

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Your love is eternal. Do not forsake  
the work of your hands.  
- Psalm 138



## Don't Miss Our Fall Fest Headliners



## WELCOME



**Blooze Brothers**  
September 7th 7-10pm



**Hillbilly Rockstarz**  
September 8th 7-10pm



**Nevery Brothers**  
September 9th 8-10pm



**Maggie Speaks**  
September 10th 6-9pm

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**Get your megapasses after all masses or online!**

**Presale \$55**

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Scan here to volunteer



**We are now accepting credit cards at our Fall Fest tables after masses!**

**September 7th-10th**

# Mass Intentions for August 28 - September 3, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
August 28	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Arlene Colonna, James Luxem
August 29	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Carol Reckwerdt, Natalie Nicoletti
August 30	8:00am	Fr. Novick	BC and Rip Collins
August 31	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Laura Brooks(special intention), Anthony Serritella, Mike Baum, Sr. Jean Herman, Evelyn Prevenas
September 1	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nan and Bob Rettig, Frank Wojcik, Joe and Kay Klemak, Louie Marasovic, Fr. Tom Provenzano SDB, Betty Lou Hoffman
September 2	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Fred Ginther, Josephine Arcivolo(special intention), Joseph and Beth Salvitti, Louis Bourjaily
September 3	7:15am	Fr. Novick	John and Frances Kennedy, Daniel and Rosemarie Moore
	8:45am	Fr. Novick	Phyllis Prevenas
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Sammy Colonna, Stancy Baker, John Baker
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Antonio Hernandez

**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 - Erin McMahon Leddon, Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**

**July - Dr. George Schein, Barb Weyrick**

**June - Mary Duckett, Colleen Ann Uhler, Geraldine Osmolak, Yesenia Castillo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy**  
*Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.*

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

**Edward Ward**  
 Husband of Dale Ward

**Francis Callaghan**  
 Father of Michael Callaghan and Jean McQuillan

**May they rest in peace....**

**ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...**

**Benjamin Noah Jarosik**  
 Son of Jason Joh-Byron Jarosik and Vivian Cieza

**Dylan Jordan Ary**  
 Son of Brandon Ary and Angela Macko



**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**GET WELL WISHES FOR FATHER LODGE**

Many of you have inquired about how Father Lodge is doing and wished him well. If you would like to send him your own get well wishes or cards, they can be sent to the address below.

**Fr. John Lodge**  
**1000 E. Maple Ave.**  
**Mundelein, IL 60060**

## Pastor's Note

*"Jesus Christ loves you;  
he gave his life to save you;  
and now is living at your side every day to enlighten,  
strengthen, and free you."  
Evangelii Gaudium 164.*

Dear friends,

I am happy to let you know that our Evenings of Prayer and Reflection (8/16/23 and 8/23/23) went well. The first one was in English and the second in Spanish. We were blessed to have Dr. Peter Newburn as our special guest speaker. He is fluent in English and Spanish. He is a man of prayer and deep faith who loves leading others to the Lord. He not only touched but above all engaged and inspired the hearts and minds of many. I was moved to see many who wanted to personally thank Dr. Peter at the end of his spirit-filled reflection. That was truly another holy moment.

Below I share three holy moments coming from three members of our Parish Staff and another one coming directly from Dr. Peter Newburn.

*"We were so blessed to have Dr. Peter Newburn spend the entire day with us at St. Cletus Parish and School. His insights that he shared with us regarding his own life with respect to evangelization were very powerful. He used the Greek word "kerygma" several times to place an emphasis on preaching the importance in sharing the Gospel message with others. Life is about asking God to be part of all aspects of our life especially when we are challenged. "God, I don't understand you; however, I trust in You" was a statement that Dr. Peter shared with us to try and live by each and every day. Finally, in a simple way Dr. Peter had us repeat the following: "God is Good! All of the time. That is His Nature. Wow!" -Principal Gregory Porod*

*"Dr. Peter's message was that we are all by our Catholic Faith called to be missionary disciples. We are commissioned as Jesus's disciples were to: ... "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20a). The Holy Moment for me as the Director of Faith Formation was as Dr. Peter described the most important action from the quote is that we are to MAKE disciples. In our Faith Formation Program that is what we strive to do, MAKE our children followers of Jesus. -Larry Manetti, Director of Faith Formation for Children.*

*"Dr. Peter Newburn is a man of many talents which he attributes to the grace of God. He has devoted his life to ministry, which is commendable as he continues responding affirmatively to the call he received. The part of the presentation I would describe as a "holy moment" pertains to his humanity, and our own humanity. He shared he lost a nephew at a young age. He became emotional when speaking about it. Losing a child is a huge pain. Parents just try to continue living with that reality, but the pain is always there. Dr. Peter did not give up. He continued devoting his life to ministry, despite this sorrow in his heart. That's truly embracing our faith, as the path to the resurrection begins at the cross." -Franco Foti, Operations Director*

*"It was a great pleasure for me to be with the community of St. Cletus these past two Wednesday evenings (one in English, one in Spanish) as we explored the powerful and transformative truth of the great Story of Salvation. We discussed the Gospel message using four words: Created, Captured, Rescued, Response. There was an undeniable presence of God's Spirit, and so many of you were deeply touched. I feel personally revived and inspired as I continue to pray daily with the simple and transformational truth of the Gospel message:*

- 1. God **created** each one of us and really loves us. He is truly good, and has a good plan for our lives.*
- 2. We are sinful, broken, afflicted, harassed, and **captured** by an Enemy.*
- 3. Jesus came to **rescue** us, to set us free, to bring us life, to be our Redeemer.*
- 4. We are invited to **respond**, to surrender, to believe and receive the gift of salvation, and to live as missionary disciples.*

*When I met with the teachers of St. Cletus school, we were brainstorming concrete ways to help students to know and experience God's amazing love for them. One of the preschool teachers suggested standing in front of the mirror, giving yourself a hug, and declaring "God loves me!" I have decided that I need to do that every day. It's nice to see that person smiling back at me, oh-so-blessed, created-in-God's-image-and-likeness. No matter what I'm going through, I am loved! May you know and encounter God's amazing love for you every day, and may you share the Good News with others who need to know they are loved."  
- Dr. Peter Newburn*

**Please be aware that our next Evening of Prayer and Reflection will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM in our beautiful church. Monsignor John Canary will be our special guest speaker. His theme is: "The Seven Steps of Love according to St. John of the Cross." Monsignor Canary served as the Rector of Mundelein Seminary and then as the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is a deep thinker, spiritual, and has a gentle soul. Please assist me by extending a special invitation to former members of our parish community and anyone else that might appreciate hearing from you and St. Cletus Parish. Let them know that they are missed and loved.**

Thank you for your prayers, support, and trust. It is your friendship and kindness that connects us with the Spirit of the Lord for which I am most grateful. **May the love of Jesus inspire us to share his love with others! Fr. Elmer Romero**

## Note From Father Mike

### Back to school...

It is a wonderful thing to remember “back to school days” each year. I try to search deep into my memory banks for different things each year, but it gets to be more and more difficult with the passing of time. I don’t know how it was for everyone out there, but when I was young (early elementary school), I would have never said going back to school was a good thing – at least until I arrived on that first day. Having played baseball all summer, I didn’t want it to end. That changed a little bit getting into 8<sup>th</sup> grade and my high school years. I loved the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, whom, if he were still alive, would probably still be my biggest “fan” outside of my family. He had a great sense of humor, frequently calling me by my brother’s name on purpose. That continued up to the time of my ordination. That’s when he “learned” my name. What a great man. No disrespect to any of my other teachers in grammar school, high school, or undergraduate college.

Once my seminary days began, I was a little more eager to go to school. There were several students and teachers that would always be able to somehow make my days and my formation worth a little extra effort. Oh that didn’t translate into the best grades on the planet, but I had met Fr. Elmer during that time, Fr. Charles Watkins (Associate Pastor here at St. Cletus for about 5 years), and Fr. Bob Clark (Pastor here at St. Cletus for 15 years prior to Fr. Elmer). Of course, they were not my only friends as students, our faculty and staff at Mundelein were top-notch, “cream of the crop” men and women, from ordained men, religious women, and laity.

Thank God they were all patient with me. There were plenty of days I didn’t know if I would make it through the program. However, with the help of good friends, I was able to pass the classes. They were also instrumental in being my angels – men who simply became a source of good news and strength when I needed them to be. Most people would refer to me as the “social butterfly” as I would visit both students and teachers quite often. Maybe I should have done more reading and the grades could have been better, but I believe my gift was to be there for my friends more than anything else. Or maybe I could have done more to stay in shape when I wasn’t studying, but when I was ordained, I was 133 lbs. It was not muscle, but I didn’t like to eat. Of course, that changed about a year after ordination. Today, I am a little over 200 lbs. As is said, be careful what you wish for.

I have no clue what God has in store for me to learn anymore. As much as I have a love for celebrating the Eucharist, I hope that my relationship with Jesus grows in this time of revival. The thing is, I don’t have those faculty members to lean on like I did when I was a student (although if I need to call them for anything, they answer.)

As much as it still can frustrate me, I am very happy that God gifted me to be made in His image and likeness with the ability to think and reason in order to learn more about Him.

Fr. Mike

## Sunday Notes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Kairos

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# KAIROS RETREAT

## FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS

*Find yourself, find Him!*



*Jesus*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**OCTOBER 19 - 22, 2023**

**AT CASA ISKALI, IN DES PLAINES, IL**

Kairos is a 4-day retreat offered through St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Cletus, specifically designed for juniors and seniors to reflect, reset and re-discover your relationship with God.



**WANT TO REGISTER? CLICK IN THE QR CODE**

**ATTENTION!**

The link will be active and registration will open on **August 28, 2023**



# Faith Formation

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2023 – 2024 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

**If You haven't had the opportunity to register for the coming year, please stop by the Gallagher Room TODAY , Sunday August 27 between 9:00am and 1:00 p.m. OR Tomorrow, Monday, August 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 in Morrissey Hall, located in the school. Enter through door 1.**

During the International Congress of Catechists, Pope Francis said, “Catechesis is a pillar of faith education and we need good Catechists! The ‘work’ of Catechists is to ‘be’ a Catechist, because this is something that embraces our whole life. It means leading people to encounter Christ by our words and our lives, by giving witness.”



Pope Francis is calling **YOU** to be a Catechist!

Jesus is calling **YOU** to be a Catechist!

You are called to live your faith and help others encounter Christ!

The Religious Education Program at St. Cletus is currently looking for adults and High School students who are interested in helping our young people of the parish encounter Christ. You do not need to have any previous background in teaching, just a love of children and desire to share your faith and help others encounter Jesus! Please contact the Religious Education Office to discover how you can share your faith at (708) 352-2383 or email [Imanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:Imanetti@stcletusparish.com).

Undecided? We will be hosting an information night on Tuesday, August 29 where you can learn more about the Faith Formation Program at St. Cletus.

# Evangelization and Renewal

## Office of *Evangelization & Renewal*

We continue to invite you to



### OUR TEAM TO:

- INSPIRE
- WELCOME
- JOURNEY
- AND CONNECT

with returning Catholics, new members in search of belonging, and members discerning their involvement into our parish ministries. **Let's host ALPHA!**



### INTERESTED?

Contact Hector at: (708) 714-4423  
[hobregon@stcletusparish.com](mailto:hobregon@stcletusparish.com)



# School News

**RIDES \* GAMES \* MUSIC \* FOOD**

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



Remember to purchase your Fall Fest Megapasses!! Purchase by September 6th at a price of \$55 which gets your child on all the rides all weekend as many times as they want to ride!! You can purchase in the school office, Parish Center, after weekend masses, or online! Online sales close at 6pm on September 2nd.



When a school family purchases a megapass they will automatically be entered in to a raffle to win FREE TUITION for the 2023/2024 school year! Don't miss out on this amazing deal! Purchase yours today!

**Scan here to purchase!**

## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

Last week we welcomed back our students and we are SO EXCITED!! It is so wonderful to have our hallways filled with the joy and excitement that they bring each and every day. We are ready for a great year and know that every day will continue to be a GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!!



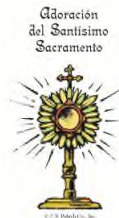
## TAX CREDIT REMINDER

Remember to donate to St. Cletus School through the Tax Credit Scholarship Incentive Program! For additional donation information please call Empower Illinois for guidance at 1.800.616.7606 or call the St. Cletus School Office at 708.352.4820. Share this information with your relatives and friends. Thanks for supporting St. Cletus School



# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
29 de agosto, 2023	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
27 de agosto 2023	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
<b>Sábados</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Confesiones</b>	<b>Iglesia</b>



## ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

## NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

## DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

## GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

## INTENCIONES DE MISA

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING



Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm. in the Gallagher Room. We will continue planning the events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If anyone would like to be a part of the planning, they are welcome.

## REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Miembros del Comité Guadalupeano tendrán una reunión el jueves 31 de agosto, 2023 a las 7:00 pm. en el salón Gallagher. Continuaremos planificando los eventos para la fiesta Guadalupeana. Si alguien quisiera ser parte de la planificación, es bienvenido.

**¡RESERVA!**

Convivencia Parroquial Anual

Sábado 21 de octubre, 2023

6:00 pm. - Centro Parroquial

¡Más detalles, pronto!



Potluck



# Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS  
FOOD PANTRY  
THURSDAYS  
4-8PM**

Wish List:

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

Follow us on  
Facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry  
Instagram:  
@St.CletusFoodPantry

*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com*

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

### Volunteer Opportunities

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



**Food Rescue DRIVERS NEEDED - Contact [foodpantry@stcletusparish.com](mailto:foodpantry@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418**

**Fridays 3-4 times per month commitment.**

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



**Mariano's PACK THE ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY - August 16th -29th**

**Mariano's in Western Springs: Purchase a \$5 or \$10 "virtual bag" of groceries to help us feed our neighbors in need.**

**ICE CREAM**

**AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 13**

The Jasinski Home Team will donate a portion of the proceeds from the Million Dollar Scoop at Tates Old Fashioned Ice Cream Shop to St. Cletus Food Pantry!

**LIMITED EDITION Ice Cream**

**"Million Dollar Scoop"**  
Chocolate, caramel & shortcake in TATES vanilla ice cream.

**Special Event!**



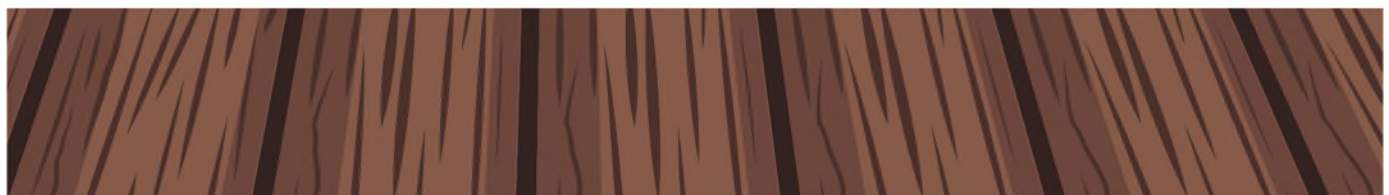
**Friday, September 8th, 2023**

**2-4pm**

**St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest**

**700 West 55th Street La Grange, IL 60525**

Please join us for this free and private event for children and adults with disabilities, and their immediate families. The carnival grounds will be closed to the public for this event. We hope to see you there! Please contact [fallfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto:fallfest@stcletusparish.com) with any questions!



# Ministry News

## BOOK DISCUSSION

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



**The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick.

For those who like to look ahead

December 12<sup>th</sup>: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13<sup>th</sup>: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

**The St. Cletus Book club meets 6 times a year to discuss both religious and secular books that are suggested by members. No registration is needed. Watch the Canticle for announcements of dates and time and titles, and drop in for a discussion if the book is of interest. New members are always welcome**

## RCIA

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

### SAVE THE DATE

Annual ST. CLETUS POT LUCK dinner is back!



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

Parish Center Gym/More information, soon!

Sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

## ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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

# SVDP DONATION TRUCK

**September 16 from 10-5**  
**September 17 from 8-12:30**  
**St. Cletus Parking Lot**

Accepting clothes\* & household items such as picture frames, decorations & small kitchen items  
\*Please pack all clothes in bags or boxes  
NO Furniture, toys, electronics and appliances

## SVDP DONATION TRUCK VOLUNTEERS: SEPTEMBER 16-17

Volunteers needed to help greet donors at their vehicles, unload items and load them into the donation truck. Volunteers must be high school and up. Please bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Please review the available slots to sign up. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-svdp1#/>

+ Evening Edition

## EVENING EDITION

For Hire: 4 part a cappella  
barbershop ensemble comprised of  
members of Choral-Aires Chorus

# Community News

## VOCATION PRAYER

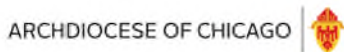
Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.

Amen.



## JOYFUL AGAIN



### Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

*If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.*

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at

**St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois.**The Joyful

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

**What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women**

**When: Sept. 20 & 21, 2023 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)**

**Where: St.Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois**

**(Commute or stay overnight.)**

*For further information , call: 708-354-7211.*

*e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)*

*website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)*



## Walk A Mile in Their Shoes Support People with Disabilities

8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023

at North Central College in Naperville

Join Ray Graham Association in making a difference! You can rally your friends to form a team or contribute to a team already making strides. Every step counts and every dollar matters.

Why should I walk?

- Faith in Action: Live the Catholic teachings of love, compassion, and charity by participating in an event that transforms lives.
- Support Our Neighbors: RGA empowers people with disabilities to reach, grow, and achieve. Every step you take brings us closer to a world where everyone belongs.
- Community Building: Walk alongside fellow parishioners, families, and like-minded community members.

Learn more at [TheMonarchWalk.org](http://TheMonarchWalk.org)!

## THANK YOU!

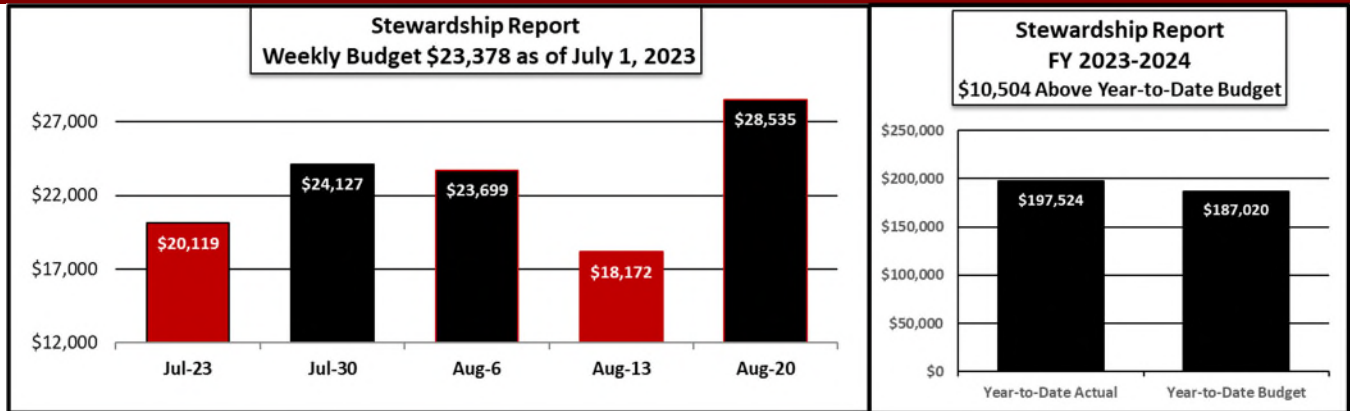
The collection for the " Assumption of Mary" on August 15 was \$2262.73. Thank you for your generous donations.



## Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 27			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Monday, August 28	6:30pm	Gallagher Room	Fall Fest Meeting
Tuesday, August 29	7-8pm	Gallagher Room	Perspective Catetchist Information Night
Wednesday, August 30	9:30am	Church	Mass of the Holy Spirit with school children
	1-1:40pm	Church	Living Rosary
	6-8pm	Gallagher Room	Pizza Night for Gushers
Thursday, August 31	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, September 1	7-9pm	Gallagher Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, September 2			Fall Fest Ticket Sales
Sunday, September 3			Fall Fest Ticket Sales

## Stewardship Report



## Preferred Partners




Interested in becoming a preferred partner?  
 Email [fallfest@stcletusparish.com](mailto:fallfest@stcletusparish.com) to find out more or donate at  
<https://stcletusparish.com/fallfest/>

*Thank you!*



# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
School .....(708) 352-4820  
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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.

Monday thru Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
..... 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

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

## WEDDINGS

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

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. John Lodge, Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy**  
**Mr. Ramón Cazales, Deacon**  
**Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor Emeritus**

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**Juanita Avila, Head of Hispanic Ministry**

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**Hector Obregon-Luna, Director of Evangelization and Renewal**

**Clara Santin, Faith Formation Administrative Assistant**

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**Deacon Franco Foti, Director of Operations**  
**Olga Montalvo, Parish Administrative Assistant**  
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## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Elmer Romero  
Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

### LIAISONS

FSA President .....Joleen Kirchens  
Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## 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.