



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."
— MATTHEW 18:19



Jesus said,
"Where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,
there am I
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20



TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6
2020

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for September 7 - 13, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
September 7	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Ray and Joni Pietrzak
September 8	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Francis Murphy Family
September 9	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Edward Taylor
September 10	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Danielle DeRivera, Special Intention - John & Sally Baker
September 11	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski
September 12	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00am 5:00pm	Bob Thomas St. Cletus Parishioners
September 13	Fr. Gamboa	7:15am	George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Phillip Butkus, John & Frances Kennedy, Richard Gomez
	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:45am 10:30am	Stacy Baker, Nancy Konczal, Eleanor Mlot, Robert Montgomery Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Brone Maleckas, Joseph & Beth Salvitti, Gail Saban, Sam Colonna, Frank Mamolella
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Anne Scheer

Jerome Cherney
Husband of Jackie

Nora Short
Wife of William

John G (Jack) Adolf
Husband of Jean, Father of John

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.

September - Vic Swindall, Toni Swindall

August - Carol Reckwerdt, Bill Bolton, Carol Griffith, Baby Vivian Furry

July - Frank Colonna, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Duda, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND ROSARY

The church will be open each Wednesday, from 1:00pm - 1:30pm for those wishing to make a prayer visit to church. During that time, the rosary will be prayed for those who would like to participate. It will be led by St. Cletus' Living Rosary. All are welcome. Please remember to make your reservation.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a limit of 65 for each Mass. We are also offering private prayer, confessions on the first Saturday of the month, and a Spanish prayer service. All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register.

The sign up link can be found on our website, www.stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.



JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

Lucky Leaf Raffle - Final Early Bird Drawing this Sunday!

Congratulations to our Fifth and Final Early Bird \$100 Winner, Laurie S.!

Get your tickets in today for your chance to win the \$5,000 Grand Prize!

Individual tickets are \$20 each. If you buy five for \$100, you receive the sixth one for free! Please contact the parish office at (708) 352-6209 if you can help sell additional tickets.

2020 Lucky Leaf Raffle Prizes:

- Grand Prize: \$5,000**
- 2nd Prize: \$2,500**
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000**
- 5 \$100 Early Bird Drawings**
- 4th Prize: \$500**
- 5th Prize: \$500**

Please return ticket stubs with payment by mail, at Mass, or in the rectory door mail slot. The drawing will be held on **September 13, 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and help in offsetting the financial impact the pandemic has had on the Parish finances.

SAINT CLETUS
SOCIALLY DISTANT



**DRAWING WILL BE HELD
 SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
 NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

- Grand Prize \$5,000**
- 2nd Prize \$2,500**
- 3rd Prize Winner \$1,000**
- 4th & 5th Prize Winners \$500**
- 5 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS FOR \$100 EACH**

RETURN TICKETS BY MAIL TO ST. CLETUS PARISH
 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL 60525
 OR DROP IN THE RECTORY MAIL SLOT

\$20 PER TICKET
 -OR-
6 FOR \$100

5 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS
 AUGUST 2
 AUGUST 9
 AUGUST 16
 AUGUST 23
 AUGUST 30



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce (24 oz)
- Jelly (16-18 oz)
- Peanut Butter (16-18 oz)
- Dry Pinto Beans (2-3 lbs)
- "Extras": granola bars, condiments, snacks, pancake mix, baking mixes, crackers.
- Toilet Paper
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (size 5 & 6)

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they 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

It's safe to say we couldn't have done it this year without the help of Kristina Findley! For her Eagle Scout Project, Kristina took on ALL aspects of the School Supply Drive: advertising, collecting, counting, sorting, bagging, and distributing. We are so lucky she chose us for her project. Thank you to Kristina and the Findley family for all of their help! And thank you to all who donated to this annual project!

"Thank you to Mrs. Grant, all of the volunteers of the food pantry, all the parishioners of St. Cletus Church, and my Scout Troop 216 who helped make my Eagle Scout Project a success. I ended up making 425 bags of school supplies and passed them out to every family at each Thursday food distribution in August. I am so glad my project could help so many families in my community. I learned a lot taking on this project but most of all I learned how compassionate my church and scout family is to so many in need. Thank you again, I truly have appreciated this opportunity to help others." Kristina Findley



St. Cletus Food Pantry Needs

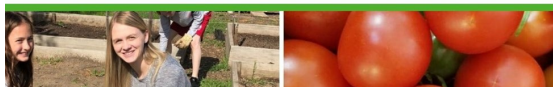
GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us at: <https://bit.ly/2zutb9P>

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September dates are now available to help in the garden!

We need volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Our monthly DV Support Group meetings will continue to be held virtually on Zoom. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please fill out this RSVP form to receive the meeting details: <https://bit.ly/31dqC66> Thank you.

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

You are not alone.



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

RESPECT LIFE



Word of Life - "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Another Look at Abortion"

Area Respect Life Meeting - Our Area Respect Life Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you would like to be added to our email list or included in the meeting, please email Kendall at kgrant@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5418.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children - September 12 at Queen of Heaven cemetery in Hillside. More info at <http://abortionmemorials.com/history/Hillside.php>

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Energize Your Job Search Using Your NEW LinkedIn Profile - Join our Virtual Zoom Presentation (no pre-registration required) on Thursday, September 17, from 7-9 pm. As you well know, YOUR LinkedIn profile is the second most important job-search tool, next to your resume. Our speaker, Denis Curtin, a LinkedIn trainer and coach will focus on different ways to use this FREE tool to improve your job search. Denis will present methods you can apply to attract internal and external recruiters to your LinkedIn profile. Specific Do's and Don'ts will be discussed so you can quickly set up and improve your LinkedIn profile. Also, techniques to hold the recruiter's attention on your profile will be covered. All good stuff to help you help yourself!

Join our Zoom Meeting!

Meeting ID: 893 9386 9553 Passcode: 952890

MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING - We are looking for new members! Misericordia provides a caring environment for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Our league supports Misericordia through fundraising and service.

Please join us:

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Katherine Legge Memorial Park, 5901 S. County Line Rd
(Bring a lawn chair and a morning drink)

For more information contact:

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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 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. October 13th. We will discuss Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout. For those who like to look ahead:

Dec. 8: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Feb. 9: Happiness is the Choice You Make by John Leland

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series will remain on hiatus until 2021. At which time we hope to offer a Spring Concert.

Please join our email list using the button on our webpage to stay connected: <http://www.edwardfas.com/>

MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES IS HERE TO HELP

So many of us are feeling anxious or fearful about world events. Spiritual direction is a wonderful way to help us process what we are feeling as we explore the ways that God is present and at work in our lives even in the midst of our daily struggles.

Mayslake Ministries is a leading Center for Spiritual Direction. We have forty certified spiritual directors and three pastoral counselors on staff who are here to help you to find healing and hope in these difficult days. Our team of spiritual directors are formed in the Catholic faith and skilled in all areas of life.

Spiritual direction sessions can be done from the safety of your home via phone, Facetime or Zoom calls. In person spiritual direction sessions are also available at our new offices located at Ascension Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. Visit our website today www.mayslakeministries.org for a complete listing of our spiritual directors and our services. Please call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 to schedule your appointment.

PROGRAMS AT THE WELL

Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

Sept. 1, 9, 16, 23, 30: "2 Hemisphere Earth Prayer"- A series in honor of The Season of Creation, led by The Well and our friends in Australia.

Sept. 21-Nov. 23: "Waking Up White" book study – Racism is a "white problem" and we who are white need to look inside ourselves.

Sept. 26: "From Culture War to Revolution of Tenderness" – Pope Francis urges us to seek out new ways of thinking and to deepen our capacity for kinship with those whose worldviews diverge sharply from our own.

Please see our website at www.csjthewell.org/ offerings/ to find out about these programs and more.

Religious Education & RCIA

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – IT’S NOT TO LATE TO REGISTER!

This coming academic year, Religious Education at St. Cletus will be utilizing a Family Catechesis model at home. We will partner together with our parents to support them in utilizing our new at home curriculum which is downloadable/online, engaging and fun, easy to follow and allows for meaningful interaction within your family and with God.

For students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation we will have additional online lessons for this sacramental preparation.

It’s not too late to register! Please try to get your registration forms in ASAP so that we have enough time to get the books and other materials ordered and ready for your child! Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re/ or you can email Barb Campbell for further information and the forms (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com).

The changes we have been experiencing in our world can be scary, crazy and unsettling. Join us in RE this year as we gather together in our families and with our community virtually to discover how God is with us. Strengthen your relationships within your family and with God this year! Let’s make this an exciting, God-centered time in our lives!

Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com
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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION





Congratulations First Communicants!

Photos courtesy of Sara Hodak Photography



St. Cletus School

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

September title
September title

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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WELCOME TO ST. CLETUS

St. Cletus is proud to welcome our new teachers to the 2020-2021 school year. Please welcome Mrs. Sabrina Witkowski (far left) , Ms. Allison Russell, Mr. Ezra Steffen and Mrs. Jennifer VanWyck (Masks were removed during the snap of the photo and replaced immediately after the photo).



OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA

On August 26 St. Cletus School celebrated Our Lady of Czestochowa, Patroness of Poland, on her feast day.

We ask our Blessed Mother to protect the St. Cletus community, and to be with all who are on the frontline during this pandemic.

Our Lady of Czestochowa, pray for us.



PRESCHOOL ART LESSON

Our preschoolers had fun last week trying to see what it was like for Michelangelo when he painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel!

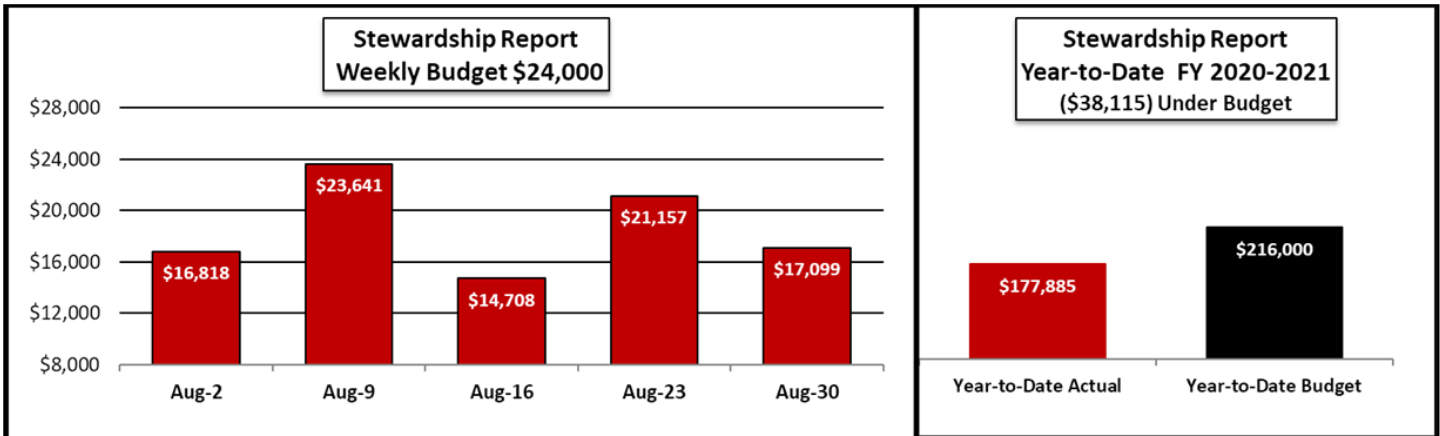


St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

CALL TODAY TO LEARN MORE - 708.352.4820

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

Sunday Notes

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
- Friday: Patriot Day
- Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary


SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)

September 9 - Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream,” and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness.

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St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
 Evening before Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day.....6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month .. 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.
Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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 Rev. Kenneth Baker, *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa Cadena, *Associate Pastor*
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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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