety of positions and ministries, including as the Rector/President of The University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary (1995-2006) and Vicar General of the Archdiocese (2006-2013). Since his retirement, he continues to be active by assisting at St. Joseph and Mary Retreat House, offering retreats, and providing spiritual direction. Fr. Novick and I were blessed to have Msgr. Canary as our rector while we completed our priestly formation at Mundelein Seminary. It was a joy to be formed by him and his team. I encourage you to join me in welcoming Msgr. Canary to our parish this Wednesday. I am confident that the Lord will speak to you through him.

May our desire to live in close union with the Lord continue to grow and be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Elmer Romero

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PLEASE JOIN OUR NEXT
EVENING OF
Prayer & Reflection

"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"
Matthew 28:16-20

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Monsignor John Canary

 **OCTOBER 18, 2023**
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

TOPIC:
The Seven Stages of Love
according to St. John of the Cross

Note From Father Mike

God's Mountain

For many years, I have had an ongoing “joke” with a good friend whenever we hear about God’s mountain in the writings of Isaiah, the prophet. It revolves more around the reading of Isaiah 11:6-9, but it seems we can’t stay away from texting one another if we even hear the term “God’s holy mountain.” The ongoing fun we have is taken in conjunction with the hymn “On That Holy Mountain,” a song I was introduced to at my first assignment in 2001; however, my friend couldn’t help but change the word “holy” to “magic.” To this day, he still texts me “Hey. On that magic mountain” followed by a smiling emoji. But when I’ve prayed about it, he’s pretty well correct. Things that happen on that holy mountain ARE magical. I mean, just looking at verse 6a of the Isaiah reading we’ve referenced “The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.” In earthly thought, that’s absurd, but through God’s power, “magically” the two can become friends? Yes!

Now obviously I am not saying that God’s power is like being a sorcerer. No, that would be bad. But what could happen on that mountain? If the wolf and the lamb can become friends, then what about man? The refrain of that song above reads:

“No harm or ruin on that holy mountain
That sacred day shall be filled with knowledge
There shall be peace led by all the children
On that holy mountain, on that holy mountain
On that holy mountain of the Lord.”

(Joe Mattingly, 1990, *One in Faith*, #350, **WLP**)

What is it about God’s mountain that is so different than anything we know in our earthly time? Well, to begin with, all creation is subject to Him. That should be

obvious, but it is amazing how often we overlook that fact. That isn’t saying that man and other creatures are “equals” like some seem to think. Oh, I understand pets. Don’t misunderstand me. However, while we are given the animals to be our helpers in understanding just how awesome God is, if we want to be on that holy mountain when at last we die, then showing a greater respect for all of God’s creation is imperative. And who do we learn from? Children.

How many times does Jesus tell us that we need to become more like children in the Gospels? Why?

Because if you watch children, they inherently tend to trust. As we grow up, we lose the trust we were born

with because we are either harmed by someone, or something else negative happens to us. It’s sort of like the old saying “Don’t touch the stove. It’s hot.”

Inevitably, we don’t understand the consequence of touching that stove until we do it and feel the pain. So then how do we learn to trust again, whether God or other human beings?

I have celebrated hundreds of funerals over my 22+ years as a priest. I have watched many people,

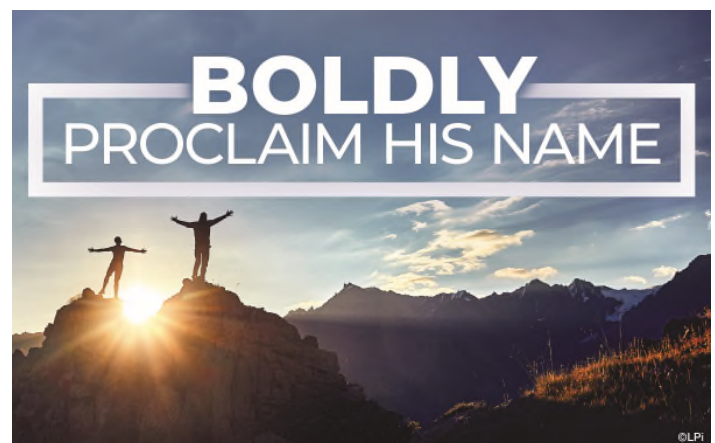
especially those who have lost children or young adults, simply walk away from the Church because they are

angry with God over their pain and grief. That anger can certainly lead to a lack of trust in God, or even lead to someone saying they no longer believe that God exists. It’s not because we seek answers from Him. It’s because we long to experience what our loved ones now experience in paradise.

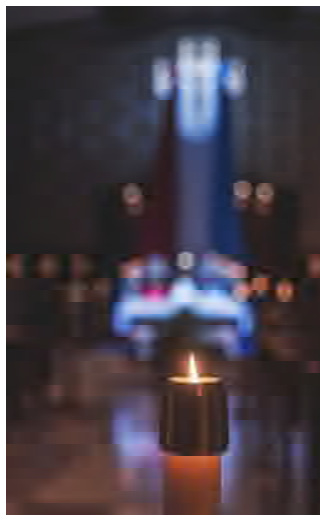
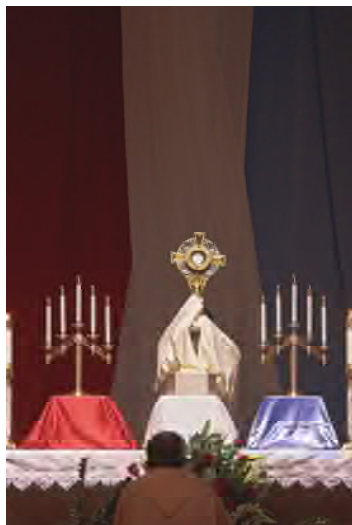
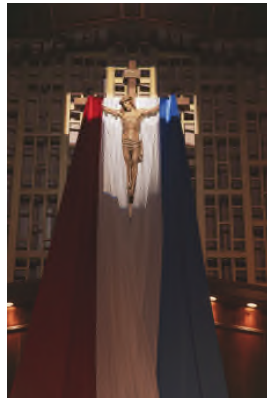
There was a family at my first assignment who lost their oldest of three children at the age of 16, their youngest in her early adult years (maybe 25), and just this year, the mom died somewhere around 60-65 years old. But I can say with conviction, that mom and her husband

never gave up on their faith. Through their sorrows, they were grateful. In fact, the mom gave a wonderful eulogy for their youngest. That’s what God’s peace is like when we long for the holy mountain of God. It’s not easy, but it is within our reach.

Fr. Mike



First Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Day Of The Dead Altar

The Day of the Dead is not Halloween .The Day of the Dead and Halloween are celebrated at the same time of year, but they are very different.

The Day of the Dead is celebrated November 1st and 2nd. The celebration starts November 1st. The Day of the Dead is November 2nd.

The Day of the Dead is a time to remember family and friends who have died.

The Day of the Dead is not a sad tradition. It is a festive time to remember and honor the dead.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican celebration. The tradition originated in Mexico. It is also celebrated in parts of Latin America and the United States.

As a part of the the Day of the Dead celebration, families build altars in their homes for loved ones who have died.



Day of the Dead altars have many traditional elements. A few the essential elements are candles, marigolds, a photo, sugar skulls, water, food and cut paper decorations called papel picado .

Calaveras are decorated skulls. These brightly colored skulls are made of sugar or ceramic. They are used to decorate Day of the Dead altars.

The Day of the Dead is sometimes celebrated in cemeteries. In some areas, families decorate the graves of their loved ones. They stay up all night celebrating and telling stories about people who have died.

The true meaning of the Day of the Dead is important. The holiday has become very popular in many countries, and people are not always aware of its true meaning. It is important to understand the significance of the Day of the Dead and be respectful of the tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones who have died.



The Hispanic Ministry in collaboration with the PPC will be setting up an Altar for Day of the Dead from 10/29 - 11/2. We ask parishioners that are interested in participating to drop off a framed picture of deceased loved ones that will be part of the display. Photos should be no larger than 5x7 and can be dropped off 10/14-10/27 in the Parish Center M-F 9am-4pm and at every mass with an usher. Please label the back of your framed photo with contact info. Questions please contact Kris at ksantin@stcletusparish.com

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
17 de octubre, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
15 de octubre 2023	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

¡ACOMPÁÑENOS!

OLLA (POTLUCK) FAMILIAR DE SAN CLETO

Sábado, 21 de octubre, 6:00 p.m.

Clark Hall/Gimnasio del Centro Pastoral de San Cleto

Solteros, parejas, familias con niños, **TODOS** están invitados a este evento que es patrocinado por **St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women / Consejo de Mujeres Católicas de San Cleto, (CCW)**. Nosotros proveeremos el platillo principal, pero queremos invitarlos a que compartan con nosotros uno de sus platos favoritos de (*side dish*) acompañamiento (*suficiente para 8-10 personas*) y disfrute con nosotros en una noche de buena comida y amistad; será una noche de ambiente casual para conocer y reencontrarnos con otros feligreses. Queremos saber cuántas personas nos acompañarán para calcular que haya una cena completa para cada uno; es por eso que les pedimos que hagan su reservación lo más pronto posible. Si desea ayudarnos co-

mo voluntario o para cualquier pregunta sobre este evento y para otras opciones para aquellos que quieran participar pero que no puedan traer comida, contáctenos en email: ccw@stcletusparish.com o llamando al 708-710-0644



GENERAL MEETING FOR HISPANIC USHERS

On Friday, October 27, 2023 there will a general meeting in Spanish for the Ushers and Welcome Committee. They will be sharing their experiences in the Ministry and to discover ways to continue growing in our faith and in our commitment in these ministries. The meeting will be held in the Gallagher Room at 7:00pm

JUNTA GENERAL DE UJIERES HISPANOS

El viernes 27 de octubre de 2023 habrá una reunión general en español para los Ujieres y el Comité de Bienvenida. Estarán compartiendo sus experiencias en el Ministerio y descubriendo formas de seguir creciendo en nuestra fe y en nuestro compromiso en estos ministerios. La reunión se llevará a cabo en el Salón Gallagher a las 7:00 p.m.



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS
4-8PM

Wish List:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Potatoes
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Chili

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thanksgiving and Giving Tree Registration are now available! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Thanksgiving or Giving Tree you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418. We will have plenty of volunteer opportunities in November and December so stay tuned!

Thanksgiving

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Oct 1 - Nov 17: Turkey Bucks Volunteers at Jewel
- November 15 & 16: Cookie Donations Needed
- November 18 & 19: Thanksgiving Distribution

CONTACT: foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

Giving Tree

Timeline

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Nov. 11 - Dec. 8: Tags available for donors
- December 9-10: Gifts need to be turned in
- December 16-17: Distribution to clients

CONTACT: foodpantry@stcletusparish.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are now available for Turkey Bucks and Thanksgiving. There are MANY ways to get involved. Please read the descriptions carefully to make sure it is the right slot for you before signing up. Some slots are at Jewel-Osco, have age minimums, require heavy lifting, driving, etc. Sign ups for Thanksgiving Distribution are on the final page of the sign up genius.

Thanksgiving Volunteer Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-turkey#/>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

“In a time of crisis, most people feel overwhelmed by many emotions: confusion, fear, anger, guilt, shame, doubt, depression, hopelessness, anxiety and more. When the crisis involves abuse (physical, emotional, verbal, financial or sexual) the victim usually feels completely alone. Often victims are afraid or embarrassed to tell anyone; they fear no one will understand. They may think God has abandoned them. But God is there to offer strength and guidance.” Excerpt from the booklet, You Are Not Alone, God Is With You, available from ACDVO. www.Domesticviolenceoutreach.org



Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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

School News

ELLIE THE ELEPHANT

Recently some of our students got the special treat of meeting Ellie the Elephant! She taught the kids about how important it is to be compassionate and kind to not only other humans but also to all creatures!



8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Last weekend our 8th graders went to Washington DC to enjoy the traditional class trip together! It was a wonderful weekend of fun and learning! Thank you to all the parents that made this trip and event possible!



FLAGS FOR OUR VETERANS



"WE DON'T KNOW THEM ALL, BUT WE DO OWE THEM ALL."

We will be displaying small American flags in honor of Veteran's Day. If you would like a Veteran in your life recognized please return this form to the school office by October 27th

Name of Veteran/s: _____

One veteran per flag. Be sure to send in correct payment for multiple names

Donated by: _____

Name

Email

Flags are \$5 each

I would like to receive my flag after they are displayed

If you would like your flag please pick them up in the school office on November 14th



Please make checks payable to St. Cletus

Proceeds will be donated to Operation Support Our Troops America

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist

Thursday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Next Sunday: World Mission Sunday



Bonfire Night

Bonfire **NIGHT** 

"HEARING *God* IN THE BURNING BUSH"
(Exodus 3:1-22)



SHARING • WORSHIP • MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

 **SATURDAY**
October 28, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In the Courtyard

Ministry And Community News

BOOK DISCUSSION

On October 17th we will meet in the Gallagher Room at 10 A.M. to discuss



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper
by Phaedra Patrick.

For those who like to look ahead

December 12th: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13th: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Develop Your Leadership Skills, When Not in a Leadership Role Thursday, October 19, 7-9pm

There is an expression that goes, "Leadership Is Action, not Title" This interactive presentation highlights how anyone can develop leadership skills while not in an actual leadership position and/or in a career transition. Participants will learn actions to implement immediately to optimize leadership in advance of assuming a leadership opportunity.

Our speaker, Rick Lockner, is the President of RPC Leadership Associates, Inc. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Rick has over 30 years of leadership experience across Military, Corporate, Entrepreneurial, Academic, and Non-Profit organizations. Rick holds both an MS and MBA and is an accomplished public speaker and author. He is the author of six books including his most recent, "Finding the Missing Piece," published in 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

THE WELL PROGRAM

The Goals of Laudato Si' **Mondays, Oct 16, 23 • 9:30 – 11am Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ**

As Catholics, the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are our concern. To make all things whole we need nothing short of a conversion. Laudato Si' calls us into to an ecological spirituality, and a fresh new approach to managing our "house." Cost: \$25/session

Find Your People: Combating Loneliness and the Friendship Recession in America **Tuesday, Oct 17 • 6:30 - 8pm Facilitator: Florence Ann Romano** Join us for a collaborative and meaningful conversation about the importance of a village at every stage of life - in other words, a support system for our physical, mental,

emotional, and spiritual well-being. We will explore the six archetypes of villagers that create a unique ecosystem of friendship, and that help to build community. Those who attend in-person will be gifted with a copy of Florence Ann's book *Build Your Village*. Cost: \$25

Called to Ecological Conversion Retreat **Monday, Oct 30 • 9:30am – 12:30pm**
Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

Look around; our human life has gotten out of whack. The state of the world is calling us personally and as a human community to an ecological conversion, with no time to waste! What is it that is yours to do in this moment of now or never? Cost: \$35

BEREAVEMENT GROUP



The Legacy Guild is pleased to announce the recently formed:

Embracing The Struggles Together
Bereavement Group

for all parents that reside in the Lyons Township High School district



Meets weekly on Wednesdays,
October 25 - December 13, 2023
7 - 8:30 pm
Location: La Grange
Cost: Free of charge

With the guidance of a certified grief educator, widows/widowers will come together in a safe space to discuss topics like:

- Solo Parenting
- How To Find A Path Forward
- Building A Support Network
- How To Plan For Your Future
- Self-Care

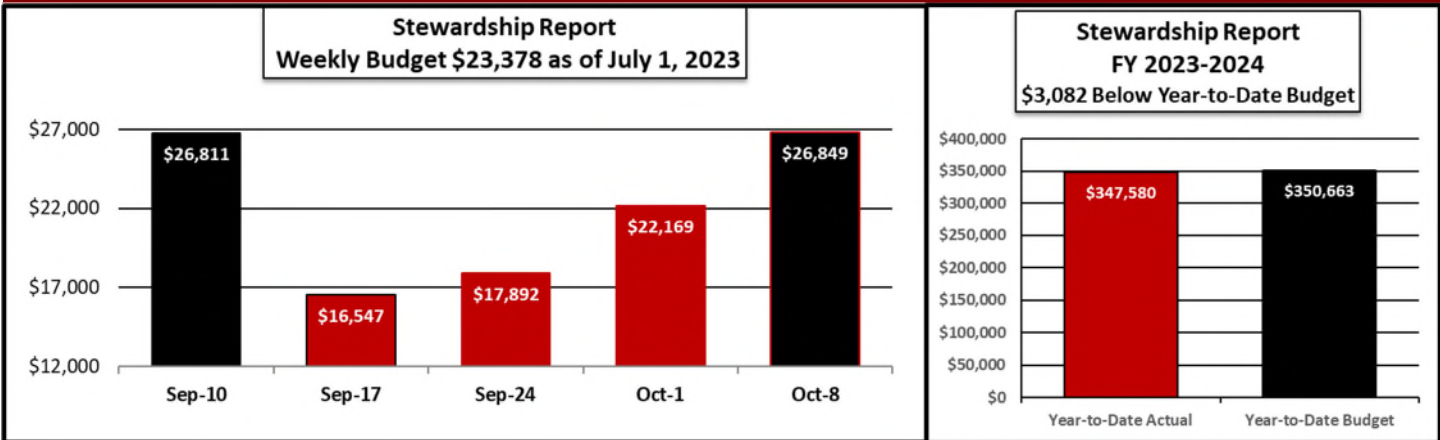
Email info@TheLegacyGuild.com if you or someone you know is interested in participating or scan QR code to register.



Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 15			
Monday, October 16	6:15-9pm	Gallagher Room	CREDO Chosen Discussion Group
Tuesday, October 17	7-8pm	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, October 18	9-12pm 1-1:40pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, October 19	4-8pm 7pm	Food Pantry Church	Food Pantry Distribution Confirmation Year 1 Commitment Ceremony
Friday, October 20			
Saturday, October 21	4:45-6:30pm 6-8:30pm	Narthex Parish Center	Living Rosary Parish Potluck
Sunday, October 22			

Stewardship Report



Preferred Partners

Thank you!



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St. Cletus Parish Information

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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.
 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..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 352-6209

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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.