



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
— PSALM 27:1



LET'S "LENT TOGETHER"

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday)
8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8

School Stations of the Cross
Mar. 18, 24, Apr. 1, 8, 14 - 2:30 p.m.

Family Mass
Sunday, March 20 - 10:30 p.m.

Taizé Prayer
Monday, March 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Parish Evening of Reflection
Thursday, March 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker - Fr. Tony Pizzo

Communal Reconciliation Service
Saturday, April 2 - 10:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
Monday, April 4 - 7:00 p.m. St. Cletus

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday, April 10
Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale
Please return your CRS Rice Bowl



LENT

2022

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for March 14 - 20, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
March 14	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Elizabeth O'Malley, George Pesut
March 16	8:00am	Fr. Costello	BC Collins
March 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	George Coyle, Patricia McKillip, Patti Bentley, Patricia D. Long, Special Intention—Mary Kay and Frank Rios Wedding Anniversary
March 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 19	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Harry & Joan Brown, Dan Klepczarek
March 20	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Richard Gomez, Mary Dybas, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Samuel Colonna, Moore Family, William Frey
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Willam Garske, Wickstron Family, Kevin Franzen, Maria Rovito, Michail Mlot, Agnes Mlot, Marshall A. Mlot, Eleanor Mary Mlot, Katherine Anne Mlot, Loretta Johncola, Joseph Johncola, Anthony and Anna Grochocki, George and Carol Grochocki, Leroy and Elaine Grochocki, Peter Mlot, Sylvester Mlot, Leonard Mlot, Dolores Mlot
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

George Herts
Husband of Diane

Gerald J. Dudek
Father of Ann Dudek

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.

March - Dan Keller

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

January - Larry Anders, Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14-years-old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Health concerns and "doctor's orders" should always take precedence over the practices of fast and abstinence. Fast and abstinence should never jeopardize one's physical health.

Marriage Banns



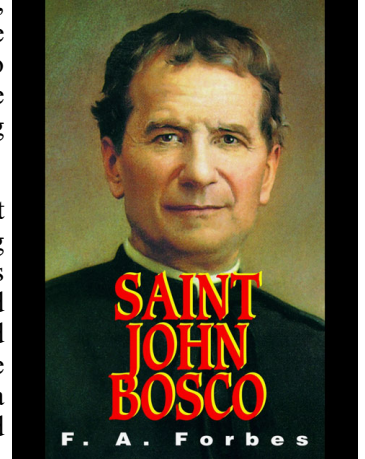
Violeta Miguel and Gaurav Mishra

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

Back in 1995, my Spiritual Director advised me to read a book about the life of St. John Bosco. He was born in 1815, Italy. As I read the book, I remember being animated by the way John Bosco allowed God to shape his life. He let God be God in his life since he was a child. He understood that God wanted him to help others, especially the youth. Most of them were homeless, poor and orphans. John Bosco became their friends and started to take care of them when he was still a teenager. Then, he went to the seminary and was ordained a priest. As a priest he completely dedicated his life to the poor, to the most forgotten, and to the unwanted, which happened to be mostly young people.

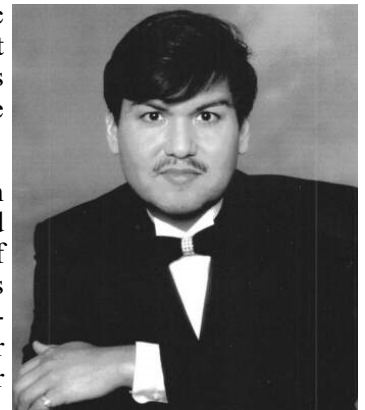
Inspired by the Holy Spirit, for Lent I am rereading that same book. The first time I read it in Spanish. This time I am reading it in English. I am enjoying reading it. I am becoming aware of new details such as the profound influence the mother of John Bosco had in his life, vocation, and priesthood. She (Margaret) was his first mentor and teacher, who helped him to discover and accept his calling to the priesthood. Margaret had a strong faith and believed in God wholeheartedly. She would gently teach and remind John with the following words, "God always sees you. Let us thank God who is good to us. He is truly a father. God sees our most secret thoughts." With these simple and yet profound admonitions Margaret raised her son and helped him to become a saint, St. John Bosco.



I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and wholeheartedly thank Olga Montalvo for being part of and then leading our Spanish Choir for the past 30 years. She is a woman of faith. She loves God. She loves St. Cletus Parish and its parishioners. As a good person and as a good leader, she wants someone else to step up and take the leadership role for our Spanish Choir. I admire and respect her insight and her prayers in finding another person that can lead our 12:30 PM Spanish Mass choir.

I am happy to announce that as of today (03/13), Luis Galvez will be our new Music Director for our 12:30 PM Sunday Mass. Currently he serves as the Director of Music at Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish in Westchester, IL which is located only 5 miles away from us. Their last Sunday Mass is at 10:00 AM which gives Luis plenty of time to be with us every Sunday at our 12:30 PM Mass.

Luis Galvez is the founder and Executive Director of the North Shore Opera Hour. He is on the Voice Faculty at Old Town School at Columbia College and is a well-known Piano and Voice instructor in the Chicago land area. He is a graduate of The Chicago College of Performing Arts and completed the Chicago series in Liturgical Music at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. He most recently completed certified training in the Neuro-Vocal Method for Cotemporary Commercial Singing. We are blessed to have Luis as our new Spanish Mass Music Director. With joy and gratitude, let us welcome him into our parish community.



Margaret Bosco with her witness, prayer, faith in God, and tender love gave the Catholic Church a saint, St. John Bosco. St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians invites us to be imitators of him. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes us up the mountain to pray.

As we continue to journey with Jesus during this season of lent, let us be reminded of how God connects us with witnesses that lead us to His Son, Jesus.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Sunday Notes

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins
- Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Thursday: St. Patrick
- Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NOTE FROM FR. DAN

Lent is a season that calls us:

- to fast from discontent and to feast on gratitude;
- to fast from anger and to feast on patience;
- to fast from bitterness and to feast on forgiveness;
- to fast from self-concern and to feast on compassion;
- to fast from discouragement and to feast on hope;
- to fast from laziness and to feast on commitment;
- to fast from complaining and to feast on acceptance;
- to fast from lust and to feast on respect;
- to fast from prejudice and to feast on understanding;
- to fast from resentment and to feast on reconciliation;
- to fast from lies and to feast on the truth;
- to fast from wasted time and to feast on honest work;
- to fast from grimness and to feast on joy;
- to fast from suspicion and to feast on trust;
- to fast from idle talk and to feast on prayer and silence;
- to fast from guilt and to feast on the mercy of God.

(Based on a version often attributed to William Arthur Ward)

Hispanic Ministry

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
13 de marzo, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en Español	Iglesia
15 de marzo, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia



Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00 PM – 5:00 AM	Adoración Nocturna	Iglesia
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Sábados	8:30AM	Confesiones	Iglesia
Viernes	7:00PM	Vía Crucis (Bilingüe Inglés/español)	Iglesia

St. Cletus School

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CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS

Kindergarten celebrated Dr. Seuss this week with special Seuss centers all week long. The children sorted goldfish by color, learned a new Seuss song, marked wacky things on the smartboard, had a wacky guest read to them and much more! The week ended with a Dr. Seuss snack mix. Another fun week in kindergarten!



LENTEN ALTAR

We have set up a Lenten altar for our school community near the school main entrance. Students will have an opportunity to spend time contemplating the meaning of Lent by placing special Lenten prayers on the altar.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"We adore you O Christ and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Our 8th graders put together a moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross this afternoon for our students. They put so much work into it and it was beautiful to see.



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

WHEN: Saturday, April 2 | 6-11pm
WHERE: St. Cletus Parish Center

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



Social Concerns Ministry



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

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

You may have seen some movement, or heard some rumors, it's official...WE ARE ON THE MOVE!

We are so thrilled for these next steps for the pantry. Don't worry, we aren't going far, just across the way to what has been known as Room 98 in the Education Building (formerly the Kindergarten classroom).

This space has some great benefits for our community of volunteers and clients. Most importantly, it is on the ground floor! For the first time in our long history, no one will need to navigate stairs! This will make the pantry accessible to all.

A special thanks to Fr. Elmer for helping this dream become a reality. To the St. Cletus school teachers and staff as well as our Religious Education program for shifting space to accommodate this move. To our maintenance department that has been helping plan and prepare for the transformation of the space. And to all of our volunteers and donors who make this work possible. We could not do it without you!

We can't wait to share more updates with you in the weeks to come! Stay tuned!



LENTEN OUTREACH

Perseverance to Succeed—Raul and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome those obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion clinics. If you are interested in signing up and participating locally, you can do so here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/downersgrove>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Pope Francis Denounces Domestic Violence - Pope Francis has spoken on domestic violence multiple times since the beginning of the pandemic. He has repeatedly called on society to protect vulnerable women, singling out victims in his prayers. In February, 2021, he released a video calling attention to DV and its many manifestations. (Pope Francis' video) On Easter Monday 2021, when many countries were imposing lockdowns, Francis spoke in support of victims saying, "Many mothers and sisters and grandmothers who are confined to their homes . . . are at risk of enduring violence." Francis marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25, 2021, by writing, "The various forms of ill-treatment that many women suffer are acts of cowardice and degradation of all humanity. We must not look the other way . . . The number of women who are beaten, abused in their homes, even by their husbands, is very, very high . . . The problem is that . . . it is taking advantage of the weakness of those who cannot defend themselves. It is humiliating, very humiliating." In his Christmas message in 2021, he called on people to be supportive and helpful to "women who have suffered domestic violence during these months of lockdown." In his 2022 New Year's address, Francis stated, "Since mothers bestow life . . . let us all make greater efforts to promote mothers and to protect women. How much violence is directed against women! Enough! To hurt a woman is to insult God, who from a woman took on our humanity. He did not do it through an angel; nor did he come directly; he did it through a woman. At the beginning of the New Year, let us place ourselves under the protection of this woman, the Mother of God, who is also our mother." According to UN Women, the United Nations organization dedicated to empowering women and gender equality, almost one in three women – an estimated 736 million around the world – have been subjected to physical violence from a partner or sexual violence from someone else at least once. Last month, the organization issued a report suggesting that domestic violence had intensified during the pandemic. New York Times, December 20, 2021. *This article was taken from the Winter 2022 edition of the ACDVO Newsletter*

Religious Education

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation with specific liturgical rites for those who wish to become Catholic or complete the sacraments of initiation. Adults, teens and children who have not been baptized and desire to join the Catholic Church are invited into the ancient celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Those to be baptized are called Catechumens. We also welcome adults and older children who were baptized into another Christian faith and wish to be received into the Catholic faith, and those adults and older children who were baptized Catholic, and wish to complete the sacraments of initiation (called Candidates).



We are blessed at St. Cletus to have 29 people on this RCIA journey this year. Ten are Catechumens (those to receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil), and nineteen candidates (to be received into the Church, and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil). The RCIA teams (one for Adults and one for Teens and Children) have been meeting with these Catechumens and Candidates weekly since early October. We have been studying the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church, and we pray about where God is leading all of us.

This past Sunday, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we celebrated the Rite of Election with our parish community. This special Rite recognizes all who are on this journey, and the Catechumens formally request baptism, which is received with great joy by the Church. They record their names in the Book of the Elect, and they are now called the Elect. We also recognize with joy the commitment of our Candidates to complete the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. The photograph depicts our twenty-seven Elect and Candidates, along with their godparents, sponsors and parents.

During Lent, the elect prepare even more intently for the Easter Vigil, where they will receive their sacraments. At various upcoming Sunday masses, there are additional ceremonies our parishioners may experience, such as the scrutinies. If you are at one of these masses, you may notice that the readings differ from the listed readings of the day. Don't worry – that is supposed to happen!

At the Easter Vigil mass, the ten elect are welcomed into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. At this mass we will also include the reception into full communion with the Church two members of other faith traditions. They will make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first

time. Our nineteen candidates will also complete the sacraments of initiation, which include Confirmation and Eucharist.

RCIA is a great blessing to all of us, not just to those being initiated and received. It reminds us that we are all called to conversion on a daily basis. It enables us to witness to the faith of our new brothers and sisters in Christ. It calls on us to reaffirm our faith and commitment to Jesus.

What are some blessings you can offer to those in RCIA?

Pray for them! They need to be strengthened and upheld by the prayers of our St. Cletus community.

Introduce yourself to the elect and candidates. We are about to welcome them into the great family of the Catholic Church, and the smaller family of our parish. Make sure they feel the warmth of our genuine joy to have them join us at the table of our Lord.

If you have never done so, plan to attend the Easter Vigil Mass this year. In addition to providing a welcoming presence for those who are coming into the Church, I think you will find it is truly the most beautiful liturgy our Church celebrates. From the lighting of new fire, to the first proclamation of the Gloria since Lent began, to the profound message of our salvation history, it is just like no other mass you will attend.

At masses on March 19 and 20, we will have paper doves hanging from a tree in the narthex. Each dove will have the name of one of our Elect or Candidates. Please take a paper dove from the tree and bring it home and put it in a prominent place in your home (such as your kitchen refrigerator) to remind you to pray for them as they complete their journey to the Easter Vigil mass. Then join us at the Easter Vigil to receive and celebrate our 29 newly initiated and received Catholics!

OTHER IMPORTANT RE HAPPENINGS:



Our **Special Needs Adaptive Confirmation group** will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Kevin Birmingham on Saturday, March 19th at 10 a.m. in the Church. These teens have been faithfully preparing for this sacrament for the past three years, and are excited to celebrate this spirit-filled sacrament with their families, teachers, Sponsors and Bishop. We are so proud of them!



Our **First Communion Parent Meeting** will take place on Monday, March 14th at 7 p.m. in Morrissey Hall in the Education Building. This meeting is intended for parents only. The meeting will go over upcoming details about this sacramental celebration, and discuss how you will choose your child's First Communion Mass date and time.

Ministry News



1st Annual Fish Fry
Friday, March 18
St. Cletus Parish Center

SAINT CLETUS FATHER'S CLUB

TICKET PRICES:
(CASH ONLY)

Adults: \$15 in advance/ \$20 at the door
Kids (12 & under): \$10 in advance/ \$10 at the door
(Sold after masses on the weekends of March 5-6 and 12-13!)

MENU:

Adults: Fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, salad, dessert and drink (non-alcoholic)
Kids (12 & under): Fried fish or chicken tenders, french fries, mac-n-cheese, cole slaw, salad, dessert and drink (non-alcoholic)
Tickets sold for Beer & Wine (cash only)

SEATINGS:

4:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM

We'll also hold a Split-the-Pot Raffle (cash only) to benefit St. Cletus Parish & School

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS



Even today, mothers are suffering the pain of their children's deaths due to violence.

Join us on Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in church as we pray the Stations of the Cross from Mary's point of view.

THE ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BAKE SALE IS BACK THIS YEAR!



All parishioners are welcome to stop by the Parish Center to purchase some sweet treats on Palm Sunday, April 10th from 7:30am to 1:00pm.

A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to funding our parish sound system and the CCW scholarship fund.

The Council would appreciate your donation of baked goods for the event. Drop off times are Saturday, April 9th from 4-7pm and Sunday, April 10th from 7:00-10:00am. Please bring donated bakery to the Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. Thanks for participating in this fundraising effort by baking, buying or both!

SCCCW GATHERING 3/16



The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invite you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with CCW.

Wednesday, March 16th
7:00 p.m. in the Church

Guest entertainment is Kathleen O'Brien Dietz who will grace us with a variety of songs reflecting Irish faith and heritage. We will also have a short meeting.

Kathleen O'Brien Dietz is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelors in Voice Performance, Kathleen was a member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus from 1991 to 2016, recording and performing for the world's greatest conductors. Kathleen has also enjoyed her roles as lead vocalist for Chicago's premier high society bands, the Larry King Orchestra and Opal Staples Orchestra. When not at church, you'll find Kat immersed in her love for watercolor painting. She resides in Clarendon Hills with her sportswriter husband John and their Indiana Hoosier son Connor.

Ministry News

COME JOIN US FOR COFFEE!



Please join us for Coffee and... in the Gallagher Center on the third Wednesday of the month following the 8:00 a.m. morning mass. We will be serving coffee and cookies and conversation for anyone who wants to attend (you don't have to attend mass to come, but why not?). Stay as long as you like and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Our next gathering will be March 16.

Quote from a parishioner:

It is a lovely way to start your third Wednesday. I have enjoyed informal conversations with Father Elmer, Father Dan, and occasionally the school principal and Director of Music as well as meeting people that I recognized from Mass, but had not met. Please join us for a quick visit before you get on with your day!

Judy Kennedy

BOOK DISCUSSION

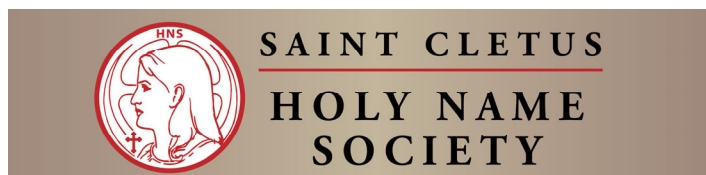


For the next book discussion, we are reading **What Alice Forgot** by Liane Moriarty. We will meet on April 12, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Please note, this is our new meeting time. For those who like to look ahead... June 14, **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles.

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



SAINT CLETUS
HOLY NAME
SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society is having the yearly pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10, after a 2 year break because of COVID. Please plan on attending before and after at each Mass (7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). Final seating is 12:00 p.m. We will be pre-selling tickets after all Masses on March 26/27 and April 2/3.

Any questions call Rod Bradford 708-370-9001.

SAVE THE DATE! VBS IS BACK!



We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Monumental VBS to be held on June 13-17, 2022. Please see the parish website for more details and the registration forms!

LIVING ROSARY

Praying for Peace in Ukraine



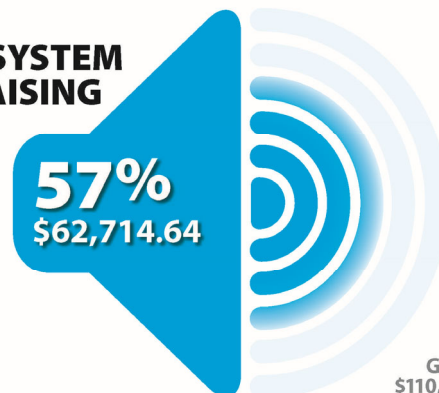
The power of prayer is one of the best gifts we can give to the people of Ukraine. At Fatima, Mary asked us all to pray the rosary for peace and Ukraine is a perfect place to start. Rather than have everyone gather in person, the Living Rosary is

hosting two pray-from-home rosaries every Monday at 2 pm and 7 pm for peace in Ukraine. This way families can pray together at night or people can join in after work. Mary will hear our prayers together and our "mystical rosary" will bring our hopes and worries to the Lord. No need to signup or register, just know that others are praying with you at the same time from their homes.

If you have questions, call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338. Or come to church on Wednesdays at 1:00 and join us in person to pray the Rosary for our intentions.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

SOUND SYSTEM FUND RAISING STATUS



Goal:
\$110,000.00

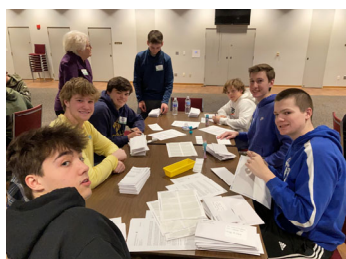
Youth Ministry News

TEENS SERVING OTHERS



Last Friday, the teens in LTHS had a day off from school. Twenty students from St. Cletus Parish and St. John of the Cross Parish chose to spend that day off serving others by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children. We began our day with mass and a continental breakfast, and then headed off with our Adult Volunteers to pack meals for children in Afghanistan. We had a great time, and packed almost 13,000 meals along with three other volunteer groups. That is enough food to feed 35 children in Afghanistan for a year. We are very proud of our teens who so graciously gave of their time and talent to serve others!

Last Sunday, over 50 teens from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross gathered at our All Teen night. We shared a meal of Chick-Fil-A and then learned about Kolbe House jail ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We watched a short film on Deacon Pablo Perez and his work at this important ministry, and we had a zoom call with one of the directors at Kolbe House. Our teens all worked hard on getting a mailing out to 600 inmates of Cook County jail. This mailing allows them to complete a survey and provide feedback for the upcoming Synod on Synodality. This is a special gathering of the Church leaders that will be guided by the Spirit, and allow our Holy Father to read the signs of the times through direct feedback from Catholics all over the world. We are truly grateful for all of our teens who came and learned more about this important ministry, and who worked hard at this Corporal Work of Mercy to connect with those who are imprisoned.




MARCH MADNESS - CHURCH LEAGUE PLAYOFFS!

We are so proud of our St. Cletus teams who finished their regular seasons strong, and headed into the playoffs last weekend with a passion to win! Our Senior team had a first round bye due to being one of the top four seeded teams in their division. Our Junior team played strong to win both of their playoff games, winning over the fifth seeded team in their division! We are excited to cheer them on in the next round of playoff games – the Sweet 16! Our Freshman/Sophomore team played great to win the first round playoff game, and fought hard in the next game against the number one seeded team in their division. They did lose to the number one seed, but they played exceptionally well and with tremendous heart and sportsmanship. We are so proud of all of our young men who represented St. Cletus Parish this season, and we are truly grateful to the amazing coaches who exemplified and modeled good sportsmanship and faith to our teens: James Komsthoft, Kathryn Derat, Gonzalo Ruiz, Barb Cramer, Megan Magee, and Michael Grace.



KAIROS UPDATE

 This weekend twenty-four teens and adults are on the Kairos 38 retreat. We ask you to pray for them all as they have the opportunity to have an encounter with Jesus this weekend, and strengthen their faith.

Save the date: Kairos 39 for Juniors and Seniors will occur on September 29-October 2, 2022!

Community News

NOTE FROM FR. KEN BAKER

My Dear St. Cletus Family...

Thank you so much for your support, kindness, and thoughtfulness throughout my time at St. Cletus, and most especially for your generosity as I am departing our parish family. I take with me many wonderful memories which I will always treasure. As I am in my transition, please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as you will be in mine. Hopefully we will see one another soon.

If you would like to stay in touch, my new email is 2kj.baker@gmail.com

Also, in the future I may have the occasion to sing somewhere or present a *Ken Baker & Friends* concert. If you'd like to be notified, please visit www.kenbakersings.com and add your name to my email list.

May God Bless You Always.

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Fr. Ken

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Mark your calendars for 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!

BETHLEHEM ARTS



March 12 & 13 we will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and COVID-19 results in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord. Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all the weekend Masses in the Narthex.

ARTES DE BELEN 12 Y 13 DE MARZO



Representantes de la Comunidad Cristiana Católica de Jerusalén y Belén, de Tierra Santa, están aquí para vender sus artículos de madera elaborados a mano. Dicha comunidad depende principalmente de la artesanía religiosa talladas en madera y el turismo. Debido a los conflictos políticos y la falta de turismo muchos de los cristianos se ven obligados a abandonar Tierra Santa. Con la venta de estos artículos religiosos usted ayudará a que sobrevivan y mantengan su comunidad viva. Que sea un reflejo de nuestra fe y amor al Señor.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The world-wide "Synod on Synodality" is underway now! This is a gathering of bishops and everyone in the church in order to make ourselves more "synodal" - that is, working together and walking together to make ourselves and our church better and more unified. The three keys to the Synod are communion, participation, and mission. We are all invited to take part in the synod, and Pope Francis has specifically asked for participation of the laity. We are invited to reflect on the themes of communion, participation and mission and send our thoughts to the Archdiocese in order to be included as part of the synod reflections. If you would like more information on the synod in general or to include your thoughts, please visit <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod>.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

What To Do First In Your Job Search...And Beyond

Planning to start a job search, but not sure where to begin? Be sure to join ICN on Thursday, March 17 from 7-9 pm for some practical advice on developing your search plan. Our presenter, Michelle Nacker, will detail the key actions you can take, including preparing for your job search, video interviews and how social media plays a part in your search. Michelle is a product manager who will share tried and true steps as learned from her own experience after many years with one employer. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us in-person on Saturday, March 19 from 9-11 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, in La Grange. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit us at interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

Community News

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

Time to Spring Clean! The Township of Lyons will be hosting a Community Shred Event on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at their Administrative Offices Building, 6404 Joliet Rd., Countryside. This will be a paper shredding event only- NO ELECTRONICS. Limit of 4 bags of paper per household. Please direct all inquiries to Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg at 708-482-8300 Option 4.

WORD OF LIFE



“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (The Gospel of Life 28).

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

LINES, SPIRALS, AND NEURO-GRAPHIC ART - Three Wednesdays, Mar 23—Apr 6, 1—2:30 PM Facilitator: Carol Cummins Focus on giving your whole self to God during Lent, exploring internal wisdom in form and color! The emphasis will be on the experience of creating and how it makes you feel, rather than the end product. \$50 series. on Zoom.

WALKING WITH JESUS THESE DAYS - Monday, Apr 11, 9:30—11 AM, repeated 6:30—8 PM Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ, DMin This presentation offers a “tour” of the places in Jeru-salem that we recall during the Triduum, with photos, commentary, and pauses for reflection. \$15. In person at The Well.

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT

Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

Join us for this unique retreat/workshop which will be held at **St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, IL.**

The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

For further information, **708-354-7211**

joyfulagain7211@gmail.com | www.joyfulagain.org

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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Background check required. Visit our website for more information: <https://interfaithcommunitypartners.org/volunteering/>

ST. RITA OF CASCIA SHRINE CHAPEL'S "A FESTIVAL OF PEACE 2022"

The Augustinian Friars of the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel invite you to join them for "A Festival of Peace 2022" taking place on Friday, March 25, 2022 from 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM. This festival will be an oasis in the city providing an opportunity to be anchored in love, mercy, and healing. The day-long event includes Mass, the Rosary, Novena Prayers, Adoration, Benediction, Praise & Worship Music, plus the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered continuously from 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM.

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel is located at 7740 S. Western Ave. in Chicago. Ample, secure parking is available. Additional information, including a complete schedule for the day, as well as a live stream of the event can be found at stritashrinechicago.com.

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests.

In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people.

Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you.

Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do.

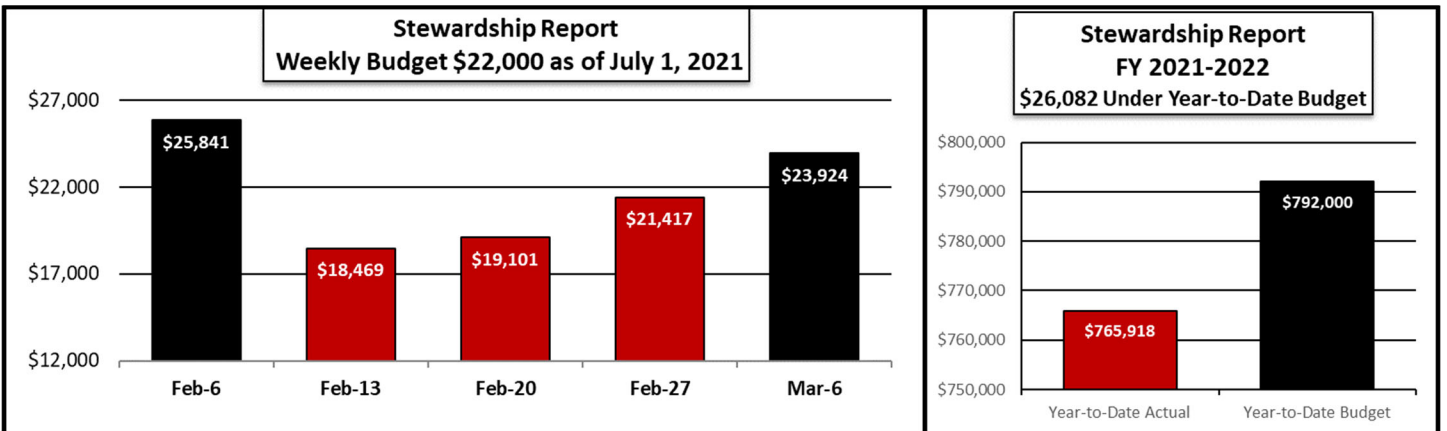
In your name we pray. Amen

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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 13	7:15am 7:15am	Narthex Narthex	Fish Fry Ticket Sales Bethlehem Arts Sales
Monday, March 14	6:30pm 7:00pm	Morrissey Hall Parish Center Meeting Room	First Communion Meeting Baptism Preparation Class
Tuesday, March 15	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 16	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church Parish Center Meeting Room Church	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers Ministry of Care Training St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women
Thursday, March 17	6-8pm 7:30pm	Parking Lot School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 18	2:30pm 4:30pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Church	Stations of the Cross Fish Fry Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 19	9:00am	Parish Center Meeting Room	Interfaith Career Network
Sunday, March 20	4:00pm	Parish Center	Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Concert "Sing"

Stewardship 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.

Name _____ Phone # _____

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St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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

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MASSES

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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

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 352-6209

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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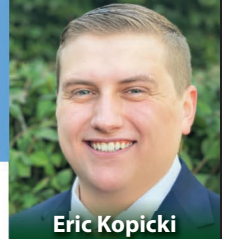
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