

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**The Lord is my sheperd;
there is nothing I lack**
-Psalm 23:1



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for March 20 - March 26, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
March 20	8:00am	Fr. Plovanych	Madonna Curran, William E. Garskey
March 21	8:00am	Fr. Killeen	Mary Dybas, Delphine Marciszewski
March 22	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	BC and Rip Collins
March 23	8:00am	Fr. Killeen	Delphine Marciszewski
March 24	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Frank Wojcik
March 25	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Mary Ellen Kursell, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Father Charles Watkins
March 26	7:15am	Fr. Killeen	Mary Dybas, John Duda, Tred and Julia Kopacz, Natalie Krawczyk
	8:45am	Fr. Hays	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Konieczny, Mary Kay Rios, Frank Niwa, Kelly Sorrentino, Rose Haddad
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Len Chudzik, Jesus Diaz, Stanley Herrera, Carol and Gerard Meyer, Peter Dixon
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	Carlos Rivera, Gerardo Torres

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.

March - Enemorio Cisneros, Galdino Padilla, Juana García, Beto Montalvo, Laura Terrazino, Charlie McCarthy, Denise and Rich Jandura, and Baby Muffy, Francie Smith, Enrique Durán

February - Daniel Lacey, Matthew O'Connell, Roman Szabelski, Edward Rojack, Juana Martinez, Louie Soto, Leo Gonzalez, Tillie Gonzalez

January - Janusz Szczepanski, James Wallace, Bill Gozdecki, Peter Felice, Donna Kurcz, Bill Deleeshe

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...



Cora Ann Polivka

Daughter of John Polivka and Laura Battistoni

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

JOIN US TODAY!

FINE ARTS SERIES

A JAZZ PASSION

VICTORIOUS + ETERNAL + LIGHT

Sunday, March 19
4:00 p.m.
St. Cletus Parish Center

Victorious, Eternal, Light: A JAZZ PASSION is a one-of-a-kind experience. Believed to be the first major production of the Passion set to jazz, this work combines the emotional power of jazz harmonies and rhythms with the power of the gospel message to express the extraordinary spiritual journey of the last days of Christ's ministry.

Pastor's Note

*“But now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth,”*
Ephesians 5:8b-9.

Dear Parishioners,

It is always good to allow the Lord to speak to us. Through the preaching of St. Paul, the Lord reminds us that we are light in the Lord. He gently invites us to receive the light he offers which produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

How are we being light in the Lord? How is the light of the Lord affecting our thoughts and feelings? How is the light of the Lord drawing us closer to Jesus Christ? How is the light of the Lord encouraging us to share our strengths, talents and gifts at home, work, and parish? How is the light of the Lord inspiring us to be more generous, understanding, and more focused on others?

At St. Cletus Parish the light of the Lord continues to brighten our thoughts, feelings, and actions. Every day something good is happening. Every weekend the light of the Lord keeps producing every kind of goodness. Below I am happy to share with you some events, activities, and meetings where I noticed the light of the lord producing something beautiful.

First, the 2nd Annual St. Cletus Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by St. Cletus Father's Club, was a success! It gathered over 600 people not only from the school and the parish, but also from those who live around our parish. The environment and atmosphere were warm, friendly, and welcoming. The food was delicious. The choice of drinks available were fantastic. The service provided by our wonderful volunteers and especially children from our school was amazing. The leadership provided by Jim Ludden, President of St. Cletus Father's Club, was phenomenal. The ministry and service of the core team (Kevin Hogan, John Hodak, Mark Johnson, and Julio Quintero) of the Father's Club was brilliant. They worked together to give us quite an amazing experience and gathering. I offer them my wholehearted gratitude for their leadership and for sharing their light with us. Besides having a great time, I was overwhelmed with joy and gratitude.

Second, two parishioners that attended the 2nd Annual Fish Fry took the time to send me an email. They wanted me to know how much they enjoyed the gathering. I share their notes with you with the intention that together we keep each other in prayer and continue to allow the Holy Spirit work through us.

“Fr. Elmer, I wanted to send you a short note about how much fun my wife & I had at the 2nd Annual St. Cletus Father's Club Fish Fry. We sat with a dear friend of ours and her two daughters. We enjoyed the good food, drink, and conversation. Also, we were able to reconnect with old friends and begin building new friendships with others gathered for the Friday night party. We met school administration welcoming us with smiles, Parish Pastoral Council, Father's Club members & our children serving food and beverages. We enjoyed catching up with younger people who attended St. Cletus School, they in turn asked us about our children and what was going on in their lives. Watching our Catholic school and our Parish working together, volunteering, sharing community, faith & family through events such as this makes us proud while enjoying an evening out. Thank you to Fr. Elmer, Fr. Mike, the St. Cletus Fathers Club and all who helped organize, run, finance, and clean up.”

“What a beautiful difference in the parish since you became our pastor. Last night's Fish Fry is another example. Many activities are going on that draw our parishioners together. Keep up the good work!”

Third, on March 10th, 2023, I had my second Annual Meeting with Most Rev. Kevin Birmingham, Episcopal Vicar – Vicariate IV, and Fr. Carl Morello, Dean of our Deanery. Our meeting went well. After a moment of prayer, I was able to share with them the blessings that the Lord continues to bestow upon our parish. I told them that our parish is growing and becoming vibrant. I said that you love your parish. As a result, we have new events and activities being offered and well attended. I also mentioned to them the *Evening of Prayer and Reflection* that our parish continues to offer throughout the year. Finally, I shared with them that you continue to give me joy each day and that I am very happy at St. Cletus. I take this opportunity to thank you for holding me in prayer and for offering me your kind support as I serve you as your pastor.

Fourth, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM, we held the School Lenten Reconciliation service in church. It went well. Children were well prepared. They truly wanted to experience the love the Lord wanted to share with them as they celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. I was humbled and encouraged by their faith and witness. I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our Administrators and teachers to our children. Each of them loves teaching and being with our children. We were blessed to have 6 confessors, which was helpful.

May the Lord grant us His grace so that we can eagerly welcome His light! Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

Rejoice? During Lent?

Yes. We are at that critical point in our Season of Penance – Laetarae Sunday. That means not only do we see a change in vestment color from purple to “pink,” God calls us to rejoicing, for the day of resurrection draws ever near. It’s a strange concept to many since we are intentionally making sacrifices during these 40 days, and particularly to children as they are learning about making sacrifices by “giving up” something. That’s been the normal way of teaching children, for example, giving up eating any candy. It was a very basic way of teaching a very difficult principle. Honestly, I think the principle of sacrifice is still not very well practiced. Maybe that’s why we say it takes discipline.

Sacrifice, however, is more than “giving up” something. It’s learning to give from the heart. It’s learning what it means to give of oneself completely for the benefit of another. Maybe that is the reason I have always found the martyrs of the Church to be so fascinating. We have faith that Jesus, of course, freely gave His life so that sins would be forgiven. Well, the martyrs did similar actions for others, just not on the scale Jesus did. They might have courageously offered their very life so that someone else might live. They might have forgiven their persecutors in the face of their own danger. Some simply kept on singing God’s praises when they were told to stop and they were put to death. In any case, these are feats of amazing courage to say the least. The story of Sts. Maximilian Kolbe and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross come to mind when I think of more modern-day martyrs.

Maximilian Kolbe and Teresa Benedicta ministered at the concentration camps of Auschwitz. When I even think of the horrible things that went on at those concentration camps, my stomach turns upside and down. Maybe part of my disgust is that I have Jewish blood in my veins, but I don’t think that is a pre-requisite for having such disgust and abhorrence for what Hitler and the Nazi soldiers did in murdering so many human beings. So when Maximilian Kolbe and Teresa Benedicta offered themselves in place of other would-be victims, they were rewarded for their heroic actions. And there are many other similar stories of martyrs throughout Christian history. St. Stephen was the first martyr of the Church. He was the one who was put to death WHILE St. Paul (formerly known as Saul) watched on. Yes, the very same person in St. Paul who would go on to travel from city to city in the Middle East and along the Mediterranean coastal region, persecuted Christians until his conversion experience.

I cannot count just how many times I have had to concentrate on returning to God over my lifetime, and especially during my priestly ministry. I have encountered angels (messengers from God) who have helped to guide me and remind me of my faults and failings so that I seek reconciliation through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church asks us to be sure to celebrate Reconciliation at least once per year. Many people were taught to be at confession twice per year – once in Advent, once in Lent (the two seasons of Anticipation). There were still more Catholics raised that they needed to confess their sins before receiving the Eucharist. The truth is that we need to simply be aware that once per year is all that is required. For many people, that is difficult to understand. Blessings to all.

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

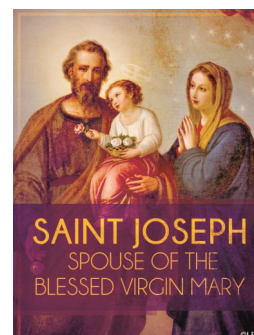
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Evening Of Prayer And Reflection



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
Prayer & Reflection

THEME:

**APPROPRIATING
THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST:**

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”
(Romans 6:10-11)



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Anthony Muraya, STL, PhD

Fr. Muraya, is originally from Kenya, and a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago since 2012. Has served the archdiocese as an associate pastor

at St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge and currently is seminary formator and an Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary.

The third born in a family of nine (six boys and three sisters). Fr. Muraya grew up Lutheran on his father’s side of the family. He converted to Catholicism at 14 years of age. The real culprit of his change was his maternal grandmother, a true matriarch if ever there was one, to whom he owes his life, faith, and vocation. As formator, he relishes the opportunity to accompany seminarians in their discernment adventure. As pastor, he looks forward to be part of vibrant faith communities at the parish on weekends.

OUTLINE

- 7:00 PM** Opening Song
- 7:05 PM** Welcome and introduction of special guest speaker
- 7:10 PM** Reflection by Fr. Anthony Muraya
- 7:50 PM** Personal silent reflection
- 7:55 PM** Meditation song
- 8:00 PM** Conversation with Fr. Anthony Muraya
- 8:20 PM** Acknowledgments/Thank you!
- 8:25 PM** Pray together The Lord’s Prayer/Blessings
- 8:30 PM** Closing song



MARCH 29, 2023
7:00 – 8:30 PM



Second Annual Father's Club Fish Fry

WELL IT'S "OH-FISH-IAL"....

The Father's Club second annual fish fry was a HUGE success! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make everything run so smoothly, we couldn't have done it without you! A big thank you also to Stadium Club for donating fryers, heat lamps and other important supplies, Tischler Finer Foods for supplying our delicious chicken tenders, sides, and dessert, and to Trinity Irish Dance Company for providing such great entertainment!



Radical Hospitality-Renew My Church

LENTEN FISH FRY

Two years ago on a hot summer day, shortly after Father Elmer first arrived, Dr. Jim Ludden from St. Cletus Parish approached me about a Lenten Fish Fry. Now, in the middle of summer, I was thinking about fishing, not fish fry! Jim shared the Father's Club vision of hosting a Lenten Fish Fry the following Spring. I told Jim that we would need to have a conversation with Father Elmer and provide him with a proposal for what a Fish Fry would look like at St. Cletus. A meeting was set up between Father Elmer, Jim Ludden, and myself to outline the vision for the event. Father Elmer led us in prayer and gave his blessing to move forward with the idea, and to see where the Holy Spirit would lead us.



Many volunteers came forward to offer their help, willing to journey together to organize a Fish Fry event that extended beyond our parish. Many questions started to surface including: When do we have it? What rooms should we use? How many people will be involved? How do we advertise it?

Once again, it was the Holy Spirit at work as many parishioners started to collaborate, sharing ideas to create a successful event. Joy and excitement started to surface as plans continued to unfold. I was so grateful to be able to get to know more parishioners and experience the excitement that everyone was sharing about a vision becoming a reality. The First St. Cletus Fathers Club Lenten Fish Fry took place during Lent of 2022.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all of the donors, volunteers, attendees, and Father Elmer for supporting this opportunity for our parish and greater community. Through this entire two year Lenten Fish Fry experience, I reflected on Jesus's miracle of the loaves and fishes, especially at last week's fish fry, when the lines at the entrance of the Parish Center were getting longer and walk-ins continued to arrive. We welcomed several people from the greater community as well as parishioners and school families of St. Cletus. This is Radical Hospitality at work! We continued to communicate with our people preparing the food so we would not run out. Somehow the Holy Spirit was ever present in our 2nd Annual Lenten Fish Fry Event. The fish was cooked and everyone was fed with only a few pieces left over. We are looking forward to next year's Fish Fry at St. Cletus Parish!

Continued blessings to all as we journey together this Lenten Season. Principal Gregory Porod

Thank You For Your Generosity To Our Fish Fry!



4740 VERNON AVE
MCCOOK, IL 60525
STEVE PALMER



9118 Broadway Ave
Brookfield, IL 60513
Dennis Tischler

More Smiles in Every Aisle!



Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
at Village Club of Western Springs
4221 Lawn Avenue
Western Springs, IL



School News

LENTEN ALTAR

If you find yourself in our school lobby you will see our Lenten Altar on display. Thank you to Mr. Ochoa for putting together such a beautiful space for our students to take some time for reflection during their Lenten journey.



MARCH DINING 4 DOLLARS

Save the Date

March D4D

Benefiting our spring musical!



March 21st All Day

(open to close 11am-2am)

No flyer required

Just be sure and mention St. Cletus when ordering!

We will receive 20% of the proceeds

Help us cover the costs of costumes and set design for Willy Wonka Jr.!



PI DAY!

Wednesday was PI DAY...3/14! The seventh grade enjoyed a special treat as we reviewed concepts like circumference and area of a circle. A tasty day for sure!



TAX CREDIT REMINDER!



There's still time 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.

Cardinalpalooza

AUCTION TICKETS FOR SALE TODAY!

PURCHASE A TICKET!



2023
ST. CLETUS
AUCTION

2 TICKETS,
2 CUPS
\$200

SATURDAY
APRIL
29TH

**Cardinal
Palooza**

SINGLE
TICKET
\$85

7:00-
11:00PM

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
LIVE MUSIC, DRINKS, FOOD

DJ CUE
GROUND
ZERO

KARAOKE

BAND:
HITS &
MRS.

ORDER TICKET ONLINE @
E.GIVESMART.COM/EVENTS/UBF/IS

Scan this QR code to purchase a ticket to our event! \$85 per person or \$200 to be a "Family Sponsor" and receive 2 tickets and 2 auction cups to get our specialty cocktail the night of the event for free!



WINE CELLAR RAFFLE



Scan this QR code to purchase a chance to win 50 bottles of wine! Winner need not be present! \$50 per ticket or 3 for \$100

LIQUORPALOOZA RAFFLE

Scan this QR code to purchase a chance to win 5 quality bottles of alcohol! 6 winners will be chosen! Winner need not be present. \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100





We would love to have you JOIN US on April 29th as we celebrate and support our school! It's a night full of live music, drinks, great food, and great items to bid on! Help us as we strive to hit our \$95,000 goal! We are already almost half way there! Can you believe it?! Tickets are for sale after all masses this weekend and next!

OUR LIVE AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE....

A one week trip to the Big Island of Hawaii (air fare included), a tour of WGN studios and getting to go behind the scenes on Dean Richards summer show, 4 100 level Chicago Bulls tickets, an overnight in downtown Chicago, voucher for up to 20 guests to a rooftop across from Wrigley Field for a Cubs game (all you can eat and drink!), a private mass with Father Elmer in your home! Purchase a \$100 "Best of Live" ticket and if your name is drawn you get to choose ANY of our live items at no extra cost! (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN BEST OF LIVE)

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
21 de marzo, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church 
19 de marzo, 2023	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

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.

@stcletusparish.com. at the Hispanic Ministry office or Deacon Ramón Cazales. 708-215-5441

VIA CRUCIS

Estaremos realizando el Vía Crucis viviente en español el Viernes Santo, 7 de abril de 2023 a las 11:00 a.m. en la iglesia. Por favor haga planes para ese día y únase a nosotros para recordar la crucifixión y muerte de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Todos están invitados

WAY OF THE CROSS

The living Stations of the Cross in Spanish will take place on Good Friday, April 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the church. Please plan for that day and join us in remembering the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited

¡GRACIAS!

Gracias a los jóvenes en el Ministerio hispano por dirigirnos en las Estaciones de la Cruz el viernes pasado. Fueron una gran inspiración para todos nosotros. Gracias

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the youth in the Hispanic Ministry who led the Stations of the Cross last Friday. They were a great inspiration to all of us. Thank you.



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Wish List:

- \$10 gift cards to Walmart or Jewel
- Pasta
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Beverages
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on

Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

BIG NEWS!



We have some exciting updates from the food pantry!

New Hours: Beginning in April, we will be expanding our food pantry distribution hours. Our new hours will be 4:00-8:00pm. This will double the amount of time customers are able to come for food assistance and provide more flexibility in their day to stop in for help.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities: Increasing our hours means that we need more volunteers! Beginning in April, will be adding a new volunteer session every Thursday from 3:15-5:15pm. This is perfect for students right after school, but we definitely need adults during this shift, as well! This will double our Thursday night volunteer opportunities!

Matching Donation: We have been given an anonymous matching donation of up to \$35,000! These funds will help us provide additional assistance at a crucial time when SNAP benefits are being cut and our numbers are increasing. This will help us purchase more food, expand our cold storage capacity, increase our hours and volunteer opportunities. Please consider helping us reach this full match! Donations can be made online to the "Food Pantry", checks can be written to "St. Cletus Food Pantry" and put in the collection basket, brought to the Parish Center or mailed to: Attn Food Pantry 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525. Thank you for your support! You allow us to dream bigger and expand to meet the growing needs in our community.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Thank you for your generous support of our St. Cletus SVDP ministry. **Due to your generosity, we have received \$15,429 towards our \$15,000 matching grant! You made it happen! Thank you!** If you are still interested in donating you can write a check to "St. Cletus SVDP" and drop it at the parish center, in the Sunday collection basket, or mail to: Attn SVDP 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525.

LENTEN OUTREACH



Sharing Success

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult-and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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

Lenten Tri-Parish Reconciliation

Faith TRI-PARISH Reconciliation SERVICE



ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

*"Create in me a clean
HEART
O God,
and renew a right spirit
within me."*



ST FRANCIS XAVIER

124 N Spring Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525
**Saturday,
March 25th, 2023
10:00 AM**



ST CLETUS

600 W 55TH Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525
**Monday,
March 27th, 2023
7:00 PM**

 **Have questions?**
 (708) 352 - 6209

 **Visit us at:**
www.stcletusparish.com

Kids Corner



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Lent • John 9:1-41

WISE

For more info. Contact: hobregon@stcletusparish.com



By virtue of our baptism, all of us have been anointed to serve as priest, prophet, and king. We unfold the meaning of these roles when we serve to others.

“Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!” Pope Francis

+ SERVE AS A WISE MEMBER!

“Let’s evangelize at all times and when necessary let us use words” St. Francis of Assisi



Parish Wide Survey Update

Thank you to all St. Cletus parishioners who have responded! This 15-minute survey will ask you to reflect on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

All family members, 8th grade and up, are asked to individually participate. Deadline for completing and/or returning all surveys is Friday, March 31st. We have topped the 500 mark... but, with 12 days left to go, we can do even better!!!

Select one of these ways to access the survey:

- 1) go to the St. Cletus website and click on “TAKE SURVEY HERE” (you may select from 17 languages!)
- 2) use this link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ggt5y4>.
- 3) go to the parish center, M-F, 9 to 5, and use the computer which has easy access to the survey
- 4) pick up a paper copy (available in English or Spanish) weekdays at the parish center or ask one of the ushers/greeters at one of the weekend masses.

If you have any questions or to make special arrangements for obtaining/returning a paper copy, please contact Karen Ziemba, 708-215-5466 or by email: DMISurvey@stcletusparish.com.



Ministry News

DISCUSSION.

For the next book discussion we are reading **In the Woods** by Tana French. We will meet on April 11 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

June 13 **The Dream Daughter** by Diane Chamberlain

August 8 **Christ the Lord out of Egypt** by Anne Rice

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

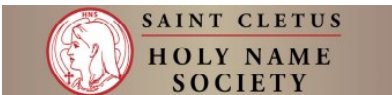
THE CCW BAKE SALE IS COMING!!

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CCW Bake Sale needs your help! Please drop off donations on Saturday, April 1st from 4-6pm and Sunday, April 2nd before 10:30am in the Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

Be sure to stop by the CCW Bake Sale on Sunday, April 2nd 7:30am-2:00pm in the Gallagher room to take home some delicious bakery.

ADVANCED TICKET SALES FOR HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society Walter Klimcke pancake breakfast will be on



April 2nd from 7am to 12:30 pm. Advanced tickets are available for purchase in the narthex after 5pm mass Saturday and from 7am - noon on Sundays this week-end . Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and un-der. We hope you can join us for this annual event. Tick-ets may also be purchased at the door.

GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL 2023

Hey, High School Girls! Join us for HOOPS!



We are looking for girls interested in forming a team for the girl's basketball Church League this Spring! It would be a short season running from April 15 until May 6 or 13. If interested please e-mail me at Imanetti@stcletusparish.com. We are thinking the fee will be between \$40 - \$50.


Once we know how many are interested we will post the registration information. Thank you for your interest. God Bless, Lawrence Manetti

TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER

Join us for Taizé evening prayer on Wednesday, March 22 in church. Taize is a place in France where there is an ecumenical retreat center, characterized by prayer services with beautiful chants and periods of silence. We will be doing an similar-style evening prayer service with periods of silence for contemplation and lighting of candles. Take an evening out to sit with God and contemplate Lent. We hope you can join us.

HELP NEEDED

As we go through Lent on our journey to Easter, we are making preparations for the Paschal Triduum. We need lots of help to make this great liturgy happen. If you feel like you might be called to be a gusher, altar server, communion minister or lector, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at tnorton@stcletusparish.com, for more information. Training will be provided and you can be trained in time for Easter. Liturgical ministry is a gratifying way to serve God and serve St. Cletus. We look forward to hearing from you!



We would love to have you in our Catholic family!

If you, or an adult you know, would like to become Catholic, we would love to help you. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people become Catholic. It's a chance to meet people in the same life stage and learn more about the Catholic faith.

RCIA
A Journey In Faith

Please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

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.



THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

WHAT'S SOIL GOT TO DO WITH IT?
FACILITATOR: DR. ELAINE INGHAM

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 6:30 - 8 PM *In-person or on Zoom.*

If you love to grow vegetables (or gardens of any sort), wouldn't it be good to know what's needed for healthy soil? What is healthy for soil is healthy for our bodies. Hear how ordinary people are helping to create a healthier ecosystem by growing food *with* nature instead of fighting against it. csjthewell.org/programs/whats-soil-got/

1515 Ogden Ave, LaGrange Park to register/find out

ENGAGE COMMUNITY – MARCH EVENT

Game Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL.

When: 7:00-8:30 March 29

Who: All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine).
RSVPs are encouraged.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

Community events are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

MOTHER MCAULEY ALUMNI...

McAULEY HALL INDUCTION AND ALUMNAE MASS

Sunday, March 26, 2023



President Carey Harrington invites you to join the McAuley community in honoring the 2023 McAuley Hall of Honor Inductees

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| Kate Shannon Boyle '82 | Marti Jatis '91 |
| Maya-Camille Broussard '97 | M. Bridget Reidy '80 |
| Mary Kean Coffey '63 (posthumously) | Ellen Napleton Roche '68 |



Mass & Induction 10:00am
McAuley Auditorium | 3737 W. 99th Street | Chicago
Celebrant - Fr. Tom Hurley

Champagne Brunch in the Mother McAuley Dining Hall immediately following.
All are cordially invited to attend.

Individual \$75 | Table of 8 \$600

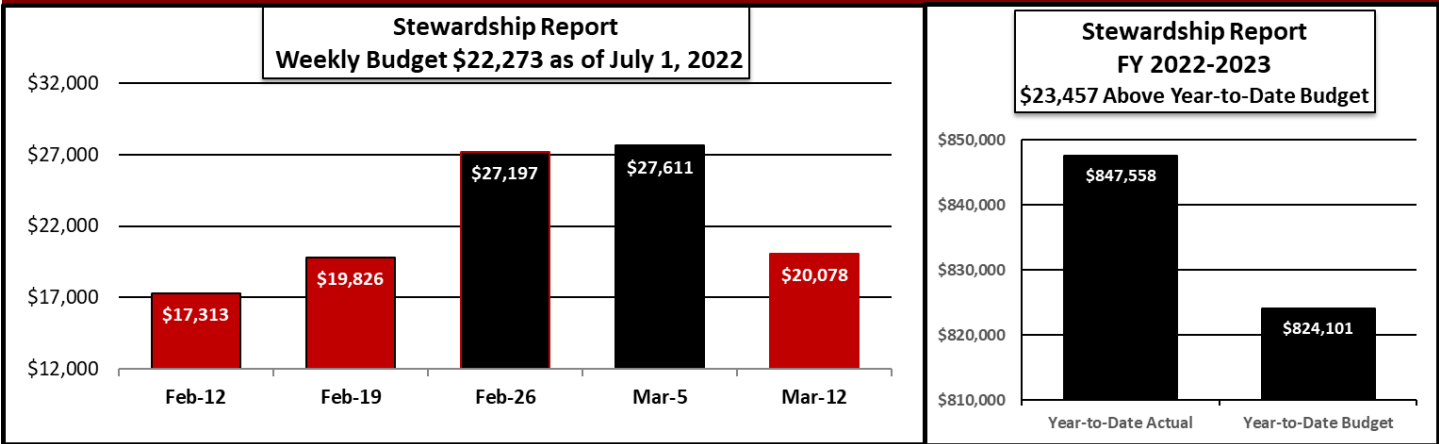


To purchase tickets, be a sponsor, purchase an ad, or learn more about current and past honorees, visit mothermcauley.org/alumnae/events/mcauley-hall-of-honor or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Maura Clarke Saas '87 at 773-881-6557 or msaas@mothermcauley.org.

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 19	4-5:30pm	Parish Center	Ed Ward Fine Art Series Jazz Passion Performance
Monday, March 20			
Tuesday, March 21	11am-12am 7-8pm	Kenny's Irish Pub Church	Kenny's Dining 4 Dollars Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (Spanish)
Wednesday, March 22	9am-12pm 7-8pm	Gallagher Room Church	Mission Ladies Taize Prayer Service
Thursday, March 23	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, March 24	7-8pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 25	8:30am-9:15am 5-6:30pm	Church Parish Center	Confessions Hospitality
Sunday, March 26	8am-2pm	Parish Center	Hospitality

Stewardship Report



GIVING YOUR FIRST HOUR TO GOD

Thank you for your continued stewardship of St. Cletus Parish. Parishioners sometimes ask for suggestions about appropriate weekly contributions. When in doubt, consider giving your hourly pay rate at work (“*giving your first hour to God*”). Whatever you can give will go toward keeping the lights on and supporting the good work of the Parish.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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

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Jennifer Senyard

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FSA President Rhonda Aumann
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.