

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Did not God choose those who are
poor in the world to be rich in faith
and heirs to the kingdom?**
— JAMES 2:5



SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED,

THE EARS OF THE DEAF BE CLEARED;

THEN WILL THE LAME LEAP LIKE A STAG,

THEN THE TONGUE OF THE MUTE WILL SING.

~ Isaiah 35:5-6



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Mass Intentions for September 6 - 12, 2021

Day	Time	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Intentions
September 6	8:00am	Fr. Baker	John Zumpano, Eleanor Artemenko
September 7	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Ray & Joni Pietrzak, Joseph Viececi, Samuel Colonna, Evelyn Mundle
September 8	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Elaine Rys, Murphy Family, B.C. Collins
September 9	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Leona Kruk
September 10	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Special Intention - John & Sally Baker, Katherine & Jon Krchniak, Daniella DeRivera
September 11	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	Agnes Meskie, Esteban Orona, Paty Barrety, Maricela Alonzo, Michael Cardenas, Josesito Verduzco, Special Intention - CCW Members
September 12	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, Dorothy Lavery, Luczek Family, Maveety Family, Julie Kykiel
	8:45am	Fr. Baker	Rosemarie Gallagher, Don Marshall,
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	Frank Treski, Katazyna Kieta, L & B Walsdorf, Rudy & Evelyn Mundle, Special Intention - Danuta and Greg Solecki 19th Wedding Anniversary, Don Cirock, Mike & Carrie Caselli,
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Harold Janecek

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.

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

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

June - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Ginny Skibbe, 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Masks are now 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



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

Virginia L. Skibbe

Gerald (Gerry) Tomazin
Husband of Jean


May they rest in peace. Amen.

TUESDAY SCHOOL MASSES

We will have school Masses each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. through the academic year when school is in session. We are blessed to have 340 students this year and we ask that adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Marriage Banns



Katie Broenneke & Anthony Bartucci

A Note from Fr. Elmer

Dear Friends,

With gratitude and joy, I would like to make you aware of an experience we (Parish Staff) had on Monday, August 23rd, 2021, at Joseph and Mary Retreat House, Mundelein, IL.

Following the counsel of many good friends and relying on my own desire for growth, I made the decision to offer a New Leader Assimilation session to our amazing Parish Staff. This process was designed to help us get off to a fast and effective start by reviewing and discussing my leadership style, the challenges we face as a team, and any related questions, issues or concerns they may have as we start our new relationship.

We were blessed to have Helen Frye, former Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Prudential Financial, to facilitate my New Leader Assimilation session. Helen has almost 40 years of Human Resources experience and has led this type of session numerous times in her career. I have known her for over 20 years. I consider myself lucky to have Helen as a dear friend. She did not charge us for her professional services.

On Monday, after welcoming the Staff at Joseph and Mary Retreat House and giving a few words to kick off the session, I left them alone (morning session) with Helen to discuss and answer the following questions: What do we know already about Fr. Romero? What would we like to know about him that would help us work most effectively together? What does Fr. Romero need to know about us as a team? What do we need most from Fr. Romero to be successful? What are our concerns about Fr. Romero in this role? How can we help him be successful? What major problems will the Team be facing in the next 12 months? What are the opportunities for us with this new leadership?

During lunch period, I had my one-on-one meeting with Helen to process about what was discussed and shared. Then, I had the opportunity to engage and address the Team. I thanked them for their dedication and the way they carry on their ministry as they fulfill their responsibilities. I also thanked them for letting me know their desire to work and collaborate with me. In addition, I thanked them for bringing to my attention the importance of communication, collaboration, and consultation. This is something I will continue to ponder, reflect, and work on.

I am delighted to let you know that our time together at Joseph and Mary Retreat House was a success. Each of our Parish Staff actively engaged in the New Leader Assimilation session. Things that were on our minds and hearts were shared, discussed, and brought to the surface. I believe this process and experience has strengthened our desire to have an effective working relationship. On a personal level, I found the session to be helpful, insightful, and informative. With your ongoing prayer, support, and counsel I am pleased to let you know that we will continue to work on providing excellent leadership and ministry.

After two months at our parish, and desiring to be more present to you, I made the decision to hire Olga Montalvo as the new Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, effective September 7, 2021. As part of her basic functions, she will screen calls and schedule meetings and appointments for the Pastor; prepare various documents and correspondence for the Pastor's signature; maintain correspondence and document files for the Pastor, and so forth.

Olga earned a degree of Associate of Applied Science: Law Enforcement from Morton College, IL. She is self-motivated Office Clerk with proven a track record managing administrative operations in the transportation sector. She is 100% bilingual (English and Spanish). She is married to Jose Andres Ramos. I am confident that Olga will do a fine job. Please assist me in welcoming her as the new member of our Parish Staff.

I pray that our good and gracious Lord continues to bless our efforts.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

PARISH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

It is with gratitude and joy that I extend to you a special invitation to join me on Monday, September 13, 2021, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM for an encounter with one another. It is my desire that at this encounter, we will have a moment of fellowship, pray together, discern God's will for our parish, and share our hopes with one another.

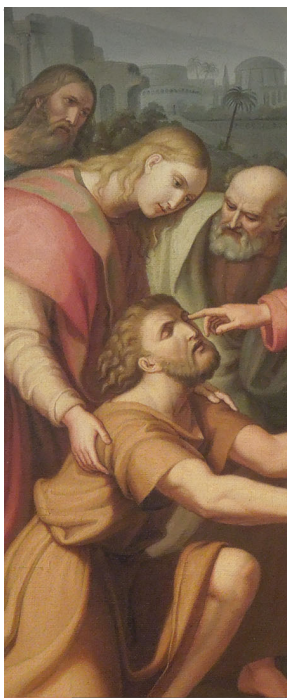
We will have this encounter in the Gym of our Parish Center.

Thank you for the immense love you have for your ministry, parish, the Lord, and for all those who consider St. Cletus as their spiritual home.

Please RSVP using the SignUpGenius link found on our website, www.stcletusparish.com, to confirm your participation by Thursday, September 9, 2021.

I look forward with excitement to our encounter on September 13.

Fr. Elmer



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

SEPTEMBER

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2021

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *epiphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *epiphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5782) begins at sunset
 Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Peter Claver
 Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers.

—Sophocles

JUDGMENT

To pass judgment on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God.

—St. John Climacus

Sunday Readings

READING I

Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

RR. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,

secures justice for the oppressed,

gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind;

the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;

the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,

but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;

your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

READING II

Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes

comes into your assembly,

and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in,

and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine

clothes

and say, "Sit here, please,"

while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit

at my feet,"

have you not made distinctions among yourselves

and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world

to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom

that he promised to those who love him?

ALLELUIA

Cf. Mt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him off by himself away from the crowd.

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,

"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —

And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone.

But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it.

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

St. Cletus School

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OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Last Thursday we celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Black Madonna, Queen of Poland and Polonia. We ask God, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and through Christ our teacher, to guide our school community in the way of compassion, peace and joy.



JOB OPENING

HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Hours are 7:30am – 11:30 am
Minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree needed. Substitute License required if education degree is not held.

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

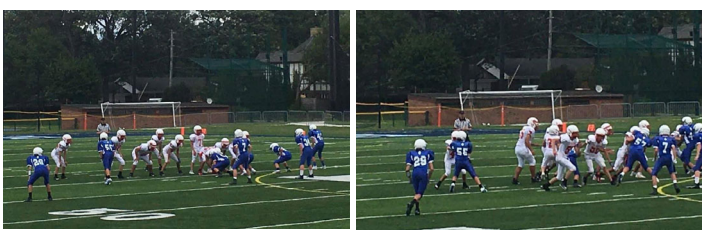
GREETINGS FROM THE 1ST GRADE

First grade at St. Cletus School offers a comprehensive curriculum that develops all aspects of God’s children in body, mind and spirit. Our academics focus on building the strong base structure of each child with focus of hands on Math activities that incorporate Common Core Standards, the writing process with strong emphasis being placed on Phonics and language based learning, as well as a faith based learning in religion, helps our students to become well rounded students.



FALL SPORTS

Fall sports are underway. Good luck to all of our Cardinal Athletic Teams.



TUESDAY ALL SCHOOL MASS

Thank you to everyone who made our first school mass of the year such a beautiful experience! Thank you also to everyone who attended!



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

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

September dates are available to help in the garden! With schools starting up we are in need of volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce. Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>



St. Cletus Food Pantry Needs

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us 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.

SVDP DONATION TRUCK

The donation truck for our local St. Vincent dePaul Society will be in the St. Cletus parking lot on Saturday, October 2 from 10-5 and Sunday, October 3 from 8-12:30. We can accept gently used clothing and small household items. Please note, we CANNOT ACCEPT furniture or large households items.

Able-bodied volunteers are needed for this event to help unload donor cars and load the SVDP truck. Volunteers should dress for the weather and must be high school aged and older. Sign up is available here: <https://bit.ly/3gzMMYU>



WORD OF LIFE

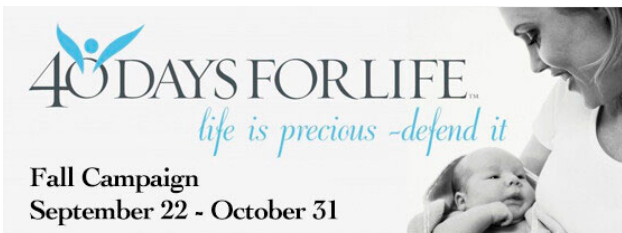


“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Another Look at Abortion” respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - PRAY TO END ABORTION



Fall Campaign
September 22 - October 31

“Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God”... and Baby David was born!

You can be that sign from God! Join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever you can. Or if you can't join us on site during this Fall season, pray from home.

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/Sign up” then “Register”

Religious Education

WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS JESUS HAS DONE FOR US!



Today's Gospel story is about Jesus healing a man who was deaf. Imagine going your whole life without being able to hear things. What sounds would you miss the most? Are there any sounds that you *wouldn't* miss hearing?

This encounter that Jesus had with the deaf man and his friends can seem a little strange to us, but there are a lot of important things to remember about it. The friends of the deaf man wanted to help him. They knew and trusted that Jesus could make him well, and they had FAITH that he would heal him.

Jesus then took the deaf man aside. He cared for him as a person, and he didn't intend for his miracles to be a show or a performance for everyone. The Gospel tells us that Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears and touched his tongue to heal him. He called out, "Be opened!" as he did that. As soon as Jesus spoke those words, the man's ears were opened and he could hear, and his tongue was able to allow him to speak. The people were amazed, and Jesus then did something really strange – he told the people not to tell anyone about what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who healed others and did everything well.

One important thing to remember from this Gospel story is that sometimes we might "hear" but not listen. Take time today to not just "hear" the words of the Gospel, but "listen". What is Jesus sharing with you today?

Jesus has done many great and wonderful things for you and me too. Now it's our turn to tell everyone about Jesus and the wonderful things he has done for us! Today at home, share with each other about something wonderful that Jesus has done for you!

REGISTRATION FOR RE WILL SOON CLOSE!

Don't miss out! Please register your children for Religious Education classes today! Registration forms can be found online at www.stcletusparish.com/re This year we are offering a hybrid of at-home lessons and in-person gatherings to provide for encounters with Jesus through prayer, retreats, service opportunities and FUN!

Please be sure to register for classes by the end of the week to enable us to have the books and materials your children will need by the end of the month when we begin.

Any questions should be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com



Music Ministry

THE ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US!

September is typically the beginning of choir season and although the COVID variant continues to haunt us, we are going to forge ahead, wearing masks at rehearsals and masses, as we praise God with our voices!

If you've enjoyed returning to church and singing again, let this be your invitation, directly from the Holy Spirit, to join other parishioners in one of the following choirs:

Chancel Choir: rehearses Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; sings weekly at the 10:30 a.m. mass (with a few variations) and also at several special liturgies including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, throughout the year. First rehearsal will be: Thursday, September 9th. First mass will be: Sunday, September 12th.

Contempo Ensemble: sings approximately every 2-3 weeks at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday mass with rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. those same days. Music line-ups are provided prior to the mass for independent rehearsing. It's not required, but it is certainly helpful, if you read music for this group. First rehearsal/mass will be: Saturday, September 25th.

Combined Youth Choirs: includes all children; students in our St. Cletus Parish School as well as those who attend our area public schools. It consists of the Junior Choir and the Children's' Choir. They sing approximately once every three weeks at either the 5 p.m.

Saturday or 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass. Their first mass will be: Sunday, September 26th at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

The **Junior Choir** is for boys and girls grades 5 through 8. Rehearsals are on Monday, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and begin September 13th.

The **Children's Choir** is for boys and girls grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are on Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and begin September 16th.

NEW THIS YEAR...Young Adult Occasional Choir: Open to 7th and 8th graders, high school and college age students. This group sang in mid-August, right before school started, and was very well received by our parishioners! So, upon occasion, they will sing at a 5:00 p.m. mass that is mutually agreeable to all. Rehearsals will be as needed.

The **Good Shepherd Choir** sings at parish funerals. Masses are typically scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and members are notified by email approximately 2-3 days prior. This choir offers the most flexibility as members attend as often as their schedule allows; you do not have to be available every morning. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed. This choir also sings at the All Souls Day liturgy which this year will be held on Tuesday evening, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

For more information regarding any of the above choirs, please contact: Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries, kziemba@stcletusparish.com or call: 708-215-5423. We look forward to welcoming you!

RCIA



RCIA

A Journey In Faith

In these uncertain times people often search for something deeper and more meaningful. Some desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or desire to complete Sacraments on a faith journey that was started when they were a young child. Perhaps your spouse or a close friend is Catholic or you saw something that prompted questions or inspired your interest about becoming Catholic. Maybe you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com).

We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

Ministry News

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Ladies of St. Cletus: Join us for our first meeting of the 2021-2022 year!

When: September 14, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Gallagher Room in the Parish Center

What: Short meeting followed by LAUGHTER YOGA with Tanaz Bamboat

Don't worry, you won't have to buy new yoga pants or twist your body like a pretzel! This yoga is for stress influence and is meant to relax you and release stress. It is for anyone who wants to stay strong and mitigate daily stress and isn't there plenty of that for everyone?

It involves voluntary laughter where you can laugh without jokes or outside stimuli. As a result you will reap physical, emotional, social, and spiritual benefits. How can you miss those rewards?

So join us on September 14th to unlock the secret to becoming more joyful, healthier, and "at peace"!

Tanaz Bamboat is a dynamic & inspirational speaker who has done seminars at hospitals, senior communities, health clubs, banks, schools, libraries, and parks. She has been featured on WGN-TV along with other TV stations, radio shows and magazines. As a survivor of bipolar disorder her mission is to help the sick and depressed bounce back laughing so they can get their lives back and live a fulfilled life. Need some laughter? Don't miss it!

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 Flagg.

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

MISSION LADIES

GOOD NEWS AND OTHER NEWS!

Mission Ladies of St. Cletus will be starting up after a long hiatus and coming back to Mission on Wednesday - Sept. 8th, 2021 - 9am until 11::30am in the St. Cletus Parish Center.

We are hoping we have supplies to work with. The Mission Ladies are in need of: Eyelet Fabric (any eyelet used in Table Cloths, Bedding, Clothing), White Stuffing, Yarn, Cotton Fabric, Lace, White 1/4" Ribbon, and Crosses - 1 inch high.

All Mission Ladies will be required to wear a mask while indoors at St. Cletus.

Mission Ladies is open to young and not so young ladies. - no experience is needed. For more information call the phone number below. Looking forward to our 1st day back after so long. For more info call Dolores Scaletta (708.839.9605)

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US ON WEDNESDAYS

We continue to meet each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the church to pray one set of mysteries together.

If you would like further information on the Living Rosary, call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338 or stop by on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m..

FALL FEST WILL RETURN IN 2022



We are excited to announce that the St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest and carnival will return September 8-11, 2022. We will not host a carnival this year, but we do still plan to run the Grand Raffle again this Fall.

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.

Community News

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

CAREERS IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

Join us via Zoom on Thursday, September 16 from 7-8:30 pm. Our presenter, Stephani Peterson, Sr. Recruiter of Careers in Nonprofits, will offer her insight on current trends in the nonprofit sector. Stephani will address:

the various types of nonprofits

the advantages of working in the nonprofit sector

how to tailor your resume while showcasing transferable skills for your next position

how to best succeed in this candidate driven market

The link to this Zoom meeting can be found on our website at <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

HILDEGARD RETREAT & TRAVELOGUE

Saturday, Sep 18, 1—3PM (Retreat)

Sunday, Sep 19, 1—2:30PM (Travelogue)

Facilitator: Maureen Wild, SC

Revel in the wisdom, artistry, and vision of Hildegard of Bingen during an afternoon retreat, then immerse yourself in the land of her birth thru a unique spiritual travelogue. \$25/\$10; or \$30/both.

BRIDGING THE DIVIDES, TENDING THE GAP CONFERENCE, ON ZOOM

Sep 24, 12 PM – 7:30 PM, and Sep 25, 8:30 AM – 5 PM
The Congregation of St. Joseph and its Spirituality Centers (including The Well), in partnership with the Fetzer Institute, is sponsoring a national, virtual conference that will bring together people of diverse faiths, cultures, ages, and spiritualities who are longing to interact respectfully with people with whom we disagree, and to heal divisions within our fractured world. The captivating lineup of speakers includes Helen Prejean, CSJ (death penalty activist), Dr. Vernice Solimar (Spiral Dynamics teacher), Diane Bencoter (deprogrammer and former cult member, appeared Aug. 29 on *60 Minutes*), Maka Akan Najin Black Elk (descendant of boarding school survivors), Dr. Arlie Hochschild (author, *Strangers in Their Own Land*), and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (atmospheric scientist). Participants can choose from 32

inspiring breakout sessions. Find out more, and register here: <http://bidpal.net/bridgingdivides>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in the food pantry at 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero. Staff, volunteers and clients are screened for COVID and wear masks.



VOLUNTEER SHIFTS:

- Mondays: 9:15-11:15 a.m.; 12:15-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:15-2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 1:45-4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Volunteers also are needed on delivery days:

- 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays from 10:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For information, contact Claudia Andrade at candrade@catholiccharities.net or (708) 329-4023.

PDLG JOB OPENINGS

The Park District of La Grange has immediate openings for our Before and After School program and Preschool program. Any interested applicant can email Jenny at jennybechtold@pdlg.org or call her directly at (708) 588-2204. We also have a variety of positions open in other areas of the Park District for anyone looking for work.

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION

~with a spotlight on~

THE CLASS OF 1980's 40 YEAR reunion

WHEN: October 16, 2021

WHERE: Tailgaters Sports Bar and Grill
431 W. Boughton Rd. Bolingbrook, IL 60440

TIME: 6:00 PM

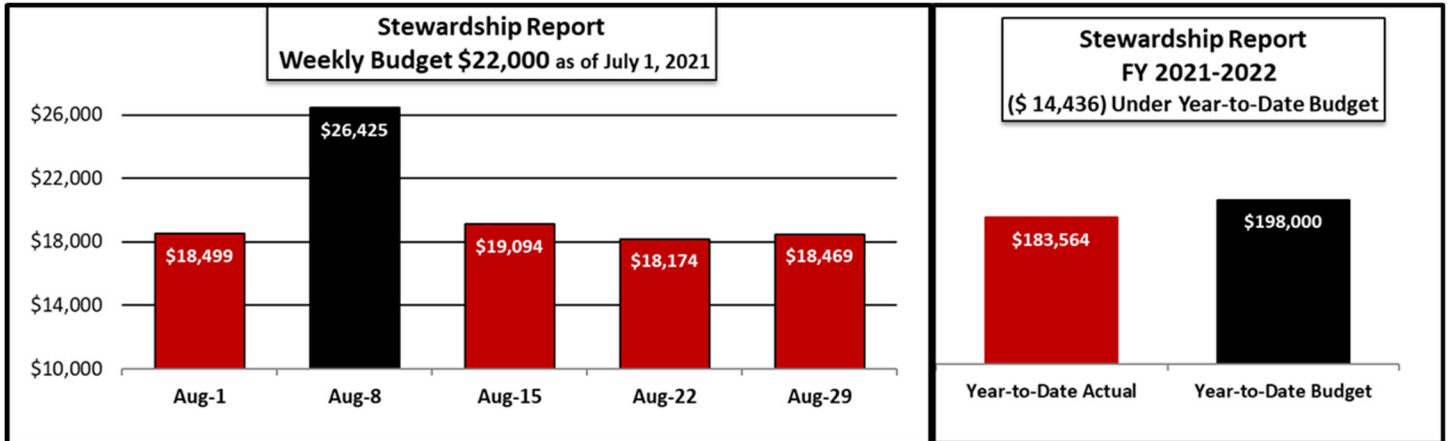
TICKETS: \$12 (plus tax & fee) available online at:
[https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/\\$14](https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/$14) at the door.

**Expected to sell out

Ticket price includes: Band, DJ, light appetizers, mixing, mingling, and dancing.

SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE: In conjunction with the all-class reunion, we are hosting a split the pot raffle. PLEASE CONSIDER bringing an item/basket to donate. Half of the money raised will go to John F. Kennedy High School! IT'S FOR THE KIDS!

Stewardship Report



Archdiocese of Chicago

PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE CHURCH THAT PAYS YOU BACK

What Will Your Legacy Be?

Your legacy is a reflection of your values and must be cultivated through thoughtful planning.

If you want your assets to be given to the people and charities you care deeply about after your passing, then it's important for you to establish a formal estate plan. Your estate includes everything you own, regardless of size.

If you have already included a gift to support our parish, school or the archdiocese, please let us know about your generous gift so you can ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

Consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan. For more information, please contact For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski or visit archchicago.giftplans.org.

To request the free guide, "Tips for Creating an Effective Estate Plan," please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

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MARRIED IN 1971?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?




Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois 60714.

To register, contact your parish office, or register online at pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

We hope to see you there!

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. - 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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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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

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