

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— PSALM 19:8

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Behold,
the wages
you withheld from
the workers
who harvested
your fields
are crying aloud;
and the cries of
the harvesters have
reached the ears
of the
Lord of hosts.

~ JAMES 5:4

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Mass Intentions for September 27 - October 3, 2021

Day	Time	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Intentions
September 27	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Eleanor Mlot, Beverly Gutierrez
September 28	8:00am	Fr. Clark	Special Intention - Atwood Family
September 29	8:00am	Fr. Costello	B.C. Collins
September 30	8:00am	Fr. Clark	John Joseph Toncray
October 1	8:00am	Fr. Clark	Adam & Marie Pietrzak, Nan Rettig, Robinson Family
October 2	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Robert & Lorraine Olszewski, Bill Bolton,
October 3	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Stacy Baker, George Duda, Richard Gomez, Rosemary Kegl
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Anne Martin, Maryclare & George O'Connell
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	Harold Davis Jr., Ann Marie Nabor, Joyce S. Parisi
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Janecek & Almendarez Families

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.

September - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

August - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

July - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patrick Wingert

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO THIS FACILITY



Masks are now 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.

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

Tari Shuey

May she rest in peace. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF FR. ELMER ROMERO

Our new Pastor, Fr. Elmer, will be installed by our new Vicar, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, on Saturday, November 13 at the 5:00pm Mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special Mass. We will announce additional details as they become available for this celebration of our parish.

TUESDAY SCHOOL MASSES

We will have school Masses each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. through the academic year when school is in session. We ask that adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Marriage Banns



Manisara Saengihrun & Brian Donatelli

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share with you that our Sharing Our Hopes and Dreams on September 13th, 2021, was fantastic! We were blessed to be joined by over 150 people. From the beginning of our gathering, I noticed that everyone who came was ready to engage the process, which gave me much joy and peace.

As we gathered, we praised God with a song and prayed with a Scripture passage (Romans 15:13) which was followed by a brief reflection by Fr. Dan Costello. Then, we spent 15 minutes talking about our Hopes and Dreams for our parish at each table. After that, we were given two minutes per table to share our Hopes and Dreams with all present in the room. We concluded our gathering praising God with a song and receiving a blessing.

Witnessing and listening to Our Hopes and Dreams shared I truly felt the presence of God among us. It was His spirit that brought us together. It was He who inspired us to voice Our Hopes and Dreams for our Parish. It is Him that want us to stay together. It is He who strengthens our faith. It is He who wants us to keep our parish alive and vibrant. It is He who invites us to continue to share our faith and joy in the Lord with everyone we meet and spend time with. And this is something that you parishioners do so beautifully. I am so happy to be part of your life in the Lord.

Please know that at our next Parish Staff meeting (October 13), we will diligently process, study, and pray with all information that was gathered at Sharing Our Hopes and Dreams night. I am going to ask each Pastoral Staff member to integrate in their ministry what was shared on September 13. As I mentioned to you earlier, I will also share with you the highlights through the bulletin immediately after our next Staff meeting.

Today, I am pleased to announce that there is already one initiative that has germinated from the Sharing Our Hopes and Dreams night. It is called "Sharing Our Blessings." We will have our first Sharing Our Blessings on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Church. We will pray, sing together, listen a Scripture passage, hear blessings shared by two parishioners, and spend time with one another. Please come and join us.

Bellow you will see some reflections that I have received from those who attended the Sharing Our Hopes and Dreams night. Enjoy reading them.

"It was encouraging to see so many people take the time to come to the meeting on Monday night. No pastor in our memory has ever asked for whole parish input. Everyone put thought into their ideas and discussion was lively at our table. It was hard limiting our suggestions/hopes to just three. However, other tables mentioned the ideas that we had to leave out. The main concern was the need to reach out to our young people, and the fear that we are losing them. It was significant that no young people were at the meeting. Maybe there should be another meeting just for them? The next step will be the need to prioritize the wide range of hopes and dreams into what can and should be done. We can then create concrete action plans for turning the dreams into reality. We need to take these ideas/suggestions/hopes and start working on them, and not wait for someone to do it for us."

"The parishioners of St. Cletus rose to the occasion to offer their hopes for the future at our recent parish encounter. It was positive and uplifting to see the parish gym filled with so many people and ideas! Working together as a unified parish with a central vision of spreading the Good News, we will be able to work toward accomplishing the hopes and wishes of all. Thank you to the attendees for making it such a productive evening."

"I was excited to be with our parishioners as they brainstormed their hopes and dreams for our parish. The ideas and hopes that were generated were insightful and will help the parish staff to begin to discern ways that we can begin to incorporate the hopes into our parish ministries. I look forward to the inclusion of our parishioners in moving forward to begin to bring these hopes and dreams alive within the parish and our many ministries. As the Body of Christ, every person has their individual charisms and gifts, and we will need each person to contribute those gifts as we move forward as a parish family to reinvigorate our parish."

"Many parishioners filled the gym to share their hopes and dreams for our parish, including our church, school, ministries, prayer, and more. The ideas were flowing and the energy in the room was inspiring. I thought it was a great first step in moving forward with our new pastor. The next steps will be to turn the ideas into action, and I look forward to being part of the process. Our table talked about the ultimate goal of forming disciples. I hope that many of the next steps will help us to deepen our relationship with God, offer opportunities to serve God and others, and also strengthen and build the community of St. Cletus."

“On Monday 9/13, I had the opportunity to attend Fr. Elmer's "Hopes for the Parish" meeting and it was an amazing encounter. It was one of the first times I witnessed the parish and school work toward the same goals in an organized fashion. With that said, it was clear there is work to do to ensure the school and parish remain aligned as we move forward. At this time, the school is trending in the right direction from an enrollment standpoint, and we must invest more into the school to ensure it remains this way. Additionally, it is paramount that more families engage with the church on a much more regular basis. By working together, we can not only survive as a school but thrive as a parish if everyone does their part. The students of the school are the future of the parish and we need to make sure they know how important their own role is. This meeting provided some great ideas as to how we can bring the school and parish closer together and we will work in partnership with the parish to make positive changes. Many thanks to all that attended and provided feedback...from the school perspective, we want to do more and be better aligned with the mission and goals of the church.”

“It was exciting to see how many parishioners attended the "Hopes and Dreams" gathering on Monday evening the 13th. They brought with them many specific thoughts including a focus on youth/teens/young adults, faith formation and intergenerational parish activities. There was excitement in the air as we all seemed energized by the format of the evening and the opportunity all had to express their own observations and ideas regarding our Parish. I personally think the future is bright for our St. Cletus family.”

“Most recently, I was grateful to be part of the "Hopes and Dreams" night of sharing at St. Cletus Parish-School. The number of people who attended this special event inspired me as to how special St. Cletus Parish-School is to all of our parishioners and school parents. I appreciated the openness in sharing positive attitudes about the future and willingness to listen to the hopes and dreams of everyone gathered together praying for spiritual guidance. During our brainstorming and sharing session, facilitated by our Pastor Father Elmer Romero, we demonstrated an openness to the Holy Spirit's plan in our lives as well as the life of the future of the parish. I was very encouraged on how everyone embraced the school and how important it is in the overall life of this parish. Our children in our parish and school are the future of the Catholic Church. Thanks to everyone for volunteering their time in highlighting our future needs and how we can be the best stewards in utilizing the gifts from God including our individual talents and contributions. Thank you for attending and praying for the future direction of our parish-school.” The Peruvian donuts offered outside before the gathering were delicious!

“One hundred and fifty parishioners, our Principal, Gregory Porod, and Fathers Elmer, Ken and Dan attended the first Ministry and Volunteer Encounter on 9/13/21. No one knew exactly what to expect and how much input parishioners would have. This was a very successful meeting entitled, "Dreams and Hopes". Beginning with song and a brief prayer by Fr. Dan, we received clear instructions from Fr. Elmer for 24 tables' discussions. After the top three ideas from each table were shared with the entire group. Each idea was transcribed and visible on the 2 overhead screens. Major talking points were inclusivity focusing on all age groups and the Hispanic members of our parish, school enhancements, and evangelization. The program ended with prayer and song. Thanks to the planning by Father Elmer and others, the meeting kept on schedule. He expressed appreciation for every idea which made speaking in public much easier for some of us. Parishioners made all the suggestions. I left with a lifted spirit and hope that these dreams will become a reality.”

“I sensed a very positive spirit amongst the parishioners and staff who love their parish and desire a healthy parish life, building on all the goodness that already thrives here. With no shortage of great ideas to enrich our future together, one can quickly realize that our collaboration in prioritizing and planning events and ministries will require balancing our resources and utilizing the talents available in the parish and school communities. Input from staff and parish leadership councils can help guide us through the hopes and dreams expressed with the desire to enhance the life of our parish. Taking a cue from the banners in our parking lot, we have a renewed opportunity to come together, becoming even more attractive as a welcoming parish and school to worship, to deepen our faith, to continue our spirit of service and provide superior education on multiple levels, and include plenty of fun and comradery along the way.”

May we continue to journey with our kind and loving God.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Ministry News

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



SAINT CLETUS
HOLY NAME
SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will hold its next meeting on Friday, October 1st at 7:00pm in the Fr. Gallagher Room. The meeting may expand on the topics discussed last month (our plans for the year), and there is likely to be discussion of the recent “Ministry and Volunteers encounter” that was held at the Parish Center on September 13th. Fr. Elmer’s “Hopes and Dreams” meeting may help to provide the spark for a new beginning for our Holy Name group and other initiatives involving the men of the parish.

SPECIAL INVITATION: If the idea of “new beginnings” interests you, we ask ALL MEN (>18yrs) of the parish to consider attending this meeting, and voicing your “Hopes and Dreams.”

There will be no obligation to become a member of the HNS organization if you join us on October 1st!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS INDOOR MEETING.

As an early announcement, the Holy Name group is looking forward to Fr. Elmer joining us at our November meeting, to speak to the group and other men of the parish who wish to attend..

RCIA



In these uncertain times people often search for something deeper and more meaningful. Some desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or desire to complete Sacraments on a faith journey that was started when they were a young

child. Perhaps your spouse or a close friend is Catholic or you saw something that prompted questions or inspired your interest about becoming Catholic. Maybe you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS



Our annual Pet Blessing will be on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi near his statue, between the church and the parish center, on Monday, Oct. 4th at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

BOOK CLUB



For the next book discussion, we are reading **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer. We will meet on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on December 14 we will discuss **The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg.

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

AMAZONSMILE



If you shop on Amazon, don’t forget to use Amazon Smile to earn money for St. Cletus Parish and School. To date, we’ve earned \$939.83 on AmazonSmile.

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BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta sauce
- 2-3 lb rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned chili

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



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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

This September communities across America are committing to fight hunger during Hunger Action Month. With every action, we get one step closer to making hunger a thing of the past.

Not sure how to participate in Hunger Action Month? Feeding America suggests seven easy ways you can get involved.

- Thank food bank volunteers for their dedication during these challenging times
- Brush up on the latest hunger facts so you can debunk the myths
- Fundraise for Hunger Action Month
- Become a food bank or food pantry volunteer
- Talk to your children about hunger in America
- Donate to Feeding America or your local food bank
- Vote to feed everyone in America



GCFD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Please email Joan Kittler at kittlerjh4533@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, October 16th. St. Cletus is signed up, we just need a few good people to help. Remember, the St. Cletus Food Pantry earns \$15 per person, every time we work.

LIFE CHAIN

Join us for the annual National Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 from 2:30-3:30 at the Southwest corner of LaGrange Rd and Ogden Ave. Life Chain invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 1 hour. Signs will be provided as well as suggested Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, and scripture verses. We hope you will join us! lifechain.org/event/illinois-lagrange/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sign up to help distribute baby bottle envelopes at the exits of church after Masses October 2-3.

Please arrive 5-10 min before Mass to check in and get your door assignment. After Communion, you can head to your assigned exit to help distribute envelopes.

All ages welcome. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3zEYAAu>

Proceeds benefit the Women's Care Center in La Grange.



SVDP DONATION TRUCK

The donation truck for our local St. Vincent dePaul Society will be in the St. Cletus parking lot on Saturday, October 2 from 10am-5pm and Sunday, October 3 from 8am-12:30pm.

We can accept gently used clothing and small household items. Please note, we CANNOT ACCEPT furniture or large household items.

Able-bodied volunteers are needed for this event to help unload donor cars and load the SVDP truck. Volunteers should dress for the weather and must be high school aged and older.

Volunteer Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-svdp1>



GIVING TREE UPDATE

We know it's just September, but we're already planning for Christmas!

Giving Tree registration will begin October 1 and go all month until October 31. Eligible individuals and families may register at any Thursday night food pantry distribution or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418 to complete registration over the phone.

Tags will be available for donors in mid-November and we will have plenty of volunteer opportunities in November and December so stay tuned!



WORD OF LIFE



“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Suicide is Tragic”

RESPECT LIFE

Members of our Respect Life Committee recently attended a Pro-Life Vigil on the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery.



Sunday Readings

READING I

Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent;

yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said,

"Moses, my lord, stop them."

But Moses answered him,

"Are you jealous for my sake?"

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them,
very diligent in keeping them,
Yet who can detect failings?
Cleans me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant;
let it not rule over me.
Then shall I be blameless and innocent
of serious sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

READING II

Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days.

Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus,

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.

For whoever is not against us is for us.

Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.

Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

XXVI Domingo Ordinario

LECTURA I

Nm 11, 25-29

En aquellos días, el Señor descendió de la nube y habló con Moisés. Tomó del espíritu que reposaba sobre Moisés y se lo dio a los setenta ancianos. Cuando el espíritu se posó sobre ellos, se pusieron a profetizar.

Se habían quedado en el campamento dos hombres: uno llamado Eldad y otro, Medad. También sobre ellos se posó el espíritu, pues aunque no habían ido a la reunión, eran de los elegidos y ambos comenzaron a profetizar en el campamento.

Un muchacho corrió a contarle a Moisés que Eldad y Medad estaban profetizando en el campamento. Entonces Josué, hijo de Nun, que desde muy joven era ayudante de Moisés, le dijo: “Señor mío, prohíbeselo”. Pero Moisés le respondió: “¿Crees que voy a ponerme celoso? Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Dios fuera profeta y descendiera sobre todos ellos el espíritu del Señor”.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

Del Salmo 18

R. Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.

La ley del Señor es perfecta de todo
y reconforta el alma;
inmutables son las palabras del Señor
y hacen sabio al sencillo.

R. Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.

La voluntad de Dios es santa
y para siempre estable;
los mandamientos del Señor son verdaderos
y enteramente justos.

R. Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.

Aunque tu servidor es esmera
En cumplir tus preceptos con cuidado,
¿quién no falta, Señor, sin advertirlo?
Perdona mis errores ignorados.

R. Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.

Presérvame, Señor, de la soberbia,
no dejes que el orgullo me domine;
así, del gran pecado
tu servidor podrá encontrarse libre.

R. Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.

LECTURA II

Sant 5, 1-6

Lloren y láméntense, ustedes, los ricos, por las desgracias

que les esperan. Sus riquezas se han corrompido; la polilla se ha comido sus vestidos; enmohecidos están su oro y su plata, y ese moho será una prueba contra ustedes y consumirá sus carnes, como el fuego. Con esto ustedes han atesorado un castigo para los últimos días.

El salario que ustedes han defraudado a los trabajadores que segaron sus campos está clamando contra ustedes; sus gritos han llegado hasta el oído del Señor de los ejércitos. Han vivido ustedes en este mundo entregados al lujo y al placer, engordando como reses para el día de la matanza. Han condenado a los inocentes y los han matado, porque no podían defenderse.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

Cfr Jn 17, 17

R. Aleluya, aleluya .

Tu palabra, Señor, es la verdad;
santificanos en la verdad.

R. Aleluya.

EVANGELIO

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

En aquel tiempo, Juan le dijo a Jesús: “Hemos visto a uno que expulsaba a los demonios en tu nombre, y como no es de los nuestros, se lo prohibimos”. Pero Jesús le respondió: “No se lo prohiban, porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí. Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor.

Todo aquel que les dé a beber un vaso de agua por el hecho de que son de Cristo, les aseguro que no se quedará sin recompensa.

Al que sea ocasión de pecado para esta gente sencilla que cree en mí, más le valdría que le pusieran al cuello una de esas enormes piedras de molino y lo arrojaran al mar.

Si tu mano te es ocasión de pecado, córtatela; pues más te vale entrar manco en la vida eterna, que ir con tus dos manos al lugar de castigo, al fuego que no se apaga. Y si tu pie te es ocasión de pecado, córtatelo; pues más te vale entrar cojo en la vida eterna, que con tus dos pies ser arrojado al lugar de castigo. Y si tu ojo te es ocasión de pecado, sácatelo; pues más te vale entrar tuerto en el Reino de Dios, que ser arrojado con tus dos ojos al lugar de castigo, donde el gusano no muere y el fuego no se apaga”.

St. Cletus School

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VENDORS WANTED

Tables are \$35. Interested vendors should email Joleen at joleenfortier@yahoo.com.

St. Cletus Sip 'n Shop Vendors Needed!



Friday, November 12, 2021

6:00 - 9:00pm

St. Cletus Parish Center
600 W. 55th St.
La Grange, IL 60525



Sponsored by: St Cletus FSA

If you are interested in participating in the Vendor Fair
please contact **Joleen Kirchens**
joleenfortier@yahoo.com

JOB OPENINGS



HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Hours are 7:30am – 11:30 am

Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree needed. Substitute License required if education degree is not held.

AFTERCARE WORKER

5 days a week from 3pm until 6pm or until the last student leaves. Pay is \$15 an hour.

Looking for a reliable, caring individual. College and High School Jr's and Sr's welcome to apply.

Must be VIRTUS Trained.

Please contact the school office if interested at 708-352-4820

PRESCHOOL CARDINALS

Half day preschool loves to work with their 5th grade buddies! Today we made Cardinal hats for our St. Cletus Spirit day and to wear in the LaGrange Pet Parade! It is a Great Day To Be A Cardinal!!!



PET PARADE FUN

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and shouted your school spirit on Saturday at the Pet Parade! Way to go Cardinals!



CARDINAL SPIRIT WAS ON FULL DISPLAY AT THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL PEP RALLY!

What a wonderful day we had last Friday, as we gathered ALL TOGETHER as a school and celebrated our Cardinal pride!

It was fantastic to hear the VICTORY cheer shouted out once again by our students and a treat to see the dances our 8th graders worked so hard to put together!!

It was a truly GREAT day to be a Cardinal!!



Community News

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT BY PETER GENESER



Hello parishioners of St. Cletus Church,

My name is Peter Geneser and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 117 in Western Springs. I am a Junior at Nazareth Academy High School and I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project to provide religious items and personal care items to U.S. Veterans. I am asking for your help to collect travel-size toiletries and gently used or new religious items to be distributed to U.S. Veterans hospitalized in local VA Healthcare Centers. All donated religious items will be blessed by a member of the clergy before distribution. My hope is to distribute these items on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021. A collection box and flyer has been placed in the parish Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your generosity and please keep all the brave men and women who have served and are currently serving in all of our Armed Forces in your prayers.

TRAVEL-SIZE TOILETRIES NEEDED:

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Shaving cream / Disposal razors
- Shampoo
- Liquid soap or body wash (no bar soap please)
- other travel size toiletries.

NEW OR GENTLY USED RELIGIOUS ITEMS NEEDED:

- Small crosses
- Rosaries
- Prayer cards
- Saint necklaces or medals

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

WHEN: Wednesday, September 22 to Sunday, October 31, 7AM to 7PM daily
LOCATION: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove
SIGN UP: Sign up anytime online at: www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
 Click on "Log in/Signup" then "Register"

MOBILE ID & I-CASH PROGRAM

The Township of Lyons' Clerk's Office 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside in conjunction with Jessie White Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs State Treasurer, will hold a Mobil ID and I-Cash Program on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Renew your driver's license, get a vision screening, obtain a state ID, get your license plate renewal sticker, correct mistakes and search for lost cash! No Reservations necessary. Questions may be addressed to Elyse Hoffenberg,

Clerk, @ ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com or by calling 708-482-8300-x 221. NOTE: Real IDs cannot be processed at this event.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

All grade school students and their families are invited to the St. Rita High School Open House on Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Guided tours and presentations will begin at 12:30pm and 1:30pm. This is a great opportunity to experience the St. Rita Family. No pre-registration required. Any questions contact Mr. John Bonk, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at jbonk@stritahs.com.

OPEN HOUSE AT NAZARETH ACADEMY

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy high school this fall. Visit on Sunday, October 17 at 10 a.m. or Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. Learn all about Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity at Nazareth through formal presentations, guided tours and time to visit with students, faculty, staff and coaches. Pre-registration is REQUIRED at nazarethacademy.com. Space is limited. Nazareth is located at 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park.

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

WHEN: October 16, 2021 at 6pm
WHERE: Tailgaters Sports Bar and Grill
 431 W. Boughton Rd. Bolingbrook, IL 60440
TICKETS: \$12 (plus tax & fee) available online at: [https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/\\$14](https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/$14) at the door.

ICP 19TH ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT

You are invited to our 19th Annual Fall Benefit

We're on the Road Again!

Music by
RGML
 ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, October 1, 6:00 pm | \$75 Per Person
Carriage Greens Country Club
 8700 Carriage Green Drive, Darien, IL 60561

Includes: Heavy Appetizers, Beer And Wine, Cash Bar for Liquor, Silent Auction, Paddle Raise, and Wine Pull

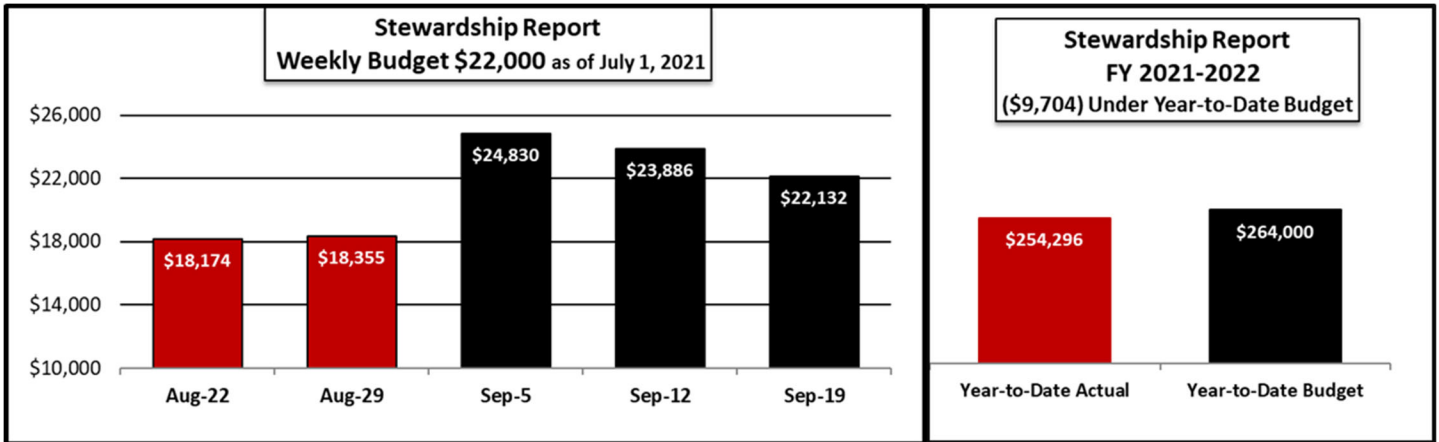
Scan me to buy tickets!

RSVP by September 24
online: <https://rotf.lol/ICPweareontheroadagain2021>
email: interfaithcommunitypartners@gmail.com
phone: (708) 354-9328

Interfaith Community Partners

All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

LEGACY GIFTS FOR OUR PARISH

Jesus told us, “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” So every day, we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others.

St. Cletus Parish and the archdiocese steward your gifts in many ways. Please continue to keep “the least of our brothers” in your prayers, and pray for the wisdom and strength to recognize those needs. One of the ways you can provide support is through a gift from your: Will or Trust, Retirement Assets, Life Insurance Policies, or Charitable Gift Annuity, which provides you with fixed payments for life and remaining funds will benefit our parish.


For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209 or visit archchicago.giftplans.org.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 26	10:00am	Back Field	RE Picnic
Monday, September 27	4:00pm	School Music Room	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 28			
Wednesday, September 29	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, September 30	5:00pm	School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal
	6:00pm		Food Pantry Distribution
	7:30pm	School Music Room	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 1	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Holy Name Society
Saturday, October 2	10-5	Parking Lot	St. Vincent dePaul Society Donation Truck
	5:00pm	Narthex	Respect Life Committee
Sunday, October 3	8-12:30	Parking Lot	St. Vincent dePaul Society Donation Truck
	7:00am	Narthex	Respect Life Committee

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 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..... 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.

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.

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