

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths.
— Isaiah 2:3



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for November 28-December 4, 2022

Day	Time	Intentions
November 28	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski
November 29	8:00am	Sammy Colonna, Phyllis Prevenas, Frank Baggio
November 30	8:00am	BC Collins
December 1	9:00am	John Jacobs
December 2	8:00am	Frank Wojcik, John Battistoni, Nan and Bob Retting, Ed Butch Gunkel
December 3	5:00pm	Regina Kania
December 4	7:15am	Richard Gomez, Jack Drogasz, John Duda
	8:45am	Sammy Colonna, Evelyn Prevenas, Patrick O’Connell, Christine Stepuszek, Michael Baum Sr.
	10:30am	Marco, Emilio Rattin and Bill DePasquale, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Pam Karlson, Rip Collins, Special Intention for Gelacio Ruiz, Special Intention for Yesenia Castillo
	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Ismaela Delgado

May she rest in peace

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.

November - Daniel Lacey, Father Jerome Matuch, Sr.

October - Joanne Jungels, Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O’Connell

September - Joseph Halac, Charles McCarthy, Francie Smith, Laura Terrazino

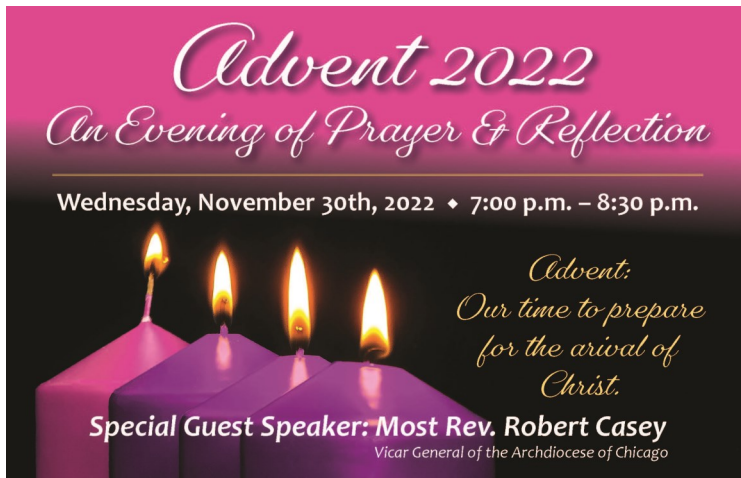
Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.



Marriage Banns

Mary Demonte and Justin Missdrenner

Pastor's Note



*“A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God.
You make yourself available to Him.
You set aside personal preference and self-interest,
and for one moment
you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do,”*
Matthew Kelly.

Dear Parishioners,

Today, by the grace of God, we start the season of Advent. The holy Catholic Church gives us four weeks to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. How shall we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ?

Recalling the many seasons of Advent we have already celebrated, we can certainly acknowledge that each of us have a unique way of preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ. Some people take the time to go on a retreat. Others pray the rosary at home with their family. A good number of people might feel encouraged to return to church by going to Mass on Sundays. What about us, members of St. Cletus Parish?

As per my last Sunday letter, today I kindly ask you to receive a copy of Matthew Kelly's *Holy Moments: A handbook for the Rest of Your Life*. I am confident that this book can be helpful in our preparation for the birth of Jesus. Kelly shows us how each time we notice our deepest longing and wants, we realize that we want to open ourselves to God and that we also want to make ourselves available to Him. Once we are in his presence, we notice that we want to do what He invites and trust us to do.

As you pray and reflect with Matthew Kelly's book, *Holy Moments*, I invite you to prayerfully write down one of your own holy moments and, if you feel inclined, to please email it to Sara Hodak at shodak@stcletusparish.com. My prayer and hope are to have our parish bulletin, if possible, every Sunday during Advent to be filled with our holy moments. It is possible that by sharing our holy moments with each other and anyone else who has access to our parish bulletin and website, many will feel encouraged to open themselves to God and start a journey of friendship with Him. I believe this is something we want for others. I am looking forward to seeing our parish bulletin replete with amazing holy moments!

As a gentle reminder, I hope you are planning to join us on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, at 7:00 PM as we host our *Advent 2022: An Evening of Prayer and Reflection* in our church. As mentioned last Sunday, we are blessed to have Most Rev. Robert Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as our special guest speaker. It is going to be a holy moment. The Lord wants us to come and be with Him. He wants to fill our hearts with His kindness, healing, and love. I am looking forward to praying and learning with you as together we develop in friendship with the Lord.

Aware of how the Lord continues to manifest Himself so generously through each of you, I am pleased to let you know that we ended the previous fiscal year (July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022) in the black. Please accept my most sincere gratitude for your prayers, friendship, trust, and financial contributions. With the counsel and guidance of the Parish Finance Council and the extraordinary support from Jim Dion, Parish Business Manager, we have endeavored to be good stewards, strive to use your generous contributions responsibly, and supported every effort that brought us closer to the Lord and each other. In addition, we were able to address many deferred maintenance issues in our church, rectory, parish center, and school. For a detailed financial report, I kindly ask you to read the letter prepared by the Parish Finance Council that can be found in this weekend's bulletin and by visiting the parish website. Once again, thank you.

May the Lord grant us many wonderful holy moments during this season of Advent!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

Note From Father Mike



JUST ANOTHER BEGINNING TO WINTER (BUT NOT OFFICIALLY)

The picture above was taken on Tuesday morning, November 15, 2022 around 9:15am – the first “measurable” snowfall of the season. It’s interesting how we tend to associate snow with winter when it won’t even be winter technically

for another month. And this time, it came upon us as a full-blown surprise. Just a few days ago, we had weather in the 70s. Oh well. God has things under control, right?

“God has things under control” almost feels like a cop-out. I would imagine that the people along the east coast of the United States would beg to differ with that statement. The hurricane season once again leveled much of the Caribbean Sea’s islands, as well as Florida and some of the adjoining coastline. Each time these storms hit, my heart sinks as many lose their homes and much of what they’ve worked so hard for throughout their lives. I cannot imagine what it’s like for visitors to that area. Then again, I also couldn’t fathom having to learn how to “hurricane-proof” your house, either. Yet, each year in our own state, people try to ready their homes for the snow and ice that can come to us in full-“hurricane-force” winds at times. Is there a place on earth where there is no weather threat (that includes earthquakes in my book although they are not technically weather-related phenomenon)?

Yet, God indeed HAS things under control. Sometimes we wonder just how under His control our own lives are. That’s not saying that we are His puppets. That would mean that have no free will. Our propensity to sin is really the only proof we need to understand that we have free will. Sin is a choice. Obedience is ALSO a choice.

With Advent beginning, we should be very aware of Christmas being around the corner. Our awareness is not based on buying

gifts or sending out our Christmas cards. Our awareness is based upon the realization that God – in the fulness of time – will make good on His promise to send humanity a Savior who will free us. Didn’t He already do that?

One of my favorite Church leaders is Timothy Cardinal Dolan from the Archdiocese of New York. Cardinal Dolan, in my opinion, is extremely bright and a good teacher as well. I never had him in an actual class as a professor; however, I bought a DVD he recorded a few years ago on Advent. Entitled “Christ Comes In History, Mystery, and Majesty,” he talks about Jesus’ being born into our time along with its implications; Jesus’ ever-present, self-gift especially in the Eucharist; and Jesus’ return at the end of time in order to judge the world.

I know many people who think very little of what bishops have to say in the world today. However, there are not many other people who are out there teaching truths about Jesus Christ. Ergo, we need to have teachers who have solid and sound understandings of the Church. In this case, Cardinal Dolan gives us a lot to think about. The faith we show in Advent is supposed to be not only appreciating that God’s Son will become a human like one of us, but that this same human being will return to Earth majestically and gloriously. Anyone that might dare to defy Him would be foolish to say the least.

God indeed HAS things under control. If we are not convinced about the truth of this statement, then why does the Church come back to the various seasons like Advent, Lent, or Easter? Why don’t we just leave things with Ordinary Time? Jesus has been gone from the face of the Earth for 2000+ years, right? Just like the meteorological seasons march on, the Church’s clock needs to be there to remind us of all of the great things Jesus has done throughout history.

Peace this Advent and always,
Fr. Mike

Breakfast With Santa

HO HO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Please join us for our 4th Annual Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 4th from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the Parish Center.

Cost is \$5 per person (payable at the door) and includes continental breakfast, crafts for kids, a special Santa appearance PLUS the ever popular, old-fashioned, cake walk!

Please help us plan - try to get your reservations made by November 30th, if possible. **Sign up at www.stcletusparish.com/hoho or you can call/text at 773-576-0812 or 708-205-9678**



This is a joint effort between St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women and St. Cletus School FSA. We look forward to seeing you there!

BAKERS NEEDED FOR HO HO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CAKE WALK

We really need your donations for the success of this fun activity! Cakes, bars, cookies, loaves, and doughnuts...all would gratefully be accepted. Please place in non-returnable containers for distribution. Also indicate if the item contains nuts. **Please drop off Saturday, December 3rd in the Gallagher room from 4pm-7pm or Sunday, December 4th before 9am.** Thank you in advance for participating! Questions? Call 773-576-0812 or 708-205-9678

Ministry News

DEALING WITH LOSS AND THE HOLIDAYS

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and need support dealing with the holidays this workshop is for you. Learn about the process and stages of loss, how to plan for what you can do and learn ways to cope with the loss. Join us for a free workshop at St. Cletus on December 6, 2022 at 7:00pm led by Karen Rose Schultz LCSW, who is a licensed clinical social worker with many years of experience running grief groups. She specializes in bereavement. Have hope for the future and get through the holidays! Call Karen to register (708) 352-6587. Everyone is welcome!

ADVENT NEWS



Families, couples, and single people are invited to be in the entrance procession and light the candles on the Advent wreath during the weekend masses of Advent! Please sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-light>

We look forward to having you join us in our Advent celebrations!

#GIVINGTUESDAY WITH THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, CHICAGO

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Chicago has been helping our friends in need for over 169 years, and 2022 is no exception. SVdP Chicago is partnering with the #GivingTuesday movement to make a significant impact on the homeless population in Cook and Lake counties and we need your help. Our goal is to reach \$35,000 to help feed our homeless friends in need, provide winter clothing essentials, and provide short term rental assistance along with any miscellaneous requests.

Want to Donate and Help the Homeless in Cook and Lake Counties?



Simply scan the QR code by using your phone's camera. If you prefer to mail in a donation, please make your check payable and send to:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago - PO Box 233 // Blue Island, IL 60406

Attention: Harry Ohde // Please note in the "Note" section of your check, "#GivingTuesday

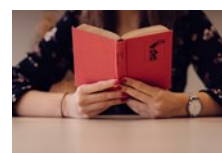
For more information, please visit www.svdpchicago.org

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Please join us for the next Ed Ward Fine Arts Series concert - *Bending Towards the Light*, a jazz nativity, on Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center. This is a beautiful telling of the traditional story of the advent of Christ in the world, filled with shepherds, angels, the tap dancing king, latin percussion king and the trumpet king. The cast and band will be conducted by Justin Sisul, and will include Bobby Lewis, Leandro Lopez Varady, Stewart Miller, Bob Rummage, Geraldo D'Oliviera, Kirk Garrison, Ken Jandes, Tim Coffman, Nico Rubio, Daniel Riley, Dan MacDonald, Gayle Bisesi, Kecia Waldschmidt, Emma Bolam, and others. Admission is free.



BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion we are reading **The Thursday Murder Club (book one)** by Richard Osman. We will meet on December 13 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead...

February 14: **Laine Change** by Mary Ann Doornbos

As always, all are welcome. Questions

LOOKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Join ours.

The **Engage Community** is for middle-age people, 50 and up (single, divorced, widowed or married) to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Potential upcoming events are movies and discussion, game/social nights and group service opportunities.

Volunteers needed with some event planning experience to help launch Engage.

If interested, email Amy at sspagetts@aol.com.

Tax Credit Scholarship Program

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INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Get ready to donate on December 1! Illinois Letter ID Drive

You can support Catholic education by donating to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program! If you want to take advantage of a tax credit and our 1-for-1 Matching Program, we can help you get started.

Obtaining a Letter ID is the first step. Follow the link below to get started and see the other side of this flyer for easy, 3-step instructions to request your Letter ID. It takes up to 10 days to receive your Letter ID via the USPS once the state receives your request.

Starting Dec. 1, take advantage of the 1-for-1 match and double the impact of your gift! Your support provides access to a high-quality, faith-based education for thousands of Illinois students.

“YOUR
GENEROSITY
HAS PUT MY
ENTIRE FAMILY
AT EASE
KNOWING
THAT MY SON
IS GETTING
THE BEST
EDUCATION
POSSIBLE.”

—Parent, St. John Berchmans School

Visit mytax.illinois.gov today to start!

If you have questions, please contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Hotline at **312.534.2617** or tcs@archchicago.org. You can also visit archchicago.org/tcs for more information.

Tax Credit Scholarship Program

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TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Request a Letter ID in 3 easy steps

Step 1

Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to **REQUEST LETTER ID**

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the “Individuals” box on the left.

Step 2

Click on “Request a Letter ID.”

Step 3

Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
- Most recent adjusted gross income
- IL driver’s license number
- IL state identification number

Click “Submit,” confirm your email address, then click “OK” and receive your confirmation.

Your Letter ID will arrive in the mail at the address on your previous year’s tax return within 7–10 business days. The Letter ID expires 90 days from the date it is issued. Please activate your account upon receipt of Letter ID. If you have questions, call 312.534.2617 or email investinkids@archchicago.org.

Wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation and take advantage of the 1-for-1 Matching Program. Please view bit.ly/TCSSteps to find further detailed instructions on completing your donation. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to direct their donation to a specific school.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Baby Wipes
- Toothpaste
- Jelly
- Boxed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Diapers Size 5 and 6
- Laundry Detergent
- Beverages-tea, coffee, cocoa, and juices

Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.

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

Thank you Nazareth Academy students, faculty and staff! WOW! 350 bags of groceries donated to St Cletus & St Francis Xavier during their Thanksgiving food drive! Thank you!



Recently the Pleasantdale Girl Scouts joined us for a service opportunity! They worked hard bagging paper towels, Halloween candy and chips all into more accessible sizes. They cleaned out the milk cooler and produce bins, broke down boxes and unloaded donations. Busy, busy! Thank you!



GIVING TREE

This is our biggest year yet! There are many ways to get tags this year:

Church Narthex: Trees will be available before and after Masses in the Church Narthex. Trees will be labeled by category so you can easily find what type of tag you are looking for.

Online Form: We have a simple form you can complete to request tags and then we will email you information for tags based on what you requested. All contact free. Visit: stcletus-parish.com/givingtree

Email/Phone: Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or leave a message at 708.215.5418 and we can get back to you with tag information.

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer slots are now available for our Giving Tree collection and distribution weekends. View slots, availability, age requirements, FAQs, and more at: www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree

For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418, kgrant@stcletusparish.com



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
29 de noviembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
27 de noviembre, 2022	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
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
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



Finance Council Update

November 17, 2022

Message from the Parish Finance Council

Dear Fellow St. Cletus Parishioners,

In October 2021, a new Parish Finance Council was formed. The Finance Council is a consultative body whose purpose is to advise the pastor and assist him with his financial responsibilities. The Council members are committed to understanding the state of the Parish's finances so that we can work with Fr. Elmer Romero and the Parish staff to understand the Parish's needs and help form long-range plans to ensure that the Parish can meet its responsibilities.

We encourage you to take a look at the Balance Sheets, Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and Summary of the Parish Financial Report for the last fiscal year. We would also like to highlight some ongoing matters:

Sound System. The original goal was \$110,000 and through your generosity, nearly \$124,000 was raised through voluntary donations. The available equipment, including new speakers, is installed and complete. Due to the chip shortage, several additional pieces will arrive this spring. The first video stream was launched November 15, 2022. Thanks to your generosity, you will experience a marked sound improvement.

Disney Rental Revenue. Thanks to Jim Dion, our Business Manager, Greg Porod, our school Principal, and Christy Schaefer, our Assistant School Principal, additional income of \$44,000 (\$8000 in FY21/22, and an additional \$36,000 in FY22/23) was secured through renting St. Cletus space to Disney Plus for the filming of the pilot "Saturdays."

Fall Fest. The Fall Fest/Carnival will be back! Mark your calendars for September 7-10, 2023. Keep your eyes open for more announcements and volunteer opportunities.

"To Teach Who Christ Is" Obligation. As we reported last year, a substantial debt was owed by the Parish to the Archdiocese of Chicago. We learned this debt was an Archdiocesan fundraising campaign initiated in 2013 by Cardinal George entitled "To Teach Who Christ Is" (TTWCI), and was described on the Archdiocese website:

The primary goal of the campaign was ensuring parishes in the Archdiocese are strong and vibrant communities of faith. Every parish in the Archdiocese participated in the campaign. Parishes retained 60 percent of all funds they raised for local needs and shared the remaining 40 percent with other parishes and ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

This past year the Parish made payments of approximately \$50,000 and reduced our obligation from \$675,000 to \$625,000.

Finance Council Update

We ask for your continued support and prayers.

Thank you,

The St. Cletus Parish Finance Council

Jonathan Andrews
Michael Burns
Renee Callaghan
Jim Gorman

Doug Morrissey
Patty Morrissey
Bob Persa

Tom Reisel
Adriana Varela
John Vincent

Please use this email finance@stcletusparish.com or call the rectory 708-352-6209 with any questions.

Parish Balance Sheet

St. Cletus Parish Balance Sheet June 30, 2022 and 2021

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Assets		
Parish Checking / Payroll Bank Accounts / Petty Cash	\$ 1,072,273	\$ 877,078
Parish Savings Accounts at Archdiocesan Bank	10,632	9,058
Parish "To Teach Who Christ Is" Account at Archdiocesan Bank (3)	-	24,806
Parish Organizations-Auxiliary Group Accounts / Food Pantry	456,462	327,851
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	2,480	2,270
Restricted School Endowment investments (1)	510,380	507,507
Unrestricted Parish investments at market value	393,271	396,413
Restricted Building Fund at Arch Bank (Sound System) (1) (2)	74,258	-
Restricted Parish Center Building Campaign Fund Accounts (1)	<u>12,536</u>	<u>4,225</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,532,292</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,208</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 4,942	\$ 72,370
Other Payroll Withholdings	1,252	-
Tuition deposits	38,806	33,832
Archdiocesan Obligations (TTWCI) (3)	625,110	-
Parish and School PPP Loan Proceeds	-	361,065
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 670,110</u>	<u>\$ 467,267</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,862,183</u>	<u>\$1,681,941</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,532,292</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,208</u>

(1) - Restricted funds are not available for general parish operations.

(2) - Sound system funds = \$123,442 collected

\$74,258 at Arch Bank for audio equipment and installation portion

\$49,184 held locally for video equipment and installation minus \$17,480 downpayment

(3) - Obligation to the Archdiocese Related to the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign

See the Message from the Parish Finance Council concerning this Parish obligation.

Profit And Loss Summary

70870 - St. Cletus Profit and Loss July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

	Church, REP Food Pantry FY21/22	School FY21/22	Combined Church and School FY 2021-22	Previous Year FY 2020-21
Income				
3000 Sunday and Holy Day Collections	1,172,145.86		1,172,145.86	1,093,622.91
3020 Christmas Collection	172,142.17		172,142.17	207,361.00
3030 Easter Collection	100,041.26		100,041.26	107,684.00
3040 Other Collections	5,042.16		5,042.16	2,509.00
3100 Tuition	33,845.00	1,621,274.28	1,655,119.28	1,511,673.28
3110 Fees	4,650.00	193,661.30	198,311.30	191,519.07
3350 Lease / Rental Income (Disney) (1)	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	
3400 Outside Funding Sources		34,783.04	34,783.04	45,570.80
3450 Fund Raising Net Income	250.00	146,432.90	146,682.90	188,747.09
3500 Interest & Investment Income	-2,597.59	3,509.48	911.89	216,687.02
3600 Auxilliary Groups	3,364.27	20,786.88	24,151.15	-4,227.01
3700 Miscellaneous Income (2)	324,375.00	7,802.58	332,177.58	322,637.49
Total Income	\$ 1,817,258.13	\$ 2,032,250.46	\$ 3,849,508.59	\$ 3,883,784.65
Gross Profit	\$ 1,817,258.13	\$ 2,032,250.46	\$ 3,849,508.59	\$ 3,883,784.65
Expenses				
4010 Salaries	641,119.75	1,208,498.30	1,849,618.05	1,895,335.66
4030 Health Insurance-Employer Paid	72,384.00	226,096.00	298,480.00	308,605.67
4040 Employer FICA	38,371.47	88,105.72	126,477.19	134,073.26
4050 Fringe Benefits	24,901.30	43,454.70	68,356.00	49,131.05
4060 Prof. Growth/Minist./Other	7,266.31	3,959.00	11,225.31	18,105.79
4100 Books & Supplies,Non-Liturgical	27,442.94	47,110.75	74,553.69	83,432.17
4150 Administrative Expenses	62,136.96	27,474.48	89,611.44	92,953.17
4200 Transportation	2,925.98		2,925.98	4,106.94
4250 Food Service & Meals	55,657.09	2,358.58	58,015.67	57,939.62
4400 Telephone	10,912.07	10,078.05	20,990.12	24,757.98
4410 Heating Fuel	28,758.07	34,551.57	63,309.64	46,060.68
4420 Electricity	26,668.26	31,894.69	58,562.95	48,968.32
4430 Other Utilities (3)	10,290.16	24,643.11	34,933.27	29,386.11
4450 Maintenance & Building Repairs	55,418.53	71,464.60	126,883.13	188,742.68
4600 Interest Expense	56.10	13.97	70.07	4,401.87
4650 Altar & Liturgical Supplies	33,606.93		33,606.93	22,984.27
4700 Furnishings & Equipment	23,963.82	39,676.98	63,640.80	104,148.92
4750 Achdiocesan Assessment	170,475.00		170,475.00	170,475.00
4760 PRMAA Assessment	59,666.28		59,666.28	59,666.28
4770 OCS Assessment		15,613.38	15,613.38	8,711.00
4780 Property/Casualty Insurance	52,664.86	78,997.20	131,662.06	115,001.40
4790 Auto Insur-Priest Owned Vehicle	2,690.00		2,690.00	3,855.00
4800 Miscellaneous	87,607.70	8,003.29	95,610.99	306,367.57

Profit And Loss Summary

Total Expenses	\$ 1,494,983.58	\$ 1,961,994.37	\$ 3,456,977.95	\$ 3,777,210.41
Net Operating Income	\$ 322,274.55	\$ 70,256.09	\$ 392,530.64	\$ 106,574.24
Other Income				
5010 Sharing Collections Oth Parish	60.00		60.00	
5030 Arch Required Collections	25,840.12		25,840.12	11,878.71
5050 Estates, Bequests & Memorials	13,135.00	150.00	13,285.00	8,390.00
5060 Other Extraordinary Income	42,602.80	361,065.00	403,667.80	570,181.00
5110 Fund Collections	650.37		650.37	65,432.06
5120 Capital Collections (4)	133,394.90		133,394.90	87,376.48
Total Other Income	\$ 215,683.19	\$ 361,215.00	\$ 576,898.19	\$ 743,258.25
Other Expenses				
6030 Pymt Arch Required Collections	25,864.12		25,864.12	11,878.71
6060 Other Extraordinary Expenses (5)	675,000.00		675,000.00	
6100 Capital Purchase or Construct	398.85		398.85	963.75
6110 Capital Improvements	77,580.34	10,342.37	87,922.71	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 778,843.31	\$ 10,342.37	\$ 789,185.68	\$ 12,842.46
Net Other Income	-\$ 563,160.12	\$ 350,872.63	-\$ 212,287.49	\$ 730,415.79
Net Income	-\$ 240,885.57	\$ 421,128.72	\$ 180,243.15	\$ 836,990.03

(1) - FY21/22 Disney rental income = \$8000, split 50% Church, 50% School.

Additional Disney rental income of \$36,000 was received in FY22/23

(2) - Stole fees = \$41,305 / Food Pantry = \$196,933

Vigil candles = \$19,690 / Mission Trip = \$18,327/ Other = \$48,120

(3) - Water/Sewer, Garbage, Cable, Internet

(4) - Sound System = \$123,442 / Capital Campaign Final Phase = \$9,953

(5) - The "To Teach Who Christ Is" obligation was put on the books per Archdiocesan direction.

This had a one time effect of making "Net Other Income" negative.

In the future, the remaining TTWCI obligation will be reflected on the books as a liability in the Balance Sheet statement.

Summary Of the Parish Financial Report

- Collections. Sunday, Holy Day, and Christmas and Easter collections totaled \$1,444,329.99. While post-COVID Mass attendance is down by about 33% compared to pre-COVID attendance, our weekly collections are only down about 15% from pre-COVID levels. This of course is not just an issue with our Parish, this is an issue with all parishes. Thank you for your continued generosity.
- "To Teach Who Christ Is" Debt. While the Parish is still in negotiations with the Archdiocese to have this obligation reduced or forgiven, the Parish did reduce this debt by \$50,000 to \$625,000. This debt is explained in more detail in the Message from the Finance Council.
- School Funding. In previous years the Parish has provided financial support to the School. This past fiscal year, however, the School was financially self-sufficient. Through increased enrollment and additional tuition, as well as fantastic fundraising efforts by students, parents, and supporters, the School had a net operating income of \$70,256.09.
- Net Operating Income. The Parish finished the June 30, 2022, fiscal year with a net operating income of \$322,274.55 (includes Food Pantry net income).
- Investment Losses. The Parish's investment accounts had a net unrealized loss of \$3,131. The school's investment account had a net unrealized gain of \$2,873. Because investment gains and losses are not part of the Parish's/School's normal operations, they are not considered in determining the parish's/school's operating income but rather considered Other Revenue.
- Parish Data:

Registered families: 2,561
 Baptisms: 81
 Marriages: 12
 Funerals: 66

School Enrollment: 310 Pre-K- 8th grade
 Religious Education: 343
 Communions: 107
 Confirmations: 135

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 27	8am-2pm	Parish Center	Hospitality
Monday, November 28			
Tuesday, November 29	8am 8:30pm-10pm	Church Parish Center	Mass With Parish School Students Church League Basketball Practice for Grades 10 & 11
Wednesday, November 30	7-8:30pm	Church	Parish Advent Evening of Reflection
Thursday, December 1	6-8pm 8:30-10pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Practice for Grades 10 & 11
Friday, December 2	7-8pm	Gallagher Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, December 3	7-8pm	Church	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 4	8am-2pm	Parish Center	Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast

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 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..... 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

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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

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