



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— ROMANS 10:8



JOIN US DURING LENT

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

Reconciliation
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

Taizé Prayer
Wednesday, March 9 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 21 - 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8

School Stations of the Cross
Mar. 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Mar. 18, 24, Apr. 1, 8, 14 - 2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10 - Please return your CRS Rice Bowl



LENT

2022

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for March 7 - 13, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
March 7	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Wojcik, Ginny Skibbe
March 8	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Bronislaw Pabin
March 9	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Joseph Viececi, BC Collins
March 10	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Dunbar, John Battistoni, Julio Battistoni
March 11	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 12	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Special Intentions of CCW Members, Gene Gajos, Dan Klepczarek, Sylvia Valerio, Columva Co
March 13	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Richard Gomez, Ola Maveety, Walter Maveety, Ethel Maveety, Jan Mana Wisniewski, Thomas Birks, Chester Matiasek
	8:45am	Fr. Hays	Maryann Lyons, Jim Jasinski, Moore Family, Alicio Prince Broadwater
	10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Romero Fr. Hays	Ken Herzog, Betty Niwa, Robert Thomas, Christine Stepuszek, Mary Sobecki St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Geraldine C. Bernacchi

Rose Marie Hrzencjak

Mother of Karen and Thomas

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

March - Dan Keller

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

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

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

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

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

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

Marriage Banns



Megan McNichols & Justin Hilborn

Violeta Miguel and Guarav Mishra

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

Every year God engages us in a unique way through the season of Lent. During this precious time, we are invited to grow in closeness to the Lord through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Lent also offers a wonderful opportunity to gently read, reflect, meditate, contemplate, and journey with the living Word of God.

In today's gospel we hear, *"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days."* This is such a rich scripture passage. It talks about the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the effect of the spirit on Jesus, the Jordan river, the desert, and the number of days that Jesus spent in it. One can easily spend days, weeks, months, or even years studying, reflecting, contemplating, and going deeper with such a scripture passage. Could that be something that the Lord is inviting or asking us to do during this Lent?

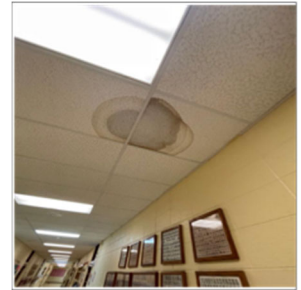
As I grow in closeness to the Lord, I am encouraged to serve you to the best of my ability, keep you informed about the state of our parish, and the way we are taking care of our parish facilities. With the help and recommendation of Jim Dion, Business Manager, I am intentionally choosing to pay attention to them rather than opting for the option of deferred maintenance. Below you will see a list of projects that were brought to my attention. As you can see, each project is carefully explained. I am pleased to announce to you that all these projects were completed.

1. All of the concealed door closers on the glass doors that separate the main body of the church from the vestibule have been replaced. The seal on one of the old door closers had failed and leaked oil, resulting in the door slamming each time it closed. The other 5 door closers were close to wearing out – they were no longer completely closing the glass doors. Cost of completion = \$3, 961.00.
2. Three door closers on the left-hand main entrance of the church were replaced. Two of the closers had failed, causing the doors to essentially slam shut. The third closure did not have a "prop open" feature, necessitating a kick-down door stop. This was replaced so that pushing the door all the way open will prop it open automatically. In addition, the middle outside door was scraping against the threshold, making the door hard to close and line up with the deadbolt on the adjacent door. This door was shimmed so that it would close properly. Cost of completion = \$1,587.50.
3. Several leaks in the school roof, primarily in the north-south wing along Stone Ave, were repaired. The roof itself is in fairly poor condition, and we will need to come up with a long-term plan for eventual replacement. Cost of repairs = \$3, 221.00. I am sharing some photos about it with you.
4. The main fire alarm control panel in the school was replaced, as the old panel had become obsolete, and repair and replacement parts were no longer available. Cost of replacement = \$13,020. In addition, 22 pull stations, 96 smoke detectors, 40 heat detectors, 30 strobes, 57 horn/strobes, and 2 beam detectors were tested to ensure proper operation. Cost of annual testing = \$1,905.00
5. The parish buildings have 10 water backflow preventers that are required to be tested annually by the Village of La Grange. A backflow preventer valve is designed to prevent the water in our main water supply lines from flowing in a reverse direction, thus protecting incoming water and outgoing waste water from being cross-connected. We are still waiting for the bill, but in the past the cost has been approximately \$1,115.00.
6. The wheelchair lift by the Parish Center stage was inspected for proper and safe operation. Cost of inspection = \$700.00. A CAT-5 test, which is a full operational test under weighted load is required to be performed every 5 years and has been scheduled for early July. Cost of CAT-5 testing = \$1,660.00.
7. The keypad for the electronic controller that raises and lowers the basketball hoops in the Parish Center gym no longer works. The manufacturer warranty has expired, and the manufacturer wanted approximately \$1,300 to replace the entire controller. Since the device is no longer under warranty, we reversed engineered the wiring of the keypad to the controller and replaced the keypad with a new one, at a total cost of about \$15.00.

Since the first day (July 1st, 2021) of my arrival and ministry at St. Cletus parish, I noticed a genuine and contagious love you have for your parish. It is that love that inspires you to care for your parish. It is that love that fills your hearts with the desire to see it well kept, warm, welcoming, and beautiful. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity. We will continue to take care of our parish facilities and keep you informed.

May we have a blessed season of Lent!

Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor



Sunday Notes

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;
 Girl Scouting Sunday
 Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;
 Julian calendar Lent begins
 Tuesday: St. John of God
 Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome
 Friday: Abstinence

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God,
 through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
 that we may grow in understanding
 of the riches hidden in Christ
 and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
 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 Lenten observances do I intend to keep this year?

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Renew My Church



WHAT IS RENEW MY CHURCH?

Renew My Church is a proactive, strategic effort to ensure the sustainable growth of our Church for the future. Renew My Church is meant to ensure that all parish are vibrant, vital, and life-giving and have the resources they need to carry out the mission of the Church.

WHAT DOES RENEW MY CHURCH MEAN TO ST. CLETUS?

Renew My Church for the St. Cletus Community begins a spiritual journey to re-encounter Jesus both an individual disciples and as parish community. Through three initiatives, we are asked to recommit to the gospel commission:

- Make disciples
- Build vital communities of faith
- Inspire witness that brings the light and hope of Christ to a world in need

These three mission imperatives guide all that we will do in our renewal efforts.

Renew My Church does NOT mean that St. Cletus Parish or school will be closing or merging, as some other parishes have experienced. As previously announced, St. Cletus is a strong and vibrant parish, but ALL parishes in the Archdiocese are participating in Renew my Church.

St. Cletus School

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TRACK IS BACK AT ST. CLETUS

Our Cardinals having fun at Preseason Track and field practice!! They had help from some Cardinal track alumni!



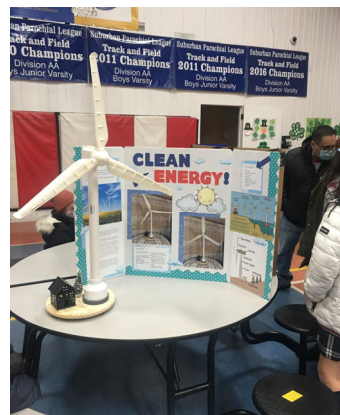
ST. CLETUS BAND

Last week our band put on a wonderful winter concert! Thank you to our band director, Mr. Enns, who has such a strong dedication to our students!



8TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

Students showcased their Science Fair projects for families, teachers and friends. Congratulations to our 8th graders on their hard work and efforts!



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

There is no better way to begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday than all together celebrating Mass.



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, 8-10 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. Our next volunteer session will be **Saturday, March 19 from 8:30-11:30**. Volunteers can be ages 16+. Volunteers age 11-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

GCFD is located at: 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632. You can also sign up to go at a convenient time for you. Please designate St. Cletus Food Pantry-Agency #A01336, as the recipient of your volunteer credits. For more info: www.chicagosfoodbank.org.

At the time of this writing: All GCFD volunteers, contractors and employees must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Volunteers will be asked for confirmation of vaccination status. GCFD requires volunteers to wear masks and practice social distancing when volunteering. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us end hunger! The GCFD requests that we wear long pants, shirts that cover the shoulder and shoes that cover the entire foot. There are lockers in the building to hold your valuables.

LENTEN OUTREACH

The Pillars of Lent—As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “Elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.” How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Make sure to pick up your rice bowls at the doors as you exit Mass this weekend! We will collect them Palm Sunday weekend. Thank you!



AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



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

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/downersgrove>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Children Are Survivors, Too—Children are often traumatized by domestic violence even when they are not the direct target of abuse. We must be sensitive to their experience and responsive in finding them help, particularly in our parishes and schools. Growing up in a family torn by domestic violence can be devastating. Some victims mistakenly think their children are unaware of the abuse they suffer. “It happens late at night,” or “only in the bedroom,” they say. Most counselors recognize, however, that children are generally more perceptive than parents realize. They may not know the whole story, but they know when there is anger and fighting, and the conflict takes its toll. The consequences for children are not surprising. They may become hyperactive or withdrawn; they may turn aggressive or violent, passive or sullen; they may be afraid, angry or sad; they may fall behind in schoolwork, lose interest in their favorite subject or hobby. And even more tragic, they may carry the traumatic effects for a lifetime, causing depression, anxiety or other personality disorders. We should respond to children exposed to domestic violence much like we do to victims of domestic violence. Listen carefully, believe them, be supportive, help them understand that the abuse is not their fault, assure them they are not alone and can trust us. Most importantly, find them professional counseling. We can’t expect them to brush it off and just forget these very real and emotional experiences.

This article was printed in the Winter 2021 Newsletter from the Domestic Violence Outreach of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

During the month of February, our Family Home lessons had a focus on prayer. Our families learned about Sister Thea Bowman, and how she demonstrated in her daily life how the Spirit can move us to do wonderful things in our own lives and those of others. Prayer was a big part of her life. We encouraged families to try two different types of prayers: Praying in Color and Prayer Knots.

The knots and creative drawings were beautiful! Prayer is not only powerful but also beautiful indeed. Keep it up and never stop praying and talking with the Lord for He really does hear each and every word. We hope you enjoy a sampling of our student's work!



Youth Ministry

ALL TEEN NIGHT!



All High School teens: please join us Tonight, Sunday, March 6th from 6-7:30 p.m. for our All Teen Night in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center! Come for some Chick-Fil-A dinner, and hear all about KOLBE HOUSE, an Archdiocesan jail ministry. We will eat, welcome a guest speaker from Kolbe House, and work on a service project together for Kolbe House. Teens are encouraged to bring one of the following tonight to help Kolbe House: Stamps, Men's White Ankle Socks, White Wash Cloths, or Travel Size Bar Soap.

In order to help us ensure we have enough food, please RSVP to our event using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-allteen2> We hope to see you there tonight!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PACZKI FUNDRAISER!

Last weekend, we successfully sold approximately 1,000 paczki for our Mission Trip Fundraiser. Between our three parishes, we raised over \$2,000 towards our transportation costs (of which over \$1,000 came from our generous St. Cletus parishioners!). Thank you so much for your generosity!

Thanks to all of our teens and parents who helped to sell and package the paczki on Sunday. A special thanks goes to Kristie and John Crandall who were so quick to think of additional ways to get more Paczki for our parishioners when we sold out early on Sunday! We are so grateful to them for their generosity in driving to Racine Bakery *twice* to help to re-stock us for this fundraiser. They went above and beyond for Youth Ministry on Sunday!



Ministry News

TICKET PRICES:
(CASH ONLY)

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

MENU:

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

SEATINGS:

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

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

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

Come all ladies of the parish & bring a guest!

Wednesday, March 16th

7:00pm in the Church

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

We will also have a short meeting.



Taizé prayer is a contemplative, candlelit prayer service of song and scripture. We invite you to join us for the St. Cletus Parish Lenten Taizé service on **Wednesday, March 9 and Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.**



Ministry News

COME JOIN US FOR COFFEE!

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

UPCOMING MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING!



Ministry of Care to the Sick is parish based ministry to those who are homebound, infirmed or unable to attend Mass. Ministers are trained for pastoral visits with Holy Communion that include time for prayer and reflection in addition to receiving the Body of Christ.

Join us at St. Cletus Parish on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. Sessions begin on March 9 and conclude on April 20 (no class on April 13). Attendance at all six sessions fulfills the Archdiocesan requirement for Ministry of Care certification. Training is led by experienced, full-time ministers serving in Vicariate IV. To register, please go to the St. Cletus website (stcletusparish.com).

BOOK DISCUSSION



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

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE INVITATION FROM TINA NORTON

When my son was a preschooler, I was asked if I could water the plants in my church during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Because I was available during the day and they told me I could bring my son along, we went into church twice a week after the morning mass with our buckets and watering cans and watered all the plants. He was old enough to be able to help and he loved doing it. The plants got watered and I remember being in the quiet church with him very fondly. Plus, the church became a friendly and familiar place, it was our community, and there were lots of pretty things to look at and help with and nice people to work with.

Part of our worship is doing so in a beautiful and inspiring

worship environment. We would like to start an Art and Environment Committee at St Cletus, which would be responsible for decorating the church for the liturgical seasons, taking care of the plants, etc. The work is not hard and could be done mostly on your own schedule (bring your child if it's convenient!), and mostly before and during Easter and Christmas. If there is enough interest, we will be planning the Holy Week and Easter season environments to start. If you are interested, please give me your name at tnorton@stcletusparish.com or call the parish office.

- Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate

THE ROSARY IS ALIVE AND THRIVING AT ST. CLETUS



We are so blessed to celebrate Mary's Rosary in different ways in our parish.

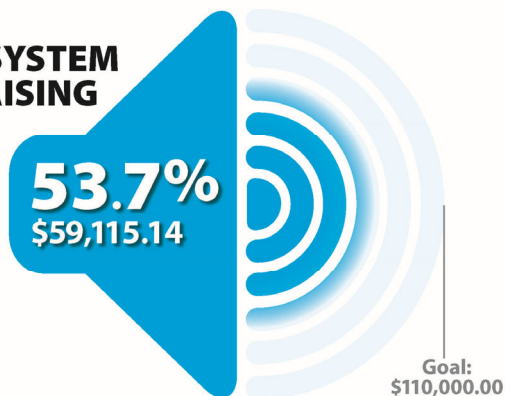
- Every Wednesday at 1:00 the Living Rosary gathers in church to pray the Rosary. We share intentions and have a supportive, gentle community. All are welcome to join us whenever you can.
- Members of the Living Rosary continue to pray their assigned decade each day, together saying the entire Rosary. The decades gain meaning and weave into your heart as you say them day by day. Call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338 to join us in praying this special way.
- There is a basket of free Rosaries and guides on how to pray them (in English and Spanish) available in the church's narthex for free. We have distributed over 200 Rosaries in the past year and have more to offer. Take one for yourself or someone who could use one.
- The Rosary table will be back on April 30th/May 1st during all Masses! What a wonderful way to begin Mary's month! Bring Rosaries for repair or to donate. Take Rosaries and other devotional items for free.

The goal of the Living Rosary is to promote the Rosary as a vibrant prayer to Mary, asking her to intercede for our intentions. At Fatima, Mary asked everyone to pray the Rosary for world peace, something we desperately need right now. Mother Mary calls us her children and listens to our prayers. We place our hopes and worries in her hands to bring to the Father. Hear and answer her call.

Ministry News

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

**SOUND SYSTEM
FUND RAISING
STATUS**



SAVE THE DATE! VBS IS BACK!



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

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION



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

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

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. 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. Thank you again for your support of the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Visit annualcatholicappeal.com for info.

Hispanic Ministry News

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
6 de marzo, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en Español	Iglesia
8 de marzo, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30AM	Confesiones	Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00 PM – 5:00 AM	Adoración Nocturna	Iglesia

CUARESMA

Sábados	8:30AM	Confesiones	Iglesia
Viernes	7:00PM	Vía Cruces (Bilingüe Ingles/español)	Iglesia

AGRADECIMIENTO

Gracias a todas las personas que apoyaron en la venta de tamales el domingo pasado. Los fondos se usarán para asistir en la compra del sistema de sonido de la parroquia. También, un agradecimiento especial a las personas que ayudaron en la preparación de los tamales. Estuvieron deliciosos.

Community News

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES



Sing!
SONGS YOU LOVE
FEATURING MUSICIANS YOU KNOW

Ed Ward
FINE ARTS SERIES
AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AT 4:00 P.M.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

FREE ADMISSION | More info at www.edwardfas.com

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 pm, we will present "Sing!" Join us for an afternoon of songs you love to sing along with! From folk to pop, rock to jazz and more - this concert will be led by faces familiar to the Fine Arts Series and will encourage not just enjoying the music, but singing along from the audience too!

BETHLEHEM ARTS



March 12 & 13 we will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and COVID-19 results in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all the weekend Masses in the Narthex.

ARTES DE BELEN 12 Y 13 DE MARZO



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

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The world-wide "Synod on Synodality" is underway now! This is a gathering of bishops and everyone in the church in order to make ourselves more "synodal" - that is, working together and walking together to make ourselves and our church better and more

unified.

The three keys to the Synod are communion, participation, and mission. We are all invited to take part in the synod, and Pope Francis has specifically asked for participation of the laity. We are invited to reflect on the themes of communion, participation and mission and send our thoughts to the Archdiocese in order to be included as part of the synod reflections. If you would like more information on the synod in general or to include your thoughts, please visit <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod>.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

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

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

Quarterly Resume Review

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

Visit us at interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.

Community News

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

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

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME



Are you curious about religious life?

Women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more about the School Sisters of Notre Dame through a casual, online "Joyful and Alive Conversation" Wednesday, March 9 at 8pm ET / 7pm CT. Experience God's blessings of being "joyful and alive!"

Register by March 7 at ssnd.org/events/3-9-22.

INVITE FROM HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME

We are hosting a complimentary seminar with an Attorney for Estate Planning as well as a representative of the Catholic Cemeteries to answer any questions you may have when it comes to pre-planning.

March 8, 2022 at 2:00pm Live and 6:30pm Virtual

Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield.

Please R.S.V.P. by 3/7 at 708-485-2000 or email info@hitzemanfuneral.com. Space is limited.

WORD OF LIFE



"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

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.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



JOURNAL YOUR LIFE Two Thursdays, Mar 10 and 24, 10-11:30 AM Facilitator: Diane Pfahler, SND
Ever wonder what benefit journalers get from putting pen to paper? This class may be just what you need to be propelled into the company of Anne Frank, Marie Curie, Thomas Merton, and Lady Gaga. \$30 series.

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

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT

Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women
June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

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

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

For further information, 708-354-7211
joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
www.joyfulagain.org

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.

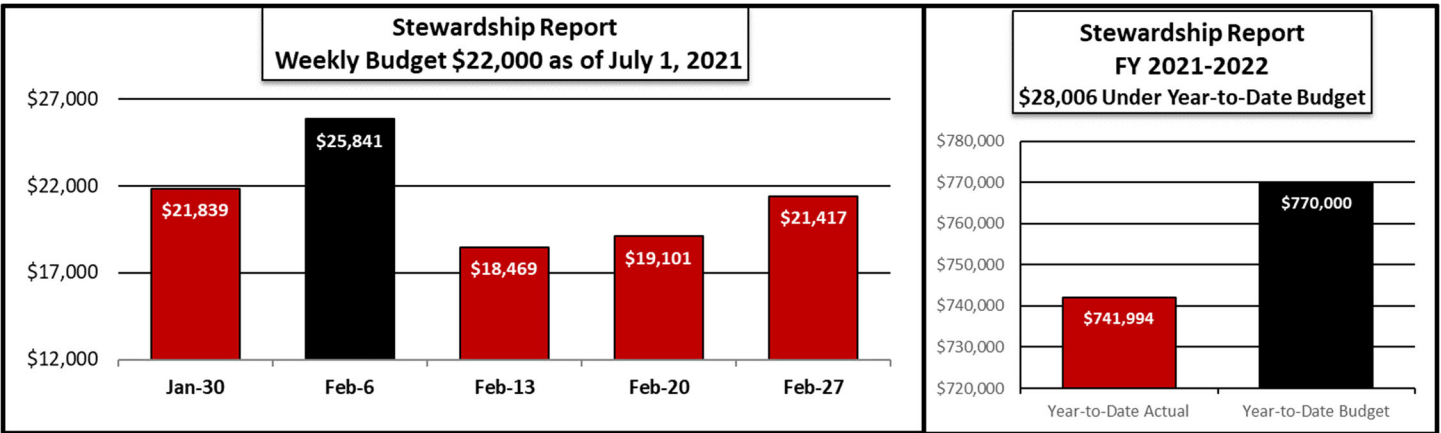
In your name we pray.
Amen

Vocation Office | Bishop Quarter House
750 North Wabash Avenue | Chicago, IL 60611 | Chicagopriest.com

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 6	7:15am 7:15am	Narthex Narthex	Rice Bowls Distribution Fish Fry Ticket Sales
Monday, March 7			
Tuesday, March 8	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 9	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church Parish Center Meeting Room	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers Ministry of Care Training
Thursday, March 10	2:30pm 6-8pm 7:30pm	Church Parking Lot School Music Room	Stations of the Cross Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 11			
Saturday, March 12	5:00pm 7:00pm	Narthex Church	Fish Fry Ticket Sales Hispanic Saturday Adoration
Sunday, March 13	7:15am	Narthex	Fish Fry Ticket Sales

Stewardship Report



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Envelope # _____

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. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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