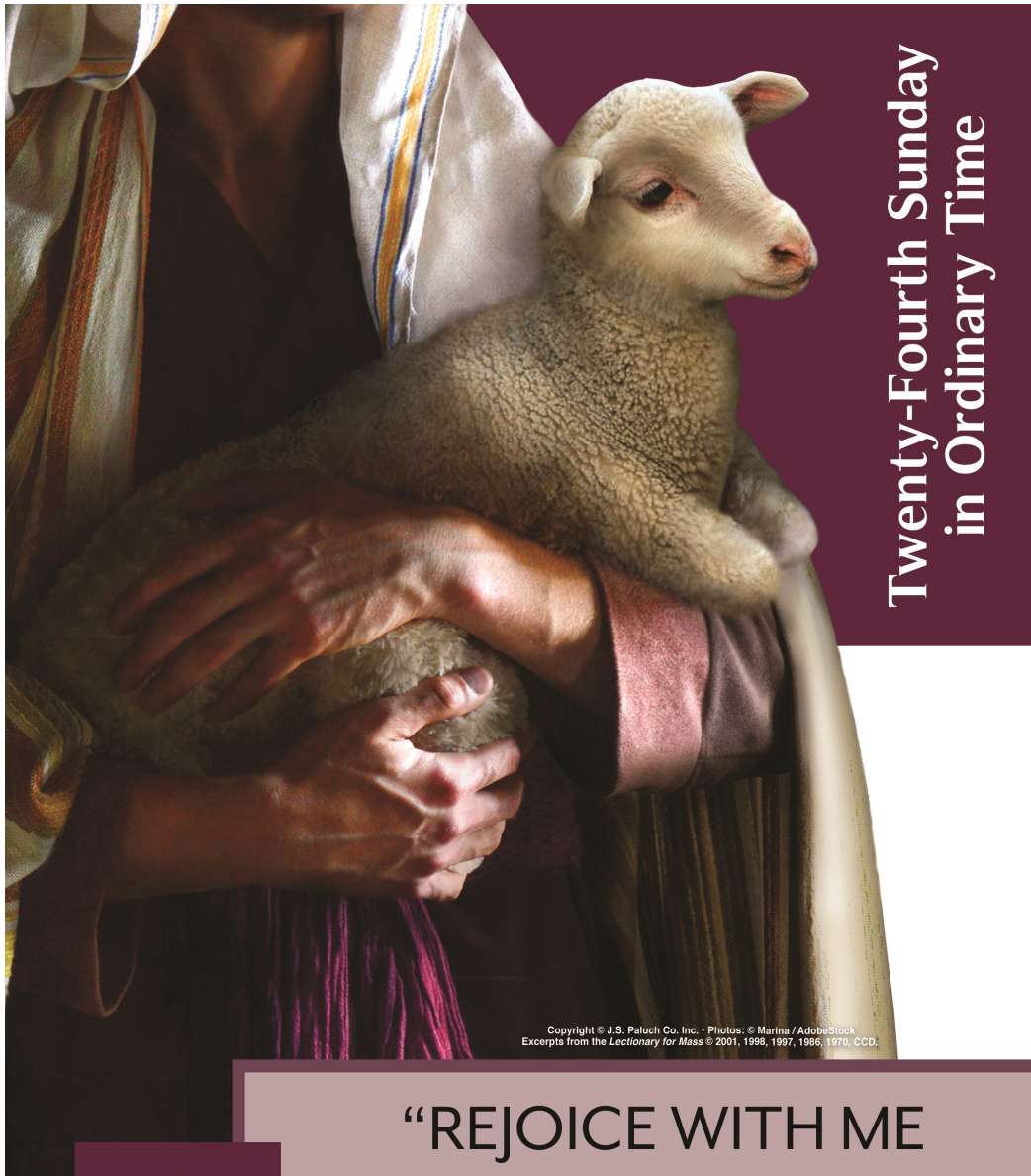


# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
— Psalm 51:12



Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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“REJOICE WITH ME  
BECAUSE I HAVE FOUND  
MY LOST SHEEP.”

September **11**  
2022

LUKE 15:6

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for September 12-September 18, 2022

Day	Time	Intentions
September 12	8:00am	Julie Nykiel, Rose Marie Hrozenjak
September 13	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 14	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 15	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
September 16	8:00am	Mike McAndrew, Thom Nelson, Julie Kerrigan
September 17	5:00pm	Daniel Klepczarek, Greg and Danuta Solecki, Jeanne Noble, Frank Londowski, Craig Landowski, Rodelio and Garry Co, Eugene "Jim" Copp
September 18	7:15am	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Jan and Yanine Radulski, Al Haddad, Frank Wojcik, Jan and Monika Mroz
	10:30am	Marco, Emilia Rattin and Bill DePasquale, Charles and Florence Straka, Donna and James O'Keefe, Jose B. Sabado Jr., Frank Treski Danuta and Greg Solecki 20th Wedding Anniversary
	12:30pm	Julian Urbina Medina

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

**Nancy Jean Kraus**  
Wife of Jeffrey Kraus

May she rest in peace. Amen

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.*

**September** - Daniel Lacey, Joseph Halac, Gerda E. Dorso

**August** - Laura Terrazino, Francie Smith, Patricia Rodey

**July** - Louis Berger, Deborah Zemke, Frank Niwa, Peggy Shevlin

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



### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

**Jonathon Gustavo Correa Arevalo**

Son of Gustavo Correa Guerra and Dulce Arevalo

**Ander Velazquez**

Son of Rafael Velazquez and Esmerelda Dominguez

**Rodolfo Velazquez**

Son of Rafael Velazquez and Esmerelda Dominguez

**Bennet Castillo**

Son of Jonathon Castillo and Orismaric Nunez

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



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## Pastor's Note

*"Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry," 1 Tim 1:12*

Dear Parishioners,

What happens when Christ becomes part of our lives?

We grow in personal relationship with him. We enjoy chatting and spending time with him. We get curious and want to learn more about him. We let him shape our minds and hearts. We let him fill our lives with his kindness, joy, and peace. Then, naturally we feel encouraged and inspired to share him with others.

This reality is something that I continue to be exposed to as I journey with you. Daily I am lucky to see him present and active in each and every one of you who are so dedicated to him. Below I share with you some specific moments when I experienced Christ present and inspiring us all.

First, on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, we had two inspiring celebrations/gatherings. At 9:30 AM we celebrated Mass of the Holy Spirit with the entire community of our Parish School. At Mass we prayed and asked the Lord to bless our new school year and send the Holy Spirit upon us. The children actively participated in Mass. The readings were proclaimed by them. The prayers of the faithful were prayed by them as well. The gifts (bread and wine) were brought to the altar by them. Three of them served at Mass as altar servers. The members of the choir were children from our school who did an outstanding job. We are blessed to have such a great team that worked together to allow us such a special Mass with our children. My deepest gratitude to them for their ministry and dedication to us.

The same day at 6:30 PM we held our Evening of Reflection with our Gushers (Greeters and Ushers) in the Parish Center. This was my first encounter with them since my arrival at St. Cletus Parish. We started our gathering by having some time to get to know each other while enjoying some pizza and soft drinks. Then, we prayed with 1 Peter 2:9 which reminded us of our baptismal right and privilege to participate in the ministry of Christ. We all acknowledged that serving Christ and his church is an honor and a responsibility. As a parish community, we are lucky to have many wonderful and dedicated women and men who greet us with a smile when we come to Mass. In each one of them, we clearly see Christ welcoming us with a smile. I take this opportunity to offer them my wholehearted gratitude and appreciation for their ministry to us. Please keep them in your prayers.

Second, on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 AM, we celebrated a Funeral Mass for Julian Urbina-Medina, who was 14 years old. After spending some time with his grandparents on Sunday, August 28, 2022, he was on his way home driving his bicycle when he was struck by a car and tragically lost his young life. During his 14 years of life, Julian shared his joy, care, and love with all. He is remembered as kindhearted, selfless, funny, attentive, caring, with a good sense of humor. I believe over 800 hundred people attended his funeral Mass. I was moved by the presence, support, prayers, and witness of all those who came. In my prayer as I prepared for Julian's Funeral Mass, I asked Christ to work through me since I found myself with a heavy heart and at loss for words. I take this opportunity to thank all ministers who came to assist at Julian's Funeral Mass. I was able to sense the closeness and presence of Christ throughout the entire celebration as I watched them serving. Please keep our ministers and Julian's family and friends in your prayers.

Then, in the afternoon at 2:00 PM, I celebrated a special Mass at Summit Park District. I was invited by some of our parishioners who are leaders of this celebration that happens yearly. They had music, games, and delicious food. They have a special devotion to St. Jerome, who is the patron saint of the town where they were born in Mexico. They had music, games, and delicious food. I was moved by their hospitality and active participation in Mass. The presence of Christ was noticeable.

Third, today at our 10:30 AM Mass, we will remember and pray in a special way for all those whose lives were taken away on the morning of September 11, 2001. Today, we also give thanks and pray for all the first responders for their selfless dedication and love for other human beings. In their gesture, dedication, and action I see the spirit of Christ alive. May Christ bless them abundantly.

Fourth, on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM, Fr. John Lodge will be delivering his talk, Why Pray? We all are kindly invited! We are blessed to have him celebrating Mass for us almost every weekend. Thank you for making every effort to attend such a unique teaching on prayer. If you can, please extend the invitation to someone who might appreciate hearing from you.

May Christ continue to share his grace with us so that you and I might become Christ for others in our daily lives.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

# Pig Roast

*St. Cletus Community*

F I R S T A N N U A L

# PIG ROAST



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**

**IN THE COURTYARD  
AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

★ **FOOD** ★ **GAMES** ★

★ **LIVE MUSIC** ★

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES** ★

★ **ENTERTAINMENT** ★

**DON'T WANT TO EAT? COME ANYWAY!**

**ALL THE FUN IS FREE!**

**Meal tickets now available for \$15 each online at the parish website or in the narthex after weekend masses.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## Sunday Notes

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalms** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;  
Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;  
Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;

Friday: Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;  
Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;  
Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;  
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day  
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom  
Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine;  
St. Hildegard of Bingen; Blessed Virgin Mary

## Note From Father Mike

Still like yesterday...

I know I am not the only person who feels this way around September 11<sup>th</sup>. It's 21 years this weekend since the events surrounding the purposeful destruction of the World Trade Center "Twin Towers" by terrorists. I never thought anything like it would happen in my lifetime, and as much as I once wondered what sorts of memories go through the survivors of any of the major wars in recent history, my mind now knows what it's like to relive that day over and over again. It still horrifies me to watch archived video. For the life of me, I don't know why newscasts and documentaries show the stuff every year on television. I know we should never forget the men and women who lost their lives and that we should always be grateful for the first responders who did everything they could in digging through tons and tons of debris trying to find survivors for weeks on end. My heart still aches with the mere image of the ash and dust cloud that blanketed New York City. I vaguely remember the TV news running for days without stopping, the reporters just trying to hold their emotions in check too. Like so many others, they asked "why" and "how could something like this happen in our country, let alone New York as well as the other terrorist act on the Pentagon itself?"

I don't have an answer for any of this. I wish I did.

Years before that fateful day, while a student at Mundelein Seminary, one teacher asked us to respond to the philosophical question "why does God allow evil to happen?" I actually brought up the subject indirectly last weekend (the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) in my homily. The first reading last weekend (as a reminder) from the Book of Wisdom asked the question "who did God consult to gain knowledge?" I tried to take it one step further and brought up one of the "eternal" questions "Did God really KNOW all of the things that would happen from the moment of Creation?" Why did God give man the capacity for even doing anything against

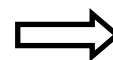
His goodness? Man has had the right to choose between good and evil from the moment God brought us forth from the dust of the earth. So what was the purpose? Why didn't God just stop right then? Or why did He stop short of destroying all of humanity in the Great Flood by saving Noah's family?

The truth that God has ALWAYS loved human beings above all else is the most basic beginning to try and answer any question concerning good and evil. Does God create evil? No. Man **chose** to disobey God's ONE thing. We say that is not fair that we should all suffer because of the sin of one man and/or one woman that lived thousands of years ago. Yet, in ALL of the stories in the Bible that have shown man's ability to do evil actions, and ALL of the varied and sometimes unthinkable events of the history of mankind through the centuries, God STILL has loved us completely in allowing us to make our own choices whether to love Him or not. His proof? Jesus, the only-begotten, Son of God and the man who was born into the world through the generosity of a young virgin woman in Bethlehem, Israel. Not only was He born into time, He would eventually give His life on behalf of all humanity to pay for not only the sin of the first man, but for the sins of ALL humanity.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Amen. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Father Mike

There will always be hope



# Religious Education

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



The beginning of the 2022 – 2023 Religious Education Year is fast approaching!

Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> we will host our RE Open Houses. Parents and children will

have an opportunity to visit the school, be shown to their classroom, meet the Catechist and receive their materials.

Families whose children attend on Sunday morning will come between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Families whose children attend on Monday evening are invited to visit between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

We wish to remind all of our parishioners about two programs that we offer at St. Cletus. First is our Special Needs Program, which is designed to meet the needs of children who need special attention by our Catechists. This program meets on Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

St. Cletus also offers an Early Childhood Program which provides beginning religious instruction for children age 3

– 5. Songs, crafts, and stories are used to instill a sense of community and introduce our young parish members to Jesus. The program meets on Sundays from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED!

If you are new to the role of being a Catechist or would like to know about being a Catechist or classroom helper. I would invite you to attend a special training to learn about the classroom process and have an opportunity to look at the materials used in our program.

Participants can choose to attend either on Tuesday, 9/13 or Thursday 9/15. Please e-mail me, Lawrence Manetti at [lmanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:lmanetti@stcletusparish.com) to confirm attendance. Sessions will run from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

# Gather Donation Form

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## GATHER FOURTH EDITION DONATION FORM

Please be sure to print legibly. Please place this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked "Hymnals". It may be placed in the weekend collection basket or returned to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Donor's name (as you would like it to appear on the bookplate): \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's address: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Donor's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of books being donated @ \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Check should be payable to: St. Cletus Parish Please indicate "Hymnals" on the memo line.

( ) Check here if you wish this to be an anonymous donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated; please attach to this form any additional donation information



# Hispanic Ministry

ECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
13 de septiembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
11 de septiembre, 2022	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
<b>Segundo Sábado de cada mes</b> Second Saturday of each month	<b>8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.</b> 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	<b>Adoración Nocturna</b> Night Adoration	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
<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.

## CLASES DE CAPACITACIÓN PARA LECTORES

Estaremos ofreciendo clases de capacitación para todos los lectores actuales. Estas clases son obligatorias para los lectores y serán facilitadas por el Sr. Javier Castillo de la oficina de Formación de Fe de por Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el Salón Gallagher los días viernes 16 y 23 de septiembre, 2022 de 7:00 a 9:00 pm. Estas clases también están abiertas para aquellos interesados en unirse a este ministerio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

## TRAINING CLASSES FOR LECTORS

We will be offering a mandatory training classes for all current lectors. These classes will be facilitated by Mr. Javier Castillo from the office of Lifelong Faith Formation of the Archdioceses of Chicago. Classes will be held in the Gallagher Room on Friday, September 16 and Friday, September 23, 2022. These classes are also open to those interested in joining this ministry. For more information, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441

## COMITÉ GUADALUPANO

Los miembros del Comité Guadalupano tendrán una junta el martes 13 de septiembre, 2022 a las 6:00 pm., para continuar planeando los eventos de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Si a usted le gustaría ser parte de la planeación, favor de acompañarnos a esta junta. La junta se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial, todos están invitados a participar.

## GUADALUPE COMMITTEE MEETING



Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm., to continue planning Our Lady of Guadalupe events. If you would like to be part of the planning, please join us. The meeting will take place in the Pastoral Center, everyone is invited to participate.

## AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL



Gracias a todas las personas que asistieron a la convivencia que tuvimos el domingo pasado para todos los líderes del Ministerio Hispano. Pasamos un rato muy agradable conociéndonos un poco mejor. Gracias a todos por compartir sus postres favoritos, frutas, pasteles, etc., etc. Todos disfrutamos de la deliciosa Taquiza. En especial muchas gracias a las personas que amenizaron la convivencia con la hermosa música. Muchísimas gracias.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all the people who attended the gathering we had last Sunday for all the leaders in the Hispanic Ministry. We had a very enjoyable time getting to know each other a little better. Thank you all for sharing your favorite desserts, fruits, cakes, etc., etc. We all enjoyed the delicious Taquiza dinner. Especially many thanks to the people who livened up the gathering with the beautiful music. Thank you very much.





# Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS  
FOOD PANTRY  
THURSDAYS  
6-8PM**

**Wish List:**

- Cleaners
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned meals (ravioli, chili)
- Canned meats (ham, chicken)
- Cereal
- Diapers

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

ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

# BLESSING & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 25 | 3:00-5:00

Join us in church at 3:00 for a special blessing & program followed by an Open House celebration. All are welcome!

take a tour | giveaway prizes | enjoy refreshments

(please note there will be no pantry distribution at this event)

St. Cletus Parish 708.215.5418  
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525 foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

Join us for our upcoming Food Pantry Blessing & Open House! Please join us at 3:00 in church for a special blessing and program followed by an open house celebration. Special guests Bishop Birmingham and Amy Laboy, Vice President of Programs and Community Partnerships at Greater Chicago Food Depository will be joining us! We will have refreshments, prizes, tours and more. All are welcome!



Have you seen us around town recently? We've been doing outreach at events such as the LGBA Sidewalk Sale and the Hodgkins Public Library Community Expo! This is a great way to connect with our neighbors to let them know we are here if they need services, want to volunteer or donate to the pantry. If you're interested in volunteering to help at events like this, please email [foodpantry@stcletusparish.com](mailto:foodpantry@stcletusparish.com) Special thanks to Lupe & Isa McKeehan for helping represent the pantry!

## HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Check out the Budget Bytes SNAP Challenge for delicious, creative recipes on a budget.

What is the SNAP Challenge? The SNAP Challenge is a yearly event hosted by Feeding America to raise awareness about hunger and food insecurity in America. Participants are challenged to eat on no more than \$4.50 per day, per person (the average allowance for food assistance programs), log their experiences, and reflect on the challenges and difficulties. Hunger spans across all races, ages, genders, locations, and education levels. Life can be unexpected and unpredictable and programs like SNAP are created to help people through the tough times and get back on their feet. Budgetbytes.com



**SNAP CHALLENGE: SOY DIJON CHICKEN THIGHS WITH SWEET POTATOES**  
\$8.26 RECIPE / \$1.19 SERVING

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH



In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars.

# Social Concerns

## SVDP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers must be high school and up, adults welcome! Please dress for the weather, you will be outside. Volunteers will greet donors at their vehicles, unload items and load them into the donation truck. Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-svdp1>



## AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Sign up to help distribute baby bottle envelopes at Masses October 1-2. Please plan to arrive 5-10 min before Mass and stay 10 min after Mass. All ages welcome. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-baby2>



## FREE MEDICAL CLINIC




Saturday, October 8, 9am- 2pm  
Lyon Township High School - South Campus in the gymnasium  
4900 South Willow Springs Road  
Western Springs IL 60558

Hosted by AdventHealth Hinsdale and AdventHealth La-Grange

**The clinic is free and open to the public.** Families and children are welcome! We invite those who need medical care regardless of insurance or immigration status. Join us to receive free medical services.

# Save The Date



*St. Cletus Parish*

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ  
Through Worship, Education and Service




# WHY PRAY?

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

Special Guest Speaker:  
**REV. JOHN G. LODGE, S.S.L., S.T.D.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIAL GATHERING AFTER THE REFLECTION. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT BY USING SIGN-UP GENIUS  
[WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-WHYPRAY](http://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-WHYPRAY)



# Ministry News

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

What comes to mind when fall arrives? Apples of course!! The women of St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women invite you to our next general meeting where Pat McLamore will demonstrate her easy bake apple strudel and then we will enjoy eating some! (With ice cream naturally) All women of the parish are invited. Father Mike will also install our board members for the 2022/2023 year.

When: September 21, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Gallagher room in the Parish Center It won't be the same without YOU!

## BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **Cloud Cukoo Land** by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on October 11 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

December 13: **The Thursday Murder Club (Book 1)** by Richard Osman

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

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

Honoring St. Francis of Assisi, we will be holding a Blessing of Pets on his feast day, Tuesday, October 4 at 4 p.m. in the church parking lot. All pets and owners are welcome and will receive a special blessing. In case of rain, we will move into the Parish Center gym. All pets must be on leashes or otherwise contained. We look forward to seeing all the pets of St. Cletus!



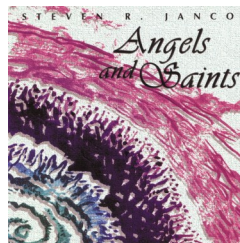
## ED WARD FINE ART SERIES



**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**St. Cletus Parish Center 600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL**  
FREE ADMISSION | DONATIONS ACCEPTED

## SAVE THE DATE: GATHER 4 AND MUCH MORE



Musical presentation "Gather 4 and Much More" with composer Steve Janco. Sunday, October 2nd, 4:00 p.m. Parish Center. He will be introducing us to the mass setting "Mass of Angels and Saints" which he composed and we will be using in mid-October. ALL PARISHION-

ERS are invited to attend! More information will be published closer to the date. Refreshments will be served.

## KAIROS

High school juniors and seniors: Save the dates of September 29-October 2 for Kairos 39! The retreat will be at Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien and students from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes will also be participating. More information is coming! Registration for Kairos 39 is open. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up right away <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/K39>

# Ministry and Community News

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION FORUM**

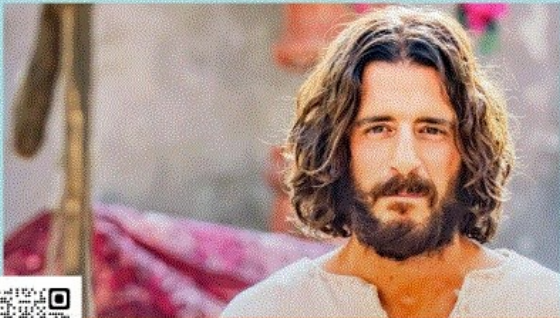
# FOLLOWING JESUS: THEN AND NOW

*exploring discipleship through The Chosen*

SUNDAYS: 9:15-10:45 AM, JOYCE HALL AT SFX  
WEDNESDAYS: 7-8:30 PM, PARISH CENTER AT SJC

9 EPISODES BEGINNING SUNDAY 9/18 & WEDNESDAY 9/21

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## HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH OKTOBERFEST

The HGA Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 3:30 -- 11:00 pm, rain or shine, in the St. Louise de Marillac parking lot, 1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park (or Parish Center if raining.) The attachment includes all the specific information about our event.

We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Cletus Parish to join us for an afternoon and evening of family fun.

## 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.

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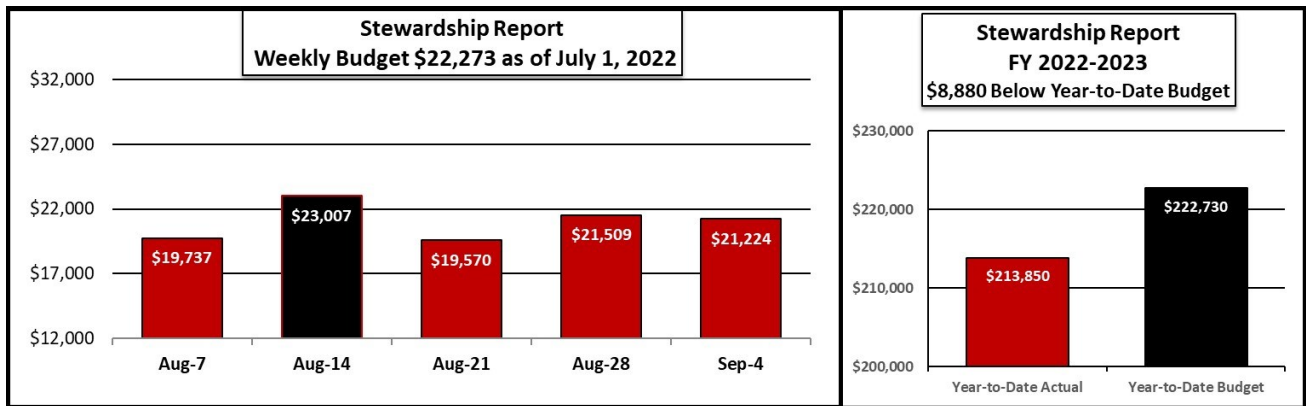
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## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 11	11:30-12:30	Parish Center	9/11 Hospitality
Monday, September 12	7-8pm	Church	Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotion
Tuesday, September 13	6-7pm	Gallagher Room	Meeting Guadalupano
Wednesday, September 14	9am-12pm 1-1:45 7-8pm	Parish Center Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary and Prayers "Why Pray?" by Father John Lodge
Thursday, September 15	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, September 16			
Saturday, September 17	8:30-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, September 18			

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

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### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
School .....(708) 352-4820  
www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

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## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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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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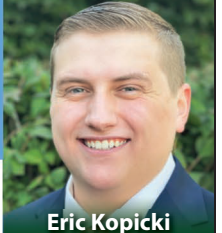
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