

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”**
— LUKE 6:20-21A



Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

Te burao (The Hibiscus Tree)
1892
Paul Gauguin
French, 1848-1903
Art Institute of Chicago

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Mass Intentions for February 14 - 20, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
February 14	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Lee Chvatal, Patrick King, Samuel Colonna
February 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
February 16	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Paul L. Budvitis, Monica Mataitis
February 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Delphine Marciszewski
February 18	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Delphine Marciszewski, Paul Pilarski, BC Collins
February 19	5:00pm	Fr. Hays	Ed Stec
February 20	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Costello Fr. Romero Fr. Costello Fr. Romero	Richard Gomez, Ola Maveety, Walter Maveety, Ethel Maveety, Thomas Birks Maryanne Farrell, Brian Fuller, Thomas Birks Paul Pilarski, Barbara Persic, Chris Wickstrom Josefina Loza

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.

February - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri

January - Larry Anders, Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino

December - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

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

John Martoccio

Catherine P. McNamara

Al Saporito
Husband of Sandy

Sallie A. Schiller
Sister of Charles Schiller

May they rest in peace. Amen.

SOUND SYSTEM COLLECTION

Please return your envelopes for the "The Sound of St. Cletus" fund to support this important facilities upgrade.

You can also donate on our website at <https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>. Alternatively, donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office at: St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525. If donating by check, please write the words "Sound System" in the memo line.

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

I have some good news to share with you today.

First, fundraising for the new sound system is going well. As of today, we have received \$37,991.00. This is amazing! I have faith that we will be able to raise funds needed to install a new sound system for our beautiful church. Relying on the interaction and conversation I have had with you, I get the sense that we all know, understand, and want to do this for our church. We all want to hear the word of God clearly. We all want to attend and participate in Mass where we are able to hear every word and prayer appropriately. Another aspect of the project is that it is allowing us to work together and share our blessings for a common cause that will affect all of us in a good way. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your kind support and generosity.

Second, it is with great joy, admiration, and respect that I would like to share a few words with you about the wonderful ministry of the members of the **Mission Ladies** at our parish. This ministry started in 1972. One of things that they did was to make medicine patches for hospitals. In 1998, Dolores Scaletta joined the ministry. As soon as she joined the team, she became the leader. As a leader, she is in charge of buying all that is needed for their ministry such as ribbon, warm yarn, and doll bodies.

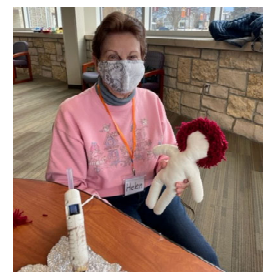
The Mission Ladies (currently 27 in number) get together every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to Noon. They meet at the Parish Center (Gallagher Room). They work year around, except for the month of December. This past year, they gave over 400 dolls to hospitals around the area like La Grange Hospital and Hinsdale Hospital. They also make lap robes and blankets for nursing homes. Their budget is \$ 400.

If you would like to support their ministry, please make a check payable to "St. Cletus Mission Ladies" and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish. They are an amazing group of women. Please feel free to join them at any time. If you do, you would be warmly welcome by Dolores who continues to be the leader since 1998. She is 94 years old. She has much energy and passion which she happily shares with everyone. Our parish is blessed with Dolores and all the members of the Mission Ladies. They all radiate joy, kindness, and love. Perhaps that is the reason why I enjoy visiting them from time to time. Enjoy some photos of them and their ministry that I share with you here.

This weekend is Annual Catholic Appeal Announcement Weekend. I have asked Fr. Dan Costello, Associate Pastor, to lead us in this important appeal. Please look for his guidance in our parish bulletin. Since we have done this before and with the leadership of Fr. Costello, I am confident that this process will go well. In advance, thank you for your generous contribution to the success of this appeal.

May we continue to place our hope in the Lord.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor



Sound System Updates

Dear Friends,

How often have you heard, thought, or said: “What did he say?” or “I didn’t understand what was just said or read” when attending Mass?

We gather in church to celebrate the liturgy and to hear the word of God.

But as we all know, for the past couple years it has been increasingly difficult to understand what is being said inside our church at St. Cletus Parish. And it is becoming increasingly worse.

The simple explanation of the current situation is that the sound system that we have relied upon for so long has finally met its expiration date. Our sound equipment has outlived its expected longevity despite all efforts to keep it working. Complete failure could take place at any moment.

Major components have failed. Consequently, we have been limping along with borrowed components that are underperforming relative to our needs, do not have the power and are not capable of the necessary calibration to provide the clear sound that would allow us all to enjoy and hear the Word of God.

After a complete analysis of the needs that the sound and video systems require and after careful vetting of several proposals for a replacement system, we are raising the necessary funds to fulfill those needs.

We have begun to receive donations from members of the St. Cletus community toward achieving our goal. The expected cost of the new sound and video systems is \$110,000. As of this week we have raised \$37,999. Thank you to all those whose generous contributions have gotten us started.

As you can see in the graphic below, we have attained approximately 34% of the funds needed. A good start, but far from enough to acquire the remedy we so desperately need.

Please consider a donation toward meeting the challenge of making our facilities truly meet our needs and expectations.

Your donations can be made electronically through the parish website at <https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>. Alternatively, donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office at:

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

or by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday mass. If donating by check, please write the words “Sound System” in the memo line.

Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

God bless you.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor



2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility

annualcatholicappeal.com



PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE 2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

It's that time of year again and I hope this mid-winter season finds you and your family happy, healthy and well.

Many families in our parish have been receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailings from Cardinal Cupich. The Annual Catholic Appeal will launch next weekend, and I wanted to share with you the impact your gift – no matter the size – has on this important effort. The work supported by the Appeal is more important than ever. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal directly support the necessary work of parishes, Catholic schools and vital ministries throughout the archdiocese. Our goal this year for the annual appeal is \$98,607.00. Every dollar collected over our goal will be returned to the parish and we will use it towards the Church Sound System. Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call “Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility.” This is especially important as many in our parishes have been affected financially by the pandemic.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

As we begin to come out of the fog and uncertainty of the pandemic, we also recognize this opportunity to be truly present to one another and care for those who are struggling. May we continue to pray for all those affected by COVID-19, those who are caring for the sick and for each other.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dan Costello
Associate Pastor

Renew My Church

What is Renew My Church?

Renew My Church is a proactive, strategic effort to ensure the sustainable growth of our Church for the future. Renew My Church is meant to ensure that all parish are vibrant, vital, and life-giving and have the resources they need to carry out the mission of the Church.

What does Renew My Church mean to St. Cletus?

Renew My Church for the St. Cletus Community begins a spiritual journey to re-encounter Jesus both an individual disciples and as parish community. Through three initiatives, we are asked to recommit to the gospel commission:

- Make disciples
- Build vital communities of faith
- Inspire witness that brings the light and hope of Christ to a world in need

These three mission imperatives guide all that we will do in our renewal efforts.

Renew My Church does NOT mean that St. Cletus Parish or school will be closing or merging, as some other parishes have experienced. As previously announced, St. Cletus is a strong and vibrant parish, but ALL parishes in the Archdiocese are participating in Renew my Church.

A Message of Hope from St. Cletus Renew My Church Team

Over the past several weeks, it has been my pleasure to serve with parishioners of St. Cletus, St. John of Cross and St. Francis Xavier in the Renew My Church initiatives. And, while St. Cletus is not closing, or merging with any parish, the collaboration with our neighboring parishes on Renew My Church has been, and will continue to be enlightening, spiritual and beneficial.

- Helen A McComiskey

I am so excited to be joining St. Cletus as we go through the Renew My Church process. Because we already know St. Cletus will not be closing, we will be concentrating on how we can make the St. Cletus community stronger and make ourselves into missionary disciples of Jesus. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better and continuing the vibrant parish and school that we have now, as we go forward on our journey.

- Tina Norton

Celebrate with us that St. Cletus Parish and School are safe, alive and thriving! For our parish the Renew My Church process will be an affirmation of what is good and a realization of the opportunities we have for an enhanced, shared faith community in spiritual growth

through the love our LORD has for us and our love of Him.

- Leonard Bertin

I am part of the Renew my church team. St. Cletus Church will remain open. Let us put our talents to work and become disciples of Christ.

- Juanita Ávila

Soy parte del equipo Renueva mi iglesia. La Iglesia de San Cleto permanecerá abierta. Pongamos nuestros talentos a trabajar y hagámonos discípulos de Cristo.

- Juanita Avila

I have the great joy of serving on the Renew My Church committee for St. Cletus. Our grouping with St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier is unique and different than other Archdiocesan groupings. We are all vibrant, healthy, and strong parishes and schools that will not be merging or closing. Instead, this process will give us all the opportunity to look inward at our strengths and our opportunities for collaboration and growth to bring more people to Jesus. We are looking forward to seeing the many ways the Holy Spirit continues to move within us at St. Cletus.

- Kendall Grant

"We are very fortunate that our church and parish school will remain open as we work through the Renew My Church Process. Over the last three weeks, we have been collaborating with two of our neighboring parishes sharing how we can work together in evangelizing, strengthening our parish and school communities, and in being missionary disciples to others. Most importantly, the celebration of the Eucharist has always been and will continue to be central in all that we do in our spiritual lives as Catholics."

- Principal Gregory Porod

*I am honored to be serving our on parish's Renew My Church team. For many years, our secular culture has created many challenges of faith for our families, our teens, our young adults, and our Church. While **it is clear that there will be no closing or merging of St. Cletus Parish** with our sister parishes of St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross, we have a very real need to look inwardly at the ways we minister at St. Cletus and to focus on how we can be making disciples, building community and inspiring witness. This starts with a close look at our diverse array of ministries, and identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges that we face as a parish community. I hope you will join us on February 24th to share your insights and learn more about this process that we are engaging in!*

- Barb Campbell

St. Cletus School

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A RED AND WHITE TRADITION



For years, St. Cletus has marked the end of the Catholic School Week celebration with a school-wide volleyball game. First grade through eighth are divided into Team Red and Team White. The game starts in the morning with first grade taking the court and finishes with our eighth-graders ending the game. The excitement can be felt (and heard) throughout the school. This year Team Red won the bragging rights but the whole school was filled with spirit and camaraderie and that is what makes St. Cletus School such a special place.

CSW ALL SCHOOL MASS

Thank you to Father Dan for the beautiful blessing on our wonderful faculty and staff to end our mass Tuesday morning. We are so thankful for our school community!



ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION



Save the date for a fun, night celebrating our school at the St. Cletus Spring Auction 2022

WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd

TIME: 6-11pm

WHERE: St. Cletus Parish Center Fr. Clark Gym

Please email auktion@stcletusparish.com for information on becoming a sponsor or making a donation

RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all the families who participated in the 2022 Cardinal Raffle! What an exciting time! With the help of approximately 160 families, we were able to raise \$34,615!

Our student winners for the families that sold 24 or more tickets were:

1st Prize - \$100 Amazon Gift Card - Esposito Family

2nd Prize - Air Pods - Amabella Rios

3rd Prize - Nintendo Switch - Prischman Family

Winner of the Raffle prizes :

1st Prize \$1000 - ticket number 4498 - Jan W.

2nd Prize \$500 - ticket number 3411 - Wendi C

3rd Prize \$500 - ticket number 1598 - Mariella L.

Thank you to our TOP ticket sellers:

The Silva Family - 72 tickets sold

The Ayala Family - 65 tickets sold

The Hodak Family - 57 tickets sold

Again, we are so pleased and so blessed! Thank you to our School Board for organizing this fabulous fundraiser and thank you for supporting St. Cletus School where it's ALWAYS a GREAT Day to be a CARDINAL!

Greg Porod, Principal

Christy Schaefer, Assistant Principal

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations for a few weeks. Thank you!

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

A recent snapshot from food pantry distribution. We are always grateful for the best volunteers who work in any weather.

Thank you!



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Executing The Pivot

Looking to undertake a career change but challenged in how to begin? Be sure to join us on Thursday, February 17 from 7-9 pm for some creative ideas. Pivoting mid-career to a different profession, while potentially rewarding, can be difficult to execute. Join us as Nicole Magats, recruiter and career coach, walks us through how to successfully stand out when trying to pivot careers. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. This is a Hybrid meeting, both in-person and via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 437 092 1248
Passcode: 960531

Interfaith Career Network offers FREE assistance-open to all! If you attend in person, masks are required. Everyone is welcome.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources. These programs are open to all and there is no cost to attend.

WORD OF LIFE



“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2022) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 13, 2022) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

More information can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week>



Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This week's Gospel recounts the famous Sermon on the Plain (also known as the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew). These are Jesus' very down-to-earth teachings on what it is to be happy or blessed. I would like to share this teaching of Jesus, with a particular focus for families:

The Beatitudes for Families

1. Blessed are the families who live simply, for they will taste the joys of living in God's kingdom.
2. Blessed are the families who make time and space for each family member to mourn life's sorrows and losses, for they will receive God's comfort and consolation.
3. Blessed are the families who humbly receive life's gifts rather than grasp at power and possessions, for they will discover they have been given everything they need.
4. Blessed are the families who nurture a hunger and thirst for fairness so that others will know the justice of God's ways.
5. Blessed are families in which mercy is abundant and forgiveness is given freely so that God's mercy will be readily available to all.
6. Blessed are families who ground their lives in God and rise above the lures of temptation, for God will shine His face upon them.
7. Blessed are the families who create peace at home, at school, at work, in the community, and in the world, for they will be God's very own.
8. Blessed are the families who strengthen one another, encourage compassion, and desire to do good despite life's blows and setbacks, for they help bring about the Kingdom of God.

Tom McGrath

I hope this version of the beatitudes for families inspires all of our parish families to live this important teaching from Jesus.

A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS:



Today our 4th Graders are gathering in the Education Building to celebrate Love Day! They will honor someone they love in their life, and learn more about how we are called to love God and love our neighbor!



Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Cletus on Saturday, February 19th at 1 p.m. We have 107 Confirmandi who will be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit! Remember that all Confirmandi and Sponsors must attend our practice on Friday, February 18th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Church. Bishop Kevin Birmingham will be our presider at this sacramental celebration.

Please pray for all of the children of our parish, especially those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation on February 19th and those who are preparing for their First Communion on May 7 or 8. We are blessed to have so many children preparing for these sacraments of initiation!

I want to acknowledge the outstanding work that our parents have done as the first and best teacher of the faith to their children. Thank you for ensuring that you were fulfilling the promises you made at your child's Baptism. Well done!

Youth Ministry

ARE YOU READY FOR FAT TUESDAY?



Worried you will have to wait in long lines for your paczki? **Youth Ministry has you covered!**

Join us after all masses on **Sunday, February 27th** to purchase your freshly made strawberry or custard filled paczki from Kirschbaum's Bakery. We will be selling them four to a box for \$10. All proceeds go towards our Mission Trip in June of this year. Don't delay – we have limited supply, so when we sell out, you will need to wait on long lines at the bakery!

Thanks so much for your support of our Youth Ministry program!

KAIROS 38 RETREAT



We are excited to invite Juniors and Seniors in High School to Kairos 38! The retreat will take place on **March 10-13, 2022**, at the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines. We are so excited to be able to bring this retreat back to our teens, despite the ongoing pandemic! Please take advantage of this opportunity to encounter Jesus, make new close friends, and take some much needed time for yourself.

Registration is now open! **Registration forms can be found on our website**, or the St. John of the Cross website (stjohnofthecross.org). Download the registration form from this website and return the completed form to the St. Cletus Parish Center (600 W. 55th Street, La Grange), or the St. John of the Cross Parish Center (5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs) **by February 25, 2022.**

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Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep

(1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Ministry News

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FATHER'S CLUB



SAVE THE DATE!!!

1st Annual Father's Club Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 11th @ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center

All Parishioners and their families and friends are welcome!

Please contact Jim Ludden at (630) 880-2415 if you are interested in helping out!.

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

Vocation Office | Bishop Quarter House
750 North Wabash Avenue | Chicago, IL 60611 | Chicagopriest.com

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ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY VISITS

February 17-19, 2022

High school sophomore, junior and senior men are invited on this all-inclusive, no cost, two-day road trip to tour the campus and shadow seminarians at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN. semssp.org/vianney

Learn more and register at vocations.archchicago.org/events/vianney-visits



RENEW MY CHURCH: INVITATION TO PARISH CONVERSATION

RENEW MY CHURCH



YOU ARE INVITED!

We invite you to join our parish planning team for a Renew My Church parish conversation on **Thursday, February 24 from 7:00-8:00pm in church.**

In this meeting we will:

- Pray and discuss Renew My Church and the process we are going through together
- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping
- Answer your questions

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Habr  una reuni n para todos los Ujieres el Domingo 13 de febrero a las 1:45 en el Gallagher Room en el Centro Pastoral. Esperamos poder saludar a todos para compartir nuestras experiencias y talentos. Si tienen cualquier pregunta, se pueden comunicar con Juanita Avila directora del Ministerio Hispano al n mero (708) 352-6209.

Juanita Avila estar  disponible en la oficina del Centro Pastoral todos los s bados de 9:00AM a 12:00PM.

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 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 questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209.

Community News

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES




Sing!
SONGS YOU LOVE
FEATURING MUSICIANS YOU KNOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AT 4:00 P.M.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

FREE ADMISSION | More info at www.edwardfas.com


Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 pm, we will present "Sing!" Join us for an afternoon of songs you love to sing along with! From folk to pop, rock to jazz and more - this concert will be led by faces familiar to the Fine Arts Series and will encourage not just enjoying the music, but singing along from the audience too!

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME



School Sisters of Notre Dame

Grounded
in the
heartbeat
of God



Online retreat for young adult women ages 18+

Women ages 18-45 are invited to an online retreat Sunday, February 27 from 1-4 p.m. CST. Learn more and register for the Zoom link by February 25 at ssnd.org/events/2-27-22. The retreat will be facilitated by Sister Kathleen Storms, SSND. Through discernment, contemplative listening and other spiritual practices, retreat participants will become more grounded in God and aware of the interconnectedness of all life.

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.

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Totus Tuus – Totally Yours
MISSIONARIES NEEDED

May 31 – July 30, 2022
Training: **May 31 – June 10, 2022**
Program begins June 12



Lead youth in enriching their faith while strengthening your own relationship with Jesus.

- Paid salary, including food and lodging
- Nine-week commitment (excludes week of July 4th)
- Team and individual daily prayer and retreats

Apply at chicagopriest.com/events/totus-tuus/missionary-teacher-information

For more information please email: totustuus@archchicago.org

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IS HIRING

Are you seeking an opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through your work? Consider applying your professional strengths and experience at the service of sharing Christ with others. The Archdiocese of Chicago is in the midst of exciting changes as we renew our local Church. With our competitive salary and benefit packages, the archdiocese provides many opportunities for professional and personal growth and development. For the listing of current openings please visit archchicago.org/careers or follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/archdiocese-of-chicago).

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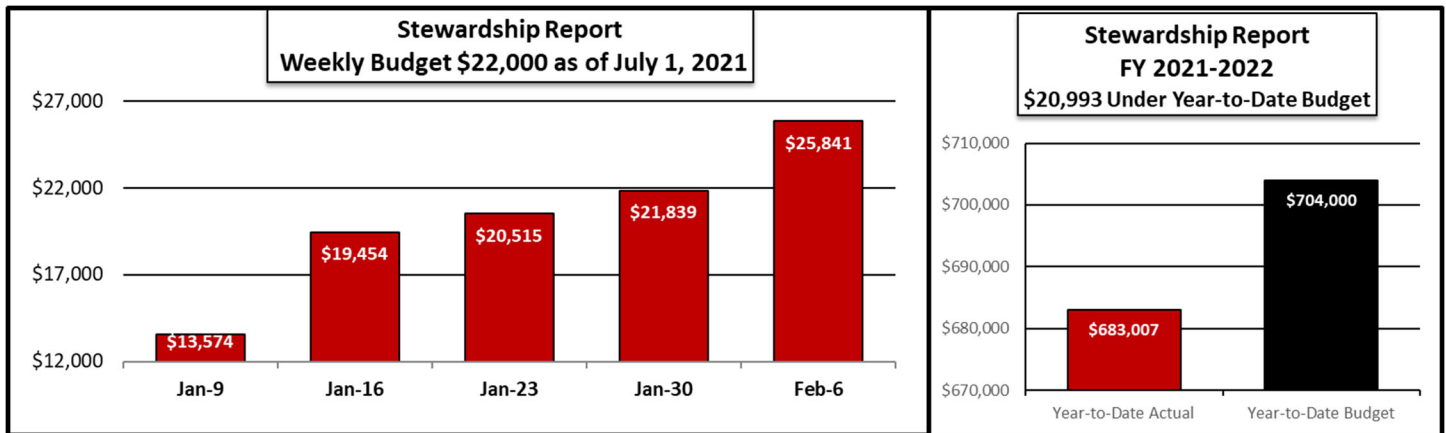


Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 13			
Monday, February 14			
Tuesday, February 15	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, February 16	9:00am 1:00pm 7:30pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers Church League Practice
Thursday, February 17	6-8pm 7:30pm	Parking Lot School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 18			
Saturday, February 19	8:30am 1:00pm	Church Church	Confessions Confirmation
Sunday, February 20			

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

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St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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