



# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**If we have died with Christ Jesus  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.**  
— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a



**9** 2022  
OCTOBER

**TWENTY-EIGHTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*One of them,  
realizing he had  
been healed, returned,*

**GLORIFYING GOD  
IN A LOUD VOICE.**

*Luke 17:15*

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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# Mass Intentions for October 10-October 16, 2022

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
October 10	Fr. Romero	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
October 11	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Jim O’Neill
October 12	Fr. Romero	8:00am	BC Collins
October 13	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Sylvia Pesut, Phyllis Prevenas
October 14	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Michelle Nelson, Meghan Nelson
October 15	Fr. Lodge	5:00pm	Daniel Klepczarek, Eugene “Jim” Copp, Joe and Kay Klemak
October 16	Fr. Romero	7:15am	Richard Gomez, Jack Drogosz, John Duda, Tommy Schneider, James Gustafson
	Fr. Lodge	8:45am	Phyllis Magnine, Gary Verhueven, Helen Frey, Matthew and Anne Martin
	Fr. Novick	10:30am	Caramel O’Brian, Marco, Emilia, Rattin and Bill DePasquale, Mike O’Connell, Elanor Maday
	Fr. Hays	12:30pm	Adan Bejarano (living intention)

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

**Kathleen Firestone**  
Mother of Ann Cashman

**Joseph Mankiewicz**  
Brother of Max Mankiewicz

**Alice Travnik**  
Mother of Susan Schiller

**May they rest in peace.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

**October-** Joanne Jungels, Judah Leo Hartl

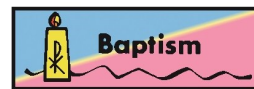
**September** - Daniel Lacey, Joseph Halac, Gerda E. Dorso, Charles McCarthy, Francie Smith, Laura Terrazino

**August** - Patricia Rodey

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

**ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...**

**Bianca Yartiza**  
Daughter of Alfonso Cahue and Rosario Raya



**Eliany Cruz**  
Daughter of Dario Cruz and Felipa Neri Cuaya

**Catalina Hernandez**  
Daughter of Peter Hernandez and Catalina Gomez de la Casa

**Santiago Guadalupe Ocampo**  
Son Eduardo Ocampo and Lucina Valtierra

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

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**



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

## Pastor's Note

*"We are here to inspire people to do the things that inspire them so that, together, each of us can change our world for the better,"*

Simon Sinek.

Dear Parishioners,

With deep appreciation I would like to thank you for inspiring me daily. Your faith, commitment, generosity, and the love you have for the Lord, your parish, and each other is encouraging. I daily thank the Lord for your witness and for the joy you continue to give me. It has been and continues to be a joy to walk with you and serve you as your pastor.

After much prayer, consultation, and discernment with the Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, and Parish Staff, I am extending you a special invitation to our ***"Sharing Hopes, Dreams and Conversation: An Evening of Parish Fellowship, Prayer, and Discernment"*** that is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022, in the Parish Center starting at 6:30 PM. I kindly ask you to let us know that you are coming by visiting the following link: <https://stcletusparish.com/event/hopes/>

Last year we held our Hopes and Dreams Conversation on Monday, September 13, 2021. Personally, I found it to be not only helpful and informative but inspiring. I felt like God himself was reminding us of the mission he has entrusted us. Since then, we have been able to implement some of your suggestions such as, priests being more present and available, creating space and opportunities to foster community, establishing a better relationship between the parish and the school, and strengthening our knowledge of the faith and relationship with the Lord through talks as Thinking with the Saints, Sharing Our Blessings, and Why Pray? We give thanks to the Lord for the ways that He continues to inspire us to grow in relationship with him and each other.

I also want to bring to your attention that since our last Hopes and Dreams Conversation, we have reestablished the Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council. Each of the councils is blessed with caring, kind, insightful, and thoughtful parishioners. I truly enjoy and look forward to our monthly meetings. Each of them inspires me with their insights and honest counsel. I have also been attending the School Board meetings, which are positive and caring. I am eager to learn more from them and with them about our parish. Please keep each of them in your prayers.

Cardinal Cupich through Renew My Church continues to encourage and inspire us to become a parish more mission oriented. He is encouraging us to make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness. Currently, along with six other pastors, I am committed to attend a special formation called: "Evangelization Foundations." The formation consists of 12 sessions. I am finding the formation sessions to be helpful and insightful. I am also encouraged by the witness and dedication of the pastors with whom I am learning more about evangelization. Please keep all of us in prayer as we successfully engage and complete these formation sessions.

The Parish Staff will also be joining us on Monday, October 17, at the Hopes and Dreams Conversation. It will be good for each of them to be present and be able to hear directly from you our common hopes and dreams for our parish.

It is my hope and dream that on Monday, October 17, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will focus on and amplify the blessings that the Lord has been bestowing upon us.

May we continue to allow the Lord to inspire us!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

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## Note from Father Mike

### Compassionate Care Ministry

At some times in our lives, we all experience death. It's certainly not a subject anyone WANTS to deal with. It doesn't matter if it is a parent who dies, or a child, a brother, sister, good friend, old or young, the Queen of England or the average homeless person – death happens. But it's important for the families and loved ones to know that they do not have to deal with death on their own. Christ calls every one of us to learn the value of mercy and showing compassion to our fellow human beings at some of the most critical junctures of their lives.

St. Cletus once had a very vibrant and viable ministry known as Compassionate Care. Those involved were men and women who would help the priests in being Christ's light to those who grieve. When COVID came about, people were not being allowed to have many people at the funeral home or at the church. I remember the picture of Queen Elizabeth II at Prince Philip's funeral sitting by herself. We don't like to believe it should be that way, but those who were helping in that ministry here at St. Cletus began to fall away from it just like many other ministries did during the pandemic. Some of the ministries that were on hiatus have been getting back into full swing in the past few months. We would like to see Compassionate Care be one of those ministries.

If you had been previously involved in the Compassionate Care Ministry, please pray about possibly returning. If you had not been involved, please consider this invitation to come aboard. As I stated earlier, not many people deal with death very well. When I was a boy, I was so terrible with death. I actually got sick at my grandfather's wake. Even today, I don't "enjoy" death; however, my heart breaks for the families and loved ones so much that I frequently cry at wakes, even though my heart and my head understand and believe in Christ's Resurrection. And that is what sustains me.

Compassionate Care is all about being able to offer and to be a sign of hope for those who grieve. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry, or joining the ministry, please email me at [mnovick@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mnovick@stcletusparish.com) or leave a message through the parish office for me to contact you. There will be training. We would never ask you to get involved in something so important without giving you the tools to do it.

Peace be with you!

Fr. Mike

## Sunday Notes

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).

**Psalms** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

**Gospel** — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;  
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;  
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;  
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2;  
Lk 18:1-8

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Booths) begins  
at sunset

Monday: Canadian Thanksgiving Day;  
Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday: St. John XXIII

Friday: St. Callistus I

Saturday: St. Teresa of Jesus; Sweetest Day

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

What good works do I intend to carry out this week?

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# Sharing our Graces and Blessings

## GATHER IV AND MUCH MORE

As your Director of Music Ministries I was so very pleased with the afternoon; the mix of catechesis, piano/flute music, additional liturgical information, singing, conversation, hospitality and fellowship all contributed to a wonderful 70 minute presentation. It was everything I hoped it would be! To those who attended, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It is a big-deal and this program really captured the essence and the excitement that should accompany the introduction of our soon to arrive Gather 4<sup>th</sup> Edition hymnal. Thanks to the efforts of volunteer parishioner Camille Koch, the presentations were recorded and are available at: <https://stcletusparish.com/gather4/>

The following are two comments on the afternoon; one written by a parishioner and one written by a member of our music ministry. I think they both do justice to the event.

*“The 'Gather' presentation was very well done and attention went into every detail. The presenters had excellent credentials and outstanding musical talent. I now have a better appreciation for the music that is sung at Mass and recognize the wording to be relevant to today's society....'In God's Time' is beautiful. Having had this experience, I wish there was some way to reach the rest of our congregation for the same understanding.” GH... parishioner*

*“I have been a long time member of the Music Ministry and was fortunate to attend the Gather IV Event which was both interesting and delightful. The presenters shared information in a manner which was understandable by everyone and included joining together in singing several pieces of music. I am looking forward to praising God with our new hymnal. As always the welcome hospi-*

*tality and camaraderie gave us a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Thank you to all who were involved in giving our parishioners this opportunity.” DK..music ministry member*

We will look forward to the weekend, in the near future, that the new gray hymnals are in our church pews and to a special hymnal blessing! Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com) 708-215-5423



## PET BLESSING

Thank you to everyone who came out to our blessing of the pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi! It was a beautiful day to gather together with our favorite furry and not so furry friends!



**Sharing Hopes, Dreams and Conversation**

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DREAMS AND  
CONVERSATION**

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

**6:30 p.m. Welcome / Fellowship**

**7:00 p.m. Prayer and Reflection**  
by Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor

**7:15 p.m. Discerning Together Our Hopes and Dreams**  
Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, what has been ...

Different?      Helpful?      Encouraging?  
Refreshing?    Uplifting?    Inspiring?  
Affirming?    Animating?    Joyful?      And ...?

**8:00 p.m. Updates / Sharing from:**  
Doug Morrissey, Chairperson, Parish Finance Council.  
Helen McComiskey, Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council.  
Bob Wasik, President, School Board  
Gregory Porod, St. Cletus School Principal.

**8:30 p.m. Updates / Sharing from Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor**

**8:45 p.m. Q&A**

**8:55 p.m. Closing Prayer**

**9:00 p.m. Blessing and Thank You**

# School News

## LEADERSHIP DAY

The Archdiocese of Chicago hosted the 2022 Fall Leadership Day at St. Cletus Parish School on October 5, 2022. The daylong event was attended by principals, administrators from the Office of Catholic Schools, and Superintendent Greg Richmond. The Parish Center was utilized for the opening session featuring a presentation by Superintendent Richmond offering his sincere appreciation to school administrators for all that Catholic Schools have to offer students. Principals were then provided with the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions in the morning as well as the afternoon that focused on: Catholic identity, school improvement strategies, marketing, and state recognition visits. The administrators were also blessed with a concelebrated mass by Bishop Bartosic, Father Elmer Romero and Father Mike Novick. The St. Cletus students served as a welcoming honor guard, altar servers, greeters in church, and choir members. It was a wonderful opportunity to offer a great deal of St. Cletus hospitality to the rest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



## STUDENT COUNCIL INSTALLATION

Following our Tuesday morning mass, we celebrated the installation of our new student council officers! Congratulations to Amelia Ludden (President), Esteban Toledo (Vice President), Natalie Kapusta (Secretary), and Ben Sosne (Treasurer). We are so excited for what this school year holds for you!



## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Our school FSA is hosting their first cornhole tournament in the backfield on October 15th from 2:30-4:30pm. Entry is \$40 per family. Please RSVP and send in payment no later than October 11th. If you can't participate but can send in a

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a cornhole set I will bring to the school office by October 13th

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make checks payable to St. Cletus FSA\*

# Hispanic Ministry

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



## ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

## NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

## LA DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA



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

Beginning Wednesday, October 12, the Hispanic Ministry will be having the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

## BOLETOS DE RIFA

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



## RAFFLE TICKETS

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

## SEGUNDA COLECTA

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



## SECOND COLLECTION

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



# Social Concerns Ministry



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

**Wish List:**

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

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

Follow us on Facebook:  
[@StCletusFoodPantry](#)

Instagram:



*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)*

## FOOD PANTRY

Reflections on our opening:

*"Kudos to the planning team. The Food Pantry blessing and ribbon cutting was first class. It was a lovely liturgy, impressive speaker roster at the ribbon cutting, and I loved the musical blessing procession through the pantry. The pantry looks amazing. Bless you for your vision."*

*"Thanks so much for a wonderful opening of the food pantry. I was moved to tears at all you and the volunteers accomplished. So proud to be a part of this. Thank you!"*

*"Wonderful ceremony and a beautiful reflection of everyone's hard work."*

*"The Open House and Blessing was wonderful! The pantry was beautiful and the new signage! Seeing the look on people's eyes when they saw how we provide for customers was so special! The team did an outstanding job, as always!"*



Look who stopped by for a quick visit recently! Current Director of Social Concerns, Kendall Grant (right) is pictured with Mary Beth Ford, the previous Director (left). It was great to show her our new space and share memories of the pantry throughout the years. We're so grateful for her vision, leadership and continued encouragement and support.

## GIVING TREE

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



## 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

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



# Faith Formation News

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Our Faith Formation Classes are Underway!

St. Cletus Faith Formation Classes have been in session for a few weeks. We are very excited to have over 350 children coming on Sundays and Mondays to have an encounter with God! We are very blessed to have a dedicated group of Catechists and adult helpers to assure a program runs smoothly.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Oct. 9/10 Classes are not in session.

October 13 Frist Reconciliation Meeting 7 – 8 p.m. Morrisey Hall.

October 16/17 Faith Formation Classes in Session

### TEEN SEEKERS

Our registration is now closed. Our first meeting of our Teen Seekers will be on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the school building. You should have received an e-mail from Associate Director Hector Obregon with more information. If you have not, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

## CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL FOR BOYS

We are beginning to take names of those interested in joining the St. Cletus Boys Church League Basketball. Practices are one weeknight in the parish gym and games are Saturday evenings at area churches and gyms. High school boys interested in participating should e-mail [Imanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:Imanetti@stcletusparish.com).

In order to have a season, we do need help. Two coaches for each team are needed and a coordinator. Please consider helping us run the season for our St. Cletus Boys this year! Email [Imanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:Imanetti@stcletusparish.com) to help.



# Wise



ARE YOU CONFIRMED?  
Have a heart for *Service?*

Join **WISE**  
WEAR SMILES, IGNITE SOULS, SERVICE AND ENCOURAGE

PRAY / LEAD / IMPACT

MORE INFORMATION IS FORTHCOMING NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER 26, 2022 @ 5:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

Have questions? Call Hector ☎ (708) 215 - 5415

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



# Ministry News

## MISSION TRIP

### Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip

Registration Opening  
October 16th

St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the  
Cross and St. Cletus

 Summer 2023



Love  
Serve  
Connect

## IN-PERSON PRE CANA

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

## THE LIVING ROSARY



The Living Rosary will meet in the Parish Center to pray the entire Rosary (all 20 decades) at 11:30 next Sunday, October 15th. It only takes about 90 minutes but is a very moving journey through Jesus' life, from Mary's perspective. Come and celebrate the Month of October by spending this prayerful time with her. Stay as long as you can but come.

## INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL STUDIES SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

Five St. Cletus parishioners recently completed the four year program at the Institute of Pastoral Studies Scripture School. Pictured are Colleen Hagen, Deb Pach, Ron Ziemba, Carol Anders, Lilia Dziak. They all agreed that learning about scripture helped them appreciate it much more. Classes consist of lectures, readings and discussion and are organized in 10-week modules offered three times a year. Online and in-person classes are available. For more information, talk to one of the graduates or go to



<https://www.luc.edu/ips/continuing-education/ipsscriptureschool/>

## CCW

A Great Time at CCW September meeting! Our first meeting of the year was held on September 21st with an installation of officers & an apple strudel demonstration. It was an easy recipe and delicious as evidenced by the smiles of those who shared it! Don't miss our next meeting on November 16th at 7:00pm. More details later, but plan to come and meet some new parish friends. All ladies of the parish are welcome!



## ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

What is a purgatorial society? A purgatorial society is a community of the faithful who work together to pray, offer sacrifices or acts of charity for the holy souls, for the benefit and relief of their suffering and helping raise souls to union with God in heaven.



Consider joining the St. Cletus Purgatorial Society in an ongoing apostolate of prayer for the holy souls in purgatory. It is the intent, that through prayer, sacrifice and education, others will learn and remember their obligation to implore God's mercy on behalf of the poor souls. Enroll your deceased loved ones **free of charge** and be comforted to know others are joining you in prayer for the repose of their souls.

Enrollment forms can be found online at:

[www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/](http://www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/)

Enrollment forms are also available in the narthex next to the small wooden drop box located on the shelf.

Purgatorial Society names and anniversary dates will be published on the above parish website in a photo format which will minimize access to search engines. You can choose to opt out of publishing a name by simply noting this on the enrollment form.

Special prayers will be offered for the deceased on the anniversary of the date of their death.

Join your fellow parishioners in offering up your works, prayers, joys, and sorrows for the benefit of the holy souls in purgatory.

Questions? Contact Barb Pristo via email: [SCPS@stcletusparish.com](mailto:SCPS@stcletusparish.com)

# Ministry and Community News

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with our recent clothing drive. Also, thank you to all our parishioners and neighbors who donated clothing and housewares. These items will be used to stock our two St. Vincent DePaul stores in Orland Park and Libertyville. Needy individuals can obtain “dollars”, that they can use to shop at these stores. The stores are also open to the public. All the proceeds from sales go to needy individuals and families in the Chicago Archdiocese. God Bless you for taking the time to help our local brothers and sisters.



## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK



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

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

## BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **Cloud Cukoo Land** by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on October 11 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead....

December 13: **The Thursday Murder Club (Book 1)** by Richard Osman



February 14: **Laine Change** by Mary Ann Doornbos  
As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

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

Where. Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia, IL

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## VOCATION PRAYER



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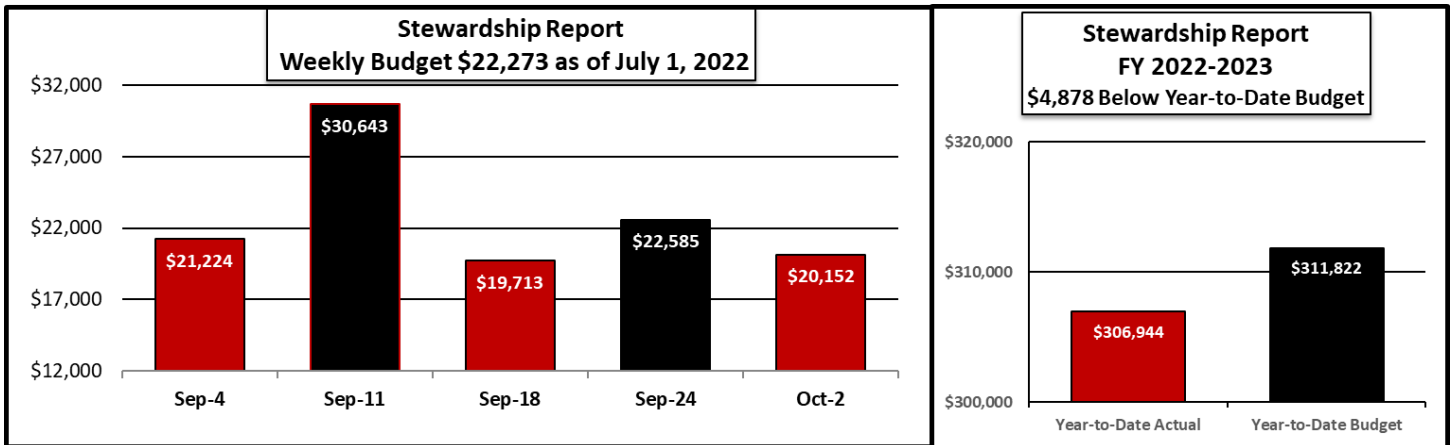
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## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 9			
Monday, October 10			Columbus Day- No School and Parish Offices Closed
Tuesday, October 11	10am-12pm	Gallagher Room	Book Club
Wednesday, October 12	9am-12pm	Parish Center	Mission Ladies
Thursday, October 13	11-12:30pm 6-8pm	Gallagher Room Food Pantry	Visio Divina Bible Study Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, October 14	7-8pm	Gallagher Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, October 15	8:30-9:15am 2:30-4:30pm	Church Back Field	Confessions Cornhole tournament
Sunday, October 16	12-2:30pm	Gallagher Room	Living Rosary

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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School .....(708) 352-4820  
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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.

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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

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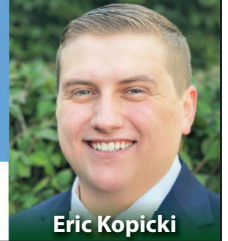
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