

**RIDES
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FOOD**

SEPTEMBER
7th - 10th



600 W. 55th St



ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST • LA GRANGE

**SEPT.
7-10**

Free Live Entertainment

Beer Tent

Food

Bingo

Cash Raffle

Thursday Sept. 7th

- 5-10pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 7-10pm: The Blooze Brothers



Friday Sept. 8th

- 5-11pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 7-10pm: Hillbilly Rockstarz



Saturday Sept. 9th

- 12-11pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 12pm: St. Cletus Kids Got Talent
- 1pm: State Police K9 Demonstration
- 2:15pm: 18+ Bingo
- 2:30pm: Caliente
- 4:30pm: DC Studio
- 8pm: The Neverly Brothers



ST. CLETUS FALL FEST
BINGO

Saturday September 9th
2:15PM to 4:15PM

Sunday September 10th
1:00PM to 3:00PM

PARISH CENTER

- Limited to 125 Seats
- Cash Prizes
- Must be 18+ to Play
- Bring Cash for Extra Games and Treats
- Only Players Allowed

Sunday Sept. 10th



- 10:30am: First Responders Mass
- 12-9pm: Carnival Rides and Games
- 12pm: The Guilty Pleasures
- 1pm: 18+ Bingo
- 2pm: La Dama del Bolero y su Trio Ruby
- 3:25pm: Bears Game Under the Big Tent
- 3:30pm: State Police K9 Demonstration
- 6pm: Maggie Speaks
- 9pm Lucky Leaf Raffle



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Mass Intentions for September 4 - September 10, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
September 4	8:00am	Fr. McCabe	Michael Mann
September 5	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Andrew Wnek
September 6	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins
September 7	8:00am	Fr. Novick	James Vonesh, Betty Niwa
September 8	8:00am	Fr. McCabe	Louie Marasovic
September 9	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Ray and Joni Pietrzak, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Karen Provan, Fred Grosskopf
September 10		Fr. McCabe	Marco, Emilia Rattin, and Bill DePasquale, John Nisbet
	7:15am	Fr. Romero	George Lyons, Edward Vonesh, Ed Ward
	8:45am		
	10:30am	Rev. Christian Shiu and Fr. Romero	Karen Provan, Stancy Baker, John Baker, Fr. Larry Craig, All First Responders
	12:30pm	Fr. Novick and Deacon Franco	Maria del Refugio Salamanca, Maria Elena Rodriguez

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.

- September - Erin McMahan Leddon**
 - August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**
 - July - Dr. George Schein, Barb Weyrick**
- Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.*

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

- JoAnn Sourek**
Mother of Charles Sourek
 - Brendan M. Kivlehan**
Son of Mary Kiviehan
 - Natalie S. Nicoletti**
Daughter of Jamie Lew
 - Paulette Bolton**
Mother of Sean Bolton
 - Joyce Field**
Mother of Antoinette Martinez
- May they rest in peace....**

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

- Nico Anthony Campolattara**
Son of Michael Campolattara and Dani Marie Bucyk
- Walter Lewis Jacobucci**
Son of Joseph Jacobucci and Anne Lewis
- Asher Halper**
Son of Andrew Halper and Dana Huladek
- Alex Rodriguez**
Son of Hector Rodriguez and Cynthia Rosas
- Clara Rose Kennedy**
Daughter of Curtiss Kennedy and Katherine Kos
- Olivia Mary Butler**
Daughter of Matt Butler and Caroline Kennedy
- Amelia Amber Garcia**
Daughter of Alejandro Garcia Jr. and Maribel Paz



TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor's Note

*"O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water."
Psalm 63:2*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to share with you that our long awaited and acclaimed St. Cletus Parish Fall Festival is just four days away. It will start on Thursday, September 7th and conclude on Sunday evening, September 10th, 2023. Our amazing and generous team has put together a fantastic program. Their prayer and hope are that everyone will have a chance to enjoy everything that the Lord will provide during those four days.

When I joined St. Cletus Parish as your new pastor (July 1st, 2021), almost every weekend I remember hearing from many of you the following: "Are you bringing back the Fall Festival?" My initial response was: "Assist me with your prayer." While you prayed, I asked a lot of people about the Fall Festival. I wanted to know more about it. I wanted to know how it was done in the previous years. I then took into prayer all the information I was able to gather. Then, one day, at a conversation with a team, it became clear that we should bring back the Fall Festival this year, but with the condition that it should be led by a parishioner. So, we started praying and asking the Lord to send us leaders. A few weeks later, I was approached by Sara Hodak who said, "Father, my husband and I would like to help leading the upcoming Fall Festival." I think my immediate response was something like, "That would be fantastic."

Sara and John Hodak are a caring young couple who have two children in our Parish School and are very active there and in the parish. They love St. Cletus. They love you. They find a lot of joy and peace as they celebrate their faith with you at each Mass on weekends. They have such kind and generous hearts. Both of them are grateful for the opportunity to serve as our leaders of the upcoming Fall Festival. They are encouraged by the generosity of many who have already signed up to help. Parishioners that have joined them continue to tell me how much they enjoy collaborating with Sara and John. If you could, I encourage you to send an email to Sara at shodak@stcletusparish.com and let her know that you would like to volunteer. I am sure she will be thrilled to hear from you.

Please join me in asking our loving God to grant us a safe, blessed, and enjoyable 2023 St. Cletus Parish Fall Festival. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may each of us be able to offer a kind and warm welcome to all who will be joining us at our Fall Festival. We have such a unique opportunity to be an excellent host. In addition, let us hold in prayer our leaders, special committee, and volunteers.

May our hearts continue to find joy and peace in God whom we seek!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Thank You. 



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-2

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-3

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



PARKING ALERT FOR FALL FEST

CHURCH PARKING DURING THE WEEK OF OUR FALL FEST TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH THRU MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th street and the parish back field

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th street and the parish back field

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th street and the parish back field

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH: Parking for 8am mass is limited to Spring Avenue



**PARKING
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Don't Miss Your Chance To Win!

Get Your Raffle Tickets!



Grand Prize: \$5,000
Second Prize: \$2,500
Third Prize: \$1,000
Fourth Prize: \$500

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100!



Drawing will take place Sunday Sept. 10th

Purchase via cash, check, or credit card!

Fall Fest Food Vendors

The Original Barone's

www.baronesofcountryside.com



Thursday-Sunday



Mexican Restaurants

Thursday-Sunday



Thursday



Thursday, Friday, Sunday

Check out our delicious food vendors!

Sign Up for Our Talent Show

ST CLETUS FALL FEST PRESENTS: ST. CLETUS KIDS GOT TALENT

SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 12PM ON OUR FESTIVAL STAGE!

THERE WILL BE A DRESS REHEARSAL AT 3:30PM ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

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

ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME!

We Need YOU For Fall Fest!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To ensure our Fall Fest runs smoothly we need many volunteers! we still have several slots available so please consider signing up!



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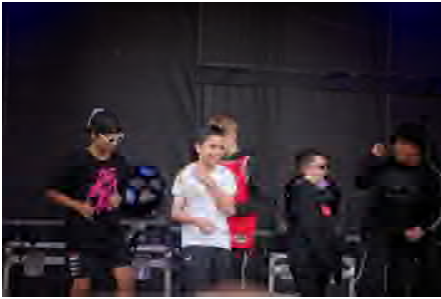
School News

4 DAYS OF RIDES FOR JUST \$55!!!

Remember to purchase your Fall Fest Megapasses by September 6th to be included in our FREE TUITION RAFFLE! You can purchase in the school office, Parish Center, after weekend masses, or online! Online sales close at 6pm on September 2nd.



Scan here to purchase!



Come out and make memories that will last a lifetime!!



8TH GRADE MUM SALE IS COMING SOON!



Every year our 8th graders sell mums to help cover the costs of all of their exciting 8th grade activities! Keep an eye out for order forms SOON so you can help support our students!

Bingo

ST. CLETUS FALL FEST BINGO

**Saturday September 9th
2:15PM to 4:15PM**

**Sunday September 10th
1:00PM to 3:00PM**

PARISH CENTER

- Must be 18+ to play.
- Only players allowed inside Parish Center.
- Pay at Door, Bring Cash.

\$15 for 10 games

Minimum win = \$15 and Maximum win = \$50
(except select games with higher winnings)



AIR CONDITIONED
UNLIKE THE PARKING LOT
BRING CASH FOR SPLIT-THE-POT
AND CONCESSION STAND TREATS.
MAKE PLANS, BRING FRIENDS



St. Cletus School
 FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

A portion of the proceeds will
 go towards St. Cletus School



Come Enjoy The Bears Game And Win A TV!

Watch the Chicago Bears season opener vs. the Packers at Fall Fest!

(and you could win a 55 inch tv!!)

Sunday September 10th we will be showing the Bears game under our big tent on two brand new Samsung 55 inch televisions! We will also be selling Miller Lite for just \$3 during the game



Sunday evening we will be raffling off both brand new tvs! Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50!

Tickets can be purchased after all masses or in the school and Parish Center offices via cash, check, or credit card

K9 Demonstrations at Fall Fest!

K9 DEMONSTRATIONS AT FALL FEST!

SATURAY 9/09 1PM
SUNDAY 9/10 3:30PM

SEE A REAL SWAT VEHICLE!



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 4-8PM

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Canned meats/meals
- Chicken Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Flavored Rice Packs
- Jelly
- Diapers size 2, 4, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes
- School Supplies

Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Volunteer Opportunities

We are setting new records every Thursday night and we need more volunteers. **We have increased the number of volunteer slots for both shifts on Thursday night.** Sign up **now available through the end of October.** Please sign up if you can join us! Students 6th grade and up are welcome. Adults needed also! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3GuHZoP>



Food Rescue DRIVERS NEEDED - Contact foodpantry@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418

Fridays 3-4 times per month commitment.

- Comfortable driving a large vehicle
- Clean driving record
- Ability to lift 30+ pounds



SVDP DONATION TRUCK VOLUNTEERS: SEPTEMBER 16-17

Volunteers needed to help greet donors at their vehicles, unload items and load them into the donation truck. Volunteers must be high school and up. Please bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Please review the available slots to sign up. Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-svdpl1#/>



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

On October 17th we will meet in the Gallagher Room at 10 A.M. to discuss



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick.

For those who like to look ahead

December 12th: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13th: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

RCIA

The RCIA process, for those adults interested in becoming Catholic, will begin in mid-September, and we would love to have you in our Catholic family! It's a chance to deepen your relationship with Jesus and find a community of like-minded people to journey with on your way to the sacraments. If you think you'd like to become Catholic, or you know someone that might like to become Catholic, we would love for you to join us! The process starts September 19. If you would like more information, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual ST. CLETUS POT LUCK dinner is back!



Saturday, October 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Center Gym/More information, soon!

Sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The CCW would like to invite all ladies to our next general meeting 9/13 @ 7pm in the Gallagher Room. Enjoy light refreshments, installation of officers by Fr. Mike and a musical presentation from the Choral- Aires Chorus.



MISSION LADIES

The Mission Ladies will start up again on Wednesday, September 13! The Mission Ladies are an organization dedicated to making handmade items for children and nursing homes. We sew, knit, and crochet—dolls, lap robes, wheel chair bags, etc. Join us for our meetings every Wednesday, September 13-May from 9:15am-Noon in the Parish Center.

In Memory

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF KAREN PROVAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

This event, sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women, is being held to honor our former president, active member of the music ministry, devoted parishioner, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and to many, our dear, sweet friend, Karen Provan. On July 2nd she was called to eternal rest after a brief and devastating bout with cancer.

The event will include a brief prayer service, refreshments, and an invitation for you to offer brief remembrances of Karen. We hope that you will join us for this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life of a truly great Christian woman, Karen Provan.

For more information contact 708-710-0644 or email: ccw@stcletusparish.com



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

JOYFUL AGAIN



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 at

St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois.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.

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

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH OKTOBERFEST

When: Saturday, October 7th, 2023, from 1:00 – 10:30 pm.

Where: Holy Guardian Angels Parish, 1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park, 60626.

Why: Family fun for all with **FREE ADMISSION!**

BINGO from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the SLM Parish Center.

Children’s games and bouncy house from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

Live entertainment: Jim Drnek Polka Band from 4:30 - 7:30 pm and

The Sylvies 8:00 - 10:00 pm in the Colonnade Room.

Delicious seasonal food and drink, with children’s menu too.

Cash Share the Wealth Raffle, pull tabs and bag raffle. For Share the Wealth Cash Raffle tickets or other information please call

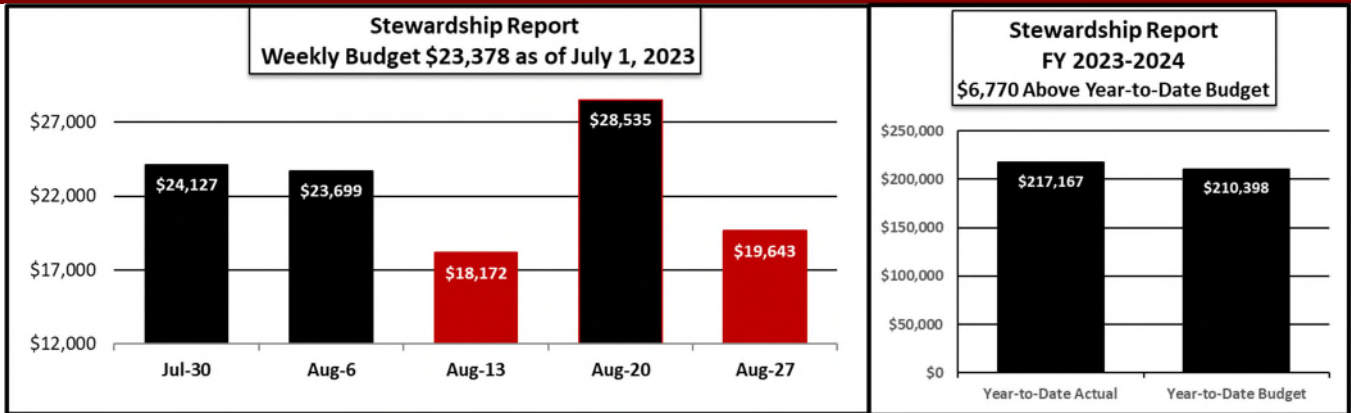
Matt Sinde, (847) 682-7404.

Come rain or shine to have a great time!!

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 3			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Monday, September 4	6:30pm	Gallagher Room	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5	7-8pm	Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, September 6	1-1:40pm	Church	Living Rosary
Thursday, September 7	5-10pm		Fall Fest
Friday, September 8	5-11pm		Fall Fest
Saturday, September 9	12-11pm		Fall Fest
Sunday, September 10	10:30am 12-9pm	Fall Fest Stage	Outdoor Mass Honoring First Responders Fall Fest

Stewardship Report



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

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Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor
Rev. John Lodge, Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy
Mr. Ramón Cazales, Deacon
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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.