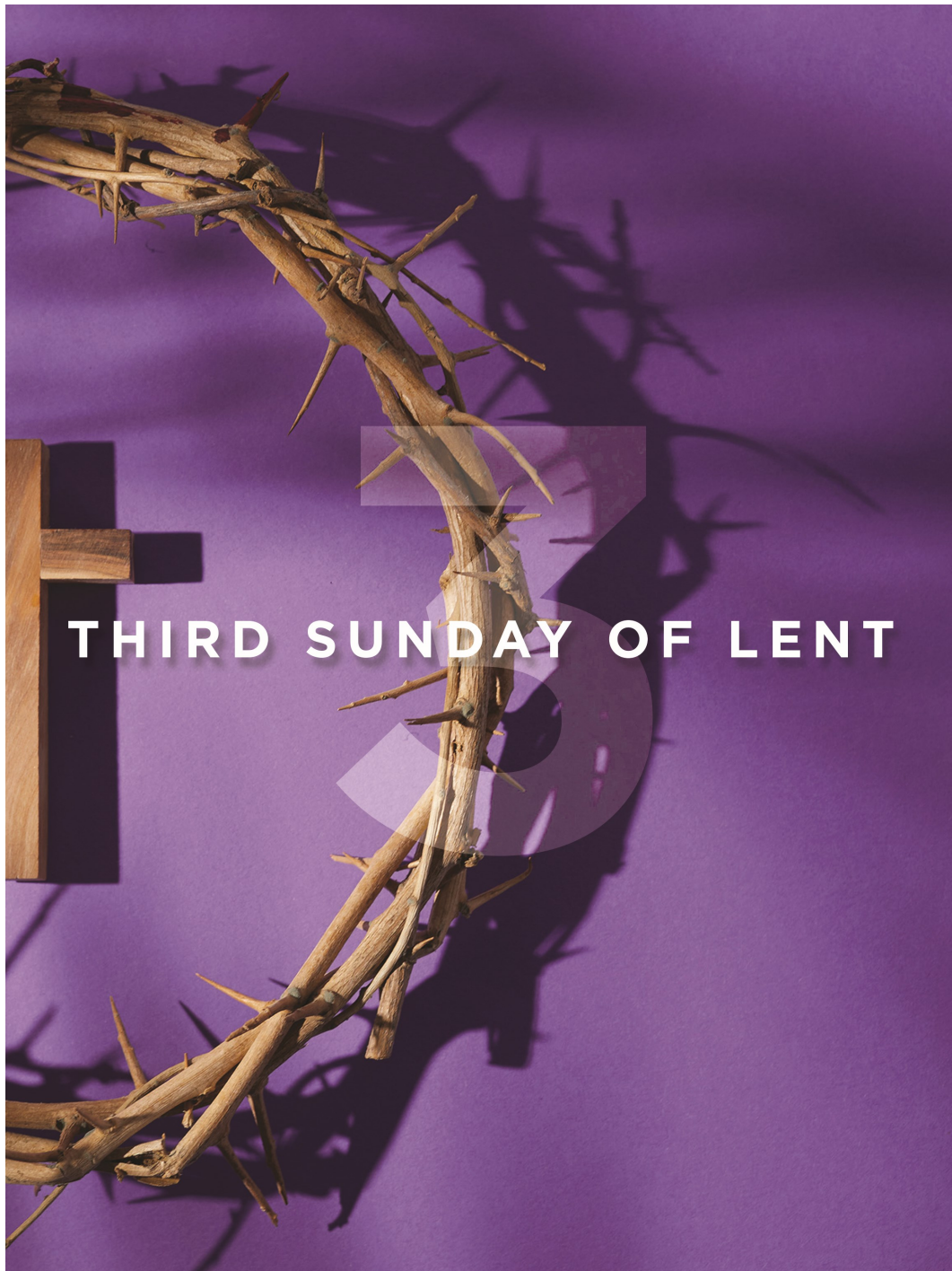


Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.**
-Psalm 95



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for March 13 - March 19, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
March 13	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Robert Thomas, Kathleen Firestone
March 14	8:00am	Fr. Killeen	Gary LaPaille, Derek Klein
March 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	John Jacobs, Nancy Gibson, George Pesut, BC and Rip Collins
March 16	8:00am	Fr. Killeen	Maurice Pierce
March 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 18	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kulikowski
March 19	7:15am	Fr. Romero	John Duda, Robert Spyrison, Irwin and Mary Campbell, Frank Campbell
	8:45am	Fr. Kalas	Helen Lyons, Joe and Kay Klemak, Nancy Konieczny, Mary Kay Rios
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Joseph Filippo, Doris Kunkel, Sammy Colonna, Peter Dixon, Nicholas Lodato
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Carlos Rivera, Gerardo Torres

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

March - Enemorio Cisneros, Galdino Padilla, Juana García, Beto Montalvo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy, Denise and Rich Jandura, and Baby Muffy, Francie Smith, Enrique Durán

February - Daniel Lacey, Matthew O'Connell, Roman Szabelski, Edward Rojack, Juana Martinez, Louie Soto, Leo Gonzalez, Tillie Gonzalez

January - Janusz Szczepanski, James Wallace, Bill Gozdecki, Peter Felice, Donna Kurcz, Bill Deleeshe

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...



Ivan Christopher Chaidez

Son of Baudelio Chaidez Jr. and Lori-lyn Quijada

Aliany Soto

Daughter of Armando Soto and Rosalina Castaneda

Santiago Loza Rocha

Son of Cesar Loza and Jaidaly Rocha

Isabella Loza Rocha

Daughter of Cesar Loza and Jaidaly Rocha

**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT
OF BAPTISM**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



This weekend we will have a special second collection for St. Cletus SVDP. There will be **green envelopes in the pews** for your convenience. May God bless you abundantly for your charity and love for those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Pastor's Note

*“Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him,”*
Psalm 95:1-2.

Dear Parishioners,

As we engage the Third Sunday of Lent, it might be appropriate to pause and pray with the following questions. How is my Lenten journey going? How am I engaging it? How much time am I dedicating to it each day? What are some difficulties and distractions that I am becoming aware of? How am I coping with them? How often am I allowing the spirit to lead me to be with Jesus? How am I taking advantage of the prayer and reflection opportunities my parish is offering?

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and the living word of God, we continue to walk with Jesus with thanksgiving. He truly is present to each of us. He is present in our Parish. He is present among us any time we gather together in His name. It is from this experience of being with Him that I share with you some good news.

First, the surgery (hernia) of Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor, on Monday, March 6, 2023, went well. He is recuperating at his mother's house. He appreciates all the prayers you have been saying for him. Get Well Cards and letters to him can be sent to St. Cletus Parish. My invitation is that we continue to hold him in prayer.

Second, on Wednesday, March 1st, 2023, our first *Evening of Prayer and Reflection* went well. We were joined by over 135 guests. Our Special guest speaker, Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A touched the heart of many with his joy-filled presence and engaging reflection. The theme of his reflection was: *The Restless Journey of Life: Am I Embracing it or Running Away?* He invited us to acknowledge and embrace our restless hearts because they are longing for God. Below I share with you feedback I received.

“I wanted to thank you for a very moving and reflective evening last night with Fr. Tom McCarthy! He was such a great speaker, and I am definitely more cognizant of my restless journey this Lent! I hope to embrace it more and move through the season with much more prayer, reflection, and acceptance! I definitely need more quiet prayer with the Lord and need to start listening to Him more!”

Third, our second Evening of Prayer and Reflection is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 7:00 PM in our beautiful church that has a good sound system. This time, we will have Fr. Anthony Muraya who teaches at Mundelein Seminary as our guest speaker. He is a good homilist, teacher, and speaker. I am confident that you will be engaged by him and his reflection. Please join us and extend this invitation to others. It is always good to grow in friendship with the Lord as a community.

Fourth, the special program *“Give to Catholic Education, Fund a Child's Future”* is going well. The update that I continue to receive is positive and encouraging. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and offer my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have already contributed towards this noble cause which is the education of children. May the Lord fill your heart with his peace and kindness.

Fifth, the Second Annual Chess Tournament was a success. It was held on Friday, March 3rd, 2023, in the Parish Center. Beside our school there were six Catholic Schools who participated. I saw each player and each team enjoying each other's presence and time. I was moved by the kindness, support, and hospitality shown by all the volunteers to our guests. The leadership and spirit of collaboration by Mr. Greg Porod, Principal, Christy Schaefer, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Larry Manetti, Director of Faith Formation, was admirable. Each of them radiates the kindness and gentleness of Jesus.



Six, over 450 parishioners have already completed the online survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! This is an amazing news! Thank you for engaging it with much care and love. Thank you for giving me joy with your response. I pray that each day more of you will find the time to take and complete the survey. The fruits of it will benefit all of us.

May the Lord grant us His grace so that our desire to hear the voice of His Son might grow in each of us.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalms: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

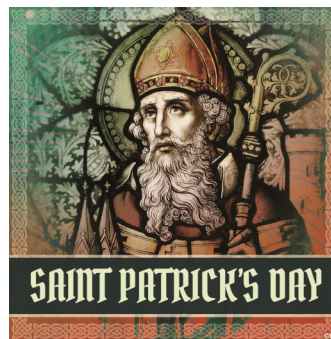
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



Ed Ward Fine Art Series

Ed Ward FINE ARTS SERIES

A JAZZ PASSION
VICTORIOUS + ETERNAL + LIGHT



Sunday, March 19
4:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Center

Victorious, Eternal, Light: A JAZZ PASSION is a one-of-a-kind experience. Believed to be the first major production of the Passion set to jazz, this work combines the emotional power of jazz harmonies and rhythms with the power of the gospel message to express the extraordinary spiritual journey of the last days of Christ's ministry.



Cardinalpalooza!

SILENT AUCTION ITEM REQUEST

Our school auction will be here before we know it! Our auction committee is actively looking for items for our silent auction such as gift cards, experiences, vacation getaways, etc....**Please drop off any donations to the school office! And don't forget to join us on April 29th for a night of great music, great food, great auction items, and great FUN! Tickets will be on sale after masses beginning next weekend!**

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM



NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

DONATION:

Name of Business/Donor as you wish it to appear:

GIFT/DONATION: \$ _____

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$ _____

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT FOR AUCTION PURPOSES (Specific Age, Material, Size, Style, Restrictions, etc.) _____

GIFT CERTIFICATES (should be valid for one year). Please choose one:

- Gift Certificate Attached: Expires: _____
- I would like St. Cletus to make Gift Certificate Expires: _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

- I will deliver a donation to St. Cletus School
- Please pick up my donation. It will be ready by _____

DONOR RELATIONSHIP TO ST. CLETUS SCHOOL: (Please circle all that apply)

Friend of St. Cletus Current Parent Alumni Parishioner Parent of Alumni

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED DONOR FORM TO THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL OFFICE:
700 W. 55th STREET, LA GRANGE, IL 60525

Radical Hospitality - Renew My Church

This past fall, Father Elmer approached me about possibly finding additional space in the Education Building that we would be able to share for part of the year with a school that provides a variety of educational services to students with physical disabilities. Parishioner and Board Member Dr. Valerie Sosne for the Center for Independence through Conductive Education contacted Father Elmer and the school outlining the need for space for the Center during a renovation project funded by a grant from the State of Illinois. We met with the Director for the Center early on about their request and to brainstorm some possibilities for space at St. Cletus School. Though space is limited in the school, we accepted the challenge. We looked at space availability in the Parish Center as well as the school building. After meeting with the Director of the Center as well as the Director of Educational Programming, we felt a strong spiritual connection. God was leading us on a path toward **Radical Hospitality**. Initially, we had concerns: time parameters; number of additional staff members; space they would need in our parking lot; parents dropping off and picking up the children; if buses would be involved; handicapped bathroom facilities; insurance coverage; and other aspects of the school they might need to use. Like anyone faced with an impactful decision, we sometimes overthink what could go wrong, knowing deep in our hearts that this WAS the right thing to do for all students involved.

After a great deal of prayer, we realized it was time to "Let Go and Let God Guide Us" as time was getting close for a decision. Father Elmer was totally on board with our **Radical Hospitality** approach if we could make it happen. So, right before Thanksgiving 2022, several students and staff members from the Center for Independence moved into the south end of Morrissey Hall and became part of the St. Cletus School Family Community. After a very short period of adjustment, it was time for us to investigate integrative staff and student involvement, and not just simply provide room at the St. Cletus Inn. The Holy Spirit was pulling us to do more than just provide space for our neighborhood friends. Soon, the students from the Center and their staff began to venture into the school hallways and visit our offices and classrooms. By the time December rolled around, our visitors were comfortable enough to take their wheelchairs, walkers, and any other device they brought to our school to enter our Parish Center Gym and continue to familiarize themselves with all of the possibilities that St. Cletus had to offer. Father Elmer would stop by from time to time to check in and see how everything was going. He so graciously took the time to meet with students and staff and offer his blessing upon all of them and their programs. As we all started to make new friends, we began to experience the power of the Holy Spirit at work creating **Holy Moments** for all of us. Soon the students from the Center were becoming more comfortable with us and desired to be part of our classrooms with the students from St. Cletus. Our students were amazing, welcoming our new friends with open arms, wanting to get to know them better, and seeking ways to work together. Our feelings about the experience were always uplifting and never stressful, as we knew that this was God at work. We were saying "Yes" to His call. Looking back, it was a marvelous opportunity for all of us. We sang, prayed, played, and learned together. At Christmas time, both the students from our school and those from the Center sang Christmas Carols during morning announcements. We also learned at one point that one of the directors from the Center was a Cantor in her Catholic Church, so at times she sang with our students as well. When February started to roll around, we realized that the children and staff members would be returning to their own newly renovated facility, and it would soon be time to say good-bye to our new friends. As we started to reflect on our spiritual experience, one of our students said to me, "I don't want them to leave, I like when they are here with us." What a powerful expression that was! It was at that point that we started to realize that this was much more of a spiritual experience for everyone than providing space for a nearby school. As we started to say our good-byes, the portable divider wall came down, and the wheelchairs were rolled out. As the sound of walkers and other assistive devices in our hallways was no more, we all began to feel a void in our lives. Honestly, we were initially hesitant about how this experience would impact our staff, students, and our spaces. However, that concern soon diminished when we accepted our new **Radical Hospitality** approach through the Renew My Church process, calling all of us to be open to God's Holy Moments in our lives. Some of our students are eager to volunteer at the Center in order to maintain the new friendships they have formed. We had a farewell parade for our new friends in our school hallways, and some students and staff members from both schools started to shed gentle tears of sadness and joy. In order to experience this Holy Moment, God called us to be open to the Holy Spirit in our lives, despite the initial sense of hesitation. May God continue to provide all of us with many Holy Moments in our lives leading to a new reality of **Radical Hospitality**.

Principal Gregory Porod.

Student reflections on their new friends from the Center for Independence:

- **It made me so happy when our new students came to our classrooms, especially at Christmas.**
- **We welcomed our new friends in our classrooms as we made an Advent Calendar together and sang songs..**
- **My experience was positive because seeing the students around school smiling and having fun made me feel so happy. It was sad to see them go.**
- **I really loved spending time with our new friends. They were fun to hang around with at school.**
- **I had fun doing the Chicken Dance with our new friends in our classroom.**
- **It was fun when one of the students gave me a "high five."**
- **It was fun playing/making stuff with the children. Everything positive here makes this place amazing.**



School News

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHESS TOURNAMENT!

Last Friday evening we hosted our 2nd annual chess tournament! It was a great evening! It was so wonderful watching our students put to use everything they have been learning. K-8th grade took home 1st place in all team categories! We are so proud of them! Thank you of course to all the parents who volunteered and made the night a success. And a BIG thank you to Mr. Manetti for all the time and passion he puts in to teaching our students all about chess



WINTER BAND CONCERT

Last Monday our band had their winter band concert! Mr. Enns always does such a wonderful job and it is such a blessing to watch them grow from concert to concert.



THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Recently our 6th graders presented "The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe" for their families. They put so much work in to the play and did a great job! Thank you to Ms. Hays for working so hard on it with them!



Lenten Spanish Retreat



RETIRO CUARESIMAL

PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETUS
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525



CAMINANDO

CON

Jesus

**OREMOS Y
REFLEXIONEMOS
SOBRE NUESTRO
CAMINAR CON JESUS**

DIRIGIDO POR:

18 | 9 Am - 2:30 Pm
Marzo 2023
EN EL CENTRO PARROQUIAL



Fr. Elmer
Romero



Mr. Hector
Obregon



Juanita Avila
(708) 215 - 5441

Parish Wide Survey!

DO YOUR PART!

St. Cletus parishioners, at the request of our Pastor and the Archdiocese of Chicago, are asked to participate in a 10-15 minute parish survey about discipleship. The survey will ask you to reflect on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The survey is now available at: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ggt5y4>. If possible, please complete the on-line version which is available in 17 languages. If, however you would like a paper copy, they are available upon request in either the narthex after weekend masses or at the Parish Center. Printed surveys are currently available in either English or Spanish. Should you wish to complete the survey on-line, a designated computer is also available during weekday hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Parish Center where staff will be able to assist you.

If you have any questions or to make special arrangements for obtaining a paper copy, please contact Karen Ziemba, 708-215-5466 or by email: DMISurvey@stcletusparish.com.

All family members, 8th grade and up, are asked to individually participate. Deadline for completing and/or returning all surveys is Friday, March 31st. Thank you for helping with this important project!

¡ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA ENCUESTA EN TODA LA PARROQUIA!

A los feligreses de St. Cletus, a pedido de nuestro párroco y de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, se les pide que participen en una encuesta parroquial de 10 a 15 minutos sobre el discipulado. La encuesta le pedirá que reflexione sobre los esfuerzos de nuestra parroquia para ayudarlo a crecer. Todas las respuestas serán confidenciales y la parroquia solo recibirá información sobre la comunidad en su conjunto. La encuesta ya está disponible en: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ggt5y4>. Si es posible, complete la versión en línea que está disponible en 17 idiomas. Sin embargo, si desea una copia en papel, están disponibles a pedido en el atrio después de las misas de fin de semana o en el Centro Parroquial. Actualmente, las encuestas impresas están disponibles en inglés o español. Si desea completar la encuesta en línea, una computadora designada también está disponible durante el horario de lunes a viernes de 9 a. m. a 5 p. m. en el Centro Parroquial donde el personal podrá asistirle. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea hacer arreglos especiales para obtener una copia impresa, comuníquese con Karen Ziemba al 708-215-5466 o por correo electrónico: DMISurvey@stcletusparish.com. Se les pide a todos los miembros de la familia, desde el grado 8 en adelante, que participen individualmente. La fecha límite para completar y/o devolver todas las encuestas es el viernes 31 de marzo. ¡Gracias por ayudar con este importante proyecto!



Evening of Prayer



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
Prayer & Reflection

UP TO 45% OFF

THEME:

**APPROPRIATING
THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST:**

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”
(Romans 6:10-11)



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Anthony Muraya, STL, PhD

Fr. Muraya, is originally from Kenya, and a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 2012. Has served the archdiocese as an associate pastor

at St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge and currently is seminary formator and an Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary.

The third born in a family of nine (six boys and three sisters). Fr. Muraya grew up Lutheran on his father’s side of the family. He converted to Catholicism at 14 years of age. The real culprit of his change was his maternal grandmother, a true matriarch if ever there was one, to whom he owes his life, faith, and vocation. As formator, he relishes the opportunity to accompany seminarians in their discernment adventure. As pastor, he looks forward to be part of vibrant faith communities at the parish on weekends.

OUTLINE

- 7:00 PM** Opening Song
- 7:05 PM** Welcome and introduction of special guest speaker
- 7:10 PM** Reflection by Fr. Anthony Muraya
- 7:50 PM** Personal silent reflection
- 7:55 PM** Meditation song
- 8:00 PM** Conversation with Fr. Anthony Muraya
- 8:20 PM** Acknowledgments/Thank you!
- 8:25 PM** Pray together The Lord’s Prayer/Blessings
- 8:30 PM** Closing song



MARCH 29, 2023
7:00 – 8:30 PM

FOLLOW US

Save The Date!

St. Cletus Community

S E C O N D A N N U A L

PIG ROAST



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**IN THE COURTYARD
AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

★ **FOOD** ★ **GAMES** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES** ★

★ **ENTERTAINMENT** ★

DON'T WANT TO EAT? COME ANYWAY!

ALL THE FUN IS FREE!

SAVE THE DATE!

Hispanic Ministry

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

ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

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

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

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

@stcletusparish.com.

RETIRO CUARESIMAL

El sábado 18 de marzo, 2023 de 9:00 am a 2:30 pm. Se llevar a cabo un retiro cuaresmal aquí en la Parroquia de San Cleto. El tema será Caminando con Jesús. Los invitados a participar en este retiro en donde estaremos reflexionando sobre nuestro caminar con Jesús. Las formas de registración se encuentran a la entrada de la Iglesia. Para más información se pueden comunicar con Juanita Avila a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano o con Diacono Ramon Cazales. 708-215-5441



LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday March 18, 2023, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. A Lenten retreat will take place here at St. Cletus Parish. The theme will be Walking with Jesus. We invite you to participate in this retreat where we will be reflecting on our walk with Jesus. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the Church. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila at the Hispanic Ministry office or Deacon Ramón Cazales. 708-215-5441

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

El Ministerio Hispano será el anfitrión de las Estaciones de la Cruz el viernes 17 de marzo a las 7:00 pm. Todos están cordialmente invitados. Favor de marcarlo en su calendario.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Hispanic Ministry will host the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 17 at 7:00 pm. All are cordially invited. Please mark it on your calendar.

VIA CRUCIS

Estaremos realizando el Vía Crucis viviente en español el Viernes Santo, 7 de abril de 2023 a las 11:00 a.m. en la iglesia. Por favor haga planes para ese día y únase a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos están invitados



WAY OF THE CROSS

The living Stations of the Cross in Spanish will take place on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Please plan for that day and join us in remembering the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS
6-8PM**

Wish List:

- \$10 gift cards to Walmart or Jewel
- Pasta
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Beverages
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our St. Cletus School Kindergarten friends came by for a visit this week and to hand deliver their Lenten Almsgiving donations. Each week of Lent, their class is collecting donations of their favorite things. This week was PB&J. Next up is pasta and Mac & Cheese. We love their thoughtful service, infectious joy and energy. Oh... and their tough questions like "how many items of food can fit in the pantry?" The highlight seemed to be taking a peek inside the big cooler.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to thank all our parishioners and supporters who have made contributions to our "Poor Box" in the Narthex and those who have contributed to the Vincentian call to help our brothers and sisters in need. This money, along with other contributions, has helped us provide assistance to the working poor, single parents and families in our community with payments for rent, heat, electricity, transportation, and other critical needs.

The demand to help has increased in the past few months primarily due to inflation and decrease in government assistance programs, including SNAP ("food stamps"). We also know that you, our parishioners, are dealing with cost of living increases yourselves. We know your generous hearts have been there for us in the past and we are now asking you to contribute what you can so we may continue our service to the needy in our community.

A parishioner has offered SVDP a generous matching donation of up to \$15,000 to assist our neighbors. **Can you help us reach the full match?** Every amount donated will be doubled.

Average rents in the Lyons Township area are \$1,100-\$1,500. When we help just one family with one month of rent, you can see how quickly these funds are used. Your donation makes a direct impact on keeping people housed, turning the lights back on, keeping the heat and hot water going. **100% of your donations go directly toward financial assistance to those in our neighborhood.**

THIS weekend we are having a special second collection for St. Cletus SVDP. There are **green envelopes in the pews** for your convenience. May God bless you abundantly for your charity and love for those in need. Thank you!

LENTEN OUTREACH



From Farming to Fishing

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provided nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.

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

Social Concerns

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

IL March for Life & Life Advocacy Day

The 2023 IL March for Life will be held in Springfield on March 21 and includes a Mass for Life, Adoration and March. The following day, March 22 is Life Advocacy Day which features training, lobbying and lunch sponsored by all IL diocese. There are hotel rooms available at a group rate, contact dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org or visit respectlifechicago.org for more info.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



Little Known Tips and Ideas for Surviving Your Job Search and Successfully Landing Your Desired Position

Proven tactics, underutilized approaches, little known tips for surviving your job search... want to know more? Join ICN on Thursday, March 16 from 7-9 pm. You'll take away a wealth of information from our presenter, Tim Koch, on how to land your desired position. With extensive experience in preparing applicants strategically and mentally, Tim assists individuals to cope with what can otherwise be a stressful search. He candidly and kindly provides two perspectives - that as the one doing the hiring (Deloitte, Amoco, et al) as well as the one apply-

ing for the position. Tim has interviewed and successfully hired hundreds of people, at various levels, across numerous industries (including both for-profit and not-for-profit) and looks forward to sharing his expertise with you. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome! Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

WISE



Soul, our spiritual principle, makes us who we are and defines the essence of our energy, wellbeing and fulfillment; when ignited, sparks creativity and purpose in life.

"Igniting little lights in people's hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian," Pope Francis

You could ignite the souls of your peers!!

+ BECOME A **WISE** MEMBER!

"Lets evangelize and when necessary lets use words" St. Francis of Assisi

For more info. Contact: hobregon@stcletusparish.com



Ministry News

DISCUSSION.

For the next book discussion we are reading **In the Woods** by Tana French. We will meet on April 11 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

June 13 **The Dream Daughter** by Diane Chamberlain

August 8 **Christ the Lord out of Egypt** by Anne Rice

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

CCW

Ladies of the parish be sure to join us for some fun with our Bingo Bash (indoors this time) and a service project to help BEDS.



Wednesday, March 15th 7:00pm in the Gallagher Room

Save your quarters and bring them for our service project. We will be assembling laundry kits for BEDS participants. Each laundry kit (ziploc bag) will include 2 laundry pods, 2 dryer sheets, and \$3.50 in quarters. CCW will provide the products and we ask you to come with the quarters. We will be helping BEDS clients do their laundry. In addition we will have a fun time playing some Bingo and winning prizes. Start your St. Patrick's Day celebrating with us on March 15

SAVE THE DATE!

CCW will be holding our annual Bake Sale in conjunction with the Holy Name Pancake Breakfast on April 2nd, Palm Sunday. Get out your recipes now and check what you'd like to donate to the Bake Sale. Plan to stop by and purchase your favorite treat also. Bakery drop off will be Saturday, April 1st from 4-6pm (preferred) or Sunday, April 2nd before 10:30am. Thank You!

HELP NEEDED

As we go through Lent on our journey to Easter, we are making preparations for the Paschal Triduum. We need lots of help to make this great liturgy happen. If you feel like you might be called to be a gusher, altar server, communion minister or lector, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at torton@stcletusparish.com, for more information. Training will be provided and you can be trained in time for Easter. Liturgical ministry is a gratifying way to serve God and serve St. Cletus. We look forward to hearing from you!

GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL 2023



Hey, High School Girls! Join us for HOOPS!

We are looking for girls interested in forming a team for the girl's basketball Church League this Spring! It would be a short season running from April 15 until May 6 or 13. If interested please e-mail me at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com. We are thinking the fee will be between \$40 - \$50. A reminder, our registration deadline is March 20. Girls who are interested in participating should contact Mr. Manetti at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com.

Once we receive your e-mail we will send out the registration information.

Once we know how many are interested we will post the registration information.

Thank you for your interest. God Bless, Lawrence Manetti

BAPTISMAL MINISTRY

We are hoping to start a new Baptism Ministry here at St. Cletus. The Baptism Minister would help set up the font on Saturdays before the baptisms (which are at 11:00 or 11:30, depending), welcome the families and help them find seats in church, and then put the baptism materials away afterwards. No special theological knowledge is required, and you'll get a chance to meet new people and show them that St. Cletus is a welcoming place. Training will be provided. Also, any confirmed teens who might like this ministry can have service hours. If this is interesting to you, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, for more information.

WEDDING MINISTRY

As the pandemic recedes we are having more weddings scheduled at St. Cletus, and we would like to have more Wedding Ministers to help. Wedding Ministers see to the wedding rehearsal, make sure all the paperwork is together, set up for the mass on the wedding day, and oversee the wedding itself. Usually this is done as a team of at least two ministers. It's a chance to welcome families and give them a happy memory of their time at St. Cletus. You can do this as often as you like. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office.

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.
Amen.

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LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION DATES



American Red Cross Contact Ms Devitt at pdevitt@lths.net or at LT North Campus Pool 708-579-6392

Course Details on the LTHS Lifeguard Club Webpage

Register at North Campus Open Swim on Thursdays at 7:45pm and Sunday at 11am after Pre-swim Test

Check Payable to LTHS \$225

Registration closes: 3/15/23

Classes:

4/6 6-10pm, 4/13 6-10pm, 4/16 8:30-12pm, 4/23 8:30-5pm, 4/30 8:30-5pm Final water exam

Re-certification Lifeguard course: \$100

Registration 5/11 7:30-9pm

Class: 5/21 8:30am-5pm

LEARN TO SWIM INSTRUCTORS LIFEGUARD NORTH CAMPUS POOL

Swim lessons: June 12-July 21. Swim Classes run 8:30am-3pm(Full Time), 8:30am-12:45pm, 1:15-3pm (Part Time)

Evening learn to swim: Babies and beyond on Mondays and Wednesdays 6-6:45pm, June 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28. Shift 5:45pm-7:45pm

Salary by experience

*Lifeguard certified instructors will have a pay increase

Apply at <https://forms.gle/rkkjWjCH5QxKGN9M9>

Contact Patricia Devitt, Program Director pdevitt@lths.net and 708579-6392 or Cathy Moreno, Administrative Assistant at cmoreno@lths.net



PRAY FOR THESE WOMEN IN INITIAL FORMATION



Sisters of Saint Joseph

U.S. & Canadian Federations



Join us in Praying for these Women in Initial Formation



Sr. Ho Anyabonwu, CSJ
Orange, CA
Novice



Sr. Jennifer Berridge, CSJ
Congregation of St. Joseph-WV
Temporary Professed



Sr. Kristina DeNeve, CSJ
Carondelet (St. Louis)
Temporary Professed



Sr. Trish Doan, CSJ
Orange, CA
Temporary Professed



Sr. Kristine Fernandes, CSJ
Toronto, Canada
Temporary Professed



Sr. Deirdre Griffin, SSJ
Springfield, MA
Temporary Professed



Sr. Sally Koch, CSJ
Carondelet (LA)
Temporary Professed



Sr. Noriko Kuroki, CSJ
Carondelet (LA)
Novice



Sr. Jean McKinney, CSJ
Boston, MA
Temporary Professed



Guadalupe Moore
Carondelet (LA)
Candidate



Iffat Naz Peter
Carondelet Albany, NY
Candidate



Sr. Sarah Simmons, CSJ
Congregation of St. Joseph-IL
Temporary Professed



Sr. Leila Sullivan, SSJ
Springfield, MA
Temporary Professed



Sr. Sarah Tarango, CSJ
Orange, CA
Novice



Sr. Bethany Welch, SSJ
Philadelphia, PA
Novice



Sr. Chizuru Yamada, CSJ
Carondelet (LA)
Temporary Professed

For more information, contact in the Midwest, WV and Louisiana, contact Sister Mary Jo vocations@csjoseph.org

ENGAGE COMMUNITY – MARCH EVENT

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL.

When: 7:00-8:30 March 29

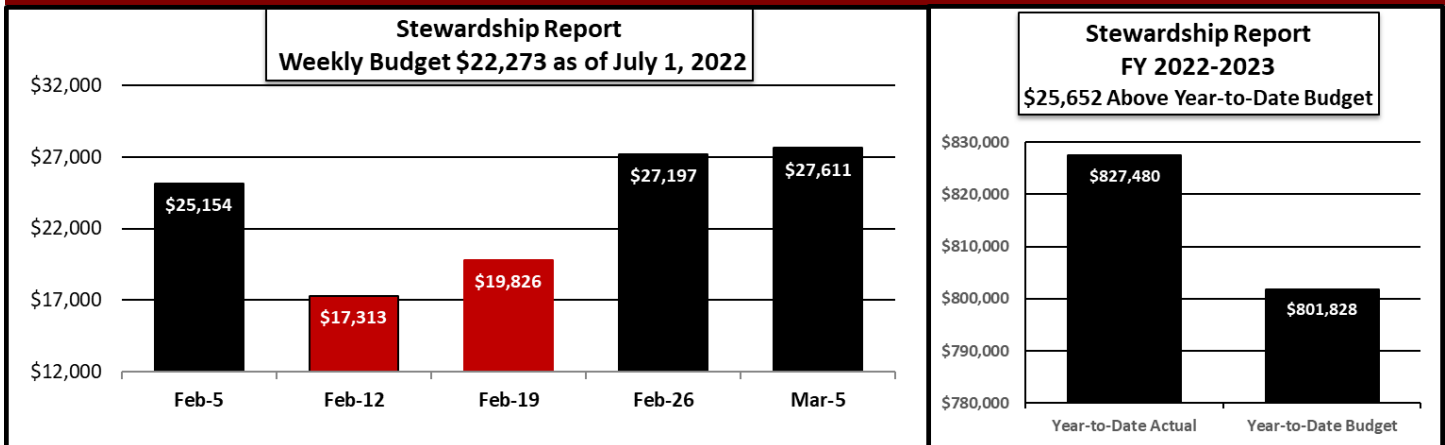
Who: All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine). **RSVPs are encouraged. For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com**

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 12			
Monday, March 13			
Tuesday, March 14	7-8pm	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (Spanish)
Wednesday, March 15	8:30am 9am-12pm 7-9:30pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Concessions and Gallagher Room	Breakfast With Parishioners Mission Ladies CCW General Meeting
Thursday, March 16	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, March 17	7-8pm	Church	St. Patrick's Day Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 18	8:30am-9:15am 9am-12pm 9am-2:30pm	Church Morrissey Hall Parish Center	Confessions First Eucharist Retreat Lenten Spanish Retreat
Sunday, March 19	4-5:30pm	Parish Center	Ed Ward Fine Art Series Jazz Passion Performance

Stewardship Report



GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD


Thank you for your continued stewardship of St. Cletus Parish. Parishioners sometimes ask for suggestions about appropriate weekly contributions. When in doubt, consider giving your hourly pay rate at work (“giving your first hour to God”). Whatever you can give will go toward keeping the lights on and supporting the good work of the Parish.

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. Thank you!

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
School(708) 352-4820
www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

STAFF

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Rev. Kevin Hays, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*
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Jennifer Senyard

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FSA President Rhonda Aumann
Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

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.