

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— ISAIAH 50:7



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,
“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

“You are the Christ.”

~ MARK 8:29

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Mass Intentions for September 13 - 19, 2021

Day	Time	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Intentions
September 13	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 14	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Wanda & John Zumpano, Frank Wojcik
September 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Brian Tranowski, B.C. Collins
September 16	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Jane Herndon
September 17	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Frank Treski
September 18	5:00pm	Fr. Baker	Louie Pesut, Ed Stec
September 19	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Stacy Baker, George Duda
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Joan McNamara, Al Haddad, Stella Konieczny
	10:30am	Fr. Baker	Josephine Toncray, Ann Marie Nabor, Thomas Hanna
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Leon Magno Gonzales

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

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

June - 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.

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...

Joyce S. Charlier

May she rest in peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO 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 in the Gym of our Parish Center.

Parish Ministers and Volunteers, please RSVP using the SignUpGenius link found on our website, www.stcletusparish.com, to confirm your participation.

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

Fr. Elmer

Marriage Banns

Katie Broenneke & Anthony Bartucci

Manisara Saengihrun & Brian Donatelli

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

Tomorrow evening, Monday, September 13 at 7:00 PM, we will hold our first Ministry and Volunteers encounter at the gym of our Parish Center. All ministers such as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Choirs, Ushers, Ministry of Care, Compassionate Care, Living Rosary, Mission Ladies, Holy Name Society, CREDO, Food Pantry, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Respect Life Committee, RCIA, Pre-Cana, Hispanic Ministry, Council of Catholic Women, St. Cletus School, volunteers, and so forth, are invited.

At the encounter, we will have an opportunity for fellowship, pray together, discern God's will for our parish, and share our hopes. I think this process and dialogue will strengthen our desire to see our parish become a center of making intentional disciples, fostering community, and sharing our blessings with generosity.

Please know that the enthusiasm and love you have for your parish is what has inspired me to call for this first encounter. Every interaction I have been having with you has been extremely positive. All meetings that I have attended have been fruitful. Every time I celebrate a sacrament at our parish, there are always ministers and volunteers assisting. Every time I have approached you with an invitation or request your responses have been affirmative. Thank you for being so generous and kind.

I am happy to let you know that our entire Parish Staff will be present at our encounter. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and generous staff. I am grateful that they will be assisting me to facilitate our encounter.

Highlights from the encounter will be shared with you through our parish bulletin.

Please join me in asking God to be with us as we come together on Monday evening.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Papal Prayer Used at Ground Zero by Popes Benedict and Francis

With the 20th anniversary of 9/11 this weekend, I thought it helpful to share this prayer used by both Popes Benedict and Francis (in 2008 and 2015, respectively) when they visited Ground Zero in New York. Let us continue to pray for peace in our homes and in our community and throughout our world.

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here— the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.

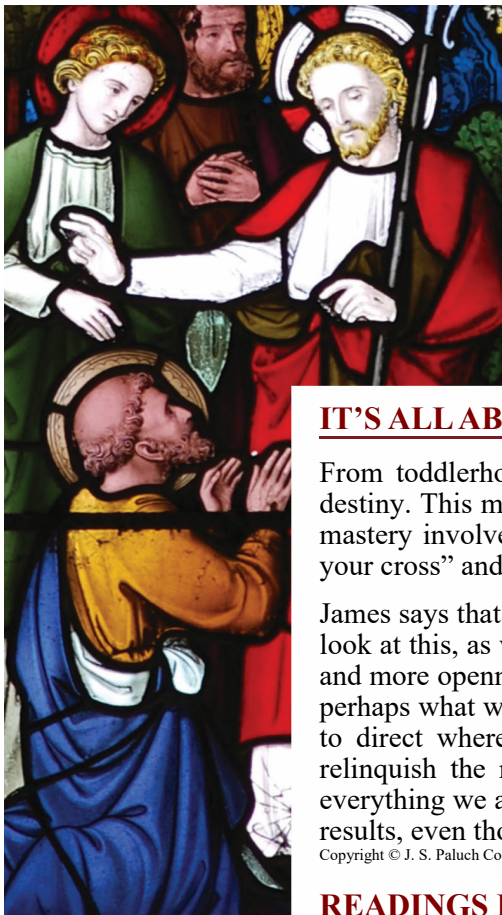
Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

This prayer was written by Sister of Charity Janet Baxendale, who headed the worship office in the Archdiocese of New York.



Jesus asked them,
**“BUT WHO DO YOU
 SAY THAT I AM?”**
 Peter said to him in reply,
“YOU ARE THE CHRIST.”

Mark 8:29

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like “take up your cross” and “lose your life,” we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
 Monday: St. John Chrysostom
 Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
 Thursday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

Offering and Intercessions: In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

Sunday Readings

READING I

Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

He is near who upholds my right;
if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.

Who disputes my right?

Let that man confront me.

See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
And I called upon the name of the LORD,
“O LORD, save my life!”

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING II

Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says
he has faith but does not have works?

Can that faith save him?

If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food
for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace,
keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the
necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
Indeed someone might say, “You have faith and I have
works.”

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will
demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

ALLELUIA

Gal 6:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through
which the world has been crucified to me and I to the
world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea
Philippi.

Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say
that I am?”

They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others one of the prophets.”

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Christ.”

Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer
greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and
the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples,
rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan.

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings
do.”

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to
them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny
himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but
whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel
will save it.”

St. Cletus School

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VENDORS WANTED

Tables are \$35. Interested vendors should email Joleen at joleenfortier@yahoo.com.

St. Cletus Sip 'n Shop Vendors Needed!



Friday, November 12, 2021

6:00 - 9:00pm

St. Cletus Parish Center
600 W. 55th St.
La Grange, IL 60525



Sponsored by: St Cletus FSA

If you are interested in participating in the Vendor Fair

please contact **Joleen Kirchens**

joleenfortier@yahoo.com

FALL SPORTS

Our cross country team had their first meet last weekend and girls volleyball is underway. Great job Cardinals!



JOB OPENINGS

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

UPCOMING DATES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Red, White and Blue Dress Down

Early Dismissal

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

No School - Staff Development Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

St. Cletus Spirit Celebration Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Dining 4 Dollars (D4D) Nonno's
42 South La Grange Road, La Grange

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Grand- Friends Special Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

No School - Staff Development

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Mums Pick Up

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Cletus Sip 'n Shop Event



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

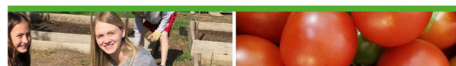
September dates are available to help in the garden! With schools starting up we are in need of volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce. Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>



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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sign up to help distribute baby bottle envelopes at the exits of church after Masses October 2-3. Please arrive 5-10 min before Mass to check in and get your door assignment. After Communion, you can head to your assigned exit to help distribute envelopes. All ages welcome. Thank you! Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3zEYAAU>

Baby Bottle
distribution
October 2-3 Masses
Volunteer at: <https://bit.ly/3zEYAAU>
All proceeds benefit the Women's Care Center in LaGrange

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>

SVDP DONATION TRUCK
October 2 from 10-5
October 3 from 8-12:30
St. Cletus Parking Lot
Accepting clothing & small household items.
NO furniture!
❤️

WORD OF LIFE



“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.”

USCCB
“Open Wide Our Hearts” Bulletin Insert

Religious Education

WELCOME GRISELDA RAHMAN



It is with tremendous joy that I introduce you all our new Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Cletus – **Griselda Rahman!** Griselda has been a Catechist and deeply involved in the Religious Education program here for the past six years. Griselda is married to Abed who is a doctor at Cook County Hospital and the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and they have three amazing children – Elena is a Freshman in High School, Dean is in 7th Grade and Lucas is in 4th Grade. Griselda's previous career has been as a Physician Assistant, and we are very blessed that she has decided to take a break from that to join our St. Cletus family! The Rahmans were some of the first volunteers for the Cleaning Crew on the Reopening Team this past year. They were highlighted in the bulletin for their wonderful work on behalf of our reopening team. Griselda will be residing in the office on the first floor of the Education Building (between the bathroom and the School Copy room). **She began on Wednesday, September 8th** and I hope you will stop by to introduce yourself and welcome her to our wonderful St. Cletus Family!

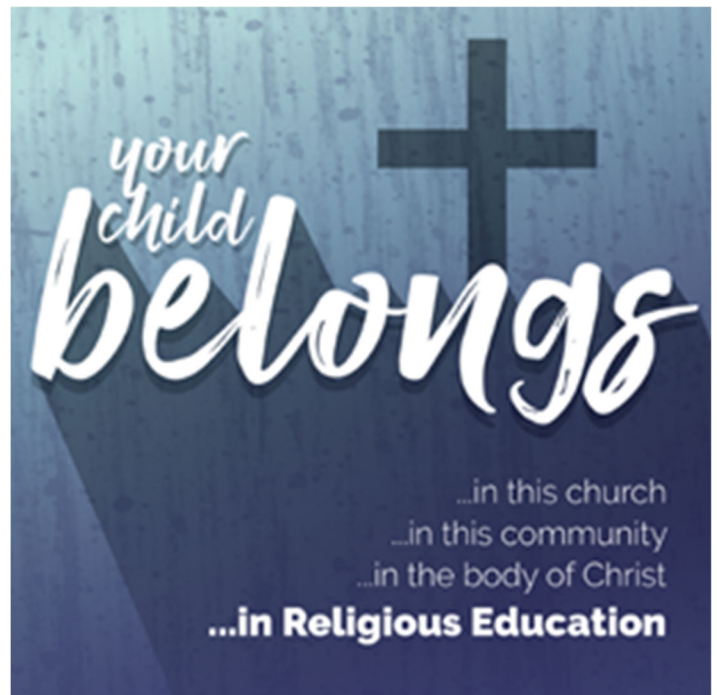
(photo was taken one Sunday when they were cleaning the Church – Griselda is in the back row, on the right – with her mask on!)

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!

Join us September 23 after 8:00 a.m. Mass



As promised, the second parish-wide weeding event will be Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 after 8:00 a. m. Mass. As we did before, please bring your own tools and gloves as we work together to beautify our school/church campus. Bring friends who may not be on this email list, and bring children as long as they are accompanied by an adult. We will work for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.

Thank you to those who have accepted our invitation to go up on your own time and weed. Mary & I noticed how great the flagpole circle looked after 8:45a Mass on Sunday. No doubt one of you had already weeded this area. Thanks again!

Finally, perhaps you saw a write-up in the August 22, 2021 Canticle about a group of parishioners who are landscapers and along with their chosen leader, Elias Lopez, have volunteered to trim campus bushes and trees! Take a look next time you are up at church and see how great these plants look. If you see or meet Elias and any of his group, please offer your thanks and welcome them to the team. We are most grateful for all our volunteers. As we progress along this landscaping/weeding ministry, we will join forces and coordinate events in the future.

Thanks again for helping to make St. Cletus "A special place."

Mary Delaney & Tom Reisel

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 Flag.

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

RCIA



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!

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.

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.



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

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.

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:

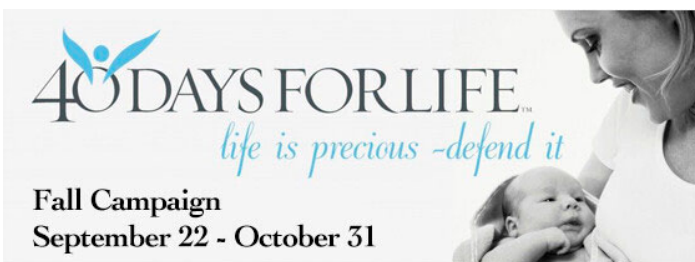
- Mondays: 9:15-11:15 a.m.; 12:15-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:15-2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 1:45-4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - PRAY TO END ABORTION



“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/Signup” then “Register”

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: [http://www.tailgatersgrill.com/\\$14](http://www.tailgatersgrill.com/$14) at the door.

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

The September 5 Weekly Giving Report was not available at the time of printing. We apologize for the delay.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. CLETUS PARISH IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember St. Cletus Parish. A bequest can be made to the parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of [insert name of Parish] located in [insert city], Illinois. However, if [insert name of Parish] ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Community News (continued)

LOYOLA INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL STUDIES ONLINE SCRIPTURE SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14

All participants welcomed, \$125.00 for 10 weeks!

The IPS Scripture School fosters a transformational encounter with God through online instruction and formation in Sacred Scripture within a live interactive framework. Participants may choose their learning experience! We begin either with Old Testament Foundations, including study of the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers ~OR~ with New Testament Foundations, including study of the Gospels of Mark & Luke. No matter where we begin, God's Word meets us where we are and invites us to deepen in loving relationship. Begin your journey through the Bible today!

We meet online (Central Time), via ZOOM.

2 hours/week, 10 weeks in a row, Sept 14 – Nov 18:

- **OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS**
Tuesday Morning Section Available 10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday Evening Section Available 6:30 – 8:30
- **NEW TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS**
Wednesday Morning Section Available 10:00 – 12:00
Thursday Evening Section Available 6:30 – 8:30
This series is designed for any person seeking faith formation. All are welcome.


No prior academic experience necessary, just an open mind and heart.

TO REGISTER:

E-mail Kevin Pease
Director, IPS Scripture School
t. 312.915.7457
kpease@luc.edu

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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 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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