

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.
— HEBREWS 4:12A



OCTOBER 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven;

then come, follow me.

~ Mark 10:21

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Mass Intentions for October 11 - 17, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
October 11	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Roger Davisson
October 12	8:00am	Fr. Costello	John Edward Toncray
October 13	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Sylvia Pesut, BC Collins
October 14	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Margaret Davisson
October 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Bill Bolton
October 16	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Mary R. Lopez
October 17	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Stacy Baker, Walter & Ola Maveety, Michael Garvey
	8:45am	Fr. Baker	Mary Lopez, John Cronin, Elisabeth McHugh
	10:30am	Fr. Baker	Harold Janacek, Jr., Thomas Hanna, Benjamin John Kurek
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY

In observance of Columbus Day the St. Cletus Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 11.

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

Teresa Mulvenna-Larkers

May she 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.

September - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

August - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

July - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patrick Wingert

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

INSTALLATION OF FR. ELMER ROMERO

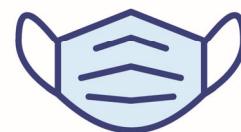
Our new Pastor, Fr. Elmer, will be installed by our new Vicar, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, on Saturday, November 13 at the 5:00pm Mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special Mass. We will announce additional details as they become available for this celebration of our parish.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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.

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



Marriage Banns



Himja Bhatt & Kevin Stepuszek

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

Every parish has a Parish Finance Council.

Since July 1st, 2021, I have been asking and praying for a Parish Finance Council. I am grateful to everyone who assisted me with their prayers and recommendations. I am also grateful to God for leading me to those He wanted me to approach with an invitation to be members of the new Parish Finance Council.

Today, I am delighted to inform you that our parish has a Parish Finance Council. It is with gratitude and joy that I share with you their names: Barbara M. Weyrick, Eugenia Callison, Adriana Varela, Patty Morrissey, Doug Morrissey, Jonathan Andrews, Rick Chlapecka, Tom Reisel, and John Vincent. I am confident that with their counsel and leadership, we will continue to take good care of our parish. We will hold our first monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Please assist us with your prayers.

Last weekend we had a successful Clothing Drive. We almost filled the two trailers that were located on the parking lot. There was a great group of volunteers, young and old. I was informed that the volunteers had a good time while helping the poor. My special thanks to all the volunteers. In a particular way I would like to thank Jim McLamore for his amazing leadership.

On Monday, October 4, 2021, Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Marc Reszel, Pastor of St. John of the Cross, and I had a lunch conversation. We were hosted by Fr. Bill at St. Francis Xavier. This was the first time that the three of us got together for a meal and conversation. I was touched by their hospitality, the love they have for their parishioners, and for their vocation. It is our desire and intention to continue to meet regularly.

Below I would like to share with you some photos from our Hopes and Dreams gathering on September 13, 2021. Seeing them again gave me so much joy.

May our good and gracious Lord continue to shower us with his abundant blessings.

Fr. Elmer Romero

PHOTOS FROM OUR HOPES AND DREAMS GATHERING

Photos courtesy of Sarah Hodak



PHOTOS FROM MONDAY'S PET BLESSING



Sunday Readings

READING I

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
and I chose to have her rather than the light,
because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all good things together came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her hands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us,
for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants
and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

READING II

Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:
Indeed the word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.
No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account.

ALLELUIA

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up,
knelt down before him, and asked him,
"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?
No one is good but God alone.
You know the commandments: You shall not kill;
you shall not commit adultery;
you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness;
you shall not defraud;
honor your father and your mother."
He replied and said to him,
"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."
Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,
"You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me."
At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for
he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the
kingdom of God!"
The disciples were amazed at his words.
So Jesus again said to them in reply,
"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
They were exceedingly astonished and said among
themselves,

"Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God."

Peter began to say to him,

"We have given up everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has
given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father
or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the
gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in
this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and
mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and
eternal life in the age to come."

XXVIII Domingo Ordinario

PRIMERA LECTURA

Sab 7, 7-11

Supliqué y se me concedió la prudencia;
invoqué y vino sobre mí el espíritu de sabiduría.
La preferí a los cetros y a los tronos,
y en comparación con ella tuve en nada la riqueza.
No se puede comparar con la piedra más preciosa,
porque todo el oro, junto a ella, es un poco de arena
y la plata es como lodo en su presencia.

La tuve en más que la salud y la belleza;
la preferí a la luz, porque su resplandor nunca se apaga.
Todos los bienes me vinieron con ella;
sus manos me trajeron riquezas incontables.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

Salmo 89, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17

R. Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Enséñanos a ver lo que es la vida,
y seremos sensatos.
¿Hasta cuándo, Señor, vas a temer
compasión de tus siervos? ¿Hasta cuándo?

R. Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Llénanos de tu amor por la mañana
y júbilo será la vida toda.
Alégranos ahora por los días
y los años de males y congojas.

R. Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Haz, Señor, que tus siervos y sus hijos
puedan mirar tus obras y tu gloria.
Que el Señor bondadoso nos ayude
y dé prosperidad a nuestras obras.

R. Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Heb 4, 12-13

Hermanos: La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos. Llega hasta lo más íntimo del alma, hasta la médula de los huesos y descubre los pensamientos e intenciones del corazón. Toda creatura es transparente para ella. Todo queda al desnudo y al descubierto ante los ojos de aquel a quien debemos rendir cuentas.

ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

Mt 5, 3

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Dichosos los pobres de espíritu,
porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

R. Aleluya.

EVANGELIO

Mc 10, 17-30

En aquel tiempo, cuando salía Jesús al camino, se le acercó corriendo un hombre, se arrodilló ante él y le preguntó: “Maestro bueno, ¿qué debo hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna?” Jesús le contestó: “¿Por qué me llamas bueno? Nadie es bueno sino sólo Dios. Ya sabes los mandamientos: No matarás, no cometerás adulterio, no robarás, no levantarás falso testimonio, no cometerás fraudes, honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre”.

Entonces él le contestó: “Maestro, todo eso lo he cumplido desde muy joven”. Jesús lo miró con amor y le dijo: “Sólo una cosa te falta: Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme”. Pero al oír estas palabras, el hombre se entristeció y se fue apesadumbrado, porque tenía muchos bienes.

Jesús, mirando a su alrededor, dijo entonces a sus discípulos: “¿Qué difícil les va a ser a los ricos entrar en el Reino de Dios!” Los discípulos quedaron sorprendidos ante estas palabras; pero Jesús insistió: “Hijitos, ¿qué difícil es para los que confían en las riquezas, entrar en el Reino de Dios! Más fácil le es a un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja, que a un rico entrar en el Reino de Dios”.

Ellos se asombraron todavía más y comentaban entre sí: “Entonces, ¿quién puede salvarse?” Jesús, mirándolos fijamente, les dijo: “Es imposible para los hombres, mas no para Dios. Para Dios todo es posible”.

Entonces Pedro le dijo a Jesús: “Señor, ya ves que nosotros lo hemos dejado todo para seguirte”.

Jesús le respondió: “Yo les aseguro: Nadie que haya dejado casa, o hermanos o hermanas, o padre o madre, o hijos o tierras, por mí y por el Evangelio, dejará de recibir, en esta vida, el ciento por uno en casas, hermanos, hermanas, madres, hijos y tierras, junto con persecuciones, y en el otro mundo, la vida eterna”.

Social Concerns Ministry



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

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta Sauce
- 2-3 lb Rice
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Chili

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, it will be checked daily.



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

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a few more weeks left of the food pantry garden! Volunteers are needed to help water but especially needed to help with harvesting on Wednesdays! Thank you Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>

GCFD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Please email Joan Kittler at kittlerjh4533@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, October 16th. St. Cletus is signed up, we just need a few good people to help. Remember, the St. Cletus Food Pantry earns \$15 per person, every time we work.

GIVING TREE UPDATE

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



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered at the SVDP trucks this weekend! We filled both with many useful donations that will make there way to others in need.



AREA RESPECT LIFE

Baby Bottle envelopes are due back at the end of October. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. All proceeds go to Women’s Care Center here in La Grange. If you didn’t get an envelope last week there are extra’s in the Respect Life flier rack on either side of the Narthex. Thank you!

WORD OF LIFE



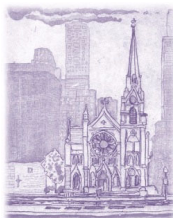
“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

MASS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SAVE THE DATE

ACDVO 2021 Mass to End Domestic Violence and for Survivors and their families will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In 1989, Congress declared October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence affects our all communities regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.

Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of power and control and attempts to dehumanize.

Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

People who are in an abusive relationship will stay with their partner for a number of reasons. Some of these reasons are:

- The cycle of abuse, meaning the “honeymoon phase” that follows physical and mental abuse, makes them believe their partner really is sorry and does love them.
- It’s dangerous to leave. According to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, women are 70 times more likely to be killed in the weeks after leaving their abusive partner than at any other time in the relationship.
- They share a life. Marriages, children, homes, pets, and finances are a big reason victims of abuse feel they can’t leave.

Remember, if you or someone you know needs help, please contact 800.799.SAFE (7233) or text START to 88788.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

WHEN: Wednesday, September 22 to Sunday, October 31, 7AM to 7PM daily

LOCATION: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove

SIGN UP: Sign up anytime online at: www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
Click on “Log in/Signup” then “Register”

CROP WALK

CROP Hunger Walk Information:
Saturday, October 16
10:15am Check In |
The walk begins and ends at St. Cletus Education Building—
Morrissey Hall



****Please bring a non-perishable food item with you****

The route is 2 miles in length. There will be a shorter family walk, of 1 mile as well. An escort car continually travels the walk route and will pick up anyone who wants to return to the end point early.

To sign up and/or make a donation check out: events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-cletus

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Learn from A Millennial Recruiter How to Prepare to Promote Your Experience in Advance of Your Next Interview - Looking for a new job? Join us for this in-person event on Thursday, October 21, 7-8:30 pm. With more Millennials and Gen-Z-ers ascending into the workplace, navigating and understanding a multi-generational workplace is vital. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, is a millennial career coach and recruiter. She will share what we can learn from younger generations about the job search and how to best work with Millennials and Gen-Z recruiters and hiring managers. We look forward to seeing you again at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Please note: this meeting will be in-person and masks are required. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Quarterly Resume Review - Join us in-person on Saturday, October 23 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. Please note: this review will be in-person and masks are required. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

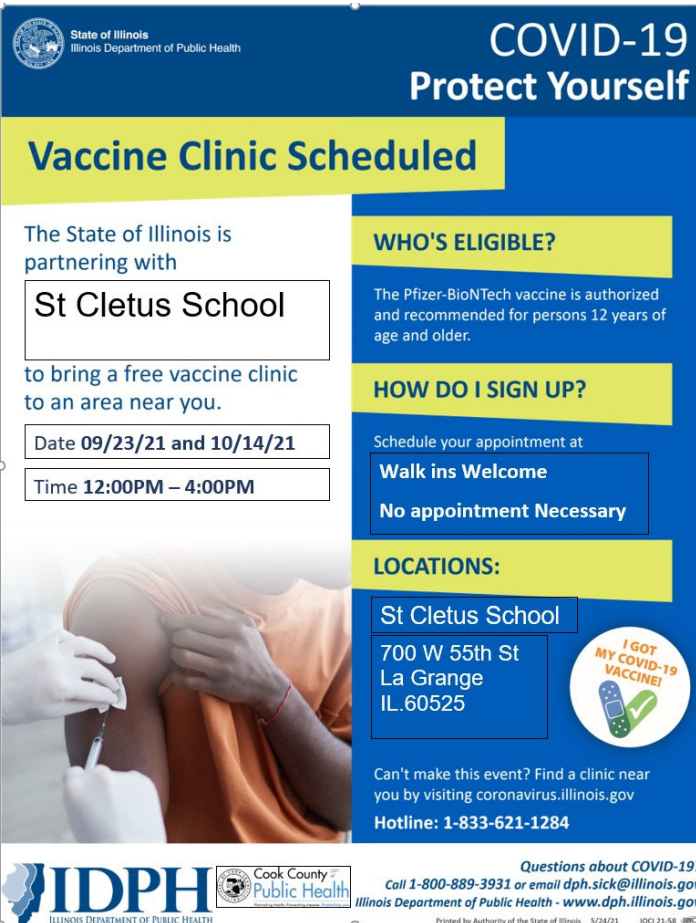
More info at interfaithcareernetwork.org.

St. Cletus School

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COVID VACCINATIONS



COVID-19 Protect Yourself

Vaccine Clinic Scheduled

The State of Illinois is partnering with **St Cletus School** to bring a free vaccine clinic to an area near you.

Date **09/23/21 and 10/14/21**
Time **12:00PM – 4:00PM**

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?
The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized and recommended for persons 12 years of age and older.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?
Schedule your appointment at **Walk ins Welcome**
No appointment Necessary

LOCATIONS:
St Cletus School
700 W 55th St
La Grange IL 60525

I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!

Can't make this event? Find a clinic near you by visiting coronavirus.illinois.gov
Hotline: 1-833-621-1284

IDPH Cook County Public Health
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Questions about COVID-19? Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov
Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov

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JOB OPENINGS



AFTERCARE WORKER

5 days a week from 3pm until 6pm or until the last student leaves. Pay is \$15 an hour.

Looking for a reliable, caring individual. College and High School Jr's and Sr's welcome to apply.

Must be VIRTUS Trained.

Please contact the school office if interested at 708-352-4820

PLANTING WITH MRS. DELANEY

Thank you to Mary Delaney for coming to plant mums with the Junior Kindergarten class. The students all got a chance to add a plant to the fall pots that are outside the preschool entrance.



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH | 5-9PM
5801 S LA GRANGE RD, COUNTRYSIDE, IL, 60525

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **N34XLMM**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Religious Education is off to a fun start! We are doing a hybrid program this year, with some at-home lessons and in-person big events for the kids to come together for fellowship, build community, to pray, to serve and to have fun! We began our year with our Kick Off Picnic, and we had so many fun photos to share, that we couldn't fit them all into one bulletin! Please enjoy more photos from our Kick Off event!

Keep in mind that we are all participating in a fun Family Service project next weekend: the CROP Walk! We hope to see all of our families and other parishioners join together in the Education Building in Morrissey Hall at 10:30 a.m. for this special walk which directly benefits our St. Cletus Food Pantry! Please see the bulletin for additional information on this special service project, and bring a canned good to donate to the food pantry! Can't wait to see everyone there!



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Ministry News

YOUTH MINISTRY



Boys Church League Basketball is BACK! Registrations for St. Cletus teams will begin on Monday, October 11th. You can find the registration form online at our parish website under the NEWS section of the home page (www.stcletusparish.com). We also need coaches to enable our teams to play, so please consider volunteering your time for this fun teen activity! All information is found on the website. All registrations must be received by November 1, 2021 in order to be eligible to play. Practices will begin in early November, and games will be played from December – February. Please register asap as we expect many to come out this year, and we may need to form a waiting list.

Stay tuned for more exciting High School Youth Ministry announcements next week!

BOOK CLUB



For the next book discussion, we are reading **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer. We will meet on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on December 14 we will discuss **The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flag.

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT BY PETER GENESER



Hello parishioners of St. Cletus Church, My name is Peter Geneser and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 117 in Western Springs. I am a Junior at Nazareth Academy High School and I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project to provide religious items and personal care items to U.S. Veterans. I am asking for your help to collect travel-size toiletries and gently used or new religious items to be distributed to U.S. Veterans hospitalized in local VA Healthcare Centers. All donated religious items

will be blessed by a member of the clergy before distribution. My hope is to distribute these items on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021. A collection box has been placed in the parish Narthex for your donations.

Travel-size toiletries needed: Deodorant, Toothpaste / Toothbrushes, Shaving cream / Disposal razors, Shampoo, Liquid soap or body wash (no bar soap please), other travel size toiletries

New or gently used religious items needed: Small crosses, Rosaries, Prayer cards, Saint necklaces or medals
Monetary donations can be given to the Parish Office. Cash donations should be in an envelope marked Eagle Scout Project-117 and donations by check should be made out to BSA Troop 117. Thank you for your generosity.

THE ROSARY IS ALIVE AND THRIVING AT ST. CLETUS!



There are so many ways to pray the Rosary with others at St. Cletus!

In the church every Wednesday at 1:00. Join us in setting aside a half hour to spend with Mary, offering her our communal prayers and your sharing intentions. No reservations needed, just come when you can.

As part of the Living Rosary, you can say an assigned decade every day. Other parishioners say the rest of the decades and together an entire Rosary gets prayed. Meditating on your decade and spending daily time at your convenience draws you closer to Mary and her Son. Call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338 for more information.

On October 17rd at 2:00, we will pray all 20 decades of the Rosary simultaneously from home (due to COVID). Following Mary and Jesus from the Annunciation through Jesus' public life, the Passion and His Triumph over death and Mary's place in heaven is very moving. Praying all 20 decades takes about an hour and a half but what better gift could there be to Mary to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary.

There is a container in the Ministers Room off the narthex labeled for the Living Rosary. You can bring a labeled Rosary to be repaired and returned or can donate extra Rosaries to be given to others.

There is a white basket on the shelves on the east side of the narthex with free Rosaries and booklets explaining how to say the Rosary. Take and share whatever you need.

Take a moment from daily life to spend some time with Mary and her Son in this moving, humble prayer.

St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

Ladies of the parish, the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invites you to our Advent Retreat
"Walking to Bethlehem with Thanksgiving and Wonder"

When: Saturday, November 20th, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Donation: \$10 per person (includes lunch)

Details: Join with the women of our parish and take some time for prayer, lunch, discussion, and community service. Our project is making gift bags of full-sized toiletries for the local BEDS shelter. Participants are requested to bring shampoo, conditioner, comb, brush, body wash, bath soap, bath puff, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, and shaving cream. The BEDS residents include women, men, and children. Please consider this in your selections. Please bring a few items or consider purchasing an entire set of toiletries if you are able. On the day of the retreat, we will assemble the gift bags. Bags and tissue paper will be provided.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- 11:00A Registration
- 11:30A Meditation
- 11:45A Fr. Elmer's Presentation
- 12:30P Discussion and Lunch
- 1:15P Brief Idea Sharing from discussion
- 1:45P Bag Assembly for BEDS
- 2:15P Closing Prayer

RESERVATIONS: Return the slip below with your donation to the church office in the parish center or Karen Ziemba at church by Sunday, November 7th.

"Walking to Bethlehem with Thanksgiving and Wonder" Registration

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Donation may be with cash or check payable to St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women or SCCCW.
For questions or help with your reservation contact: Ann at amkuchta@uic.edu | Pat at 708-205-9678

Community News

THE WELL



Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

INTRODUCTION TO THE ENNEAGRAM Saturday, Oct 16, 9:30AM-12PM, Facilitator: JoAnne McElroy: Gain a greater understanding of yourself using the Enneagram - a powerful spiritual and psychological tool for transformation. \$30.

RIPENING: THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST OF POETS IN THEIR LATER YEARS - Retreat, Fri and Sat, Oct 29, 7PM-Oct 30, 3PM, Facilitator: Mark S. Burrows: This retreat invites participants into the probing wisdom of selected contemporary poets, harvesting the gifts of their "late" writings that come from the depths of long experience. \$75.

THE OUR FATHER: ENTERING INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF JESUS - Mondays, Nov 1-15, 7-8PM, Facilitator: Jack Shea: The Lord's Prayer/Our Father is easy to take for granted. But it may contain more than we suspect. It is a detailed set of evocative images that align us with the mind of Jesus. \$75 series

REFLECT RETREAT

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs), on Nov 12-14, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Living Our Call as SSNDs: Transformative Education, Part 1 – In the classroom—The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) North American Vocation Team invites women ages 18-45 to this first of a three-part online series about our call as educators and the educational vision that frames it. Part I will begin Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7 p.m. CT and will focus on our SSND educational vision as it relates to formal education. Hear from Sisters ministering at SSND sponsored educational institutions: Notre Dame School of Milwaukee, Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, and Notre Dame of Maryland University. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/10-14-21/.

OPEN HOUSE AT NAZARETH ACADEMY

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy high school on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. or Monday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Learn all about Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity at Nazareth through formal presentations, guided tours and time to visit with students, faculty, staff and coaches. Pre-registration is REQUIRED at nazarethacademy.com. Nazareth is located at 1209 W. Ogden, LaGrange Park.

MOBILE ID & I-CASH PROGRAM

The Township of Lyons' Clerk's Office 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside in conjunction with Jessie White Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs State Treasurer, will hold a Mobil ID and I-Cash Program on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Renew your driver's license, get a vision screening, obtain a state ID, get your license plate renewal sticker, correct mistakes and search for lost cash! No Reservations necessary. Questions may be addressed to Elyse Hoffenberg, Clerk, @ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com or by calling 708-482-8300-x 221. NOTE: Real IDs cannot be processed at this event.

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

WHEN: October 16, 2021 at 6pm
WHERE: Tailgaters Sports Bar and Grill
 431 W. Boughton Rd. Bolingbrook, IL 60440
TICKETS: \$12 (plus tax & fee) available online at: [https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/\\$14](https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/$14) at the door.

LOYOLA INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL STUDIES

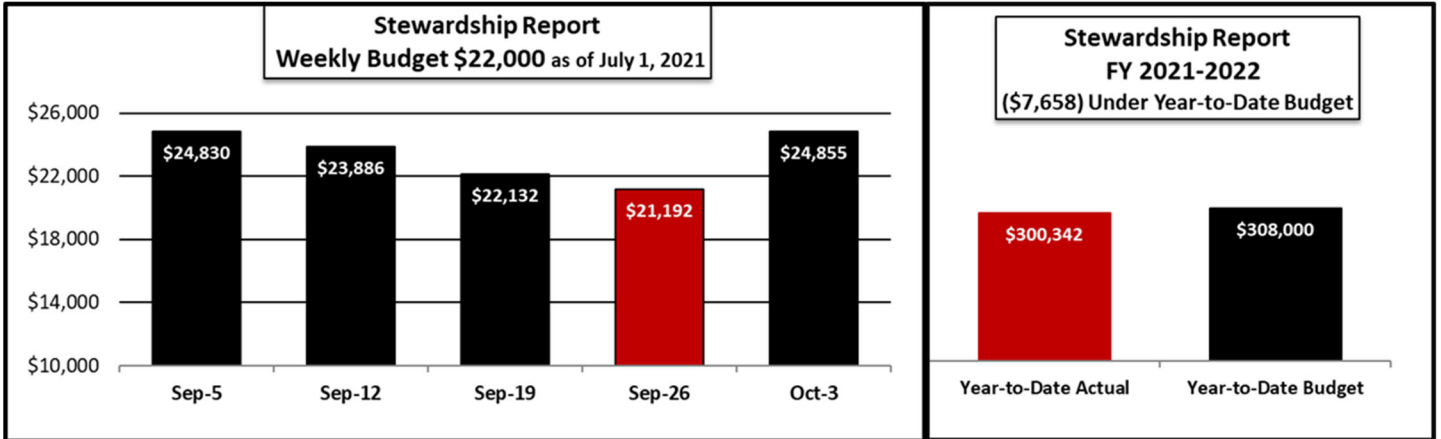
ONLINE FALL PROGRAM
Who Is Jesus?
 MORNING & *EVENING SECTIONS AVAILABLE
 OCT 13 – NOV 10, 2021
 *También Disponible en Español Artist: Karen Fulk

REGISTER	CONTACT	COURSE REQUIREMENTS
 <small>WWW.LUC.EDU/IPS/BIBLESTUDY</small> <small>BLOGS.LUC.EDU/IPS</small>	Kevin Pease, MTS <small>Director, IPS Scripture School</small> <small>312.915.7457 kpease@luc.edu</small> <small>FACEBOOK.COM/LOYOLAIPS</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have access to a computer with internet. • Have a personal email address by which to receive and send pertinent communications.
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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 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

LIFE INSURANCE GIFTS FOR OUR PARISH

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include St. Cletus Parish as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy. By naming St. Cletus Parish as beneficiary, you'll provide crucial financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community.


Please consult your insurance agent to see if this is an option for you. For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209 or mzwolinski@stcletusparish.com or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 10			
Monday, October 11	4:00pm	School Music Room	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 12	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Book Club Meeting
Wednesday, October 13	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, October 14	5:00pm 6-8pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Church Parking Lot School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 15	6:30pm	Courtyard	FSA Ravinia Night
Saturday, October 16	10:30am	Morrissey Hall	CROP Walk
Sunday, October 17			

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. - 3:30 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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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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