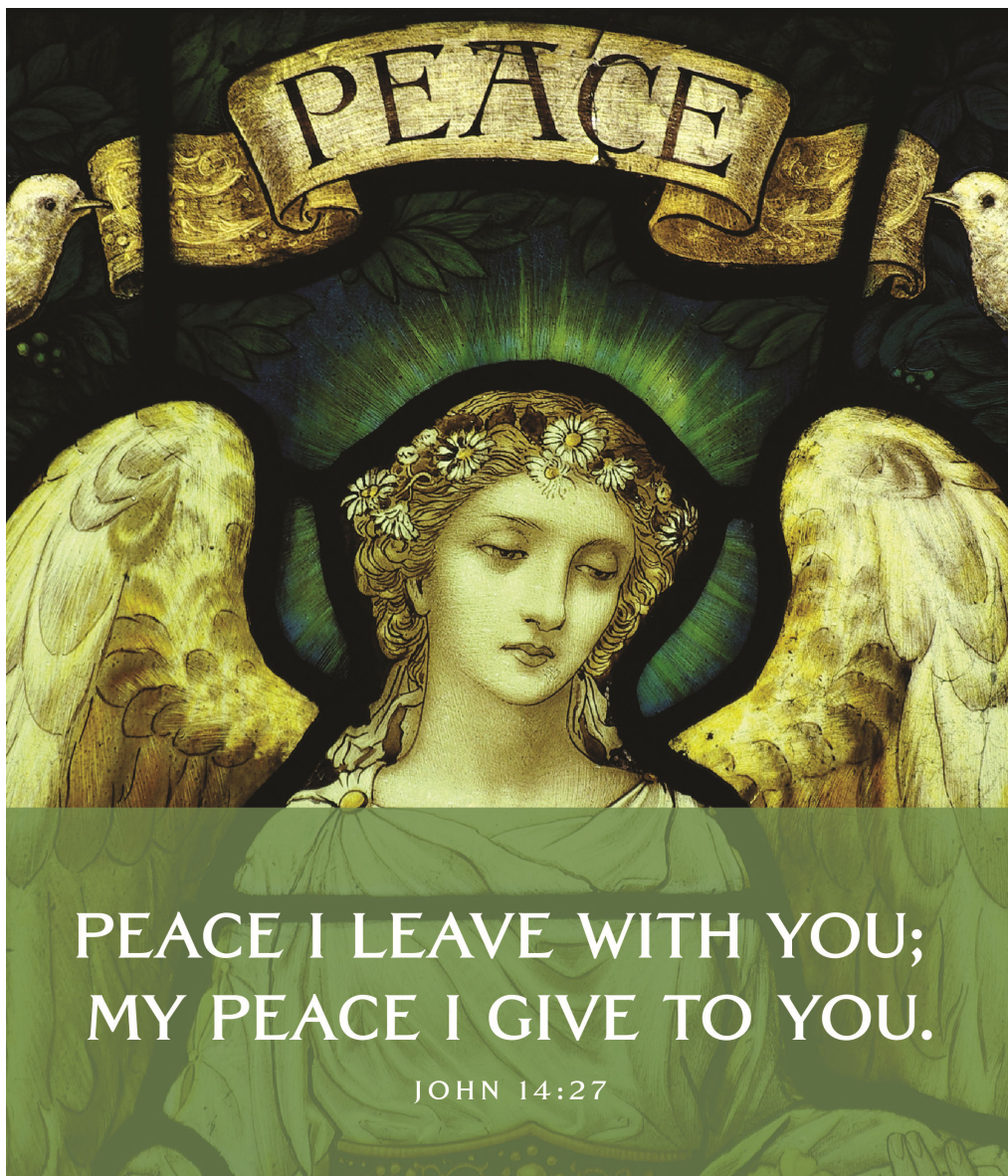


Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
— PSALM 67:6



PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.

JOHN 14:27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for May 23 - 29, 2022

| Day | Time | Presider (subject to change) | Intentions |
|--------|---------|---------------------------------|--|
| May 23 | 8:00am | Fr. Romero | James Smilor |
| May 24 | 8:00am | Fr, Costello | James Smilor |
| May 25 | 8:00am | Fr. Romero | Delphine Marciszewski, BC Collins |
| May 26 | 8:00am | Fr, Romero | Phyllis Prevanas, Rose & Sam Guardino, Thomas Birks |
| May 27 | 8:00am | Fr, Romero | Joe & Kay Klemak |
| May 28 | 5:00pm | Fr. Lodge | Dan Klepczarek, Benjamin Patrick Hyink |
| May 29 | 7:15am | Fr, Costello | Richard Gomez, Martha Mullaney, Samuel Colonna, Robert Spyrison |
| | 8:45am | Fr, Costello | Thomas Birks, James Jasinski |
| | 10:30am | Fr. Lodge | Carol & Gerard Meyers, Martin Gyatan, Rosario Martinez, Raymond Alvarado |
| | 12:30pm | Fr. Romero | St. Cletus Parishioners |

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.

May - Rafael Acevedo, Donald Hogue, Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Frank Niwa, Colin O'Brien

April - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri, Peggie Smith

March - Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND

Please plan to join us after all Masses in the Parish Center on the last weekend of each month for Hospitality. Each weekend will be hosted by a different ministry group so we can learn more about the exciting things happening in our Parish community.

Hospitality Weekend
May 28-29

Sponsored by:
St. Cletus Parish
Social Concerns

Pastor's Note

“If your mind is like a garden,
you can observe it,
pull weeds, and plant flowers,”
Neuro Dharma,
New Science, Ancient Wisdom,
and Seven Practices of the highest Happiness,
Rick Hanson, PhD

Dear Parishioners,

How often do we intentionally pause and pay attention to our mind? Every day we have a lot of wonderful things to do. We have responsibilities that need our care and attention. We also have distractions, tensions, misunderstandings, and so forth that come our way. As we cope and engage them, we might find ourselves with not much time left to notice how our mind is helping us (or not) to become the person that God has created us to be.

The good news is that there is always time to engage our mind. Some are good at this. Some might find themselves in the process of trying. Others might be wondering and asking themselves, “how can I do this?”

First, simply acknowledge that your mind needs your attention.

Second, reach out and seek guidance from those who seem to be at peace, carry themselves well, and radiate true joy and happiness. They may be our parents, grandparents, teachers, mentors, a friend, and so forth.

Third, intentionally grow in your relationship with the Lord through the practice of your faith.

Fourth, grab a good book like the Bible or any other book that truly helps you to understand yourself better, to become the person you desire to be, and to live a life that is meaningful, peaceful, and rewarding.

On Saturday, May 14th, 2022, at Mundelein Seminary, four young men were ordained deacons by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich for the Archdiocese of Chicago. They are, Kevin Gregus, Daniel Korenchan, Francisco Pagan and Jesus Raya. The liturgy was beautiful. The chapel was filled with family, friends, parishioners, and those who were responsible for their priestly formation.

I was blessed to know them from the first day they joined the seminary. Each of them was carefully guided in their seminary formation to explore and get in touch with their mind. Each of them received the help they needed to think more like Christ. As they engaged their priestly formation, it was encouraging to see the progress they made each year.

With their diaconate ordination, they are saying to the world that they are ready and committed to serve God and His holy people, the Church. They are extraordinary young men. They can also be a source of inspiration for us as we seek to open our minds to the Lord's presence and guidance. Please let us keep these new deacons in our daily prayers as we continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Finally, our parish is waiting for a new Associate Pastor. Once appointed by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, he will join our parish as of July 1st, 2022. Following the counsel of an experienced pastor, I am asking all of us to be actively part of this process by praying for our new Associate Pastor. Tina Norton, the Pastoral Associate, prepared a wonderful prayer that was printed in our bulletin last weekend (page 10). Let's all pray that the Lord will send us a caring priest.

May we each day let the good and gracious Lord continue to share His grace with us and to tend our minds like a garden so that we may yield for Him a great harvest.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Rice in 2 or 3 lbs.
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Flavored rice or noodles
- Boxed potatoes
- Hamburger helper
- Crackers
- Snacks

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

Last week we welcomed volunteer groups from Oak Lawn Cub Scout Pack 3618 and Nazareth Academy. The scouts helped check dates, sort, and organize donations. They were such thoughtful and attentive workers! Nazareth Academy students joined us for their annual Circle the City Day of Service. Students spread out all over the community for service work, including at the pantry. These students assisted with our Thursday night distribution. Thank you for joining us!



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The loss of a driver’s license, reduced mobility, a medical setback; these are some of the events that can turn an older adult’s life upside down. They are our parents, our former teachers, our childhood scout leaders—a generation of people whose wisdom and talents shaped our communities. Now they need a little assistance from us and our volunteers to stay connected to their community.

That’s where you come in!

By volunteering just a little of your time can make a big difference in someone’s life:

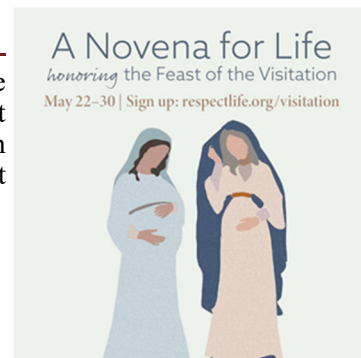
- Provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, errands, and special events.
- Visit those who are home-bound to provide conversation and socialization.
- Make regularly scheduled phone calls to check in with one of our Care Partners.

We’ll train you. We’ll work around your schedule. We’ll respect your gift of time away from your busy life. Call us at (708) 354-9328 or visit interfaithcommunitypartners.org to learn more.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join us in praying "A Novena for Life" honoring the Feast of the Visitation from May 22-30. Sign up at respectlife.org/visitation.



Hispanic Ministry

| FECHA | HORA | EVENTO | LUGAR |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------|
| 24 de mayo, 2022 | 7:00PM | Adoración al Santísimo | Iglesia |
| 29 de mayo, 2022 | 12:30PM | Misa en Español | Iglesia |
| Segundo Sábado de cada mes | 8:00PM – 5:00AM | Adoración Nocturna | Iglesia |
| Sábados | 8:30AM – 9:15AM | Confesiones | Iglesia |



LA SOCIEDAD ST. CLETUS FIACRE:



Estamos anunciando un nuevo ministerio en St. Cletus, la Sociedad St. Cletus Fiacre.

Su leyenda es esta: Fiacre le pidió al obispo local más terreno para plantar alimentos y hierbas. El obispo le dijo que podía tener tanta tierra como pudiera atrincherar en un día. Después de la oración, Fiacre usó la punta de su bastón para remover la tierra, derribar árboles y desenterrar zarzas y malas hierbas para preparar la tierra para un jardín.

Después de su muerte en el año 670 d.C., las personas que visitaron su monasterio afirmaron que tenía poder curativo. Fiacre se representa en el arte y la estatuaria como un anciano que lleva una pala (ver arriba).

En futuros artículos del Cántico, busque la imagen de arriba de San Fiacro para anuncios. ¡Nos gustaría que se una a nosotros! Los deberes de este ministerio incluyen desyerbar, plantar plantas anuales, limpiar macizos de flores y, en mayor medida, construir una comunidad.

Si se desea unir a este ministerio, envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Delaney y Tom Reisel a madtfr@att.net.



Sound System



That's our goal, to lift up our voices in praise of the Lord. To do that in a way that allows us all to hear the Word of God, replacing the broken, inadequate sound system in our church is an absolute necessity.

Many fellow-parishioners have stepped up and made contributions toward our desired remedy. For your generosity we thank you.

We are getting closer to our goal every week but still need to make a final push to make our dreams a reality. Please consider assisting the St. Cletus Parish family by making a donation.

Your donation can be made electronically through the parish website (<https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>). Donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office or by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday mass. If donating by check, please write "Sound System" in the memo line.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

REGISTER OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SIGN UP NOW!

Summer is coming, and if you haven't already signed your children up for Religious Education Classes for the 2022-23 academic year, please do it now!

Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com under the Religious Education tab, or in the RE Office or Parish Center.

We currently offer classes for children in Grades 1-8, as well as for children in Preschool (3 yrs) – Kindergarten. We also offer a Special Needs Adaptive Curriculum program for children in Grades 1-8.

Please keep in mind that Sacramental Preparation is a two year process. This applies to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (1st and 2nd Grades) as well as Confirmation (7th and 8th Grades).

We offer classes on Sunday mornings 10:00-11:30 a.m. for Grades 1-8 and Monday evenings 6-7:30 for Grades 1-8. Early childhood classes meet on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Special Needs Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 on two Sundays a month.

If you are new to our program, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please contact the RE Office at (708) 352-2383 with any questions you may have.

Don't delay – register today!

END-OF-YEAR MASS AND PICNIC

Please join us on **Sunday, May 22nd at 3 p.m.** in the Church for our **Religious Education End-of-Year Mass and Picnic!** We will have a family-centered mass at 3 p.m. followed by a fun picnic on the back lawn (in case of inclement weather, we will move into the Parish Center Gym). You bring a blanket for your family to lounge on, along with beverages and sides. We will provide fried chicken and pasta as the main meal! Please rsvp using this link to ensure we have enough food for everyone: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ba4a923abfc1-repicnic>

CATECHISTS NEEDED



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

Pope Francis is calling YOU to be a Catechist!

Jesus is calling YOU to be a Catechist!

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY—SAVE THE DATE!



Our next Kairos retreat will be offered on September 29-October 2 at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien. Applications will be available mid-summer! All incoming High School Juniors and Seniors are eligible to attend! We hope you will join us!

Sunday Notes



RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or *John 17:20-26*.

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WISDOM'S ROOT

Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not goodness its roots in wisdom.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Victoria Day (Canada)
 Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
 Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday); St. Philip Neri
 Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God,
 that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
 these days of joy,
 which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
 and that what we relive in remembrance
 we may always hold to in what we do.
 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:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

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11
JUNE
5PM

ST. CLETUS PARISH

eat
pray
party!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

5:00 PM OUTDOOR MASS

FOLLOWED BY "RAVINIA STYLE" EVENT (BRING A BLANKET/CHAIRS)

6:00-8:00 PM FOOD TRUCKS ONSITE

ISABEL'S TACO TRUCK & CHICAGO'S OWN MAXWELL STREET (CASH ONLY)

6:45 PM THE "WORLD'S GREATEST PARTY BAND", BOSCO

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER
THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH CENTER

BOSCO
THE WORLD'S GREATEST PARTY BAND



St. Cletus School

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Last week our 8th graders had their ribbon ceremony! The ribbons put a spotlight on our 8th graders as graduation draws closer and closer. The class of 2022 has been a wonderful example of living our Catholic faith throughout their time here at St. Cletus, whether it be since preschool or if this was their first year as a Cardinal. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished and are looking forward to all the exciting 8th grade events coming up in the next few weeks!

Congratulations CLASS OF 2022!



Graduation is two weeks away! We are proud to present our class of 2022!

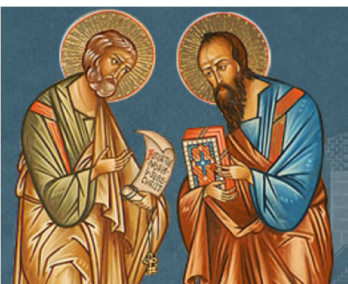


Last night's sports awards was a celebration of all of our athletes! It was so wonderful to be able to gather together for the first time in 3 years to celebrate our athletics program! Students were honored, as well as two very special coaches who unfortunately are no longer with us.

We are so grateful for the many many years Dave Sipek and Mike Caplice dedicated to coaching so many Cardinals! Thank you to their families who attended our awards night to help honor them. Thank you to all of our coaches who volunteer their time to help our athletes learn and grow throughout their seasons. Of course, a big thank you is in order to Ms. Pryor who makes our athletic program possible and makes it such a success!

Ministry News

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN UKRAINIAN COLLECTION



We would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent collections of medical and hygiene supplies along with monetary donations for the war torn people of Ukraine.

Here is a thank you letter to our parishioners.

Dear St. Cletus Church

Christ among us!

On behalf of Our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Palos Park, IL, I would like to thank you for collecting humanitarian aide for the people of Ukraine as well as you generous donations of over \$6,000 to the humanitarian relief fund for Ukraine.

We truly appreciate your support .

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

May God bless you and reward you hundredfold!

Thank you

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Vasyl Sendeha (Fr. Bill)
Pastor



The Council would also like to thank our maintenance crew: Derek, Ricardo, and Brian for helping with loading all the donations. We collected 50 boxes of medical and hygiene supplies. Derek’s wife helped us decorate the collection area in the Narthex with a Ukrainian flag (now hanging from the Church) and yellow and blue flowers Also, the Mission Ladies will be donating some of the cute dolls they make for the children in Ukraine.

Again, thank you St. Cletus for your donations and your prayers. You answered the call to love our neighbors abundantly! We are a special parish!

ST CLETUS IS EXPANDING OUR WEDDING MINISTRY!

Would you like to get involved in a fun ministry without an arduous time commitment? With the receding of the pandemic, we have a number of weddings on our books and we would like to have some more Wedding Ministers. Wedding ministers help to organize and run through wedding rehearsals, usually the evening before the wedding. On the wedding day, Wedding Ministers are responsible for setting up the sacristy, organizing the bridal party and making sure that everything runs smoothly and on time.

The time commitment might be a total of 3 hours per wedding and you can take as few or as many weddings as you would like. Most of the scheduling is done by phone or email. Training is provided and the Wedding Ministers are a fun group! If this sounds like something you would like to try, please call our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office or email her at tnorton@stcletusparish.com.

ST. CLETUS FIACRE SOCIETY



We are announcing a new ministry at St. Cletus, the St. Cletus Fiacre Society.

His legend is this: Fiacre asked the local bishop for more ground on which to plant food and herbs. The bishop told him he could have as much land as he could entrench in one day. After prayer, Fiacre used the point of his staff to turn the earth, topple trees and dig up briars and weeds to prepare the land for a garden. After his death in 670 A.D., people who visited his monastery claimed that it had healing power. Fiacre is depicted in art and statuary as an elderly man carrying a spade.

We would love to have you join us! Duties of this ministry include weeding, planting annuals, cleaning up flower beds, and to a greater degree, building community. If join this ministry, please send your email address to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel at matdfr@att.net.

Ministry News

EAT, PRAY, PARTY EVENT ON JUNE 11 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We'll need a few volunteers to help make this event a success. Volunteer for setup, teardown, and soft drink sales. Find a link under "News" at stcletusparish.com and in the parish app to sign up.

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. We will meet on June 14, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. PLEASE

NOTE: June 14 is the correct date for the meeting.

For those who like to look ahead....

8/9: Have You Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde

10/11: Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

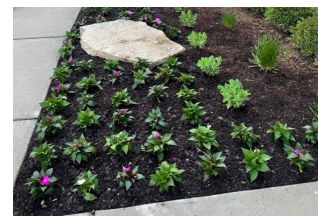
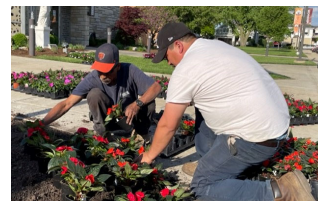
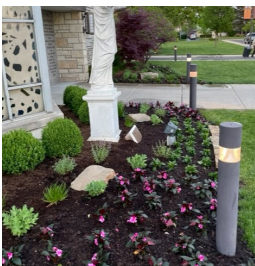
PRAYER FOR OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and seasons of change, you are always with us – calling us into deeper waters, calling us together in your spirit of unity, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others.

Grant that the priest who will be sent to St. Cletus might hold fast to your unending love and mercy. As we experience change, help us to remember the promise that your mission is bigger than any single priest or local church. We know that this promise will bring both comfort and discomfort – comfort in a season of change and discomfort as it drives us all to love you and each other more.

Strengthen us to be your Church in all times and seasons of life – a place where all are truly welcomed and embraced in your love; a place where our new associate will find ways to be active with you among us and calling us to join in your saving work; and a place where the story of your love and grace and mercy are embodied. We offer our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Sharing Graces and Blessings



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.

Vocation Office | 750 North Wabash Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611 | Chicagopriest.com

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Are you curious about religious life?

Single women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more about the School Sisters of Notre Dame through a casual, online “Joyful and Alive Conversation” Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. Bring your questions and experience God’s blessings of being “joyful and alive!”

Register by June 6 at ssnd.org/events/6-7-22.

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT

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

What: Retreat for Widowed Men & Women
When: June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
Where: St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information, 708-354-7211
joyfulagain7211@gmail.com | www.joyfulagain.org

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.

Statement of Cardinal Cupich on the racist mass shooting in Buffalo, NY

On Saturday, May 14, a gunman used an AR-15, high-capacity assault weapon to murder 10 Black Americans at a Buffalo grocery store, wounding two bystanders. Many of his victims were near or beyond retirement age, including Pearl Young, 77, a grandmother of eight who taught Sunday school, and Katherine Massey, 72, a civil-rights advocate who had written in favor of stronger gun-safety laws. Civil authorities say the 18-year-old suspect traveled hours to carry out his rampage, apparently leaving behind a manifesto filled with white supremacist ideology, including the vile conspiracy theory that people of color are “replacing” white Americans.

In 2019, a gunman who shot up a Walmart in Texas wrote a similar manifesto that referred to the same conspiracy theory, complaining of a “Hispanic invasion of Texas.” Whatever the theory, white supremacy is a lie. This ideology is not always so explicitly expressed, but it is condemnable whether it hides behind slippery political rhetoric or does not bother with any fig leaves of deniability.

We must pray for the victims of this outrageous act. We must keep them in our thoughts. But that is not all we are obliged to do. As Christians, we are called to be our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers. Part of that obligation entails being witnesses to truth. When this chapter of American history is written, what will our grandchildren say about what we did to protect the marginalized? What will they say about how we responded to a culture that became increasingly tolerant of rhetoric that demonizes our fellow human beings on the basis of their race or ethnicity or religion or sex? Will they wonder how we could have become inured to daily gun violence and mass shootings, how our consciences were numbed to the consequences of violence-inspiring rhetoric? Will they wonder at our failure to stop dangerous people from procuring assault weapons, including children, or our failure to see how social media is being used to rend the social fabric? What will they think about how we responded to a moment in which a Black American, indeed any person of color, is forced by the scourge of racism to live in fear?

These questions should preoccupy our minds as we stand at this cultural crossroads. We need not choose the path of indifference. We can choose to listen to the suffering of our brothers and sisters who suffer racism in all its forms — and then act to build a more just society. We can choose to face the challenge of gun violence, including that which occurs daily in the Chicago area, by enacting common-sense federal safety laws that help keep firearms out of the hands of irresponsible people and end the flow of firearms across state borders.

We can choose to take the path of love and see in our neighbors the face of Christ. We Christians can choose to act as though we actually believe that we, indeed all human beings, are made in God’s image.

It is in this spirit of family that we must stand in solidarity with the victims of the Buffalo massacre, with the victims of gun violence here in Chicago and across the nation, with victims’ loved ones, indeed with all people who face the threat of racism every day, holding fast to the knowledge that we are beloved by God, not because of how we look or where we or our ancestors were born, but because we are of God, made in his image, and directed toward love.

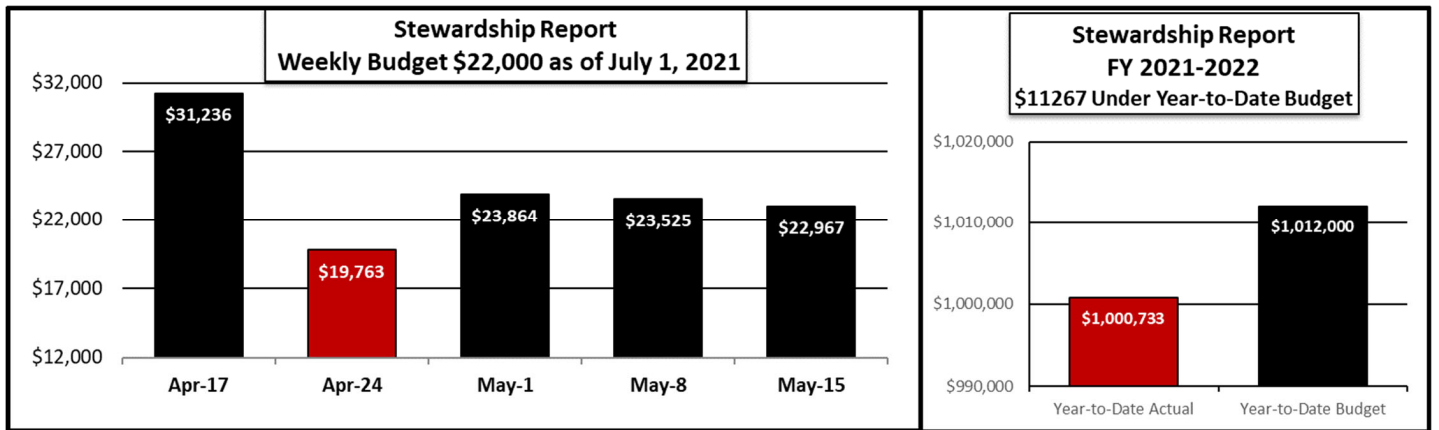
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| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Sunday, May 22 | 3:00pm | Back Lawn | RE End-of-Year Mass and Picnic |
| Monday, May 23 | | | |
| Tuesday, May 24 | 7:00pm | Church | Spanish Holy Hour |
| Wednesday, May 25 | 9:00am 1:00pm | Parish Center Meeting Room Church | Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers |
| Thursday, May 26 | 6-8pm 7:30pm | Parking Lot School Music Room | Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, May 27 | | | |
| Saturday, May 28 | 6:00pm | Parish Center | Hospitality after Mass |
| Sunday, May 29 | 7:15am | Parish Center | Hospitality after Masses |

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