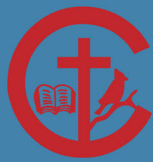


# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Faith, hope, and love remain,  
these three; but the greatest  
of these is love.  
— 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



Please join us for the

## St. Cletus School

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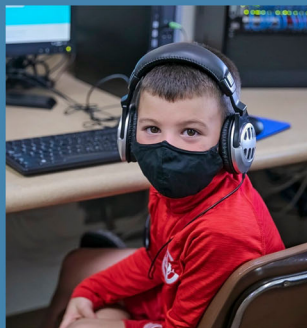
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10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- ✓ Meet our Teachers
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- ✓ Learn about our Programs

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## Mass Intentions for January 31 - February 6, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
January 31	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
February 1	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Celestino Antonini
February 2	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Betty Niwa, Joseph Viececi, Father Richard Jozwiak
February 3	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Karen Gorak, Richard Kozelka
February 4	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
February 5	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Anthony Lonis Braun, Miguel Ayala
February 6	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Romero Fr. Costello Fr. Costello Fr. Hays	Rosemary Kegl, Richard Gomez Leona Kruk, Carol Gress Ann Marie Nabor, Mike O'Connell, Robert Seliga, Betty Niwa, Gail Macko St. Cletus Parishioners

### 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.*

**January** - Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino

**December** - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan

**November** - 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.*

### MASKS ARE REQUIRED

**MASKS ARE  
REQUIRED FOR  
ENTRY TO  
THIS FACILITY**



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

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

**Daniel Klepczarek**  
Husband of Virginia

**Patricia Crowe**  
Mother of Tim

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### SOUND SYSTEM COLLECTION

Pink envelopes can be found in the pews to donate to "The Sound of St. Cletus" fund. You can also donate on our website at <https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>. Alternatively, donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office at: St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60625. If donating by check, please write the words "Sound System" in the memo line.

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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.

## Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

I have some important updates for us.

Paulette Bolton, Director of Worship and Director of Adult Faith Formation, has informed me that she is retiring as of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, after serving the Archdiocese of Chicago for over 50 years. She became member of our parish in 1986 and joined our Parish Staff in 2007. Paulette fulfilled her responsibilities with diligence and generosity. On behalf of all of us, I would like to offer Paulette a heartfelt gratitude for her witness, kindness, dedication, and support. May the Lord fill her heart with peace!

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Tina Norton joined St. Cletus Parish Staff as our new Pastoral Associate (Full-time) and on January 26, 2022, Juanita Avila joined St. Cletus Parish Staff as our new Director of Hispanic Ministry (Part-time).



TINA NORTON

Tina started working for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2011. She served as Pastoral Associate at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview. Then, she served as the Director of Religious Education at Our Lady, Mother of the Church Parish in Chicago. After that, she served as Pastoral Associate at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Rosemont. Most recently, she served as Liturgy Coordinator and Pastoral Associate at St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Chicago. She comes to us with a well of experience and knowledge. She earned her Master of Divinity in 2012 from the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. As our new Pastoral Associate, Tina will be offering leadership in the areas of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, Liturgy, Worship, Art and Environment, and Renew My Church.



JUANITA AVILA

Juanita started working for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1986. She served as an Administrative Assistant and as Director of Religious Education at St. Malachy and Precious Blood Parish, Chicago. She received the following certificates of completion from the Archdiocese of Chicago: Coordinator of Religious Education, Advisor for Hispanic Youth, and Hispanic Catechesis. As our New Director of Hispanic Ministry, Juanita will offer accompaniment and faith formation to our brothers and sisters who attend our 12:30 PM Sunday Mass.

As members of the Parish Staff, we know and understand that we are here to serve and walk with you towards Christ. I believe that it is thanks to your prayers that the Lord has sent us Tina and Juanita to serve and walk with us. Please join me in welcoming them to our parish family. I am confident that with your prayers, kindness, and support, they will gladly share their talents and gifts with us.

May our relationship with Jesus continue to grow!

Fr. Elmer Romero  
Pastor

# Sound System Update

Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have begun to receive donations from members of the St Cletus community toward achieving our goal. The expected cost of the new sound and video systems is \$110,000. As of this week we have raised \$18,085. Thank you to all those whose generous contributions have gotten us started.

As you can see in the graphic below, we have attained approximately 16% of the funds needed. A good start, but far from enough to acquire the remedy we so desperately need.

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

Your donations can be made electronically through the parish website at <https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>. Alternatively, donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office at: St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60625 or by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday mass. If donating by check, please write the words “Sound System” in the memo line.

Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

God bless you.

Fr. Elmer Romero  
Pastor





## Sunday Notes

Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is  
accepted in his  
own native place.

Luke 4:24



FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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### TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

**Psalms** — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

**Second Reading** — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

**Gospel** — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

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### WANTING

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
 Monday: St. John Bosco  
 Tuesday: Lunar New Year 4720  
 Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day  
 Thursday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats  
 Friday: First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Agatha; First Saturday

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honor you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
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:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

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### A FORETASTE

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

# Social Concerns Ministry



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

**FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:**

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

Follow us on Facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram:  
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Special thanks to Teresa Amalfitano and all those who donated bread kits from Pampered Chef! We've been so excited to distribute these delicious and easy bread kits to families this month.

Thank you to all who contributed!



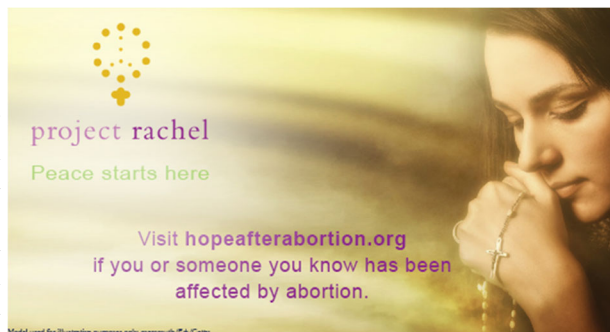
## AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

### REFLECTION FROM THE USCCB SECRETARIAT OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

God has carefully, tenderly created every person in His own image and likeness, to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother's womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God:

"It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, especially when it is weak or threatened [emphasis added]" (Evangelium vitae 77).

In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (EV 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God's gift of life.



## MISSION LADIES

*Thank you "Mission Ladies" for the beautiful hand made dolls, hats, footballs for our kids.  
God bless,  
Nurse Stephen  
St. Anthony's Hospital*



## WORD OF LIFE



"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)



# Religious Education

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Nearly all parents are on a quest to raise “good kids”. They want them to be *patient, honest, loyal, & considerate of others*. Unfortunately, kids today are often surrounded by peers who have gone off track...they know kids who *bully*, they know kids who *ignore*, they know kids who are *disrespectful*. Our kids have to practice “forgive and forget” much more regularly than adults just to get by.

**It takes a lot of effort to raise “good kids” in today’s world. Today’s second reading from 1 Corinthians shares St. Paul’s teaching on the virtue of love.** It's more about the **love between people in general** than it is about romance, and it is **more about behavior** than about warm, gushy feelings. This reading from St. Paul is the ultimate tool for teaching kids how to love genuinely and treat each other kindly- a lesson all parents hope their children will learn and demonstrate. Make the time to read it again as a family today, and have a discussion on the love that we are called to share with others.

Last weekend our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders in Religious Education came together for a service project. They made lovely rosaries that will later be given as gifts to our young children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. They did a phenomenal job, and we hope you enjoy a few photos of this fun service experience!

We also hosted our Day of the Spirit Confirmation retreat for our 7 students who are preparing for Confirmation in our Special Needs Adaptive program. Our teens learned about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, and were able to interact with games and activities that helped them to truly understand these amazing gifts of grace. We are very proud of these teens and are excited to celebrate this sacrament with them in mid-March with Bishop Birmingham.

Please continue to pray for all of our teens and adults who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February and March.

### ROSARY PROJECT PHOTOS



### DAY OF THE SPIRIT CONFIRMATION RETREAT



# St. Cletus School

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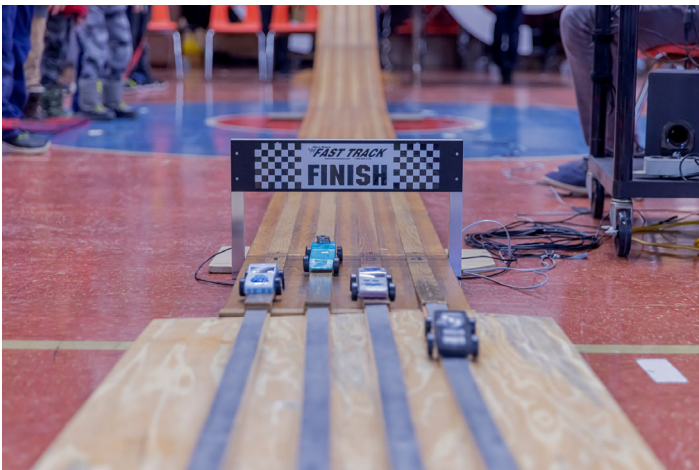
**Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
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## 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL



Congratulations to our 8th grade boys basketball team on a great season! Last night they had their 8th grade night in honor of their last home game and celebrated with a big win! Thank you to all the parents and fans who came out to celebrate with them! Proud of our Cardinals!

## PINEWOOD DERBY



Cub Scout Pack 83 hosted their Pinewood Derby this afternoon! The pack was very excited to gather together once again for this fun and exciting event! There were so many great and creative cars to see and SO much excitement on all of their faces!

## ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION



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

WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd

TIME: 6-11pm

WHERE: St. Cletus Parish Center Fr. Clark Gym  
Be Ready for Raffles, Live & Silent Auctions, Fun!

Ticket information coming soon.

Please contact us for information on becoming a sponsor or making a donation at [auction@stcletusparish.com](mailto:auction@stcletusparish.com)

## D4D—JANUARY 31 AT BUONA BEEF

# BUONA

## BUONA BENEFIT NIGHT

20% of sales will benefit  
St. Cletus School

Mention your group when ordering!

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# SUPPORT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

## St. Cletus School Cardinal Raffle

**Grand Prize: \$1000**  
**Second Prize: \$500**  
**Third Prize: \$500**



**\$10.00 per ticket**  
 Buy Tickets January 30th - February 8th  
 Drawing held on February 9th, 2022

### Attention St. Cletus Parishioners & Catholic School Alumni

This year, Catholic Schools Week takes place January 30 to February 5, and St. Cletus School needs your support. Please consider purchasing tickets for our annual Cardinal Raffle. Tickets can be ordered using the form below. We hope that you can join us in continuing to provide a quality Catholic education.



*It's a great day to be a Cardinal!*

**Proceeds will go towards our Fine Arts Programs at St. Cletus School**

For more information, please contact Emily Wasik at 630-229-7720 or [virgoekw@gmail.com](mailto:virgoekw@gmail.com)



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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10.00 per Raffle Ticket

\$\_\_\_\_\_ We would like to donate to help St. Cletus School.

Please send raffle fees and donations back to St. Cletus School: **600 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525.** Tickets may also be purchased from current student families. Entry tickets will be emailed back to purchaser. No email? No problem, just leave your phone number and we will contact you about your tickets. Thank you!

Please make checks out to: St. Cletus School

*We hope that you can contribute to the success of our St. Cletus students!*



# Youth Ministry

## FEBRUARY 6 ALL TEEN NIGHT



All High School teens are invited to join us for our next St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross Youth Ministry ALL TEEN NIGHT on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

We invite you to first join us in worshipping for our First Sundays 5 p.m. Mass at St. John of the Cross, with the 5Alive Choir. You are also welcome to come and sing with the choir – no experience necessary. Simply join the choir at 4:30 for a quick recap, or email Ann Maney at [bourjman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bourjman@sbcglobal.net) for more information on the 5Alive Choir.

We hope to once again be able to serve dinner at our ALL TEEN NIGHT, followed by a discussion on the Catholic Social Teaching of Solidarity, Race and Responsibilities, followed by a related service project.

Please RSVP at the sign up genius link so that we can best prepare for dinner and supplies for the service project. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-february>

We hope to see you there!

## how to approach "the talk" about mental health

tips for bringing up concerns about your child's mental health

As a parent, discussing a mental health concern with your child can be difficult. NAMI has compiled some tips for how to begin these conversations in an open and productive way, which can often help youth be more receptive to resources and next steps.

### less helpful

### why change your language?

### instead, try:

"We all go through times like these, you'll be fine."

It's important to differentiate between relating to your child and dismissing their problems. Youth who feel dismissed may be less open to suggestions and resources that could help them perform and function better.

"What you're going through is really hard, but you're not alone."  
"There's nothing to be ashamed of, I've had times where I've struggled, too."

"Are you ok? Are you having any problems?"

Yes/No questions make it easier to avoid what is often a difficult conversation for children. With a topic as stigmatized as mental health, they may need open-ended questions to encourage them to share how they're doing.

"How are you feeling?"  
"I've noticed \_\_\_\_, what's been going on recently?"  
"What might be contributing to that?"  
"Can you tell me more about that?"

"You don't feel pressure from me, do you?"

Leading questions can contribute to feelings of guilt, shame, or inadequacy. Many teens ARE motivated to tell their parents what they think will please them. Frame questions about mental health as neutrally as possible in order to reduce the stigma or pressure.

"I've noticed \_\_\_\_. How are you feeling when we talk about grades?"  
"It seems like you might feel uncomfortable having this conversation with me. How are you feeling right now?"  
"What do you wish I would say when we talk about mental health?"

"You aren't going to do anything stupid, are you?"

It's especially important to be clear and straightforward if you think your child might be having thoughts of suicide. Studies show that asking about suicide does NOT increase risk but instead validates that person's pain is being noticed and taken seriously.

"Are you having any thoughts of suicide?"  
"Have you ever had thoughts about suicide? When was the last time?"



## Ministry News

### BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Patron Saint of Liars** by Ann Patchett. We will meet on February 8, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Please note, this is a time change from previous discussions.

For those who like to look ahead....

April 12, **What Alice Forgot** by Lianne Moriarty

June 14, **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FATHER'S CLUB



SAVE THE DATE!!!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Father's Club Lenten Fish Fry

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

All Parishioners and their families and friends are welcome!

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

### HISPANIC MINISTRY



#### Adorado sea El Santísimo Sacramento

Por Siempre...

La comunidad hispana de San Cleto, ha estado realizando la Adoración Nocturna todos los segundos sábados de cada mes en el horario de 7:00pm a 10:30pm. A partir del mes de diciembre 2021 comenzamos hacerlo durante toda la noche con el debido permiso de nuestro párroco P. Elmer Romero. El nuevo horario ahora será de 9:00pm a 5:30am. Todos son bienvenidos a rendir Adoración a nuestro Señor. Para cualquier pregunta dirigirla al consejo parroquial 708 5024891.

Ave María Purísima

Sin pecado concebida ...

### VOCATION PRAYER

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#### VOCATION OFFICE

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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### PARISH LAUNCHES MOBILE APP



We are excited to announce the release of a new mobile app for Android and iOS. The app is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected. We've included prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, mass schedules, and photo capture tools. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system. Search for St. Cletus Parish in your app store or find direct links on the home page of our website at <https://stcletusparish.com>. Questions or feedback? Email us at [itservices@stcletusparish.com](mailto:itservices@stcletusparish.com).

### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



**Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!**

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at [jdion@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jdion@stcletusparish.com) or 708.352.6209.



# Community News

## THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

### RE-EMERGING IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD First Thursdays, Feb 3—May 5, 10—11:30 AM

**Facilitator: Bridget Spurduto** The pandemic has lasted far longer than we ever imagined. Let us gather, process and unpack how the pandemic has affected us and how we want to consciously move forward, considering “which parts of normal are worth rushing back to.” \$15/session.

## RESPECT LIFE



Photo of some of the group that had gathered here at Saint Cletus to take the Bus to Washington DC for the 49th March for Life. This photo taken last Sunday night at 9:30 pm upon their return.

Ray Pingoy of the Respect Life a office of the Archdiocese of Chicago has organized Chicago’s participation for several years leaving & returning from St Cletus. He says that this might be the last time they have go, depending on the Supreme Court’s decision “Roe vs Wade” and abortion. They were among the estimated 100,000 “Pro-Lifers” that came from across the Nation again to promote the “Culture of Life”...He has noticed our “Respect Life Banner” displayed in our Church. Prior to COVID they have had a gathering (“Rally”) in church a few times before boarding the busses for the trip.



## ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES



Our annual "Cabaret" dueling pianos evening featuring Tony Kidonakis was originally scheduled for February 4th but with the current COVID spike, and the Archdiocesan restrictions currently in

place, we are looking to postpone to a later date. Stay tuned for our new date and more information.

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!

## 2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call “Making all things new ... God’s promise and our responsibility.” As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the box below. You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
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[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

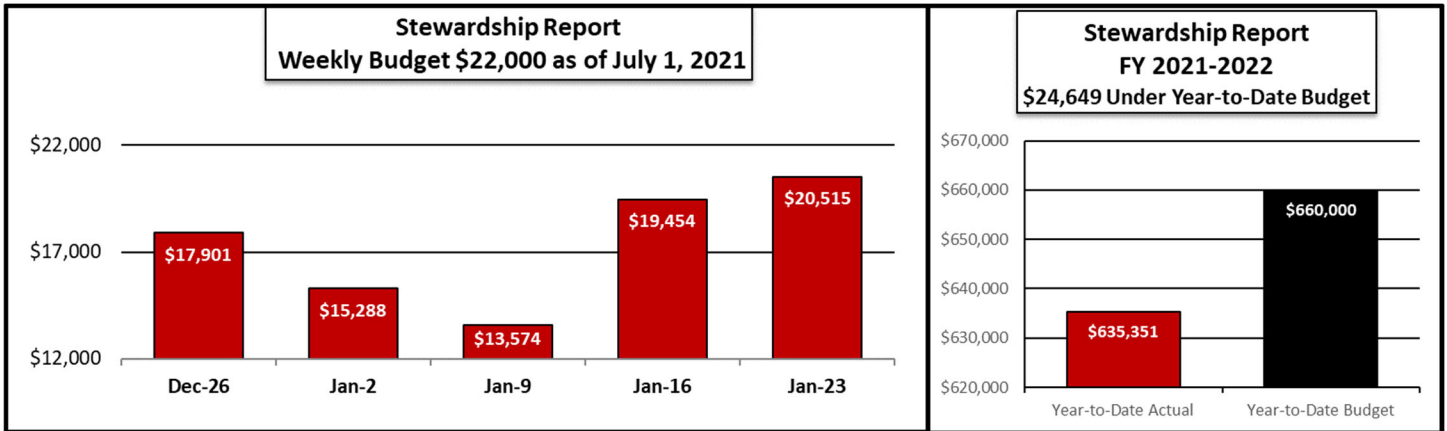
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708.485.5254

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 30	9:30am	School	CSW Open House
Monday, January 31			
Tuesday, February 1	7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Meeting Room	Spanish Holy Hour School Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 2	9:00am 7:30pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Church League Practice
Thursday, February 3	9:30am 6-8pm 7:30pm	Church Parking Lot School Music Room	Teacher Appreciation Mass Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 4			
Saturday, February 5	7:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Sunday, February 6	4:00pm	Parish Center Gym	Church League Games

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [jdion@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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School .....(708) 352-4820  
www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday and 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..... 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

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor**  
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Kevin Hogan

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Athletic Association.....Tina Pryor

## 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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