

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord's vineyard is the
house of Israel.
- Psalm 80



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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Mass Intentions for October 9 - October 15, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
October 9	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, Christine Jashenski
October 10	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Linda Niemczyk
October 11	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Evelyn Prevenas
October 12	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Lydia Danielewicz, Joseph Vieceli
October 13	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Sylvia Pesut, Louie Marasovic
October 14	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Lydia Danielewicz, Mandy Russell(special intention)
October 15	7:15am	Fr. Novick	William and Gloria Gray, Serafin A. Hernandez
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Fred Grosskopf, Art Kralovic, Eric Schliecer
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Sammy Colonna, Stacy Baker, John Baker, Frank Niwa, Al Zukaukas, Stanly Malek
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Carlos and Sofia 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.

- October - Debbie García**
 - September - Erin McMahon Leddon**
 - August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**
- Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.*

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

- Bishop Kevin Birmingham**
 - Georgian Rekash**
Sister of Rick Rekash
 - Bill Feeley**
- May they rest in peace....**

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

- Zack Ballinas**
Son of Zaul Ballinas and Luciana Garcia
- Hailey Ballinas**
Daughter of Zaul Ballinas and Luciana Garcia
- Violetta Ann Peterson**
Daughter of Gorge Peterson and Cassandra Swaedauski

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



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY

In observance of the Columbus Day/Indigenous People's holiday, the Parish Offices will be closed this Monday, October 9th.

Should you need any emergency assistance, please contact us through this emergency telephone line via voice or text at (737) 708-6526.

Thank you for supporting St. Cletus Parish.

Pastor's Note

“Brothers and sisters: have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7.

Dear Friends,

Aware of the goodness of the Lord and your continued prayer, friendship, and trust, I am happy to let you know that my heart is filled with gratitude, wonder, and joy. Why? Because every day I see something good, edifying, and encouraging happening at our parish. Consider what is being shared and received at our parish daily. Think of our children who attend our Parish School and Faith Formation. Think of our well-organized Food Pantry. Think also of the service, ministry, and leadership that is offered by the members of the many other ministries that we are blessed with.

One of the most recent ministries to bless our parish is the Saint Fiacre Society Ministry (2021). Inspired by their patron saint, the members of this new ministry love to beautify our campus through the maintenance of flower beds, planting spring and fall annuals around campus buildings, concentrating on the entrances to our church, rectory, and Parish Center. They love gardening. They love seeing our parish warm, friendly, and welcoming. They love building community through their passion. They radiate kindness, gentleness, and joy.

On September 29th and 30th, 2023, the members of St. Fiacre Society and other volunteers completed the removal of the summer annuals of Sun Patients and replaced them with fall annuals. They welcomed help from some of our 7th graders from our school with the unloading of the fall annuals on Friday. On Saturday morning, they also welcomed help from our School Scout Pack 83. Seeing them sharing their passion, working together, growing in friendship, and enhancing our campus was exceptional.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer each of them my heartfelt gratitude. In a particular way, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Tom Reisel and Mary Delany for their continued dedication and leadership with the ministry of Saint Fiacre Society that our parish is blessed to have. Thanks to the gentleness and kindness they continue to show, its membership continues to grow. Please hold them in prayer.

On Monday morning, October 2nd, 2023, I was saddened to receive the news from the Archdiocese of Chicago that Most Rev. Kevin Birmingham passed away in his sleep. He was the episcopal vicar of Vicariate VI. He was our episcopal vicar from July 1st, 2021, until June 30th, 2023. He was very interested and involved with the life and ministry at our parish. He was the principal celebrant of our Independence Day Mass last year and this year. He also came to celebrate our weekday Mass twice (Feb. 6 and 9, 2023) and Sunday Mass (7:15 AM) once on Sunday, March 19, 2022, when I got Covid. Bishop Birmingham was also there to bless our beautiful new Food Pantry last fall. He was a man of God. He enjoyed serving the Lord and his people. He radiated kindness, gratitude, and joy. I was fortunate to collaborate with him and learned from his pastoral charity, zeal, and leadership. He will be missed. Please, let us hold him and his family in prayer.

May the Lord continue to bless our desire to receive his peace and grow in friendship with him and one another as we let the Holy Spirit work through us.

Fr. Elmer Romero

“While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet him on the other side of the stars.”



Note From Father Mike

Evangelii Nuntiandi – 1975 released by (Saint) Pope Paul VI

With so much talk about evangelization in recent years, I thought I might go back in my library and find my copy of the exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Evangelization in the Modern World) by (now Saint) Pope Paul VI. Being that it was released in 1975, and I know a lot has changed in the world, it strikes me to think that even back then, the hierarchy was thinking about the subject. But what really struck me as I started reading again was a concept that the Pope brought up early in the exhortation – “hidden energy.” He uses it in questioning “In our day, what has happened to that ‘hidden energy’ of the Good News, which is able to have a powerful effect on man's conscience? To what extent and in what way is that evangelical force capable of really transforming the people of this century?” That is a super-important question.

My experience in recent years, my friends, is that I hear people talking more and more about invoking the Holy Spirit in prayer, especially when they have been asked to do something they are not comfortable with or deal with a difficult situation. For quite some time, I was bringing my concerns to the Holy Spirit too, always asking for the gift of His Wisdom. But for as many Christians in the world that have called out to the Spirit, just as many don't seem to have need for Him. Consider the major role the third Person of the Holy Trinity plays in the Church, especially in the Mass.

Every time we come to Church, or begin ANY prayer, we start out by calling upon the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit that reminds us of our shortcomings before the Penitential Rite. The Holy Scriptures are

God's Word. When we respond at the end of the readings “Thanks be to God,” are we simply thinking of God as the Father? Certainly not. When we say God, it's always in terms of all three Persons. The Holy Spirit inspires our thoughts and needs at the Intercessions (Universal Prayers). And, of course, we call forth the Holy Spirit to change the substances of bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

That same Holy Spirit IS God's “hidden energy” present to us at all times, even though we say that we can't see Him.

In the Acts of the Apostles, on the day of Pentecost, it was the Holy Spirit that showed Himself to the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. That is the very same fire that burns within our hearts, ignited on the day of our baptism and strengthened at confirmation. You don't see the flames, but they are there. You SHOULD see the fruits of the flames and “hidden energy.” Each time you notice the Holy Spirit, acknowledge and thank Him. Where do you notice Him? He is anywhere you might do a good deed as simple as holding a door open to welcome someone who might be physically ailing or moving slower than you. Or it could be as complex of a situation as being a source of comfort for someone who is grieving for a loved one. He is that nudge that moves you to act on behalf of another.

Please pray for the soul of Bishop Kevin Birmingham, who died unexpectedly Sunday night in his sleep. He was a great leader for the Church.

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Indigenous People's Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Remembering Most Reverend Kevin Birmingham With Affection and Gratitude



Most Rev. Kevin M. Birmingham, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago and former secretary to Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 2, 2023. He was 51 years old, a few days shy of his 52nd birthday.

Birmingham was born on Oct. 7, 1971 in Oak Lawn to Jeanette Ann Larsen and Joseph James Birmingham. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago, Niles College Seminary in Niles and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein. He was appointed director of the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission in July 2020 for a year. On Sept. 11, 2020, Bishop Birmingham was appointed auxiliary bishop of Chicago and Titular Bishop of Dolia. He was ordained a bishop on Nov. 13, 2020 by Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago and became Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV. Last month, after the retirement of Bishop Joseph Perry, Birmingham was assigned to oversee Vicariate VI.

“The Church has lost a wonderful priest and bishop today and I lost a dear friend and valued colleague,” said Cardinal Cupich. “From the start of his ministry, Bishop Kevin Birmingham was a devoted and joyful priest. He felt called to serve Latino Catholics especially, and he learned Spanish in order to do so. He served in my office for six years as priest-secretary, always with dedication and attention to every detail, a role in which his reputation for kindness only grew. May we honor his memory by continuing to do as he did, and model the love God has for his children in all we do.”

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Day Of The Dead Altar



The Hispanic Ministry in collaboration with the PPC will be setting up an Altar for Day of the Dead from 10/29 - 11/2. We ask parishioners that are interested in participating to drop off a framed picture of deceased loved ones that will be part of the display. Photos should be no larger than 5x7 and can be dropped off 10/14-10/27 in the Parish Center M-F 9am-4pm and at every mass with an ushers. Please label the back of your framed photo with contact info. Questions please contact Kris at ksantin@stcletusparish.com

CCW Potluck!



SCAN ME
TO REGISTER

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 6:00 P.M.

PARISH CENTER

RESERVATION REQUESTED

PICK UP CARD IN THE NARTHEX OR SIGN UP ONLINE

FOR QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:
CCW@STCLETUSPARISH.COM OR CALL 708.710.0644

Sponsored By:

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN



Potluck

St. Fiacre Society Update

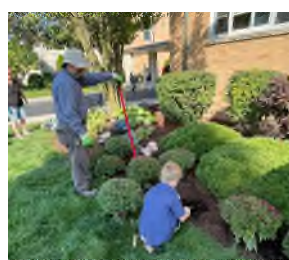


Perhaps you have noticed, our fall mums and kale have been planted around campus, helping to signify the arrival of Fall. 75 purple mums, 75 maroon mums and 60 ornamental kale were delivered by Hinsdale Nursery on Friday, Sept. 29. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers (many of whom show up unannounced and unknown to us), our St. Cletus School Scout Pack 83, and some of our 7th grade school children our summer annuals of sun patiens were removed and replaced with fall annuals.

We have received many comments from you our fellow parishioners about how fantastic our flowers look, especially compared to other parishes visited by you. We are proud of campus and thanks to your generosity of both your time and treasure, St. Cletus continues to offer a welcoming environment. We pray that our campus continues to invoke hospitality, welcoming all to our beautiful church and grounds. And if St. Fiacre is looking down on us and watching over us, perhaps our campus may even provide some healing powers.

The St. Fiacre Society continues to add to our perennial landscape plan professionally designed two 1/2 years ago. We will be working on the beds to the south of the Parish Center and the beds leading into the Apple door of our school.

In future Canticle articles, look for the above picture of St. Fiacre for announcements. We would love to have you join us! Duties of this ministry include weeding, planting annuals, cleaning up flower beds, watering and to a greater degree, building community. If you would like to become a member of this ministry, helping produce an experience that flowers and prayer can provide, welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors, please send your email address to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel at madtfr@att.net. We will add you to our contact list about future events and projects.



Evening of Prayer and Reflection

PLEASE, JOIN OUR NEXT
EVENING OF

Prayer & Reflection

"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"
Matthew 28:16-20

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: **Monsignor John Canary**



OCTOBER 18, 2023
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

TOPIC:

**The Seven Stages of Love
according to St. John of the Cross**



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
10 de octubre, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
8 de octubre 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.	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.

¡ACOMPÁÑENOS!

OLLA (POTLUCK) FAMILIAR DE SAN CLETO

Sábado, 21 de octubre, 6:00 p.m.

Clark Hall/Gimnasio del Centro Pastoral de San Cleto

Solteros, parejas, familias con niños, **TODOS** están invitados a este evento que es patrocinado por **St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women / Consejo de Mujeres Católicas de San Cleto, (CCW)**. Nosotros proveeremos el platillo principal, pero queremos invitarlos a que compartan con nosotros uno de sus platos favoritos de (*side dish*) acompañamiento (*suficiente para 8-10 personas*) y disfrute con nosotros en una noche de buena comida y amistad; será una noche de ambiente casual para conocer y reencontrarnos con otros feligreses. Queremos saber cuántas personas nos acompañarán para calcular que haya una cena completa para cada uno; es por eso que les pedimos que hagan su reservación lo más pronto posible. Si desea ayudarnos co-

mo voluntario o para cualquier pregunta sobre este evento y para otras opciones para aquellos que quieran participar pero que no puedan traer comida, contáctenos en email: cw@stcletusparish.com o llamando al 708-710-0644



ALTAR PARA EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

El Ministerio Hispano en colaboración con el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial instalará un Altar para el Día de los Muertos del 10/29 al 11/2. Les pedimos a los feligreses interesados en participar que dejen una fotografía en su cuadro de sus seres queridos que será parte de el altar.

Las fotos no deben ser más grandes que 5x7 y se pueden dejar del 10/14 al 10/27 en el Centro Parroquial de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 4 pm o en cada misa con los ujieres. Etiquete la parte posterior de su foto su nombre y teléfono. Preguntas por favor contacte Juanita javila@stcletusparish.com



OFICINAS PARROQUIALES ESTARÁN CERRADAS EL LUNES

En observancia del Dia de la Raza (Columbus Day), las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas este lunes, 9 de octubre.

En caso de emergencia, favor de llamar a nuestra línea especial (737) 708-6526. Esta línea acepta también mensajes de texto.

Gracias por apoyar a la parroquia San Cleto.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS
4-8PM

Wish List:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Potatoes
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Chili

Follow us on
Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

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

Thanksgiving and Giving Tree Registration are now available! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Thanksgiving or Giving Tree you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418. We will have plenty of volunteer opportunities in November and December so stay tuned!



Giving Tree



AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Baby Bottle envelopes are due back at the end of October. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. All proceeds go to Women’s Care Center here in La Grange. If you didn’t get an envelope last week there are extra’s in the Respect Life flier rack on either side of the Narthex. Thank you!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

How Common Is Domestic Violence?

17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report 2023 – Illinois Summary- On September 7, 2022, 49 out of 57 (86%) IL domestic violence programs participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV).



These statistics represent the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

- 2,626 Victims Served
- 1,287 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 1,339 adult and child victims received non-residential supportive services related to legal needs, housing advocacy, transportation, mental health, public benefits, and more.
- 975 Hotline Contacts Received
- Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, & resources via phone, chat, text, and email. Hotline staff received 975 contacts, averaging nearly 41 per hour.
- 199 People Educated
- Local domestic violence programs provided 19 public training sessions (educational sessions provided to the public) to 199 people, addressing topics like domestic violence prevention and early intervention.
- 589 Unmet Requests for Services
- Victims made 589 requests for services that programs could not provide because they did not have the resources. Approximately 28% of these unmet requests were for emergency shelter, hotels, motels, and other housing.

If you have had these thoughts, you are not alone. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a NDVH service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

School News

NEW PLAYGROUND

Our playground is officially OPEN!! We are so excited!! Thank you to everyone that made this effort possible!! As you can see our students are absolutely loving it! If you would like to donate to help cover the costs of the installation please scan the QR code! Thank you for your generosity!



VENDORS NEEDED!

Our FSA is hosting their 3rd annual Sip N Shop on November 3rd and are currently looking to add additional vendors! If you are interested please email Joleen Kirchens at joleenfortier@yahoo.com!

STUDENT COUNCIL

On Tuesday we gathered together to celebrate our weekly Tuesday mass as a school. Following mass we installed our Student Council officers to their newly elected positions! We are so proud of all the work they did throughout the election process and cannot wait to see what they have in store for us this school year! Way to go cardinals!

**ST. CLETUS
SIP N SHOP
VENDORS
NEEDED!**

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3RD
6-9PM**

Sponsored by the St. Cletus FSA
Table Fee is \$40
If you are interested in participating please
contact Joleen Kirchens at joleenfortier@yahoo.com

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
CENTER
700 WEST 55TH STREET
LAGRANGE, IL 60525**



Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

On October 17th we will meet in the Gallagher Room at 10 A.M. to discuss



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick.

For those who like to look ahead

December 12th: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13th: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

RCIA

The RCIA process, for those adults interested in becoming Catholic, will begin in mid-September, and we would love to have you in our Catholic family! It's a chance to deepen your relationship with Jesus and find a community of like-minded people to journey with on your way to the sacraments. If you think you'd like to become Catholic, or you know someone that might like to become Catholic, we would love for you to join us! The process starts September 19. If you would like more information, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

CELEBRATE OCTOBER WITH MOTHER MARY



October is the month of the Rosary and Mary welcomes you to celebrate with her! If you can, take some time to pray these centuries old prayers and be in her presence. The Living Rosary at St. Cletus offers you several ways to open your heart this month:

Every Wednesday at 1:00 we gather in the church to pray the Rosary. Bring your intentions and join others in stepping outside of this hectic life to be in Mary's presence.

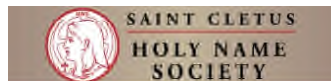
The weekend of October 21 and 22nd, the Rosary Table will be in the narthex during all Masses. Bring rosaries to be repaired. Get a rosary or medal to strengthen your prayer life. Join the Living Rosary by committing to say one decade each day. You will be surprised to see amazing it is when you invite Mary into your life on a daily basis.

On Sunday, October 29th we will pray all 20 decades of the Rosary in the Parish Center at 11:30 (right after the 10:30 Mass). This is a moving journey through Jesus and Mary's lives and takes about 90 minutes. Stay for as long as you can. What a powerful way to close the Month of the Rosary! Your Mother is waiting.

For more information contact Mary Lu (630-430-3338) or Linda (708-482-0669).

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will be meeting on October 13th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Gallagher room. We welcome any men of the parish to join us as new members.



PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



St. Thomas Aquinas: "Always pray for the dead. If deceased persons are prayed for by offering the Eucharist or by any prayer and have no further need of purification, the prayers are not unavailing. The deceased in heaven receive an increase in their intimacy of God's love and an increase in their own intercessory power" - St. Thomas Aquinas, who called this "accidental glory." Tassone, Susan, *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: 365 Reflections*, Our Sunday Visitor 2014

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 44 prayer warriors praying for 429 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones for NO CHARGE**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us in prayer for the holy souls! May purgatory be emptied!!! May no soul be forgotten!!!

Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

Special intentions for October anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, October 9th, 8am.

Special intentions for November anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, November 6th, 8am.

Special intentions for December anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, December 4th, 8am

FAITH FORMATION



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

NAZARETH ACADEMY FALL OPEN HOUSE



All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Visit on Sunday, October 29, for a 10 a.m. presentation or Monday, October 30, for a 6:30 p.m. presentation. Space is limited and Registration is required at www.nazarethacademy.com.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Develop Your Leadership Skills, When Not in a Leadership Role

Thursday, October 19, 7-9pm

There is an expression that goes, "Leadership Is Action, not Title" This interactive presentation highlights how anyone can develop leadership skills while not in an actual leadership position and/or in a career transition. Participants will learn actions to implement immediately to optimize leadership in advance of assuming a leadership opportunity.

Our speaker, Rick Lockner, is the President of RPC Leadership Associates, Inc. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Rick has over 30 years of leadership experience across Military, Corporate, Entrepreneurial, Academic, and Non-Profit organizations. Rick holds both an MS and MBA and is an accomplished public speaker and author. He is the author of six books including his most recent, "Finding the Missing Piece," published in 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

WITCHY AND FA-BOO-LOUS FUNDRAISER



A RIDE AROUND TOWN WITH TRICKS, TREATS AND SPOOKY SWEETS TO PRESERVE THE LA GRANGE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S VIAL HOUSE.

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE WITCH AND JOIN US FOR A BIKE RIDE THROUGH OUR CHARMING HISTORIC DISTRICT! GATHER ON THE 400 BLOCK OF MADISON, ENJOY A DJ, MONK'S FOOD TRUCK & PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE CORNER AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS. RESERVE THE DESIGNATED PARKING ALONG THE ROUTE. OUR JOURNEY COMPLETES WITH PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLES AND MUSIC FROM "EL BANDO" AS WE DARTER AT THE ELM TO WRAP UP THE DAY'S FESTIVITIES.

WHAT LA GRANGE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL WITCHES RIDE TO BENEFIT THE SAMUEL VIAL HOUSE	WHERE STARTING POINT: THE 400 BLOCK OF MADISON AVE. WITH DJ, MONK'S FOOD TRUCK & PHOTO BACKDROP @ 444 S. LA GRANGE RD	WHEN SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023 (RAIN OR SHINE)
PARTICIPATION STARTS AT \$50 PER WITCH	AFTER PARTY THE ELM, 23 W HARRIS AVE	GATHER TO PREPARE: 10-1 WITCHES RIDE: 1-4 AFTER PARTY: 2-4
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CARES

The next CARES meeting is Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. All are welcome!

CARES is called to protect all of Creation and our Common Home.

With a Christ-Centered focus **CARES** models, promotes, and integrates environmentally sustainable and socially protective actions and practices throughout the parish and surrounding communities.

Advocacy: Raise awareness and inspire transformative actions

Education: Provide educational resources and opportunities

Programs: Organize events and plan initiatives

CARES follows the directives and guidance from the 2015 Laudato Si Papal Encyclical, Catholic Doctrine, and Social Justice teachings, and the Chicago Archdiocese Office of Parish Vitality and Missions.

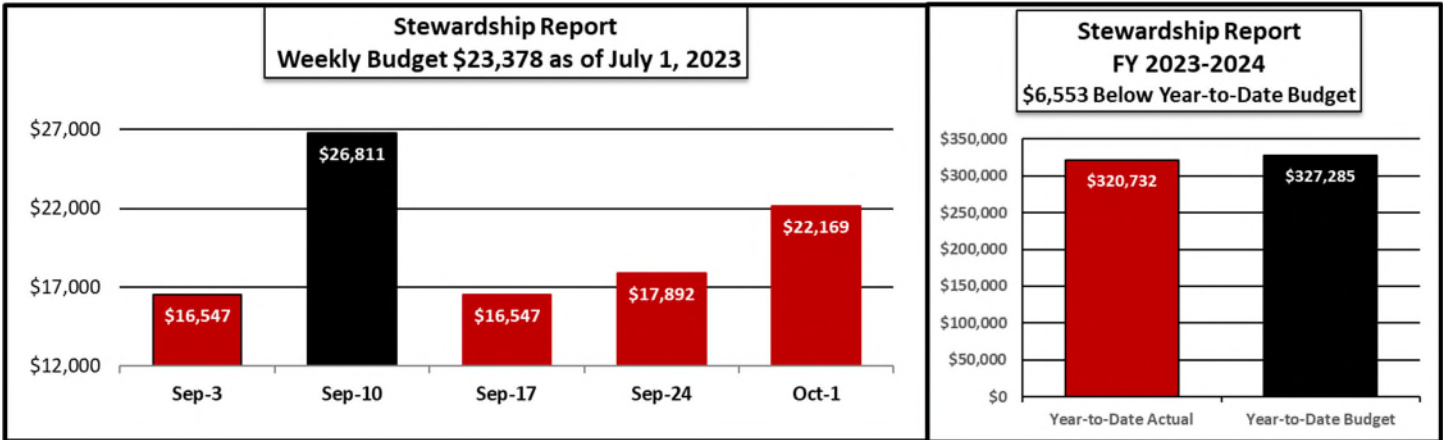


CARES
Catholics Are Responsible Environmental Stewards
St. John of the Cross Parish

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 8			
Monday, October 9			No School
Tuesday, October 10	7-8pm	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, October 11	9-12pm 1-1:40pm 7-9pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary CCW Board Meeting School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, October 12	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, October 13	7-9pm	Gallagher Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, October 14	8pm-12am	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, October 15	12am-5am	Church	Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

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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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor
Deacon Franco Foti, Operations Director
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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.