

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Lord, I love thy commands.
-Psalm 119



First Responders Mass

St. Cletus Parish 600 W. 55th Street
Sunday, September 10th at 10:30am

Dear Friends,

As members of St. Cletus Parish, we give thanks to the Lord for you daily. We appreciate your service, commitment, and dedication.

In commemoration of the anniversary of September 11, 2001, we will be praying and honoring First Responders at an outdoor Mass at 10:30am on Sunday, September 10th, 2023. At mass we will acknowledge and thank all active and retired police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Thank you!
2023 Fall Fest Committee



Please email
fallfest@stcletusparish.com
with any questions!

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Mass Intentions for July 31 - August 6th, 2023

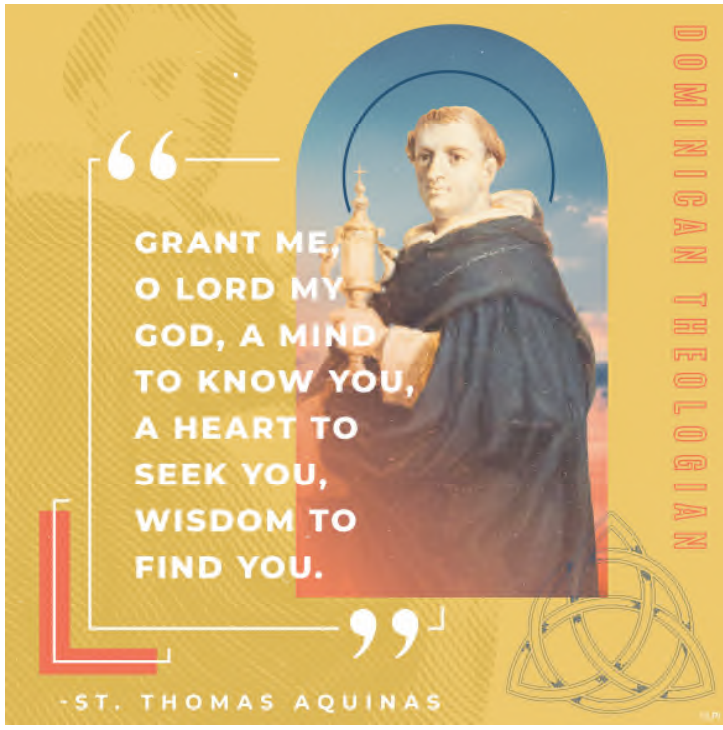
Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
July 31	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Anthony Serritella
August 1	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Peggy Kelly
August 2	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	BC and Rip Collins, Karen Provan
August 3	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Wojcik
August 4	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nan and Bob Rettig, Gary Verhoeven, Louie Marasovic
August 5	5:00pm	Fr. Belauskas	Fr. Charles Watkins, Frank and Regina Kondor, Fred Grosskopf
August 6	7:15am	Fr. Kalas	Marco, Emilia Rattin, and Bill DePasquale, William and Gloria Gray, Beth King, Al Saporito
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Timothy McCormack, Evelyn Prevenas
	10:30am	Fr. Kalas	Hope Maldonado, Stancy Baker, John Baker, Karen Provan
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Antonio Hernandez

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.

- July - Dr. George Schein, Erin McMahon Leddon, Barb Weyrick, Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**
- June - Mary Duckett, Colleen Ann Uhler, Geraldine Osmolak, Yesenia Castillo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy**
- May - Patty Garza, Kathryn Rak, Ignatius DeVenio, Maria Farfan, Nicholas Rodriguez**

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



Pastor's Note

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.”
1King 3:9a

Dear Friends,

We believe in a God who delights being part of our lives. He rejoices in our joys. He affirms our good deeds. He appreciates our friendship. When in difficult and challenging times, he offers us his grace, blessing, and love. Sometimes all we need to do is to pause, open our hearts, and let God do the rest.

Today's first reading shows us the interaction of God has with Solomon. It is fascinating. Notice, it is God that takes the initiative. He wants to assure Solomon of his closeness and friendship. He offers Solomon his unlimited assistance as he assumes his responsibility as the new leader of his people. He wants Solomon to succeed in his new reality and endeavor. Also notice the response of Solomon to God. He wants God to be part of his life. He is eager to let God assist him in his new role. He wants God to give him “an understanding heart.” My heart yearns to engage God the way Solomon did. How about yours?

As we journey together and grow in friendship with the Lord and each other, I am happy to share some important updates with you.

First, Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor, has accepted my invitation to become our new Director of Liturgy effective immediately. I am encouraged by the presence, ministry, generosity, and availability of Fr. Novick since he joined our parish (July 2022). I am grateful to the Lord for the good working relationship we have. It is my prayer that we all offer Fr. Novick our full support.

Second, Sara Hodak joined our Parish/School Staff last year as the Coordinator of Marketing/Development and Bulletin Editor. Aware of her generosity and dedication and following the recommendation of Greg Porod, Principal, and Jim Dion, Manager, a couple of weeks ago I asked Sara to consider becoming our new manager of social media for the Parish and School. She has accepted my invitation and is already working on our social media platform. She is generous with her time. She is driven. She connects well with others. She is a team player. She enjoys sharing her gifts and strengths. It is a delight to have her on our Parish Staff. Please hold her in prayer.

Third, Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate, has accepted my invitation to continue offering accompaniment and guidance to all those who will be part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which is an integral part of our parish. In addition, she will continue to serve as a resource person for me, Fr. Novick, the Parish/School Staff, and parish leaders. We hold Tina in prayer as she shares Christ's love with us.

As we let God be part of our lives, may we allow him to give us an understanding heart as he did for Solomon.

Fr. Elmer Romero



ST. CLETUS PARISH EVENINGS OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations
Matthew 28:19

Peter Newburn, DMin Msgr. John Canary Rev. Brendan Lupton

August 16, 2023
What does the Story of Salvation Have to Do with Me?
Peter Newburn, DMin

August 23, 2023
¿Qué Tiene que Ver Conmigo la Historia de la Salvación?
Peter Newburn, DMin

October 18, 2023
The Seven Steps of Love according to St. John of the Cross.
Monsignor John Canary

December 6, 2023
The Season of Advent: A New Beginning with Jesus.
Rev. Brendan Lupton

Evenings of Prayer and Reflection will be held 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in St. Cletus Church

Note From Father Mike

17th

I have been a big fan of the musical *Godspell*, especially the film adaptation in 1973 starring Victor Garber. Many people I know have debated with me saying that Jesus Christ Superstar is better than *Godspell*, but no one is going to change my mind. “But Father, isn’t that the one with the clowns?” Yes, and what else would you have expected from a 1970s film AND musical? If I can sing all of the songs from the soundtrack in karaoke without the lyrics in front of me, it has to have my vote. Can’t do that with *Jesus Christ Superstar*. “But Father the energy of JCS is so much higher than that of *Godspell*.” I’m sure I’d enjoy it, but *Godspell* is best.

Others have debated with me over which film or series about Jesus is best – “*The Greatest Story Ever Told*,” “*Jesus of Nazareth*,” “*The Robe*,” “*The Passion of the Christ*,” “*Son of God*,” or maybe “*The Chosen*.” They’re all very good in their own right. I am very partial to Mel Gibson’s film. There are many who say it’s just too bloody and graphic for their taste. It is VERY much so. However, as much as I didn’t think I was going to be able to handle all of that violence, I faced it along with many other churches along the way when parish groups would buy up all of the seats for a whole movie theater screening of the movie. I know there are many church groups who have watched or are watching *The Chosen* right now and have discussion groups too. Yet, when Gibson’s film hit the theaters, it was very difficult to get tickets unless your parish bought out a theater.

Still, there are so many people who are unfazed in their souls by either the musicals or films about Jesus. They say that it’s MERELY a story.

For others like myself, I find the various productions and films to be enhancing for my vision and images found in Scripture. The same can be said for having been blessed to go to the Holy Land years ago. The point was not about being on vacation but on a pilgrimage (a time to allow God to work thru His Creation in order to enhance our faith). Walking thru the streets of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, and other traditional sacred sites really blew my mind to believe that the Son of God walked the very same streets 2000 years before us. But for many who do not have faith, the Holy Land is simply a war-zone.

How else do you feel the Church might be able to enhance the faith that is right in front of us every day? I truly welcome responses to my question. I would ask that you try not to respond in confrontation, but if you feel strongly about something, I hope to be open. Maybe we can meet in person to discuss civilly a subject.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-3

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-4

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-5

Saturday: 1Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-1

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Faith Formation

SUMMER IS GOING FAST – DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES!

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

For families with children in public schools, we have **Traditional Religious Education Classes** and **sacramental preparation** for children in 1st – 8th Grade, where children have an encounter with Jesus through scripture, service experiences, interactive activities and games, and classroom experiences. These classes occur on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. -10:15 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. throughout the academic year.



Please take the time to complete the registration forms to register your children for RE classes for the 2023-2024 academic year! Registration forms can be obtained from the Parish or School Office or by e-mailing the Faith Formation Office at Imanetti@stcletusparish.com. **Forms can also be found in the church narthex!** *Please take the time to register*

Fall Fest Volunteers Needed!

WE NEED YOU!

Fall Fest is coming up and in fact we are just over a month away! Our committee has been working hard planning for several months and now we are looking for volunteers to help the weekend of our fest! It truly takes a village to help make everything run smoothly the entire weekend. Please take a look at our sign up genius and see where and when you are available to help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aacac2ea6fbc61-fall2#/>

Volunteers
needed



SCAN ME 

Fall Fest

**Visit us in the Narthex
after all masses
beginning next week!**



- ***Pick up a yard sign!***
 - Help us advertise for our 7th annual Fall Fest! Let's make this our most successful one yet!
- ***Purchase a megapass!***
 - Just \$55 allows your child to ride all weekend at Fall Fest!
- ***Purchase a Lucky Leaf Raffle Ticket!***
 - Don't miss your chance to win our grand prize of \$5,000! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for 100!
- ***Become a Sponsor!***
 - Sponsors get maximum exposure to our community on our website, fliers, canticle, banners, and more! Your sponsorship provides St. Cletus the means to provide an award-winning education program, minister to the parish community and provide a safe and fun festival environment for all!

And don't forget to join us...

September 7th: 5-10pm

September 8th: 5-11pm

September 9th: 12pm-11pm

September 10th 12pm-9pm



School News

PURCHASE YOUR MEGAPASSES FOR A CHANCE AT FREE TUITION!



Purchase your \$55 **MEGAPASS** and be entered in to a chance to win **FREE TUITION** at St. Cletus School for the 2023/2024 school year! A megapass will get your child on all the rides as many times as they want through our the weekend!! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!



SIGN UP FOR ST. CLETUS KIDS GOT TALENT!

ST CLETUS FALL FEST PRESENTS:

ST. CLETUS KIDS GOT TALENT

SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 1PM ON OUR FESTIVAL STAGE!

IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN PERFORMING PLEASE EMAIL FALLFEST@STCLETUSPARISH.COM

ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME!

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS!

Last week we held our volleyball camps! It was a great week of learning new skills and growing in their development! Thank you to our volunteer coaches for making such a great week for our students!!



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
1ro de agosto, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
30 de julio 2023	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

INTENCIONES DE MISA

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm. In the Gallagher Room. We will begin planning the events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If anyone would like to be a part of the planning, they are welcome

REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Miembros del Comité Guadalupano tendrán una reunión el viernes 28 de julio de 2023 a las 7:00 pm. En el salón Gallagher. Comenzaremos a planificar los eventos para la fiesta Guadalupeana. Si alguien quisiera ser parte de la planificación, es bienvenido.



Evening of Prayer

AN EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

*"What Does the Story of Salvation
Have to Do with Me?"*

Come hear the most transformative message of all time!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Peter Newburn, DMin.

Peter Newburn, DMin, has served in full-time ministry at the parish, diocesan, and national levels for 35+ years. From 2012-2015, Peter and his wife Joy, along with their three children, were a missionary family in Cameroon (West Africa), where Peter taught theology at the major seminary. He continues to go to Cameroon annually to lead priest retreats and provide formation for lay leaders in various dioceses. He is fluent in Spanish. Peter teaches Scripture and leadership formation courses at the University of St Mary of the Lake (Mundelein) and serves as a mentor and coach with Divine Renovation, a Catholic organization that supports pastors from all over the world in the work of parish renewal. Peter is passionate about the Kerygma and helping others to use their gifts to fulfill God's purposes.



Wednesday
August 16, 2023
7:00 - 8:30 PM
CHURCH



OUTLINE

- 7:00 PM Opening Song
- 7:05 PM Welcome and Introduction of Special Guest Speaker
- 7:10 PM Reflection by Peter Newburn, DMin.
- 8:00 PM Personal Silent Reflection
- 8:05 PM Meditation Song
- 8:10 PM Conversation with Peter Newburn, DMin.
- 8:20 PM Acknowledgements / Thank you!
- 8:25 PM Pray together The Lord's Prayer
Blessing
- 8:30 PM Closing Song

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

**THURSDAYS
4-8PM**

Wish List:

- Canned meats/
meals
- Chicken Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Flavored Rice
Packs
- Boxed Potatoes
- Jelly
- Diapers size 4, 5,
and 6
- Baby wipes
- School Supplies

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@St.CletusFoodPantry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

St. Cletus Food Pantry
School Supply Drive

Items Needed:

#2 Pencils	Washable Markers
Pens	24 pack Crayons
Glue Sticks	Scissors/kid scissors
Glue	Notebooks
Folders	misc. office supplies accepted

All items should be new & unopened

Items can be dropped in the
Food Pantry Donation bin outside or in church

Volunteer Opportunities

Food Pantry Distribution: Volunteers help work directly with customers by assisting them with shopping, helping load vehicles and help the pantry with set up or clean up, depending on the shift. Volunteers must be 6th grade and up and can come without a parent. Adults welcomed! Food Pantry Volunteer sign up is now available for the whole summer! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>

WORD OF LIFE

“A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.” *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Called to Serve Moms in Need”*



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

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **Christ the Lord out of Egypt** by Anne Rice. We will meet on August 8 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. In addition to the book discussion, we will meet in the Fr. Gallagher Room on **Thursday, August 17th at 6:30** to watch the movie adaptation "***The Young Messiah***" and compare the book with the movie version. Please note this is a change in date for the movie and discussion.



For those who like to look ahead...

October 10 **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

THE CHOSEN

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm

August 2– September 20

St. John of the Cross Parish Center



In Season 3 of *The Chosen*, Jesus sends all 12 disciples on their first mission and in doing so they face new fears and entrenched, old ways. Meanwhile, scores of newcomers desperately seek Jesus for relief from heavy-handed authorities, religious and Roman. As Jesus' preaching extends to the next day, they find themselves in a new predicament—far from home, famished, and without any food to eat. Until a little boy with five loaves and two fishes shows up...

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY



SAINT CLETUS
HOLY NAME
SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring an outing to a Joliet Slammers Game. Enjoy a game while sitting with fellow St. Cletus members in our ticket block. Tickets are only \$10 and the Holy Name Society will be selling them after all masses on July 22/23 and July 29/30. The game is August 6th at 1pm. Directions and parking information can be found at <http://www.jolietlammers.com/tickets-directions>

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU IN OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY.

The RCIA process is how adults who were not initiated into the Catholic faith early in life become Catholic. RCIA candidates are from a wide variety of backgrounds—some were baptized as Catholics but never completed any more sacraments, some were baptized in other Christian traditions and now want to be Catholic for a variety of reasons, and some have been brought up in non-Christian traditions and now want to be Catholic. Some candidates have never participated in any faith tradition and now are attracted to the Catholic Church. All are welcome!

We will be starting our RCIA process again this year in the next couple of weeks, and we would love to have you join us. Our process is done together with candidates at St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes. We start with a Period of Inquiry, where participants meet in weekly sessions and reflect and discern what it means to know Jesus, and get to know each other and the RCIA team. At the start of Advent, we enter what is called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, where the inquirers start to learn about the teachings of the church, church history, sacraments, etc. Then, candidates are received into the church at the Easter Vigil, which this year is March 30, 2024. This is an evening of joy and celebration for all of us.

We have separate programs which are designed for children and teens who for some reason have missed sacraments. They, too, can be received into the church at the Easter Vigil.

Note: if you or an adult you know receives communion but only needs to be confirmed, there is a separate Archdiocesan program leading to Confirmation for adults. Please contact us if this is what you need.

If any of this is of interest to you, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton. We look forward to hearing from you!

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

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

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.

Amen.



ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, WIDOWED?



If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held a **St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois**. The JoyfulAgain! 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.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: Sept. 20 & 21, 2023 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)

Where: St.Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information , call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: 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. Thank you!

NEW VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

AARP Smart driverTEK - New Vehicle Technology Workshop

Take the **FREE AARP Smart DriverTEK** course to learn all the new technologies and features in your new car!

Wednesday Aug 2nd, 12:00 - 1:30
 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside IL
 Township of Lyons Community room

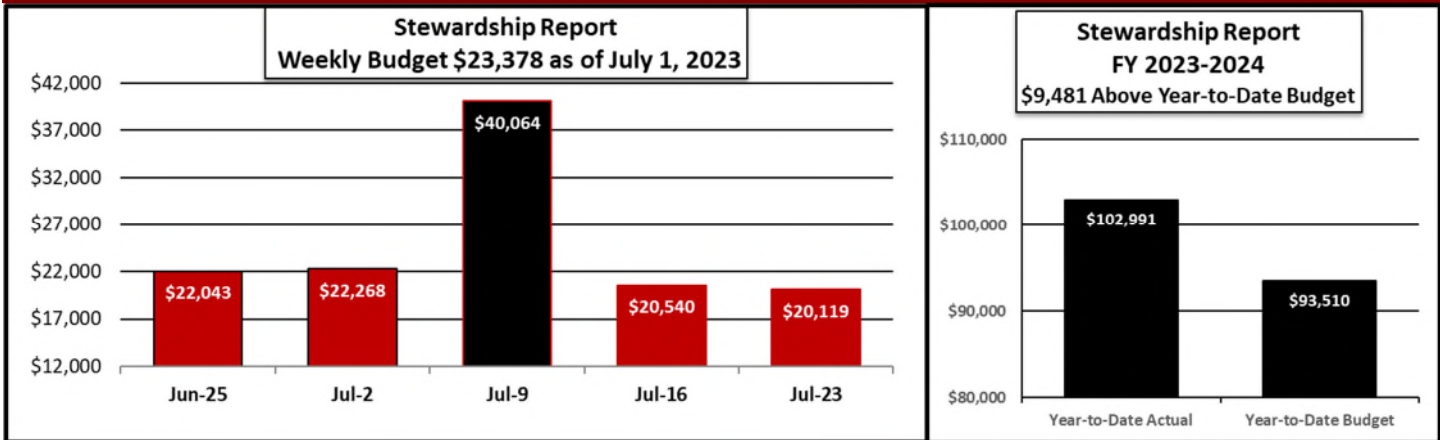
To sign up, call **708-482-8300** opt #4 Elyse Hofferberg, Clerk

Feel free to ask questions or note concerns!
ehofferberg@lyonsts.com

Week At A Glance

xDAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, July 30			
Monday, July 31			
Tuesday, August 1	7-8pm	Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, August 2	1-1:40pm	Church	Living Rosary
Thursday, August 3	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, August 4			
Saturday, August 5			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Sunday, August 6			Fall Fest Ticket Sales

Stewardship Report



GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD

Thank you for your continued stewardship of St. Cletus Parish. Parishioners sometimes ask for suggestions about appropriate weekly contributions. When in doubt, consider giving your hourly pay rate at work (“giving your first hour to God”). Whatever you can give will go toward keeping the lights on and supporting the good work of the Parish.

St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners



Interested in becoming a preferred partner?
Email fallfest@stcletusparish.com to find out more or donate at <https://stcletusparish.com/fallfest/>

Thank you!



St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
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.

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

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
..... 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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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.