

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1-2



“Will not God then
secure the rights
of his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?”

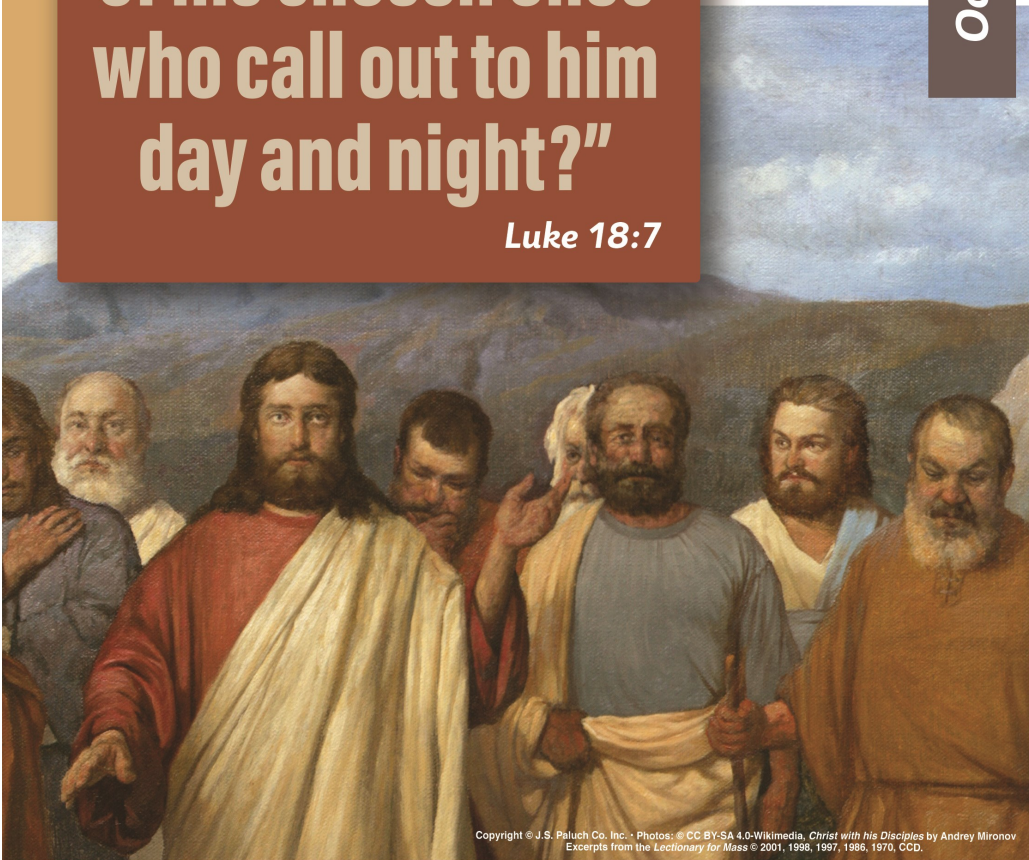
Luke 18:7

October 16, 2022

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for October 17-October 23, 2022

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
October 17	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Evelyn Prevenas, St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, John Jacobs
October 18	Fr. Kalas	8:00am	Zdzislaw Gajos
October 19	Fr. Novick	8:00am	BC Collins, Reynold Aranas
October 20	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Delphine Marciszeweski, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Joseph P. Kurcz, Maria Chavez
October 21	Fr. Reszel	8:00am	Frank Wojcik, Margaret Tunney
October 22	Fr. Novick	5:00pm	John Jacobos
October 23	Fr. Novick	7:15am	Richard Gomez, Jack Drogosz, John Duda, Carol Hogan
	Fr. Romero	8:45am	Gary Verhoeven , Harold Church, Joe and Kay Klemak, Mary and Thomas McKillip 50th Wedding Anniversary
	Fr. Lodge	10:30am	Rose Marie Krzenjak, Lila and Bert Walsdorf, Henry Scaccia, Rimantas Repsys, Kenneth Ruta, Thomas Birks
	Fr. Hays	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Edward Carroll

David A. Wisk
Brother of Linda Philippon

May they rest in peace.

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.

October- Joanne Jungels, Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O’Connell

September - Daniel Lacey, Joseph Halac, Gerda E. Dorso, Charles McCarthy, Francie Smith, Laura Terrazino

August - Patricia Rodey

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday. Make checks payable to “Society of Propagation of the Faith”. We appreciate your generosity

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Finn Gerald Loftus
Son of Daniel Loftus and Jacqueline Wagner



Gheorghe Sucio
Son of Gheorghe Suciu and Alma Perez

Sophia Ostiguin
Daughter of Carmen Ostiguin

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

JOIN US MONDAY AT 6:30PM

St. Cletus Parish
**SHARING HOPES,
DREAMS AND
CONVERSATION**

*An evening of Parish Fellowship,
Prayer and Discernment*

Monday, October 17, 2022, 6:30–9:00 p.m.
at the Parish Center

Pastor's Note

*“Moses’ hands, however, grew tired;
so they put a rock in place for him to sit on.
Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands,
one on one side and one on the other,
so that his hands remained steady till sunset,” Exodus 17:12*

Dear Parishioners,

Our good and gracious Lord continues to share his goodness and blessings with us daily. He offers us opportunities to collaborate with him and others. It is from this experience of collaboration with the Lord and others that I would like to offer you some updates about events and activities that have taken place at our parish. Through each of them, the Lord has touched and filled my heart and soul with his kindness.

First, on Tuesday morning, September 27, 2022, with the guidance of Greg Porod, Principal, Fr. Michael Novick and I were able to visit our children in their classrooms. It was such a good experience. Seeing them learning from their dedicated teachers was encouraging. Some of them gladly shared the fruit of their learning with us. In each classroom as I interacted with them, I noticed that my heart was being filled with kindness, joy, and gratitude. Our children have wonderful leaders and teachers. With our prayer and support, I am confident that they will continue to share their hearts and knowledge with our children.

Second, on Wednesday, October 5th, 2022, our parish hosted the Archdiocese of Chicago Leadership Day. We were blessed with the presence of the entire team of the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools and all the Principals who serve our children with dedication and love. I was informed that we had over 180 guests. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist was part of their time together. We were blessed to have Most Rev. Bishop Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, as the principal celebrant. Fr. Michael and I were able to join the group for Mass and lunch. After speaking with a few of them, I am happy to let you know that they enjoyed spending a day at our parish. They felt welcome.

Third, I would like to acknowledge and offer a heartfelt gratitude to Gregory Porod, Principal, and Christy Schaeffer, Assistant Principal, for all their work, dedication and for offering a warm welcome to all those who attended the Archdiocese of Chicago Leadership Day at our parish. On Wednesday at 6:00 AM, I saw our principal at the main entrance of the parking lot welcoming our guests and directing traffic. As a parish and school, we are blessed to have two amazing human beings as our Principal and Assistant Principal. They love what they do. Our children are in good hands. They are an inspiration for us all. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Fourth, the St. Fiacre Society Fall Planting took place on October 7 and 8, 2022. Together, they came with their gardening tools and gloves and removed the annual plants and flowers in front of church and in front of the flagpole between the Parish Center and church entrance. Then, after preparing and tilling the soil, they joyfully planted mums and kale. Thanks to their dedication, passion for gardening, and the special love they have for St. Cletus, the entrance to our beautiful church continues to look warm, inviting, and welcoming. I was able to spend some time with them on both days. I noticed the sense of closeness that they had towards each other and the joy they shared as they worked together enhancing our garden. It was such a good experience of teamwork. I felt the spirit of the Lord in each of them. I offer my special gratitude to each of them and in a particular way to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel who continue to offer inspiration and leadership to the St. Fiacre Society Ministry in our parish. Please keep them in prayer.

Finally, tomorrow (Monday, October 17), starting at 6:30 PM we will hold our Parish Sharing: Hopes, Dreams, and Conversation in the Parish Center. Your presence, prayer, insights, and contribution towards having a parish more inviting, welcoming, loving, vibrant and becoming an oasis of new missionary disciples, is needed, and greatly appreciated.

May the Lord continue to bless our efforts and to sustain us in his friendship!

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor



Note from Father Mike

Now that we are just at the half-way point of October – through Respect Life Month – how is this for an interesting fact? The papal encyclical by Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, is 27 years old this year and *Humanae Vitae* by Pope St. Paul VI is turned 54 years old at the end of July. That means that I am only about 11 months older than the latter encyclical. I am very glad that my parents were already valuing human life even before the latter encyclical's birth – no pun intended. Both of these encyclicals helped to change many minds and hearts so that they might see human beings as more than mere objects. Practically from the beginning of time, man has been at war with himself, or as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches “man has become the enemy of his fellow man” (CCC 2259), which doesn't tend to bode well with valuing life. And it's not strictly about valuing our OWN life, but the lives of others.

Of course, one of the primary arguments for valuing human life is straight from the Book of Genesis as God creates human beings in His own image. That very thought should help us to recognize that human beings have an honor above all other animals. Plus, one of the gifts that God instilled in human beings is the ability to think and to intimately know God. Of course, there are many skeptics who hear me say that and just blow me off, thinking “how can I know someone intimately if I can't even see Him, or hear Him? He may exist but He way out in the cosmos or He just doesn't care about us. If He did, He would put an end to all of the pain and suffering, personally and globally.” So, what is it we are doing when we pray for things to change? How could we possibly believe God can change things if He is so far off in the universe? Yet we continue praying. If we didn't believe God COULD change things in the world, then we wouldn't even bother.

Many people in the world waited and waited, prayed and prayed for the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision from 1973 which legalized the abortion of children in the womb to be overturned. On June 29, 2022, the US Supreme Court did just that. They

overturned the decision from 1973. That's 49 years or so of prayer and more prayer from people all over the country. Morality issues should not be allowed to simply be feathers in the caps of politicians. Morality issues shouldn't have ever been crossed up with politics nor the legal system. The problem really shouldn't be so complex either. The problem happens to be difficult and complex because of extremism on both sides of the life v. choice debate. Extremism tends to be at the heart of MOST issues. That is why life issues are in the category of morality or ethics. There can be no hard line yes/no answer to such issues. Morality has its “gray” areas.

Take the example of women who become pregnant who develop an illness such as cancer and needs to have surgery to save her life, but unfortunately the life of the child may be at risk by having the surgery. Notice that the INTENT in that situation is to save the life of the mother, while the child MIGHT die during or as a result of her surgery. A child is not a disease. We don't say “if I don't kill the child, the mother will die.” The INTENT in saying such a thing is killing the child because the child is being treated and referred to as an object, not as a person.

We cannot stop praying for an end to abortion, let alone we cannot stop praying for ending the reasons for someone feeling like they would even need to abort a pregnancy. Birth control MIGHT work in some cases, but it's not the answer as there are many times when it doesn't work. No. Chastity is really the only true way to stop the need for abortion. Waiting to have sexual relations until two people are married SHOULD stop the need for abortion because in theory if a man and woman marry, the greatest expression of their love IS creating a family of their own.

Lots to think about, my friends.

Fr. Mike



Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept up-lifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss's Day

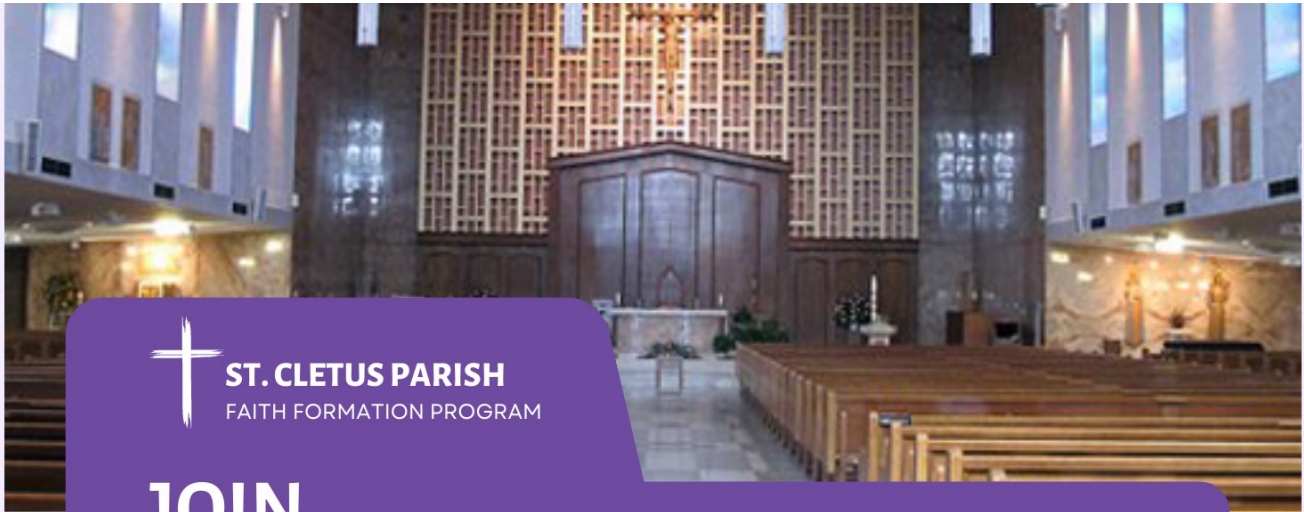
Tuesday: St. Luke

Wednesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and
Companions

Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross

Saturday: St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary

WISE



 **ST. CLETUS PARISH**
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

JOIN W.I.S.E.

WEAR SMILES, IGNITE SOULS, SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

October 26, 2022

We are calling 11th, 12th and College Students to join WISE!

Our goal is to build a team of leaders that are willing to continue to grow in their faith and impact others through different fellowship opportunities ,

@ 5:00 pm in the Parish Center



PRAY

To do God's work we must pray, this is what Jesus taught us, we must open ourselves to the gifts of the Spirit and grow in our understanding of faith.

LEAD

Nurtured by prayer, filled and inspired by the Spirit go out to evangelize through your commitment, knowledge and faith experiences

IMPACT

Know that words draw attention, but testimonies of faith is what moves people. Leave a legacy of faith in future generations!

I believe you are the next leader God has chose for this, are you willing to step up?



For more information call

Hector Obregon-Luna
Associate Director of Faith Formation
(708) 215 - 5415

"Evangelize at all times, use words when necessary." Francis of Assisi

 hobregon@stcletusparish.com
 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-wise>

Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

FALL 2022 FIACRE SOCIETY PLAZA CLEAN-UP AND FALL FLOWER PLANTING

Wonderful, fall weather greeted energetic hearts and hands, helping ensure a successful, fulfilling and satisfying two days of gardening completed Friday & Saturday, Oct. 7 & 8, 2022. While scheduling our seasonal removal of new guinea impatiens and mum/ruby red perfection kale planting around the usual busy St. Cletus church schedule required some planning and prayers for good weather, our enthusiastic group of 12 volunteers removed, disposed of and planted mums and kale around the flagpole before the scheduled 2:00p Friday wedding.

Saturday, Oct. 8 arrived with similar, seasonal weather and gloves were helpful because of an early morning chill. After storing about 165 of the Hinsdale Nursery delivered flowers in the school courtyard Friday afternoon, the same space that hosted our successful first annual Parish Pig Roast, our 18 Saturday volunteers, including 5 St. Cletus School students, helped transport, place and plant the remaining purple, red, & yellow mums and red-hued ruby perfection kale around the Rectory entrance and the three beds in front of church. Again, planting in our church grounds always has to consider church usage, Saturday's schedule included a 10:00a funeral and 11:30a baptisms.

Thank you to all our dedicated and hard-working volunteers. These volunteers are proud of their work and the

welcoming and inviting atmosphere these plants provide. While the flowers were acquired via wholesale prices, costs were contained as installation labor was free, provided by a cross-section of our parish community. One important side benefit this project provides is the connection and integration of our parish members, ensuring faith, fellowship, commitment, fun and a little education; a solid commitment to our community!

We are proud of our efforts on behalf of our entire parish community and hope you enjoy the flowers as much as we do. We are always amazed at the feelings achieved when time is donated for others, meeting and interacting with like-minded volunteers with similar goals. If you would like to join this ministry, if you like digging in the dirt, let us know via email to madtfr@att.net.

Finally, we believe that Jesus was with us these two days, he joined us in our work to benefit the greater good. We felt and witnessed Him by seeing the good in others, their efforts, their humor and their assistance, contributing to "our special place," St. Cletus.

Mary Delaney
Tom Reisel
Elias Lopez



School News

SIP N SHOP

SAVE THE DATE

ST. CLETUS SIP N' SHOP



**WHEN: NOVEMBER 4TH
6-9PM**



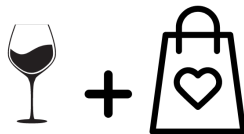
**WHERE:
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
700 WEST 55TH STREET**



**\$5 entry fee includes a
glass of wine and a
raffle ticket**



Over 30 vendors!



PBIS ASSEMBLY

One Wednesday we held our second PBIS assembly! Everyone had a great time! Our classrooms of the month were awarded a banner to display for the next month and 3 students of the month were also recognized! We are so proud of our Cardinals and the way they have embraced this program!



FLAGS FOR OUR VETERANS



Veterans Day is fast approaching! This year our parish school will be displaying small American flags with soldiers names around our campus in honor of Veteran's Day. Proceeds will be donated to "Support Over Stigma", a charity that supports, activity duty military, veterans, first responders, and their families. If you would like a veteran in your life recognized please return this form with payment to the school office by October 28th. Please contact Sara Hodak at shodak@stcletusparish.com with any questions!

CUT HERE

Flags are \$5 each

Name of Veteran/s:

One Veteran Per Flag. Be sure to send correct payment if you would like multiple.

Donated By:

Check here if you would like
To receive your flag after the display

*If you would like your flag please pick them up
in the school office the week of November 14th

Please make checks payable directly to "Support Over Stigma". You can also directly donate to them online at <https://www.supportoverstigma.org/> (be sure to note when you donate that it is for the St. Cletus flag display)

If you choose to donate online be sure to still return this form to the school office with your veterans name/names included and mention you donated online

Hispanic Ministry

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



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

LA DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA



A partir del miércoles 12 de octubre, el Ministerio Hispano estará llevando a cabo la Devoción Guadalupe 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

Beginning Wednesday, October 12, the Hispanic Ministry will be having 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.

BOLETOS DE RIFA

El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupeño estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para las fiestas Guadalupeñas. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 20% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el 12 de diciembre, 2022 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeña. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.



RAFFLE TICKETS

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupeño Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the Guadalupeña festivities. The donation per ticket is \$5.00. The 20% collected from the tickets will be the grand prize, the drawing will be held on December 12, 2022 during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Hoy domingo habrá una segunda colecta para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupeña el día 12 de diciembre, 2022. Estaremos tomando dos colectas una en el mes octubre y otra en el mes noviembre. Favor de ser generosos.



SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday there will be a second collection to help with the expenses of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2022. We will be taking two collections, one in October and one in November. Please be generous.

JUNTA DEL COMITÉ GUADALUPANO

El viernes 21 de octubre, 2022 a las 6:00 pm., el Comité Guadalupeño tendrá una junta con todos los miembros Guadalupeños para continuar planeando los eventos de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Si a usted le gustaría ser parte de la planeación, favor de acompañarnos a esta junta. La junta se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial, todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm., to continue planning Our Lady of Guadalupe events. If you would like to be part of the planning, please join us. The meeting will take place in the Pastoral Center, everyone is invited to participate.



Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Jelly
- Soup
- Boxed Potatoes
- Flavored Rice (like Rice a Roni)
- Cereal
- Diapers size 5 and 6
- Laundry Detergent
- Beverages-tea, coffee, cocoa, juices

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

Follow us on Facebook:
[@StCletusFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/StCletusFoodPantry)
Instagram:



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

Mariano's in Western Springs had a wildly successful Pack the Pantry Drive! They worked with us to get our most needed items, including paper goods! Thank you to everyone who donated at check out!



TURKEY BUCKS & THANKSGIVING

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco (Countryside) doors and invite customers to donate to the "Turkey Bucks" program to provide a Thanksgiving Meal to a family in need. Various daily opportunities are available thru November 18. Opportunities are also available to help distribute Thanksgiving meals on Saturday, November 19. Sign Up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-turkey>



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****Please note...this is an unsupervised volunteer opportunity and an adult is recommended to be present**** This calendar simply coordinates dates. Volunteers must check in with the Jewel Manager when they start their shift. Parents, use your discretion based on your child's age and maturity to decide if they should be dropped off or need a parent present during the volunteer shift. All ages are welcome (with a parent).

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

Free Thanksgiving Dinners will be distributed on Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-4:00 at the food pantry. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** Please sign up at an October food pantry distribution or by contacting Kendall at 708-215-5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree Registration is now available! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Giving Tree you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418.

Tags will be available for donors in mid-November and we will have plenty of volunteer op-

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

If you are confused or troubled by what you are experiencing in your relationship, you should talk with a professional counselor (all services are free) in order to get clarity and help you make a decision about next steps. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. There you can chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



The next few weeks will be very busy in the Faith Formation Office. Classes will meet on Sunday October 16 and 23 as well as Monday October 17 and 24.

We will host our Commitment Ceremony for our Seventh Graders as they begin their journey to Confirmation.

Our Eighth Graders are coming to the end of their journey. Confirmation for our Eighth graders will be on Saturday, February 11. Bishop Casey will be the celebrant.

TEEN SEEKERS

Our first meeting of our Teen Seekers was this past Wednesday. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall.

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL FOR BOYS



We have begun our registration for those interested in joining the St. Cletus Boys Church League Basketball. Practices are one weeknight in the parish gym and games are Saturday evenings at area churches and gyms.

Applications can be found on our website. In order to have a season, we do need help. Two coaches for each team are needed and a coordinator to be responsible for the St. Cletus site.. Practices are 9-10:00PM in the St. Cletus Gym School and games are Saturday evenings at area churches and gyms. The cost is \$100 per player.

Even if you are trying out for your high school team, please register and reserve your spot on a team, which we can cancel should you make your school team.

In order to have a season, **we do need some help.** Please consider helping us run the season for our St. Cletus Boys this year! Email Lawrence Manetti at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com to help.

Technology Updates

With the Fall season upon us and the school year going in to the second full month, we thought we'd take look back at the many technology projects that were recently completed by our IT Services Department.

In June, the parish made a cut over from an older and unsupported facilities calendar system to one with more modern features & benefits. It's also now available the parish website.

All school computers and laptops were re-imaged to include the latest Windows 10 release (21H2) as well as an upgrade from Office 2016 to 2021.

Infrastructure was reconfigured to support upgrades to the education building's intercom in the elementary wing. Six classrooms received new units and wiring that now run over the network.

After being backordered for over a month, 33 Chromebooks arrived literally the Friday before school started to support on-boarding 5th grade students to the 1:1 program. We are happy to report they were taken in to inventory, configured, and were ready for students on their first day! iPad and Chromebook carts in grades 1-4 were also configured for each student to have a device available for use during the school day, when the lesson calls for its use.

A new Smart Board and projector replaced one in room 114 that is was over a decade old.

As part of a renovation to the school office entrance doors,

IT Services extended key card access to this area – now syncing with the technology in the parish center. Speaking of security enhancements, a new exterior camera was added for the new food pantry space.

On October 5, the parish & school hosted a Leadership Day for all school administrators in the Archdiocese. IT Services played an integral role is establishing a dedicated network, temporarily increasing wifi density, as well as provide audio/video connections to accommodate the nearly 180 expected to be in attendance. All were able to connect while teachers and parish staff continued to use their technology resources with no interruption.

Parish IT Services is responsible for nearly 250 student devices, 80 desktops & laptops, 38 printers, 30 wireless access points, 20+ Smart Boards & projectors, 6 copiers, 6 digital signs, 3 file /application servers plus a video server, and all connections in between (including fiber optics connecting the different buildings). IT also manages Office365 for parish email and G Suite for the school, while supporting software solutions in use by different ministries. IT has provided over 500 streams of masses, sacraments, funerals, and weddings. The IT Services Department is staffed by one full time employee

-Director Chris Wagner (St. Cletus class of '92).

For additional information, email itservices@stcletusparish.com and check out some of the recent projects in our photo gallery on the parish website.

Ministry News

MISSION TRIP

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP *Mission Trip*

Where: CINCINNATI, OHIO

When: JULY 16 - JULY 21

Who: RISING SOPHOMORES THROUGH OUTGOING SENIORS

Why: TO LOVE, SERVE, & CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER & THE POOR



REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 16TH AT 8:00PM

What: The teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus will COMBINE again for a CHWC mission trip. Like our previous mission trips, we are expecting another life-changing week of serving communities, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, and having fun. The teens will keep busy throughout the week painting and rehabbing homes and helping social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Cincinnati, Ohio.

IN-PERSON PRE CANA

If you are getting married in late 2022 or any time in 2023, please consider attending an in-person Pre-Cana marriage prep class on Saturday, October 29. This class will be facilitated by Henry and Kathy Morlock, who are parishioners here at St. Cletus and have conducted Pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese for several years. This class is required if you plan to be married in any church in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the fee is \$100. For more information or to sign up, please call our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office.

ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

A CREDO ministry

Enroll your deceased loved ones and join us in prayer for the holy souls.

Special intentions for October anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, October 17th.

Enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety



ED WARD FINE ART SERIES

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.

Ministry and Community News

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



Learn the Secrets on How to Navigate Through Applicant Tracking Systems - Successfully!

Join us for this incredibly informative program on Thursday, October 20 from 7-9 pm. Our speaker, Lauren Milligan is a resume writer and job coach, business owner and instructor at COD. Lauren cracks the code on finding the right key words for your specific search, and how to properly incorporate them into your resume and LinkedIn profile. She will walk you through each step of a live example, using google, LinkedIn, Word and a free ATS simulator program. You will have an advanced proficiency in getting your resume into the right hands after this presentation. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

JOYFUL AGAIN

If you have been recently widowed and are struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and precious memories. Join us for a retreat at Nazareth Retreat House in Batavia, IL. The Joyful Again! Program is for both men and women(all ages) who have been widowed. **All are welcome.**

What: Retreat/Workshop for widowed men and women

When: November 5th and 6th(2-day program-overnight)

Where: Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia, IL

For further information call: 708-354-7211

Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Website: www.joyfulagain.org



WORD OF LIFE



"Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"*

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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THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



**See No Stranger:
Revolutionary Love as the
Call of Our
Times Thursday, Oct 20 7
- 8:30 PM**

Valarie Kaur is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author. Hear the story of her fight for racial justice as she shares her vision of Revolutionary Love, rooted in her Sikh faith. Cost: In person at Lewis University \$25, or on YouTube streaming \$15.

Images of God Tuesdays, Nov 1 & 15 1:30 - 3 PM

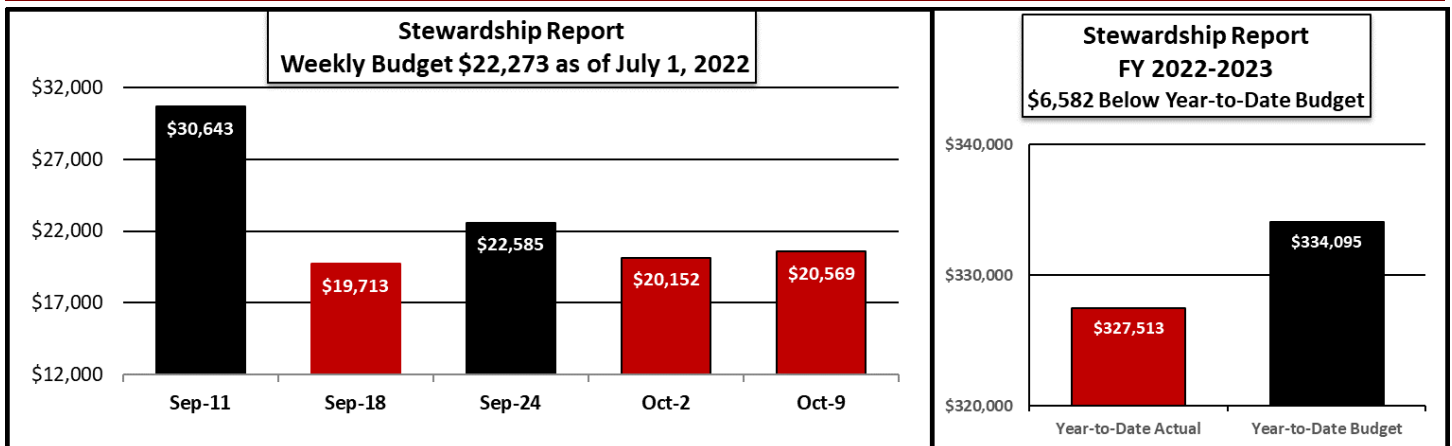
What are your own images of God, and how have they changed over time? This will be an active, collaborative and shared engagement exploring each other's images of God. Send a picture, poem, story, or music clip 7-10 days before the first session. Cost: \$35 series, participate in person or from home on Zoom

The Well Spirituality Center is located at 1515 Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park. Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 16	12-2:30	Church	Living Rosary
Monday, October 17	6:30-9pm	Parish Center	Sharing and Conversation
Tuesday, October 18	6:30-9pm	Gallagher Room	Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) Vicariate IV Fall Gathering
Wednesday, October 19	9am-12pm 7-9:30pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room	Mission Ladies CCW Board Meeting
Thursday, October 20	11-12:30pm 6-8pm 7pm	Gallagher Room Food Pantry Church	Visio Divina Bible Study Food Pantry Distribution 7th Grade Commitment Ceremony
Friday, October 21	6:45-8:30pm	Gallagher Room	Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee meeting
Saturday, October 22	8am-5pm 8:30-9:15am	Off Campus Church	CREDO Bus Trip to Mundelein Confessions
Sunday, October 23	12-2:30pm 11:45am-4pm	Gallagher Room Courtyard	Living Rosary Fostering Community and Friendship

Stewardship Report



GIVING

Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have ques-




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

St. Cletus Parish Information

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 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 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..... 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

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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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