

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Strengthen your drooping hands
and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed
but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13

People will come
from the east
and the west
and from the north
and the south
and will recline
at table
in the kingdom
of God.

Luke 13:29

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Twenty-first

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2022

Mass Intentions for August 22 - August 28, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
August 22	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Evelyn Prevenas, Toni Matassa
August 23	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Mary Helen Drucker, Sal Sansone
August 24	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewski, Al and Geri 65th Wedding Anniversary, Mary Grill, BC Collins, Dan Linklater
August 25	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Rosa Nilles, Gary Verhoeven
August 26	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Phyllis Prevenas and Edward Kwak
August 27	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Daniel Klepczarek, Irene Skrip, Gary Verhoeven
August 28	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Jack Drogosz
	8:45am	Fr. Novick	Gerald Dudek, Sammy Colonna, Arlene Colonna, Rosemary Kus, Benito and Olga Neris, Cuthbert and Mary Nelson
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Gary Verhoeven, Rose Marie Hrzencjak, Kay Wickstrom, Irene Skrip, Gabriela Solecki
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Antelmo Ramos, Antonio Hernandez

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

John Fisherkeller
Father of Jack Fisherkeller

Helen Frey
Mother of Kimberly Fuller

May they rest in peace. Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

August - Laura Terrazino, Francie Smith, Patricia Rodey

July - Louis Berger, Deborah Zemke, Frank Niwa, Peggy Shevlin

June - Rafael Acevedo, Gerald Burns, Gerda E. Dorso, Donald Hogue, Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Baby Darcy Michaelletti, Louis Montes, Colin O'Brien

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Arthur Stratman
Son of Mark and Cara Stratman

Lee Thomas Otruba
Son of Robert and Christine Otruba

Charlotte Lynn Otruba
Daughter of Robert and Christine Otruba

Kellen Meyer
Son of Chad Meyer and Megan Burke

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Join us for Hospitality after all Masses next weekend, **August 27-28**. This month will be hosted by the Rosary group and CREDO! Stop by to learn more about Adult Faith Formation and prayer opportunities in our community while enjoying refreshments and connecting with others.



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Marriage Banns



Christina Pascente and Stephen Barnes

Pastor's Note

“Thus says the Lord:

*I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory,”* Isaiah 66: 18

Dear Parishioners,

Our kind and generous Lord reminds us today, through prophet Isaiah, that he knows our works and thoughts. This is remarkable! It deserves our full attention. It requires us to be diligent in prayer and reflection.

When I was growing up, I remember my parents gently reminding us that the Lord cares about us deeply. They told us that God knew our actions and thoughts well even though we may not necessarily grasp or understand it. That is why they always encouraged us to be mindful of our actions and thoughts. At most family gatherings, this aspect of their teaching is something that my siblings and I enjoy talking about with one another with deep appreciation.

It is humbling and encouraging to grow in our awareness of the Lord in our lives. Most importantly, when he tells us that he knows what we are thinking and what we are about to do. Certainly, we have a God who is interested in us. We have a God who wants the best of us and for us. We belong to a God who blesses our work and creativity.

Understanding and believing that God blesses our work and creativity, I am pleased to share with you some marvelous things that he continues to do at our parish.

First, on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022, we successfully held the evening of prayer and reflection with and for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. Over 50 ministers took the time to be part of the gathering. We started our gathering by sharing some pizza while getting to know each other. Then, Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor, gladly shared some reflections and insights with us. After him, Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate, familiarized us with the program we use to sign up to serve any given Sunday. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Michael and Tina and those members of our parish community who faithfully serve all of us as the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Second, at St. Cletus Parish everyone that comes to pray and to participate in Mass is greeted by beautiful plants and flowers at the entrance to our church. Since June I have been receiving wonderful comments and affirmations about them. Their splendor is thanks to the generosity, work, and creativity of the members of the St. Fiacre Society. I see them almost daily weeding, watering, and fertilizing. On your behalf, I would like to acknowledge and thank them for such a dedication and love they have for our parish. May the Lord continue to bless their works and creativity.

Third, back on August 3rd, 2022, around 1:30 PM, we had a heavy rain accompanied by high winds. At that time, we were having our Parish Staff meeting in the Gallagher Room. We all saw the power and effects of mother nature through the windows. Trees were losing some of their branches because of the strong gusts. Our parking lot was left strewn with debris and branches. The branches were removed by the members of our parish maintenance team.

Then, on Monday afternoon, August 10th, 2022, some volunteers from our 12:30 PM Mass came with their tools and equipment to thoroughly clean and remove any remaining debris from the parking lot and around the church and parish center. They even found the time and energy to trim some plants and trees. Those volunteers were: Ruben Garcia, Ruben Ramirez, Erick Ramirez, Antonio Ruiz, Jorge Ruiz. They all were led by Manuel Ruiz. I am humbled and encouraged by their generosity and love for St. Cletus. Please say some prayers for them.

Finally, I thank and celebrate everyone for their work, dedication, generosity, and creativity.

May the Lord who knows our works and thoughts allow us to collaborate with Him as we grow in friendship with Him and one another.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor



Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday: St. Bartholomew

Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz

Saturday: St. Monica

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I know what God commands?

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Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

Dear Father Romero,

On behalf of Archbishop Emmanuel Obbo, I am writing to thank you having the Archdiocese of Tororo make an appeal in your parish during the weekend of July 30-31, 2022. Our representative, Rev. Michael Oluka, spoke very warmly about the generosity and hospitality of your parish, especially during this difficult time of COVID-19. We thank you and your parishioners for your financial and spiritual support for our missionary work. Your sacrifices and contributions enable the Church in Uganda to bring Jesus to our people, by meeting some of their spiritual and material needs. We are also grateful for your hospitality to our representative, that of the staff, ministers, volunteers and parishioners, and you personally. Father Michael reported of the generosity of the families that provided dinner, the girl scouts that provided snacks for the reception, the music director who provided some Ugandan music. Such a reception makes us realize the universality of the Catholic Church, since even when we are thousands of miles away from home, we feel at home among brothers and sisters in the faith. Finally, let me thank you for your personal efforts towards the success of this mission appeal. Father Michael reported that you personally encouraged the parishioners to support the missions, particularly our appeal. Our experience shows that the success of the Missionary Cooperative

Plan depends very much on the pastor's efforts and encouragement. You and your parishioners have an open invitation to come and visit us in the Archdiocese of Tororo, not only so that we can return your hospitality, but also so that you can see the work we do and the great difference your support makes in the lives of many people in Uganda. Please continue to pray for our mission work as we do the same for your ministry.

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

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Note From Father Novick

Discipline? – AGAIN?

Most people will tell me (and I would say the same thing) that they really disliked being disciplined when they were caught doing something wrong, or even suspected or associated with someone who was caught. Many have been in school when someone is caught in the act of misbehaving and the WHOLE class paid for it. Maybe the class had to stay after school for an extra 10 minutes, while the one who misbehaved had to stay after in silence for a good hour writing on the chalkboard numbers of times. Those never felt fair, did they? Those of us who played organized sports have been disciplined for the actions of one teammate too. Either we had to do extra running, or there was some other way to teach that “there is no ‘I’ in team.” When we are told in the second reading this weekend from the Letter to the Hebrews that “At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain,” we all know the author was completely in tune with human nature. I would dare to say that anyone who would say they liked to be disciplined would be a masochist – a glutton for punishment and enjoying it. More so, they are likely lying if they were to say that to you.

If you were ever “grounded” because you were in trouble at home – no TV, no radio, no phoning friends – and given that most people in my day didn’t have even video games, today I’m sure someone would accuse the parents of abuse (sadly). Most of us were more afraid of making dad angry because of getting spanked. Times have certainly changed.

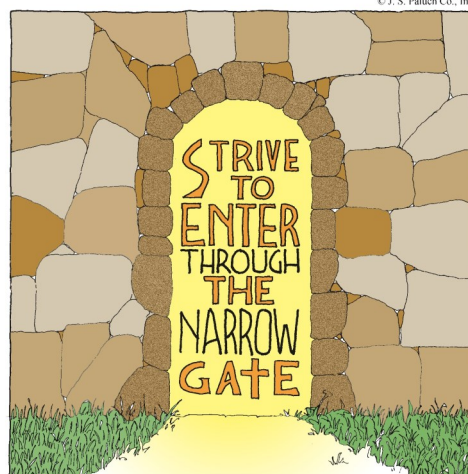
Think about the Act of Contrition that many people learned growing up. In it, they would pray “My God, I am sorry for having offended thee **because I fear the loss of Heaven** and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend thee my God who are all good and deserving of all my love.” Even in that Act of Contrition, there was a fear, but it was a healthy fear of being punished for sinning. While the Act of Contrition concentrates a little bit more on God’s unfathomable mercy and less on fear, maybe the Church went a little bit more to the “God is going to forgive you regardless of what you do while on earth” philosophy. There doesn’t seem to be any sort of “consequence” for sinning. “My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.” Now children have been good about memorizing it, but look at it again. There is no “consequence.” It might just be a reason less and less people make time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as it is. If there is no consequence, then where is our hope? Why should we hope? There’s no reason if God is DEFINITELY going to take us home to Heaven.

Now, don’t get me wrong. God is indeed all-good all the time, and, all the time, God is GOOD. However, if the world continues in its current trajectory regarding sin and a lack in consequences, how much worse could we see? Discipline may not seem to be a cause for joy, but “later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.” I know of many situations in my own life when I had to be deservedly disciplined. Learning obedience is SO important, but people (particularly children) seem to have less and less regard for authority. If we are going to progress as human beings, discipline MUST be a piece to the puzzle. It still feels like no one is actually responsible for their actions. Yet, I am going to live as if my soul depends upon God’s MERCY knowing that I am a sinner like everyone else in history (except Jesus and the Blessed Mother, ever-Virgin Mary).

Please consider and pray especially as another school year is about to begin. As Jesus tells us in the gospel this weekend “Seek to enter through the narrow gate.”

Peace,

Fr. Mike



Religious Education and Save the Date

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Don't forget to register for Religious Education Classes!

The St. Cletus Religious Education Program has programs to fit the needs of each parish family. Our **Early Childhood Program** provides beginning religious instruction to children ages 3-5.

Songs, crafts and stories are used to instill a sense of community and introduce these young members of our parish to Jesus' word. For families with children in public schools, we have **Traditional Religious Education Classes** and **sacramental preparation** for children in 1st – 8th Grade, where the children have an encounter with Jesus through scripture, service experiences, interactive activities and games, and classroom experiences. These classes occur on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the academic year. We also offer a special needs program that meets on Sundays from 9:30-10:30

Please take the time to complete the registration forms to register your children for RE classes for the 2022-2023 academic year! **The registration deadline is fast approaching! Please be sure to register asap to get the class date/time that is best for your family.** Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re, or in the Parish Center and Religious Education Office. **Please take the time to register today!**

To get priority placement, please consider volunteering your time and talents in one of the following ways:

- **As a Catechist** – Catechists receive weekly lesson plans and all resource materials to conduct an interactive lesson.
- **As a Classroom Aide** – Aides assist the Catechist weekly in the classroom
- **As an Office Volunteer during class time** – Office Volunteers assume responsibility weekly for assisting with the operations during RE classes
- **As a member of our Religious Education Advisory Board** – Board Members meet monthly with the Director of Religious Education and the Pastor to provide input and feedback on the Religious Education program, and to assist in the implementation of various programs.
- **As a Substitute Teacher** – subs are sometimes needed to cover for a Catechist who cannot attend one of our scheduled classes.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Cletus Parish
Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

WHY PRAY?

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIAL GATHERING AFTER THE REFLECTION.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



Special Guest Speaker:
REV. JOHN G. LODGE, S.S.L., S.T.D.

Professor Emeritus in the Department of
Biblical Studies and Homiletics
University of St. Mary of the Lake

M.Div., S.T.L., University of St. Mary of the Lake; M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; S.S.L., Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome; S.T.D., Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome; Author of Reading Romans 9-11: A Reader Response Analysis (Scholars, 1997); Professor at Quigley Preparatory South 1976-1978; V.P. and Academic Dean, 1984-1988, 1997-2003; Ecclesiastical President, 2003 - Adjunct Professor, Gregorian University, Rome, 1992-1993. Member of the Catholic Biblical Association, Catholic Theological Society of America, American Academy of Religions / Society for Biblical Literature, contributor to Biblica, Bible Today, and Chicago Studies.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT BY USING SIGN-UP GENIUS
WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-WHYPRAY

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School News

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Last Sunday we hosted a “Back to School Bash” in anticipation of our new school year! Thank you to everyone who came out and made the event such a success! Thank you to our FSA and the Father’s Club for sponsoring the event and to AEJ Party Rentals for donating the use of their bounce houses! So many student and parent volunteers helped make this event run as smoothly as possible! We appreciate you so much! Along with the bounce houses our students enjoyed yummy treats and fun crafts and games! We are READY to get this school year started!



RAVINIA NIGHT AUGUST 27TH 7-10PM



St. Cletus School RAVINIA NIGHT

This event is BYOE(Bring your own everything) This include chairs, drinks, snacks etc. Come out for an evening of great music and great company with your friends and families! *21+ only*

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 27TH
7-10PM**

Tickets are \$10 Presale and \$15 at the door.

WELCOMING BACK OUR TEACHERS

We were so excited to welcome back our teachers last week! Their week began by gathering together for mass which included a special blessing from Father Elmer. Following mass they enjoyed a delicious breakfast provided by our FSA! They have been busy all week preparing for the return of our students this coming week!



Name

of tickets

Please make checks payable to St. Cletus FSA

Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- School Supplies
- Soup
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Rice in 2 or 3 pounds
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored Rice or Noodles
- Boxed Potatoes



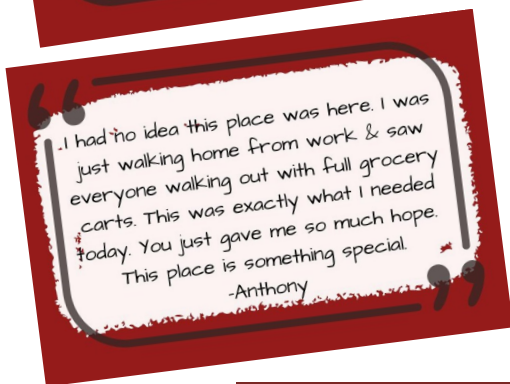
Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.

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

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

What are people saying? Here is a taste of what we are hearing about the new space:




**St. Cletus Food Pantry
Blessing & Open House**

**Sunday, September 25
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**




We recently said "see you soon" to Ava & Connor as they head off to college! Both have been integral parts of the pantry the past few years. They've served weekly as the first point of contact for most customers, in all sorts of weather, checking in and registering people in our online database. We know they'll do great things in their next steps. Congratulations!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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



FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
23 de agosto, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
21 de agosto, 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.

CLASES DE FORMACIÓN

Se ofrecerán clases para todos los ministros de Eucaristía los viernes 19 y 26 de agosto, 2022 de 7-9 p.m. Si usted actualmente ya es Ministro de Eucaristía deberá de tomar estas clases de formación para su certificación. Si a usted le gustaría ser Ministro de Eucaristía lo animamos a participar en estas clases de formación. Para mayor información, favor de hablar con Juanita Avila directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.



FORMATION CLASSES

Eucharistic Ministers classes will be offered Friday, August 19 and Friday, August 26, 2022 from 7–9 p.m. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister you will be required to take these formation classes for your certification. If you would like to be a Eucharist Minister, we encourage you to participate in these formation classes. For more information, please speak to Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry, at 708-215-5441.

CLASES DE CAPACITACIÓN PARA LECTORES



Estaremos ofreciendo clases de capacitación para todos los lectores actuales. Estas clases son obligatorias para los lectores y serán facilitadas por el Sr. Javier Castillo de la oficina de Formación de Fe de por Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Gallagher los días viernes 16 y 23 de septiembre, 2022 de 7:00 a 9:00 pm. Estas clases también están abiertas para aquellos interesados en unirse a este ministerio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

TRAINING CLASSES FOR LECTORS

We will be offering a mandatory training classes for all current lectors. These classes will be facilitated by Mr. Javier Castillo from the office of Lifelong Faith Formation of the Archdioceses of Chicago. Classes will be held in the Gallagher Room on Friday, September 16 and Friday, September 23, 2022. These classes are also open to those interested in joining this ministry. For more information, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441

Music Ministry

Thank you to all who have already donated towards our new hymnals. To help defray the cost we have suggested that you donate one or more hymnals either in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life. A bookplate will be placed in each hymnal indicating this information. We ask that you please complete the form below and return it with your donation prior to September 20th.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday afternoon, October 2nd at 4 p.m. the Music Ministry will host “Gather 4 and Much More, with Steve Janco”. Steven Janco is Associate Professor and Director of the Program for Music and Liturgy at Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. He will be introducing us to the mass setting “Mass of Angels and Saints” which he composed and we will be singing at masses beginning in October. ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to attend! More information will be published closer to the date.

CHOIR SEASON STARTING SOON!

Many of you have been very complimentary regarding the music ministry here at St. Cletus. Like all ministries, we are always looking for new members! September is just around the corner and with it comes a new CHOIR SEASON! So, if you’ve considered joining us, now is the time to jump in and get started!

CHANCEL CHOIR...

First rehearsal will be Thursday, September 8th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Typically our rehearsals go from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. each Thursday, but this first one will include refreshments and a meet and greet for new members and returning “seasoned” members! This choir regularly sings at the 10:30 a.m. mass each Sunday, but occasionally moves to the 8:45 a.m. mass to allow the Youth Choir to minister at 10:30 a.m. Family Mass. Chancel Choir is also the go-to choir for special celebrations including Thanksgiving, Midnight mass Christmas Eve and The Triduum/Easter Vigil.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR...

Sings at the 5:00 p.m. mass, approximately twice a month and rehearses at 4:00 p.m. the same day.

YOUTH CHOIRS...

Youth Choirs will begin rehearsing as follows: the week of September 26th with 5th through 8th Grade meeting for one hour on Monday’s at 4:00 p.m. and 3rd through 4th Grade meeting for one hour beginning on Thursday, September 15th, at 5:00 p.m. These choirs are scheduled to sing at varying weekend masses. A schedule is published in late August. See the parish website for more information and registration forms. <https://stcletusparish.com/ministries/worship/music/>

Questions? Please give me a call: Karen Ziemba, Direct of Music Ministries, 708-215-5423 or kziemba@stcletusparish.com



GATHER FOURTH EDITION DONATION FORM

Please be sure to print legibly. Please place this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked “Hymnals”. It may be placed in the weekend collection basket or returned to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Donor’s name (as you would like it to appear on the bookplate): _____

Donor’s address: _____ Envelope number: _____

Donor’s email address: _____ Donor’s telephone number: _____

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Number of books being donated @ \$25 each: _____ x \$25 = _____

Check should be payable to: St. Cletus Parish Please indicate “Hymnals” on the memo line.

() Check here if you wish this to be an anonymous donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated; please attach to this form any additional donation information

Ministry News

RCIA

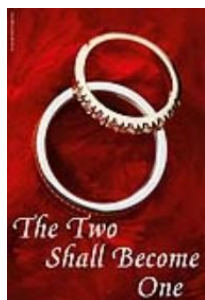
We would love to have you in our Catholic family. If you are an adult and you are thinking about becoming Catholic, RCIA sessions will be starting in September. We will be conducting a collaborative process with St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross, with some sessions being conducted here and some at those two parishes. New Catholics will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton. (If you only need confirmation, please contact Tina also. We are trying to determine if there is interest in an adult confirmation process.)



KAIROS

High school juniors and seniors: Save the dates of September 29-October 2 for Kairos 39! The retreat will be at Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien and students from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes will also be participating. More information is coming! Registration for Kairos 39 is open. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up right away <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/K39>

IN PERSON PRE-CANA RETURNS!



We will be offering an in-person pre-Cana session, required for marriages in the Archdiocese of Chicago, on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30-4:30 in the Gallagher Room. This will be facilitated by parishioners Henry and Kathy Morlock, who facilitated our programs before the pandemic and who have done online pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese since then. Pre-Cana allows couples to learn and reflect on the meaning of a Catholic marriage and apply the teachings of the church to their own lives. Please join us if you plan to be married after October 29! A contribution of \$100 will include the workbook, coffee and snacks during the day. We hope you will join us for the 5 p.m. mass afterwards. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, in the Parish Office.

ST. CLETUS CREDO AND FR. ELMER INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON A FALL PILGRIMAGE!

The St. Cletus Continuing Religious Education Opportunities Committee (CREDO) and Father Elmer have collaborated to plan a day trip to Mundelein Seminary! We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer and some of his friends and former colleagues.

Date: October 22nd, 2022

Time: Bus leaves at 8am sharp, returns at around 5pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Where: Mundelein Seminary, with special tour guide and speaker arranged by our Pastor!

The day will include a special, expanded tour led by Dr. Paul Hilliard Ph.D., Chairperson of the Department of Church History, and a talk and reflection led by Rev. Brendan Lupton, President of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology, mass celebrated by Father Elmer, lunch, and time to explore the grounds and shop in the bookstore. The day will include approximately a mile of walking on the tour and between buildings, standing, and some stairs. If you are not able to walk that far, you may drop out of the tour for private reflection in the chapel.

The cost for the trip covers lunch, deluxe bus (not a school bus), tip for the bus driver, and stipends for speakers. The majority of the cost is for the bus and gas.

Registrations will be after all masses on August 27th/28th and September 3rd/4th. CREDO is co-hosting parish hospitality the last weekend of August, so registration that weekend will be in the parish center, and in the narthex on the following weekend. Due to the bus capacity, registration is capped at 50 people. Make checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.

We hope you can join us for a day with Father Elmer! Please fill out this form when you register:

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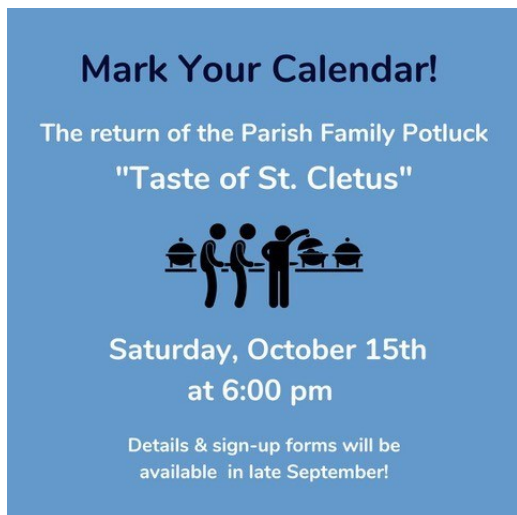


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THANK YOU FROM FATHER KEN

Dear St. Cletus Friends...

I just wanted to thank everyone who was responsible for the lovely farewell dinner gathering and entertainment for me and Fr. Dan at the end of June. It was delightful, and so nice to be with you all again. So many people have wondered where I have landed. Well, I am happy to tell you that I am a part-time chaplain at Franciscan Village in Lemont. It is a beautiful community and I am so happy to be there. Please let us continue to pray for one another!

Sending you blessings and much love,

Fr. Ken

If you'd like to stay in touch with me, here is my contact info:

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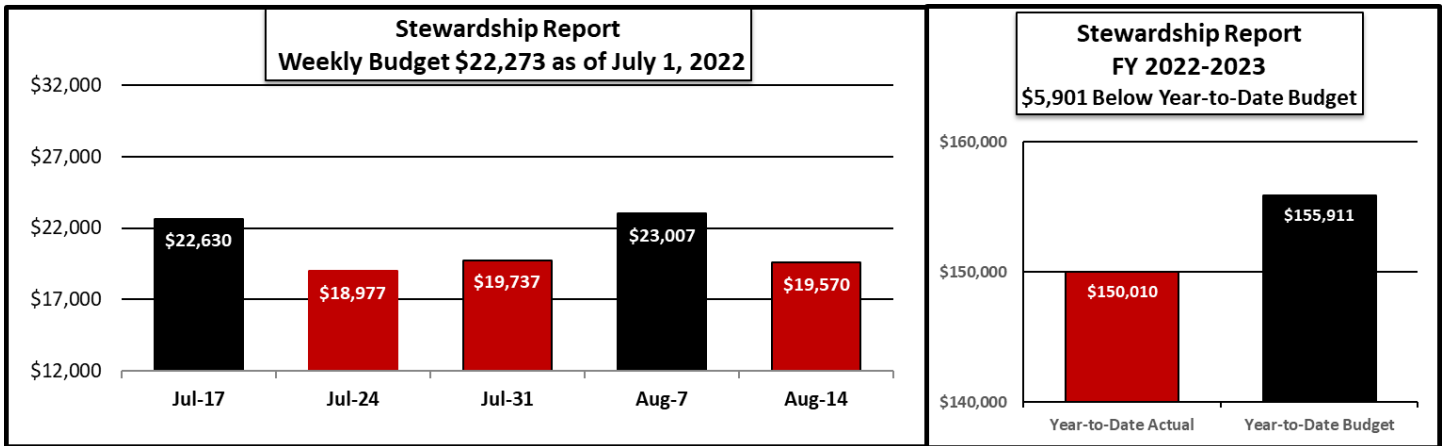
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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 21			
Monday, August 22	8am	Parish School	First Day of School
Tuesday, August 23	7-8pm	Church	Hispanic Holy Hour
Wednesday, August 24	1-1:45	Church	Living Rosary and Prayers
Thursday, August 25	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, August 26	6-9pm	Gallagher Room	Eucharistic Ministers Training
Saturday, August 27	7am-4pm 8:30-9:15 6-7pm 7-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room School Courtyard	CPR Training for gushers Confessions Hospitality Ravinia Night
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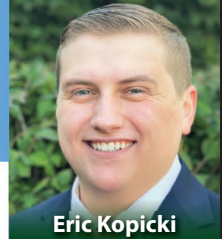
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