

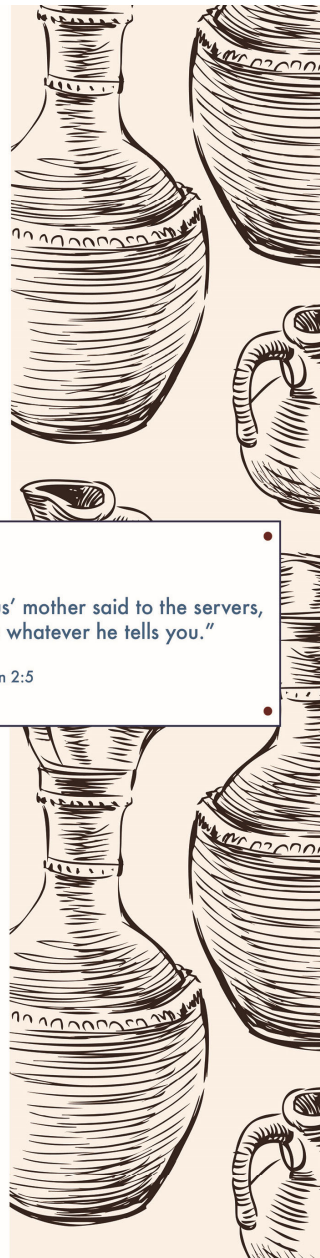
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— 1SAIAH 62:2



January 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Jesus' mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."
~John 2:5

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Mass Intentions for January 17 - 23, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
January 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Delphine Marciszewski
January 19	8:00am	Fr. Costello	BC Collins
January 20	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Special Intention - Beverly Marasovic
January 21	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 22	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Fred & Eleanor Artmenko
January 23	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Romero Fr. Lodge Fr. Costello Fr. Romero	Robert Spyrison, Patricia Desmond, Richard Gomez Owen Glennon, Maria Bednara, Special Intention - Madelyn Kotan Irene Erdmann, Lila and Bert Walsdorf, Robert Seliga, Donald Marchese Karina Jaramillo

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

Leonardo D' Alessio

Husband of Nancy

Thomas G. Murray

Father of Karen Mulcrone

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.

January - Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski

December - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan

November - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, 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.

RECEPTION POSTPONED



Please note that the farewell reception for Fr. Ken Baker after 5:00 p.m. Mass has been postponed.

In place of the reception there will be a receiving line after all Masses in the church for well wishers to say goodbye following the Saturday Vigil and Sunday

Masses.

Please stay tuned for the new date of the reception.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 17

The St. Cletus Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The office will re-open on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

**MASKS ARE
REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

On December 22nd, 2021, around 7:00 PM I received the following text message from Manuel Ruiz: “Good evening, Father. I was wondering if you could allow us to come in tomorrow and collect all fallen leaves from the parish property. My son Antonio Ruiz and my coworker Martin Martinez will be joining me. We want our parish grounds look clean and beautiful for Christmas.”

Manuel Ruiz and his family have been members of our parish for many years. They attend our 12:30 PM Mass every Sunday. Manuel serves the community as a sacristan, lector, and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. He also provides leadership with our weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which takes place every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. In addition, he is involved with other celebrations in Spanish, such as Día de los Muertos, Novenas to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Posadas before Christmas.

Manuel works for a landscaping company. He tells me that he enjoys his work very much. When we started enhancing our parish gardens, I asked Manuel if he could give us a hand. His response was affirmative. He came to assist almost every time we got together to weed or plant new flowers and plants. He also took upon himself to trim all trees in our parish. In addition, he comes to our parish before or after work to help us keep our parish grounds free of garbage.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and offer my heartfelt gratitude to Manuel Ruiz for his outpouring of generosity, kindness, and love for St. Cletus Parish. His witness touches my heart and leads me to Christ.

This weekend, with faith, gratitude, and love we celebrate with Fr. Ken Baker his last weekend with us. He has been part of our parish family for almost 11 years. During those years, he has generously shared his life, faith, and joy with us. We acknowledge and appreciate his dedication, service, and ministry through which he has touched many lives. We offer him our prayers, support, and best wishes as he starts a new chapter in his priestly ministry. Sometime soon, when it is safe, we will host a wonderful reception for him in our Parish Center. We will keep you informed. Fr. Ken you will be missed!

As we enter the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, may the spirit of Jesus inflame our hearts to share our life and blessings generously as we encounter Jesus in today's Gospel!

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor



Manuel Ruiz and his wife Margarita



Antonio Ruiz



Martin Martinez

Religious Education

GIFTS FROM GOD

In today's second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul explains the Spiritual Gifts. These gifts are given from God to manifest the Holy Spirit and build up one another in faith. Spiritual gifts help build love and unity in the church as each person uses what they received for the good of one each other. These gifts are more than just your natural talents, abilities and personality. Though God can and does certainly use those things, these gifts are supernatural in nature and exist in our lives because of our new life in Christ through our baptism. These spiritual gifts are exactly that, *gifts*. You do not earn them, you receive them. They are not something you inherited from your parents, or worked to develop like a talent. What Paul helps us see is that each person in the body of Christ is given a gift and there are a variety of gifts, services and activities for us to build up one another in love and faith. Take some time today to talk about the different spiritual gifts you see in the members of your family, and how you can use them in your life to build love and unity in your home, our church, our community and our world.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank Fr. Ken Baker for his outstanding service to and support of St. Cletus Parish during these past 10 years, and specifically to our Religious Education families. Fr. Ken has been critical to the success of many programs in RE over his 10 year tenure. I am not sure how many parishioners truly realize the impact he has made for the teens and youth of our parish. Fr. Ken has been a significant part of our teen's journey to Confirmation each year, beginning with the 7th Grade Commitment Ceremony, being the Retreat Master for our Day of the Spirit Confirmation Retreats, meeting with teens in classrooms, being present when they were completing service experiences, and present at their Confirmation Masses. He has been present at the start of our academic year as we welcome everyone back to another year in RE, at different prayer services throughout the years, and again in classroom visits and sacramental celebrations, including the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. He has helped our parents to prepare for these sacraments alongside their children at our parent meetings, and has been there for personal moments for hundreds of our families in their time of need. He has been a true partner to me and our Catechists, especially with our Special Needs Adaptive program which we started 7 years ago. He is a special member of our Catechetical team for these amazing children, and will be sorely missed. He has also been a phenomenal partner to me with our RCIA programs – both the Adult program and the Children and Teen program. He has guided over 85 parishioners, young and “young at heart” to full

communion and initiation into the Catholic Church over his 10 years.

There is a saying that people come into our lives and leave their footprints on our hearts. That is true of Fr. Ken, but I would say he is leaving his “heartprint” on this parish. We are truly grateful to Fr. Ken for sharing his many spiritual gifts with us. Thank you for leaving your “heartprint” on the thousands of children and families over your 10 years of service here.



St. Cletus School

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ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

Save the date for a fun, night celebrating our school at the St. Cletus Spring Auction 2022

WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd
TIME: 6-11pm



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND MASS EACH TUESDAY

“Let God live in your life”. Fr. Elmer shared a wonderful message with the school children during a Tuesday 8 am Mass. We are blessed to gather together in prayer, each Tuesday at 8 am when we are in school. It’s another reason why, it’s a great day to be a Cardinal!



D4D

The St. Cletus School D4D (formerly “Dining for Dollars”) program is run by our Family School Association (FSA). St. Cletus School works with local restaurants who have programs to give back to schools and nonprofits. On the night the event guests present the D4D flyer, and a percentage of the check goes to St. Cletus School.

This is a great way to support a local restaurant while benefiting St. Cletus at the same time.

Save the date for our January D4D! St. Cletus will receive 20% of the sales on January 31 at Buona Beef in Countryside. Mention St. Cletus School or show the flier below when ordering.

Please spread the word and be sure to join us!



BUONA

BUONA BENEFIT NIGHT

20% of sales will benefit St. Cletus School

Mention your group when ordering!

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JANUARY 31, 2022



Email fundraising@buona.com to plan your Buona Benefit Night
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 Promoting on Buona's premises is prohibited.

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Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations for a few weeks. Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry
Now on Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

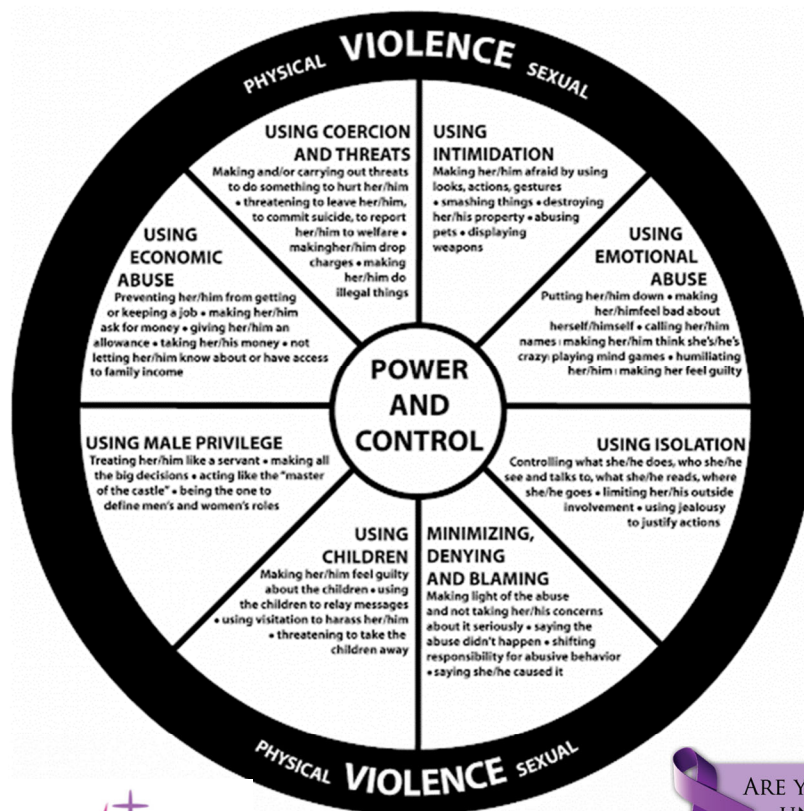
Creative Job Searching/Career Changes - Ready to start the New Year? Looking for a career change but can't figure out how to begin or where to start? Are you in a job you never intended to have or no longer want? Be sure to join ICN on Thursday, January 20 from 7-9 pm for some creative ideas and direction.

As you evaluate your 2022 career path, our presenter, Teri Guercio, can help you focus on a solution that works best for you. Teri is an HR technology professional with earlier roles as Director of Career Development and Recruiter. Discover strategies to map your career future!

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. This will be a Hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting can be found on our website at <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>. If you attend in person, masks are required. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the box below. You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

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.
- 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.
- Tenants residing in state- or federally-subsidized housing are eligible to apply.


Rental Payment Program

- Eligible households may receive up to 18 months of assistance from June 2020 through April 2022.
- Priority will be given to:
 - households with a member who has been unemployed for 90 days.
 - households below 50% of the Area Median Income, adjusted for household size.
- The grant is paid directly to the landlord.
- For program information, visit ILLINOISHOUSINGHELP.ORG.
- Tenants and landlords may submit an application starting Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 at ILLINOISHOUSINGHELP.ORG.

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

Applications will be available Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022. Apply at ILLINOISHOUSINGHELP.ORG.

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





WORD OF LIFE



“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

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9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up today at 9daysforlife.com!



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



3 WAYS TO JOIN





9DaysforLife.com

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Sunday Notes



REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

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THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

—St. Anselm of Canterbury

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30[12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Wednesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
 Thursday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Friday: St. Agnes
 Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
 who govern all things,
 both in heaven and on earth,
 mercifully hear the pleading of your people
 and bestow your peace on our times.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

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YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

—Anonymous

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Sm 15:16-23;
Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22
- Martes: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28;
Mc 2:23-28
- Miércoles: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;
Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6
- Jueves: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13;
Mc 3:7-12
- Viernes: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11;
Mc 3:13-19
- Sábado: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80(79):2-3,5-7;
Mc 3:20-21, o cualquiera de lecturas para el
Día de Oración
- Domingo: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21

REVELACIÓN DE LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS

La primera lectura de hoy de Isaías surge del sufrimiento del pueblo de Jerusalén y de Judea cuando ellos anticiparon el final de los setenta años de exilio en Babilonia. Sus sufrimientos y su opresión terminarán, y se les promete una alegría como la de una boda espléndida al regresar a su patria. Aunque es probable que este pasaje sucedió a principios del siglo VI AC, carece de los detalles históricos. En este sentido, la Iglesia ha entendido sus metáforas de forma universal, ya que proclama la promesa de Dios de curación, esperanza y felicidad para todos los pueblos, en este mundo y en el otro. Cuando se lee este contexto, la historia de Jesús convirtiendo el agua en vino en las bodas de Canaán se convierte en una revelación de la presencia de Dios en la persona de Jesús, haciendo que estas promesas sean verdaderas para nosotros aquí y ahora, en la transformación de nuestras propias vidas.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Como el esposo goza con su esposa, así Dios se regocija con su elegida (Isaías 62:1-5).

Salmo — Cuenten a todas las naciones las maravillas del Señor (Salmo 96 [95]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los diferentes dones y talentos que se encuentran en la comunidad cristiana son obra del mismo Espíritu (1 Corintios 12:4-11).

Evangelio — Compartiendo el gozo de una boda en Caná, Jesús rellena la provisión de vino (Juan 2:1-11).

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LA EXISTENCIA DE DIOS

Nadie que entiende la realidad de que Dios existe puede pensar que Dios no existe.

—San Anselmo de Canterbury

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

- Domingo: Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes: Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Martes: Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
- Miércoles: La Teofanía en el calendario juliano (la epifanía)
- Jueves: San Fabián; San Sebastián
- Viernes: Santa Inés
- Sábado: Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de la Criatura en el Vientre Materno

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
que gobiernas los cielos y la tierra,
escucha con amor las súplicas de tu pueblo
y haz que los días de nuestra vida
transcurran en tu paz.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer para ayudar a crear la paz de Dios?

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LO MEJOR DE TU PARTE

Da al mundo lo mejor de tu parte y recibirás lo mejor de vuelta.

—Anónimo

Youth Ministry

Last Sunday at our All Teen Event we had the opportunity to hear from some NAMI speakers about how to Stress Less! We wanted to share some of the important information from this great meeting!

NAMI METRO SUBURBAN Teen Stress Management Strategies

Know the Warning Signs

Stress affects everyone at some point in our lives. However, chronic, long-lasting stress is unhealthy. Here are some warning signs of stress:

- Physical responses like headaches or stomach aches
- Loss of appetite or increase in unhealthy eating
- Trouble sleeping, poor quality of sleep
- Feelings of sadness, anxiety, or anger
- Overlooking assignments or tasks, inability to focus or concentrate

Why Mindfulness Matters

Mindfulness is the practice of focusing on the present moment while calmly acknowledging feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations. Practicing mindfulness helps you by:

- Improving grades—students who practice mindfulness before tests perform better than students who don't
- Reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and stress
- Improve quality of sleep, increase overall well-being

How to Practice Mindfulness

<p>1</p> <p>BREATHING EXERCISES</p> <p>Sit comfortable with your feet on the floor. Close your eyes and take deep breaths. Count to four while you inhale and count down from four while you exhale. Do this until you feel calm.</p> <p>Search "Triangle Breathing" on YouTube for more tools to help.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BODY SCAN</p> <p>Sit somewhere quiet and without distractions. Take a deep breath and, starting at your feet, consciously relax every muscle in your body. Try to focus only on your breath and how it feels when your muscles start to relax.</p> <p>There are great guided meditations that'll help you go through this.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>VISUALIZATION EXERCISES</p> <p>Stairway Exercise: Imagine you're standing at the top of a staircase with ten steps. With each breath, visualize yourself walking down the stairs, becoming more relaxed with each step.</p> <p>Empty Room Exercise: Imagine that you're in an empty room. Notice how you feel. Now imagine adding people, objects, decorations until you have filled it to your satisfaction. Pay attention to how satisfied, happy, and safe you feel.</p>
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Tips and Tricks to Deal with Stress

- Talk about what's causing you stress with others
- Take deep breaths
- Progressive muscle relaxation exercises
- Set smaller goals and break tasks into manageable chunks
- Exercise, eat regular meals, get proper sleep
- Work through worst-case scenarios
- Visualize and practice feared situations
- Lower unrealistic expectations
- Take breaks to do things you enjoy

Mindfulness Apps

- Headspace
- Insight Timer
- Smiling Mind
- Breathe
- Stop, Breathe, and Think
- Calm

Mindfulness Videos

- <http://www.mindfulteachers.org/2019/04/silent-videos.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXltOY0sLRY>

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Patron Saint of Liars** by Ann Patchett. We will meet on February 8, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Please note, this is a time change from previous discussions.

For those who like to look ahead....

April 12, **What Alice Forgot** by Lianne Moriarty

June 14, **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

MISSION LADIES

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a Blessed Merry Christmas and started with a Happy New Year.

Just a reminder that we will be starting on Wednesday Jan. 19th at 9:30 a.m. Please keep these DATES and TIME IN MIND.

For any questions call me - 708-839-9605

Thank You - Dolores Scaletta

HISPANIC MINISTRY



Adorado sea El Santísimo Sacramento

Por Siempre...

La comunidad hispana de San Cleto, ha estado realizado la Adoración Nocturna todos los segundos sábados de cada mes en el horario de 7:00pm a 10:30pm. A partir del mes de diciembre 2021 comenzamos hacerlo durante toda la noche con el debido permiso de nuestro párroco P. Elmer Romero. El nuevo horario ahora será de 9:00pm a 5:30am. Para este mes de enero, (01/08/22) el padre Kevin Hays nos estará asistiendo celebrando la Santa Misa a las 8:00pm y posteriormente escuchando confesiones. Todos son bienvenidos a rendir Adoración a nuestro Señor. Para cualquier pregunta dirigirla al consejo parroquial 708 5024891.

Ave María Purísima

Sin pecado concebida ...

PARISH LAUNCHES MOBILE APP



We are excited to announce the release of a new mobile app for Android and iOS. The app is a new and effective way for the parish to

communicate with you and for you to stay connected. We've included prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, mass schedules, and photo capture tools. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system.

Search for St. Cletus Parish in your app store or find direct links on the home page of our website at <https://stcletusparish.com>.

Questions or feedback? Email us at itservices@stcletusparish.com.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FATHER'S CLUB



SAVE THE DATE!!!

1st Annual Father's Club Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 11th @ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center

All Parishioners and their families and friends are welcome!

Please contact Jim Ludden at (630) 880-2415 if you are interested in helping out!.

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If you have not signed up to receive Parish emails please register on our website, stcletusparish.com, using the box in the bottom right of the page titled "Subscribe To eNews". Enter your email address and click the "Email Me!" button.

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Community News

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Local nonprofit, Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) is in need of a part-time office manager with excellent organization skills and a personable disposition to organize and coordinate administration duties and office procedures. This person will be responsible for coordinating the daily operations of the office, maintaining QuickBooks Online and preparing financial statements, running payroll, overseeing office supply inventory, and more.

24 hours per week, in-office, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ICP's office is located in the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange.

Skills needed include knowledge of non profit organizations, organizational and time management skills, Microsoft Office (including mail merges), QuickBooks Online, ability to work with limited supervision in a friendly and fast-paced office, strong writing and communication skills, knowledge of ICP service area, and a love for older adults. Previous experience as a front office manager or office organization/leadership a plus as is experience with Little Green Light software.

Qualified applicants may send their resume to Janet Garreau at jgarreauicp@gmail.com

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

SEE NO STRANGER Ten Mondays, Jan 24—Apr 4, 10—11:30 AM Facilitators: Colleen Gorman and Bridget Sperduto

Book series based on Valarie Kaur's *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*. We will explore Valarie's ideas of revolutionary love as "a call for our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions--to others, to opponents and to our-selves." \$150.

STILLNESS OF WINTER: ALMOST FEBRUARY... Thursday, Jan 27, 7—8:15 PM Facilitator: Barbara Mahany

February tries its darnedest to turn us into doubters. But now is the time when we're wise to pay closest attention: Listen close for the first stirrings of winter loosening its grip, making room for the light to seep in. \$15

RE-EMERGING IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD First Thursdays, Feb 3—May 5, 10—11:30 AM Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto The pandemic has lasted far longer than we ever imagined. Let us gather, process and unpack how the pandemic has affected us and how we want to consciously move forward, considering "which parts of normal are worth rushing back to." \$15/session.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Bending Towards the Light: Jazz Nativity Concert. It was wonderful to bring live entertainment back to St. Cletus. We are eager to continue that momentum and excited to announce three additional musical events this season.

First, our annual "Cabaret" evening is well known by many - we are excited to welcome back Tony Kidonakis as we turn this space into a dueling pianos venue. This event was originally scheduled for February 4th but with the current COVID spike we are looking to postpone to a later date. Stay tuned for our new date and more information.

On Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 pm, we will present "Sing!" Join us for an afternoon of songs you love to sing along with! From folk to pop, rock to jazz and more - this concert will be led by faces familiar to the Fine Arts Series and will encourage not just enjoying the music, but singing along from the audience too!

Finally, on Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 pm you can experience "A Tribute to Stephen Sondheim." Join some of the area's finest vocalists and instrumentalists as we share an afternoon of songs by arguably one of the greatest composers and lyricists in recent history. You are sure to find songs that are familiar - and you may learn some lesser known Sondheim pieces. Both "Sing" and the tribute concert are free of charge.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Living our call as SSND: Transformative education on the margins—The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite single women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Wednesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. CST* to learn more about SSND and their ministry with and among those who are poor and marginalized. More information and registration for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/1-19-22.

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.

Week at a Glance

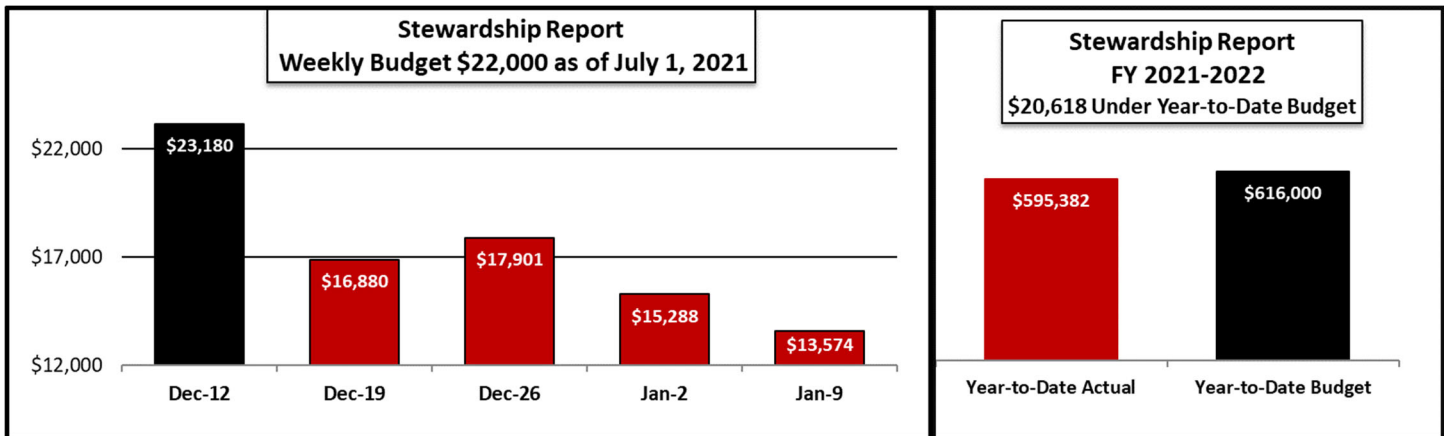
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 16			
Monday, January 17			
Tuesday, January 18	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, January 19	9:30am 7:30pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Church League Practice
Thursday, January 20	7:30pm	School Music Room	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 21			
Saturday, January 22	5:00pm	Narthex	Respect Life Committee
Sunday, January 23	7:00am	Narthex	Respect Life Committee

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

The total collected for Christmas, as of 01/09/2022 is \$167,557.17

The total collected for the Sound System, as of 01/09/2022, is \$15,615.00



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone # _____

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St. Cletus Parish Information

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Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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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

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