

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for August 15 - August 21, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
August 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Evelyn Prevenas, Joe and Kay Klemak
August 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Rosemary Kegl
August 17	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
August 18	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Frank Wojcik, Louie Marasovic, Gina Staszak
August 19	8:00am	Fr. Novick	BC Collins
August 20	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Delphine Marciszewski, Mike Thuma, Daniel Kepczarek, Zeneida Nabo, Columba Co
August 21	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Novick Fr. Lodge Fr. Novick Fr. Hays	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Rosemary Kus, Robert Spyrison Joe and Kay Klemak, Laura Burken, Jim O'Neill Marie Schmit, Henry Maday, Virginia Herron Antonia Hernandez

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

Gary Verhoeven

Husband of Alice Williams

Irene Skrip

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.

August - Laura Terrazino, Helen Frey

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

June - Rafael Acevedo, Gerald Burns, Gerda E. Dorso, Donald Hogue, Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Baby Darcy Michaeletti, Louis Montes, Colin O'Brien

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Amelia Guatschy

Daughter of Raymond and Laura Gautschy

Benjamin Patterson

Son of Tyrone and Estephanie Patterson



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Logan Theodore PodolakSon of Justin and Megan Podolak

Charles John Howlett

Son of Michael Walsh Howlett and Hannah Kropp

Hailey Irene Fulgencio

Daughter of Daniel and Karen Fulgencio

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM





Pastor's Note

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back! Psalm 40:18

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord, creator of heaven and earth, thinks of us!

In our daily life, we are faced with challenges and difficulties. Sometimes those challenges and difficulties can disrupt our relationships with one another and the Lord. They can lead us completely away from those who care for and love us. They can alienate and isolate us from the Lord who thinks of us.

Following what I have learned during my priesthood formation and what I continue to learn here at St. Cletus from each and every one of you and from the recommendations of my Spiritual Director and mentors, when faced with challenges and difficulties, I tend to run towards the living word (Scripture) of the Lord. Every time I do this, the Lord refreshes and strengthens my desire to serve him and you. I sense that this is something you do as well for which I give thanks to the Lord.

Keeping in mind that the Lord thinks of us and how He delights when we run towards Him, I am pleased to share with you some invitations and updates.

First, Fr. John G. Lodge, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biblical Studies and Homiletics at Mundelein Seminary, has agreed to offer a teaching on prayer at our parish on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The title of his lecture is, "Why Pray? "I am sure that the Lord will speak to us through the teaching of Fr. Lodge. Please mark your calendar and join us. If possible, please extend this invitation to the members of your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone else that might appreciate hearing from you. After Fr. Lodge's teaching, we will head towards the Parish Center for fellowship.

Second, in our efforts to foster community and grow in friendship, we will have a Pig Roast on Saturday, September 24th, 2022, after our 5:00 PM. Mass. In advance I would like to affirm and thank Kris Santin, who is a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, for coming up with this great initiative and his willingness to lead. Please keep him in your prayers and offer him your support by sending him an email at pigroast@stcletusparish.com

Third, on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022, at 6:30 PM, we had our Evening of Prayer and Reflection with our wonderful Lectors in the Gallagher Room. We started our gathering by having an opportunity for fellowship while sharing pizza. After that, we delved into the spiritual aspects of the role and ministry of each Lector. We consulted and prayed with the Vatican II document on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum), which was helpful for all of us. Then, we spent some time in talking about some practical matters, such as being mindful of the current sound system, proclaiming the living word of God with joy, and scheduling. I found the gathering to be helpful and encouraging. I would like to thank all those who attended the gathering. In a particular way, I would like to thank Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate, for organizing and leading such a fruitful gathering with our Lectors.

Fourth, our efforts to organize all that is related and needed for Mass in our church is going well. A couple of weeks ago (July 31st, 2022), I shared with you some Sacristy Updates by sharing with you some photos of before and after. Today, I share with you more photos of before and after of another area that needed our attention. We have above the sacristy a balcony and a storage room that was jammed with items. In order to keep them appropriately, we made the decision to build new shelves in the storage room. Once again, I would like to thank Alfredo Chumpitaz, who designed and built the shelves in the Sacristy, for agreeing to do the same for the storage room. I also would like to thank the many volunteers that came to clean, dust, wash, and organize the extra space where we keep items that are used once or twice a year.

I pray that our awareness of the Lord thinking of us will continue to grow and inspire us to spend more time with Him.

Fr. Elmer Romero Pastor







Sacristy Photos

BEFORE









AFTER











August 14, 2022

St. Cletus Campus Project Updates

Over the past few years, the Parish Center side doors across from the school have been susceptible to rain water leakage during heavy rains. The leakage is due to a slight difference in elevation between the two buildings, resulting in a tendency for rain water to accumulate in front of the doors. This buildup of water leaked under the doors, soaking the hallway floor tiles and weather mat. To resolve this problem, a trough drain was installed in front of the doors, thereby redirecting the water into the existing water drainage system. Palos Plumbing of Palos Heights, IL was contracted to install the trough drain, completing the project on August 2 at a cost of \$8300.

The school was also experiencing some flooding issues during heavy rains, resulting in water bubbling up through a floor crack in the primary school hallway, as well as water gushing into the boiler room from around one of the main sewer pipes. Palos Plumbing put a video camera into both lines (the hallway line had to be performed from the roof) and rodded out tree roots which were causing the problems. The total cost of cleaning both lines was \$900. Heavy rains on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 3 were a timely test of this. No flooding was seen at either location.









Note From Father Novick

Finding Hope

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? Not peace, but rather division." I really don't know anyone who really enjoys hearing these words from the mouth of the Savior, but they are important to how we live and how we speak to one another. It's like that other quote from Jesus "whoever is with us cannot be against us." Many people claim to be Christians, let alone Catholic. But how can someone who claims to follow Christ not follow His principles? Of course we know that Jesus' way is to love God and to love one another. I believe that one of the most important ways to follow Jesus is by forgiving.

Every day we are challenged to do exactly that – forgive. It has never been an easy task, especially for those who have ever been abused in any way. I remember being a freshman at Marist High School in Chicago. There was a classmate who was basically bullying me by extortion. Yes. Even at that level of education, young people can learn criminal activity. Well, it reached my parents' ears and they were on the phone to the principal immediately who then spoke to the Dean of Freshmen. I still remember the day that Brother Paul brought that young man before me to apologize. He shook my hand. That was the last time I ever saw that bully as he was expelled that day. Did I ask for that to be his punishment? No. Maybe my parents wanted it, but I just wish it would not have had to happen. I think I could have handled it if the young man learned his lesson. I will never know. It was not the opportunity for forgive and forget I probably could have learned at that time. Unfortunately, it was a hard lesson.

I also know the beauty of forgiveness too. Sometimes it takes a LONG time for that time to come about. I got into a relationship that I thought was more of a friendship in college. It turned out I was wrong in that assessment. It took years for me to know how deeply I was hurt by the person. When it was finally realized and I hoped for reconciliation, I found out the person had died. Person to person reconciliation never happened. There was no closure. I finally had a revelation that the only way I could even hope to truly forgive that person was to find out where they were buried. That took some doing, but I know now and so, on that birthday and anniversary of death, I go to the cemetery to pray with them. Praying for their soul's peace is important, but at the cemetery, I can find a similar peace just to be "with" them again. I have all faith and trust that they are praying for me too. It's one way for my soul to have hope. Without forgiveness in such a situation, my soul would never be at peace. I wish I could say that the same sort of forgiveness happens or has happened in every relationship I've had problems with. I can't. But that is what I hope for daily. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." That is something I must keep doing as often as possible. If you see or hear me get on my soapbox about someone, please gently remind me.

There are going to be many opportunities here at St. Cletus to not only practice forgiveness, I'm sure, but there will be many other lessons I hope my recent views will change about. I am not going to expound upon that right now. I've only had a month to even consider as areas to deepen my prayer and spirituality and world views, trying to not only list some of those things, but also try to prioritize them.

As my good friends would tell me when I was getting ordained, I am not a finished product. I don't know everything, and that needs to be okay. For now, I will do my best to be patient as I hope to be while I grow.

Peace,

Fr. Mike



Religious Education and Sunday Notes

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Don't forget to register for **Religious Education Classes!**

The St. Cletus Religious Education Program has programs to fit the needs of each parish family. Our Early Childhood **Program** provides beginning religious instruction to children

ages 3-5. Songs, crafts and stories are used to instill a sense of community and introduce these young members of our parish to Jesus' word. For families with children in public schools, we have **Traditional Religious** Education Classes and sacramental preparation for children in 1st – 8th Grade, where the children have an encounter with Jesus through scripture, service experiences, interactive activities and games, and classroom experiences. These classes occur on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the academic year.

Please take the time to complete the registration forms to register your children for RE classes for the 2022-2023 academic year! The registration deadline is fast approaching! Please be sure to register asap to get the class date/time that is best for your family. found Registration forms can be stcletusparish.com/re, or in the Parish Center and Religious Education Office. Please take the time to register today!

To get priority placement, please consider volunteering Saturday: your time and talents in one of the following ways:

- As a Catechist Catechists receive weekly lesson PRAYER OF THE WEEK plans and all resource materials to conduct an interactive lesson.
- As a Classroom Aide Aides assist the Catechist weekly in the classroom
- Volunteers assume responsibility weekly for we may attain your promises, assisting with the operations during RE classes
- As a member of our Religious Education Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Advisory Board – Board Members meet monthly who lives and reigns with you with the Director of Religious Education and the in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Pastor to provide input and feedback on the God, for ever and ever. Religious Education program, and to assist in the implementation of various programs.
- As a Substitute Teacher subs are sometimes What has God promised to me? needed to cover for a Catechist who cannot attend one of our scheduled classes.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Monday:

Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;

Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12 Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Sunday:

Lk 13:22-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday:

Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Friday: St. John Eudes St. Bernard

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see,

fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, As an Office Volunteer during class time – Office so that, loving you in all things and above all things,

which surpass every human desire.

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School News

KICKING OFF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

additional preschool that is also now full! We still do have booming through our campus! some slots in our 2nd and 5th grade classrooms, so if you are interested and have a child entering one of those grade levels please be sure to contact us as soon as possible! Please call (708) 352-4820







BACK TO SCHOOL BASH TODAY



LEADERSHIP DAY

Principal Gregory Porod and Assistant Principal Christine Schaefer attended the Archdiocesan Day for Principals on August 3, 2022. The workshops included information on the new iReady Assessments for Catholic Schools and the strategic planning of the School Improvement Process. Principal Porod also had the honor in serving as the Master of Ceremonies for Bishop Wypych during the Office of Catholic Schools Archdiocesan Mass.





LITTLE CARDINALS IN THE COURTYARD

We are so excited to kick off our 2022/2023 school year Thank you to all of our little cardinals who came out last next week! We have so many great things planned for this weekend to play with all of their friends from last year school year already and we cannot wait to share them with while also getting to know some new friends! It was a you! We are also very excited to inform you that our HOT morning but you couldn't tell that from all of the litschool enrollment is nearly full! That includes adding an tle faces! It was great to have those little giggles back and

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- School Supplies
- Soup
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Rice in 2 or 3 pounds
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored Rice or Noodles
- Boxed Potatoes



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

Follow us on Facebook:

@StCletusFoodPantry

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 UPDATE

WE ARE OPEN!

We started welcoming customers inside for shopping in our new pantry space! We are so excited and grateful! Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. We have been abundantly blessed by God and this community to continue to grow this ministry. We would like to thank Fr. Elmer for sharing in our vision for this space and making it a reality. We appreciate the School and Parish Religious Education program for adjusting space in the building to accommodate this move. Our maintenance team, and especially Derek, for building, constructing, and customizing new features we needed in the space.

We are eternally grateful to our donors and volunteers. Thank you for all of your support and especially during the last two and a half years. When the world shutdown, our services ramped up. Many of you jumped in immediately to help in whatever ways you could, even when the world felt very unsafe. We have hopped around to various places on campus during that time (from the Rectory Basement, to the Church Narthex, the Parish Center Lobby, Parking Lot, and room 98) without ever skipping a beat, without ever closing, and keeping up with the changing needs in front of us. Thank you for your consistent support and prayers.

Finally, thank you to our customers! To our neighbors, friends, family, and community that come for assistance. We know the last few years, and even the past few weeks as inflation continues, have been difficult. We have seen more people that are new in the past two years than ever before. We are THRILLED to be able to welcome you back inside and into this new space. Thank you for your patience. For your flexibility. For the encouragement you share with volunteers as we have experienced every type of weather together outside. We hope that you find this new space welcoming and helpful.

Please save the date for our Blessing & Open House event on Sunday, September 25th from 3:00-5:00pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone in and celebrating together. More information to come. Thank you!

Kendall Grant

Director of Social Concerns





















DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars.



CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

Hymnal News

New Hymnals/Worship Aids coming soon!

Earlier this year we were notified by the publishers of our bi-lingual Music Issue missals/hymnal that our current missals are no longer going to be produced. We solicited samples of potential replacement books from both GIA Publishing (the publishers of our current Gather Book) and OCP/Oregon Catholic Press (the publishers of the Music Issue booklets currently contained in our blue vinyl binders). Fr. Elmer, Tina Norton, Juanita Avila, Luis Galvez, and Karen Ziemba subsequently met to discuss the alternatives. After prayerful discussion it was decided that the United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo soft cover books, as well as new vinyl covers, would be ordered. The format will be slightly different from our old missals; the music edition will feature English and Spanish songs that are currently not available in the Gather books. 400 copies will arrive and be placed in the pews in late November, to coincide with the 1st week of Advent.



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Wait, please keep reading...there's more!

It was during the discussion regarding the missals that I brought to the attention of this committee the fact that our red Gather Comprehensive II books, which we have had since 2004 (18 years! They've served us well!) and which do not contain the new order of Mass/wording instituted in 2010, are terribly out of date and it would be a great addition to our parish if those hymnals could be replaced. The new Gather Fourth Edition, first published in 2021, contains all the new responses, many new and more contemporary songs, several updated Mass settings as well as still featuring the songs and responsorial psalms that are currently part of our parish repertoire.

To help defray some of the cost for the new Gather IV (Gray) books and accompanying materials, we are requesting you support this effort in the following way.

Each hymnal is valued at \$25. We are asking you to donate one or as many hymnals as you like. You can dedicate each hymnal you donate to the memory of a loved one or in honor of your family or friend(s). A bookplate will be placed on the inside front cover of the hymnal with this information. Each hymnal that you donate will be a lasting tribute to that special person(s) you name. We ask that you please complete the form below and return it with your donation prior to September 20th.

Our hope is to have these hymnals in the pews by October 15th. Your generosity and commitment to St. Cletus Parish and especially to the music ministry, is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please either stop up at the piano before or after a weekend mass, email me at kziemba@stcletusparish.com, or call my office at: 708-215-5423. Please leave a message and I will return your call promptly. Additional information regarding the introduction of these new materials will be forthcoming.

Thank you so much for considering this request!

Director of Music Ministries

Karen Ziemba

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GATHER FOURTH EDITION DONATION FORM

Please be sure to print legibly. Please place this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked "Hymnals". It may be placed in the weekend collection basket or returned to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Donor's name (as you would like it	t to appear o	n the bo	ookplate):
Donor's address:			Envelope number:
Donor's email address:			Donor's telephone number:
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Your support is greatly appreciated; please attach to this form any additional donation information.

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
16 de agosto, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
14 de agosto, 2022	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

CLASES DE FORMACIÓN

Se ofrecerán clases para todos los ministros de Eucaristía los viernes 19 y 26 de agosto, 2022 de 7-9 p.m. Si usted actualmente ya es Ministro de Eucaristía deberá de tomar estas clases de formación para su certificación. Si a usted le gustaría ser Ministro de Eucaristía lo animamos a participar en estas clases de formación. Para mayor información, favor de hablar con Juanita Avila directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.

FORMATION CLASSES

Eucharistic Ministers classes will be offered Friday, August 19 and Friday, August 26, 2022 from 7–9 p.m. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister you will be required to take these formation classes for your certification. If you would like to be a Eucharist Minister, we encourage you to participate in these formation classes. For more information, please speak to Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry, at 708-215-5441.

CLASES DE CAPACITACIÓN PARA LECTORES

Estaremos ofreciendo clases de capacitación para todos los lectores actuales. Estas clases son obligatorias para los lectores y serán facilitadas por el Sr. Javier Castillo de la oficina de Formación de Fe de por Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Gallagher los días viernes 16 y 23 de septiembre, 2022 de 7:00 a 9:00 pm. Estas clases también están abiertas para aquellos interesados en unirse a este ministerio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

TRAINING CLASSES FOR LECTORS

We will be offering a mandatory training classes for all current lectors. These classes will be facilitated by Mr. Javier Castillo from the office of Lifelong Faith Formation of the Archdioceses of Chicago. Classes will be held in the Gallagher Room on Friday, September 16 and Friday, September 23, 2022. These classes are also open to those interested in joining this ministry. For more information, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441

JUNTA DEL COMITE GUADALUPANO

El Próximo martes 16 de agosto, 2022 a las 8:00 pm. el Comité Guadalupano tendrá una junta con todos los miembros para comenzar a planear los eventos de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Si a usted le



gustaría ser parte de la planeación, favor de acompañarnos a esta junta. La junta se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial, todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting with all the members to start planning Our Lady of Guadalupe events. If you would like to be a part of the planning, please join us. The meeting will be held in the Pastoral Center, everyone is invited to participate.

Ministry News

RCIA

We would love to have you in our Catholic family. If you are an adult and you are thinking about becoming Catholic, RCIA sessions will be starting in September. We will be conducting a collaborative process with St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross, with some sessions being conducted here and some at those two parishes. New Catholics will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina

Norton. (If you only need confirmation, please contact Tina also. We are trying to determine if there is interest in an adult confirmation process.)



KAIROS

High school juniors and seniors: Save the dates of September 29-October 2 for Kairos 39! The retreat will be at Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien and students from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes will also be participating. More information is coming!

IN PERSON PRE-CANA RETURNS!

We will be offering an in-person pre-Cana session, required for marriages in the Archdiocese of Chicago, on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30-4:30 in the Gallagher Room. This will be facilitated by parishioners Henry and Kathy Morlock, who facilitated our programs before the pandemic and who have done online pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese since then. Pre-Cana allows couples to learn and reflect on the meaning of a Catholic marriage and apply the teachings of the church to their own lives. Please join us if you plan to be married after October 29! A contribution of \$100 will include the workbook, coffee and snacks during the day. We hope you will join us for the 5 p.m. mass afterwards. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, in the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a special event on Wednesday, September 14 from 7:00-8:00pm, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Reverend John Lodge, Professor Emeritus of Scripture at



Mundelein Seminary, will share "Teaching on Prayer". A social will follow after the speaker. More info to come.

ST. CLETUS CREDO AND FR. ELMER INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON A FALL PILGRIMAGE!

The St. Cletus Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities Committee (CREDO) and Father Elmer have collaborated to plan a day trip to Mundelein Seminary! We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer and some of his friends and former colleagues.

Date: October 22nd, 2022

Time: Bus leaves at 8am sharp, returns at around 5pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Where: Mundelein Seminary, with special tour guide and speaker arranged by our Pastor!

The day will include a special, expanded tour led by Dr. Paul Hilliard Ph.D., Chairperson of the Department of Church History, and a talk and reflection led by Rev. Brendan Lupton, President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, mass celebrated by Father Elmer, lunch, and time to explore the grounds and shop in the bookstore. The day will include approximately a mile of walking on the tour and between buildings, standing, and some stairs. If you are not able to walk that far, you may drop out of the tour for private reflection in the chapel.

The cost for the trip covers lunch, deluxe bus (not a school bus), tip for the bus driver, and stipends for speakers. The majority of the cost is for the bus and gas.

Registrations will be after all masses on August 27th/28th and September 3rd/4th. CREDO is co-hosting parish hospitality the last weekend of August, so registration that weekend will be in the parish center, and in the narthex on the following weekend. Due to the bus capacity, registration is capped at 50 people. Make checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.

We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer! Please fill out this form when you register:

Name:	
Address:	
Home or cell phone:	
E-mail:	
Emergency Contact name and phone:	



Ministry and Community News

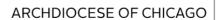
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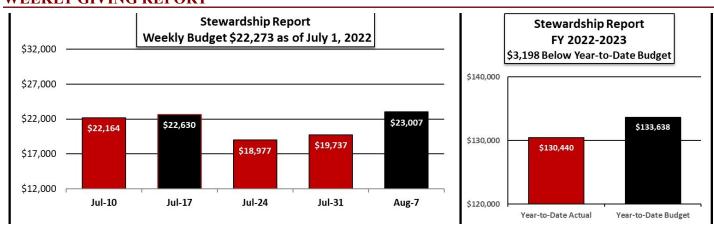
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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 14	4-6pm	Back Field	Back to School Bash
Monday, August 15			
Tuesday, August 16	6:30-9pm 7-8pm	Gallagher Room Church	Ministers of Care meeting Hispanic Holy Hour
Wednesday, August 17	1-1:45 7-9:30	Church Gallagher Room	Living Rosary CCW Board Meeting
Thursday, August 18	1-2:30pm 5:30-7pm 6-8pm	Gallagher Room Parish School Food Pantry	Summer Visio Divina Bible Study Welcome Back Meet and Greet Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, August 19	6-9pm	Gallagher Room	Eucharistic Ministers Training
Saturday, August 20	8:30-9:15	Church	Confessions
Sunday, August 21			

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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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