

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
— Psalm 33:20



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7

2022

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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*Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding.*

LUKE 12:35

## Mass Intentions for August 8 - August 14, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
August 8	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Dan Linklater
August 9	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewski, Andrew Wnek
August 10	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joseph Vieceli, BC Collins,
August 11	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
August 12	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
August 13	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Rosemary Kus, Special Intentions for CCW Memembers
August 14	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Mary Dybas, Richard Gomez, John Duda
	8:45am	Fr. Novick	Benito Neris, Olga Neris, Cuthbert and Mary Nelson
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Marco, Emilia Rattin, and Bill DePasquale Rose Marie Hrozenjak, O'Connell Family, Willie Otocky, John and Christine Joyce
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Maria A. Garcia, Antelmo Ramos

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

**August** - Gary Williams, Laura Terrazino

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

**June** - Rafael Acevedo, Gerald Burns, Gerda E. Dorso, Donald Hogue, Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Baby Darcy Michaelletti, Louis Montes, Colin O'Brien

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

### HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who stopped by Hospitality this weekend, hosted by the St. Cletus Girl Scouts! We were thrilled to have everyone together to share in community and learn more about the service these young scouts provide in our community. Save the date for the weekend of **August 27-28** when hospitality will be hosted by CRE-DO and the Rosary group. Can't wait!

### Marriage Banns



**Morgan Perconti and Greg Mullien**

## Pastor's Note

*“Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks,”*

Luke 12:35-36

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend we were blessed to welcome Fr. Michael Oluka from the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda, as our special guest. He diligently and joyfully preached and made himself available to talk with us after all Masses. He enjoyed the hospitality offered by the members of the Girls Scouts. He even took the time to write a letter thanking us for our warm hospitality. He is a man of God who delights in serving God and his people. I was encouraged by his priestly zeal and joy. I wholeheartedly take this opportunity to thank you for offering Fr. Oluka a warm and kind welcome to our parish and for your very generous contribution to the second collection last weekend.

With deep appreciation to your prayers and continued support, I am happy to share a few important updates with you.

First, Maria S. Reyna is the new Administrative Assistant of the office of Faith Formation for Children effective August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She currently works at Salt Creek Elementary School in Elk Grove Village as the Resource Reading Assistant. She is also finishing up her Masters in Pastoral Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She previously has offered her talents and passion for ministry and evangelization at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Parish in Des Plaines and St. Jerome Parish in Chicago. She is fluent in English and Spanish. I am delighted to have her as part of our Faith Formation team. Please keep her and Lawrence Manetti in your prayers as they work together along with our generous catechists to offer our children sound faith formation as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Second, with the generosity and leadership of Kathy and Henry Morlock, our parish will be re-launching the Pre-Cana ministry in the fall. Kathy and Henry are longtime parishioners of St. Cletus. They love sharing their joy, time, and love for the Lord with others. Sometime after their wedding they were invited by a priest to consider becoming more active in their faith and relationship with the Lord by perhaps becoming leaders of a Pre-Cana ministry. After prayer and discernment, they accepted the invitation and made themselves available to receive formation and guidance. After successfully completing their formation, they have been accompanying engaged couples in their preparation for marriage for the past few years. During Covid they have been offering Pre-Cana online. I am grateful to Kathy and Henry for their openness and willingness to re-start Pre-Cana Ministry in person at our Parish. Please keep in your prayers Kathy and Henry and all the engaged couples they are going to walk with and encourage with their joy-filled faith and ministry.

Third, the progress of the installation of the new Sound/Streaming system for our church is slowly moving along. We have been in constant communication with the company with whom we have signed the contract. Last week we were informed that some equipment has already arrived. Unfortunately, some core pieces that are needed for the installation had to be backordered. We will continue to inquire and keep you informed. It is my hope to have the new Sound/Streaming system up and running by Christmas. Thank you for your trust and generous support with this project. Here is a link to find out more about the steps we have taken so far regarding this project. <https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-streaming-project-update/>

Fourth, the new date for our Sharing and Conversation (Hopes and Dreams) is Monday, October 17, 2022, which will be held in the Parish Center starting at 6:30 PM. Notice that the change is the fruit of conversations that I had with some leaders of our parish and staff members. On Tuesday, August 9, I will have a meeting with Helen McComiskey, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, Doug Morrissey, Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council, Bob Wasik, President of the School Board, and Gregory Porod, Principal of our School. Together we will pray, discern, and plan well our Sharing and Conversation we anticipate having in October. In advance, I want to thank you for making the decision to attend this important gathering where I hope we all will have an opportunity to offer our contribution as we continue to grow in our efforts to have a parish that is warm, caring, and welcoming.

Finally, I pray that as beloved daughters and sons of God we will continue to allow God to be part of our lives so that He can show us how to share our blessings generously with others.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

## Sunday Notes

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

**Psalms** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Gospel** — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Dominic  
 Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)  
 Wednesday: St. Lawrence  
 Thursday: St. Clare  
 Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
 Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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##### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

What does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter of the Father?

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## Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

Dear people of God at St. Cletus parish.

With joy I write to you this note of gratitude. I am delighted with the reception you accorded unto me, your generosity to the mission churches especially to the archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda which you supported on the weekend of July 30th and 31st. I was very impressed by the big number of the parishioners who attended the five Masses. Surely it was my first time to see such big turn ups in church for three times that I have visited USA. I loved the taste of the Ugandan liturgy with drums which I was given at 10:30am Mass, courtesy of the music director. It was the first of the kind. I appreciate the beautiful services of the scout girls after every Mass. It gave a chance to share more about our faith. I am indebted to thank Fr. Elmer Romero for his hospitality and fraternal spirit that he exhibited to me during my stay in the parish. May God bless the works of your hands.

Be blessed.

Fr Michael Oluka

Tororo Archdiocese

Uganda



Thank you to Elliot Wimbush for providing the wonderful Ugandan liturgy themed recessional song at our 10:30 mass on Sunday!

## Note From Father Novick

By the time you read this, we will have begun to listen to one of my absolute favorite letters/epistles in the New Testament, the Letter to the Hebrews. Maybe I was imagining things when I was a child, but I thought I would hear the lector proclaim, “A reading from the Letter of ST PAUL to the Hebrews,” and maybe I did actually hear it, but at some point, that all stopped for me. Of course, I should have been paying more attention to the actual reading and not worried about who authored the writing.

As you can probably figure out for yourselves, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews isn't known. Some would say, “then why is it included in the Bible if they can't be sure who wrote it?” Obviously, there are many such books and letters in the Bible, and it's a good thing people much more attentive than I were deciding on which writings to keep. Some moons ago, the Second Vatican Council put forth a document *Dei Verbum* “THE DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON DIVINE REVELATION,” which is exactly what it sounds like it ought to sound like – on the Word of God. The second paragraph *Dei Verbum* begins with a bold statement “In His goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal Himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of His will...” (DV, 2) But what constituted how the various books of the Bible came to be included? Who decided what to include and exclude from the compilation we know today as Scripture?

I love the first sentence in paragraph 11 to give the best explanation to the question of HOW writings were included “Those divinely revealed realities which are contained and presented in Sacred Scripture have been committed to writing **under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**” (DV, 11) While St. Jerome is responsible for translating the sacred texts, ultimately it is the Church who has always made the decision what writings to include and exclude under the direction of the same Holy Spirit. Like many, I've often wondered who those men were to make such crucial decisions regarding God's revelation to His people. I'm just glad they did it.

I'm still working on my homily for the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August as I write this article, so bear with me as one of the primary themes for this weekend is faith. That's what I really like about the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. The author gives us the primary theme of the Letter in its first sentence – faith. “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” (Heb. 1:1) In that very sentence, the author sets up the story of Abraham – the primary figure in the Hebrew tradition as father of the covenant between God and man. So this author knew of the importance of the tradition and texts of his audience. But even at the early portion of the Letter, he introduces the Hebrews to teachings they might have only heard about in stories, but not as truths. He will begin to lay out some of our most fundamentals of things you and I sometimes take for granted – Jesus' natures as the Son of God and son of man, the Resurrection, the Eucharistic sacrifice in both Heaven and on earth, and so much more.

I invite you to read ahead in this fantastic Letter. There is some really solid theology happening. In fact, there are even a few good reasons for either you to be sure you are at Mass every week, or, you know of a friend or relative that has not been practicing for some time and explain to them what YOU learn. Who knows? Maybe they'll listen to you. Even the best reason for you to try is within the chapters of the great writing, but I will let you find that for yourself (even though you already KNOW the right answer). It just whets your appetite and curiosity for finding out what I am alluding to. Who knows? Maybe you'll find out just enough to peak your curiosity about other books of Scripture to do your own study? Or maybe, you are afraid that if you find out you like it, then you already have too many things on your plate. Well, what could be more important than learning about God through the Bible – from His Own Mouth?

<grin>

Fr. Mike

# Religious Education

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer is here!

**Don't forget to register for Religious Education Classes!**

The St. Cletus Religious Education Program has programs to fit the needs of each parish family. Our **Early Childhood Program**



provides beginning religious instruction to children ages 3-5. Songs, crafts and stories are used to instill a sense of community and introduce these young members of our parish to Jesus' word. For families with children in public schools, we have **Traditional Religious Education Classes** and **sacramental preparation** for children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, where the children have an encounter with Jesus through scripture, service experiences, interactive activities and games, and classroom experiences. These classes occur on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the academic year.

Please take the time to complete the registration forms to register your children for RE classes for the 2022-2023 academic year! **The registration deadline is fast approaching! Please be sure to register asap to get the class date/time that is best for your family.** Registration forms can be found online at [stcletusparish.com/re](http://stcletusparish.com/re), or in the Parish Center and Religious Education Office. **Please take the time to register today!**

**To get priority placement**, please consider volunteering your time and talents in one of the following ways:

- **As a Catechist** – Catechists receive weekly lesson plans and all resource materials to conduct an interactive lesson.
- **As a Classroom Aide** – Aides assist the Catechist weekly in the classroom
- **As an Office Volunteer during class time** – Office Volunteers assume responsibility weekly for assisting with the operations during RE classes
- **As a member of our Religious Education Advisory Board** – Board Members meet monthly with the Director of Religious Education and the Pastor to provide input and feedback on the Religious Education program, and to assist in the implementation of various programs.
- **As a Substitute Teacher** – subs are sometimes needed to cover for a Catechist who cannot attend one of our scheduled classes.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

## GET TO KNOW LAWRENCE MANETTI

Hello Parishioners of St. Cletus, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lawrence Manetti and I am very excited to have been given the opportunity by Father Elmer to be joining the staff of St. Cletus as the Director of Faith Formation for Children.



As a way of introduction I'd like to share my background. Along with my credentials as an educational leader, I hold a Master Degree in Religious Education and my certification from the Archdiocese in Faith Formation.

The past two years I have been serving the St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr parish as the Faith Formation Director. Prior to my taking the position at St. Stephen I served as a principal in the Archdiocese of Chicago Schools retiring in June of 2020 from St. Joseph in Summit where I served for 24 years. The last three years in which I served as principal and D.R.E. working with our school and Religious Education families, particularly within our sacramental preparation.

I firmly believe parents are the first Catechists of their children. It is you who bring your children to the Catholic faith through baptism and have the responsibility to nurture them within the Church through your family. My goal, in working with our catechists is to support families and bring our children to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are the future leaders of the Catholic Church and to assure they are prepared to assume that role we collectively, must guarantee they are grounded in their faith. As I begin this new ministry my immediate focus will be on the Religious Education of our parish children. In time I hope to become more involved in adult formation and become more involved in the life and ministry of the parish.

I have always believed in maintaining an open door policy and hope to continue that practice here at St. Cletus. To that end, during August I will be in the office on Monday, (9:30 am – 3:30 pm), Wednesday, (11:00 am - 7:00 pm), and Fridays, (9:00 am until 12:00 noon). My hope is as we work together and meet, you feel comfortable to approach me with ideas that you may have in making our program better. Our ultimate goal is that we all come to know God and to continue developing our relationship with Him, this will only help us lead our children and strengthen their faith.

I look forward to meeting you,  
May God Bless You and Your Families,  
Lawrence Manetti

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# School News

**ENROLL NOW!**

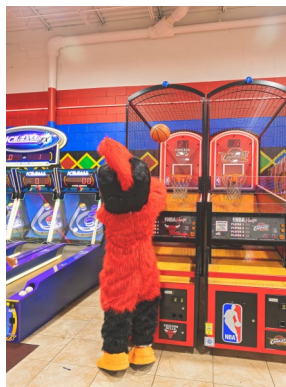
**ST. CLETUS SCHOOL ADMISSION 2022**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**FAITH FAMILY FUTURE**

Call (708)352-4820 for more information!

We hope you have been having as much fun this summer as our cardinal has! Our 2022/2023 school year is fast approaching so come find out why everyday is A GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!



## SAVE THE DATE

ST. CLETUS PRESENTS A

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

FUN AND GAMES

SNOW CONES!

BOUNCE HOUSES

POPCORN AND COTTON CANDY!

**AUG. 14TH 4-6PM**

COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, GAMES, AND YUMMY TREATS WITH YOUR FRIENDS! ALL GRADE LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

**WHERE:**  
THE BACK FIELD

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS, BLANKETS, AND SNACKS!

# Social Concerns Ministry



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

**Wish List:**

- School Supplies
- Soup
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Rice in 2 or 3 pounds
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Flavored Rice or Noodles
- Boxed Potatoes



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

Follow us on Facebook:  
[@StCletusFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/StCletusFoodPantry)

*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



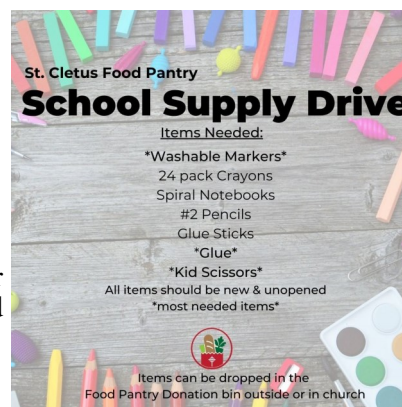
Our kids corner is coming together! We have created a fun, welcoming, and helpful area for kids to play while their grownups get some shopping done!

We are busy adding details to the new space. Our bulletin board shares required USDA documents and a scannable QR code to help look up recipes for many of the items commonly offered at the pantry.



Our flyer rack is up and ready to share important and useful information from our community partners.

We are still collecting school supplies! Please note our **\*most needed\*** items. All donations should be new and unopened. Thank you!



## MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Join the celebration Wednesday August 10th at 7pm at St. James Church in Arlington Heights. Reception to follow.



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH



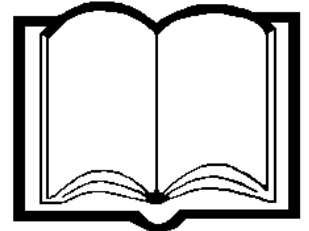
In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars.



# Hymnal News

## New Hymnals/Worship Aids coming soon!

Earlier this year we were notified by the publishers of our bi-lingual Music Issue missals/hymnal that our current missals are no longer going to be produced. We solicited samples of potential replacement books from both GIA Publishing (the publishers of our current Gather Book) and OCP/Oregon Catholic Press (the publishers of the Music Issue booklets currently contained in our blue vinyl binders). Fr. Elmer, Tina Norton, Juanita Avila, Luis Galvez, and Karen Ziemba subsequently met to discuss the alternatives. After prayerful discussion it was decided that the United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo soft cover books, as well as new vinyl covers, would be ordered. The format will be slightly different from our old missals; the music edition will feature English and Spanish songs that are currently not available in the Gather books. 400 copies will arrive and be placed in the pews in late November, to coincide with the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent.



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## Wait, please keep reading...there's more!

It was during the discussion regarding the missals that I brought to the attention of this committee the fact that our red Gather Comprehensive II books, which we have had since 2004 (18 years! They've served us well!) and which do not contain the new order of Mass/wording instituted in 2010, are terribly out of date and it would be a great addition to our parish if those hymnals could be replaced. The new Gather Fourth Edition, first published in 2021, contains all the new responses, many new and more contemporary songs, several updated Mass settings as well as still featuring the songs and responsorial psalms that are currently part of our parish repertoire.

To help defray some of the cost for the new Gather IV (Gray) books and accompanying materials, we are requesting you support this effort in the following way.

Each hymnal is valued at \$25. We are asking you to donate one or as many hymnals as you like. You can dedicate each hymnal you donate to the memory of a loved one or in honor of your family or friend(s). A bookplate will be placed on the inside front cover of the hymnal with this information. Each hymnal that you donate will be a lasting tribute to that special person(s) you name. We ask that you please complete the form below and return it with your donation prior to September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our hope is to have these hymnals in the pews by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity and commitment to St. Cletus Parish and especially to the music ministry, is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please either stop up at the piano before or after a weekend mass, email me at [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com), or call my office at: 708-215-5423. Please leave a message and I will return your call promptly. Additional information regarding the introduction of these new materials will be forthcoming.

Thank you so much for considering this request!

Karen Ziemba

Director of Music Ministries

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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

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

## CLASES DE FORMACIÓN

Se ofrecerán clases para todos los ministros de Eucaristía los viernes 19 y 26 de agosto, 2022 de 7-9 p.m. Si usted actualmente ya es Ministro de Eucaristía deberá de tomar estas clases de formación para su certificación. Si a usted le gustaría ser Ministro de Eucaristía lo animamos a participar en estas clases de formación. Para mayor información, favor de hablar con Juanita Avila directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.

## FORMATION CLASSES

Eucharistic Ministers classes will be offered Friday, August 19 and Friday, August 26, 2022 from 7–9 p.m. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister you will be required to take these formation classes for your certification. If you would like to be a Eucharist Minister, we encourage you to participate in these formation classes. For more information, please speak to Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry, at 708-215-5441.

## 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 19 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 19 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

## JUNTA DEL COMITE GUADALUPANO

El Próximo martes 16 de agosto, 2022 a las 8:00 pm. el Comité Guadalupano tendrá una junta con todos los miembros para comenzar a planear 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

Next Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting with all the members to start planning Our Lady of Guadalupe events. If you would like to be a part of the planning, please join us. The meeting will be held in the Pastoral Center, everyone is invited to participate.

## Ministry News

### BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion, we are reading *Have You Seen Luis Velez* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. We will meet on August 9, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. For those who like to look ahead.... October 11: *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### RCIA

We would love to have you in our Catholic family. If you are an adult and you are thinking about becoming Catholic, RCIA sessions will be starting in September. We will be conducting a collaborative process with St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross, with some sessions being conducted here and some at those two parishes. New Catholics will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil, the Saturday night before Easter. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton. (If you only need confirmation, please contact Tina also. We are trying to determine if there is interest in an adult confirmation process.)



### KAIROS

High school juniors and seniors: Save the dates of September 29-October 2 for Kairos 39! The retreat will be at St. John of the Cross and students from St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes will also be participating. More information is coming!

### IN PERSON PRE-CANA RETURNS!

We will be offering an in-person pre-Cana session, required for marriages in the Archdiocese of Chicago, on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30-4:30 in the Gallagher Room. This will be facilitated by parishioners Henry and Kathy Morlock, who facilitated our programs before the pandemic and who have done online pre-Cana programs for the Archdiocese since then. Pre-Cana allows couples to learn and reflect on the meaning of a Catholic marriage and apply the teachings of the church to their own lives. Please join us if you plan to be married after October 29! A contribution of \$100 will include the workbook, coffee and snacks during the day. We hope you will join us for the 5 p.m. mass afterwards. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, in the Parish Office.

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

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### SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a special event on Wednesday, September 14 from 7:00-8:00pm, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Reverend John Lodge, Professor Emeritus of Scripture at Mundelein Seminary, will share “Teaching on Prayer”. A social will follow after the speaker. More info to come.

### FIRST ANNUAL PIG ROAST

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 St. Cletus' 1st Annual  
**Pig Roast**  
 Sat. Sept 24th 2022  
 after Mass  
 details coming soon

# Community News

## VOCATION PRAYER

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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.

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



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This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

**What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women**  
**When: August 10 & 11th (2-day program)**  
**Where: St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois (Commute or stay overnight.)**

For further information, call: 708-354-7211, e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: joyfulagain.org

## WORD OF LIFE



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## HOLY NAME SOCIETY



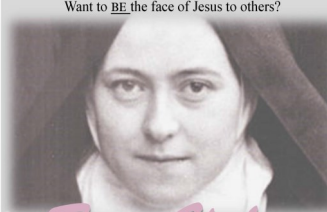
The Holy Name Society is again sponsoring a baseball outing to the Joliet Slammers on August 14 at 1:05 p.m. in Joliet, IL.

There is free parking on the west side of the stadium. We will be selling tickets in the Narthex at all masses on July 30/31 and August 6/7. Please come and join us for a fun time on August 14th."

## INSTITUTE FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP EVENT

Make time for prayer, reflection and community along the spiritual path of St. Therese of Lisieux. August 13th, 9am-3:30pm at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Campus.

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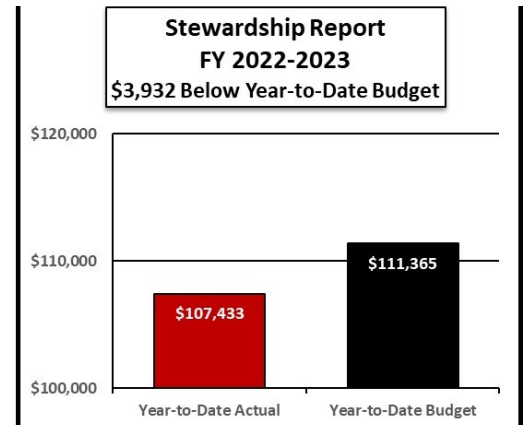
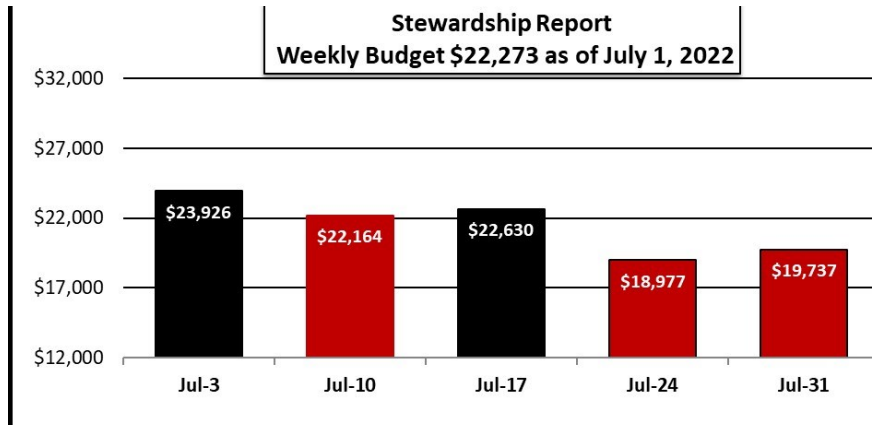
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication.

# Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 7	8am-2pm	Narthex	Holy Name Society Tickets Sale
Monday, August 8			
Tuesday, August 9	10am-12pm 7-8pm 7-8:30pm	Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room	Book Club Hispanic Holy Hour Parish Hopes and Dreams Planning Meeting
Wednesday, August 10			
Thursday, August 11	1-2:30pm 6-8pm	Gallagher Room Food Pantry	Summer Visio Divina Bible Study Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, August 12			
Saturday, August 13	8:30-9:15 8-11:45pm	Church Church	Confessions Hispanic Adoration
Sunday, August 14			

# Stewardship Report

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

A huge thank you is in order for everyone who gave in our second collection last weekend. You helped bring in \$7,772.35 to benefit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which provides support to Catholic missionaries.

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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

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

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

## MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

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

## WEDDINGS

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

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

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Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*  
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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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