

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.**
— JOSHUA 24:15B

RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

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Mass Intentions for August 30 - September 5, 2021

Day	Time	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Intentions
August 30	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Dan Coakley
August 31	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Special Intention - Laura Brooks
September 1	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Davisson Family, Ruth Janikas
September 2	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Thomas J. Rogers
September 3	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nan Rettig
September 4	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Beth & Joe Salvitti, Carol Griffith, Jean Hills
September 5	7:15am	Fr. Baker	Stacy Baker, George Duda, Richard Gomez, Rosemary Regl
	8:45am	Fr. Baker	Andrew Wnek, Wanda & George Kuchta
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	Thomas Hanna, Benedetta DaGati, Ann Marie Nabor
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Patricia Long

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 - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin, Jerry Tomazin

July - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

June - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patrick Wingert

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

As expected, Suburban Cook County announced that face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces for all people over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. Therefore, masks are now required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO THIS FACILITY



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

Frank R. Panek
Husband of Dorothy

May he rest in peace. Amen.


SCHOOL MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

On Tuesday, August 31, we will be celebrating a Mass of the Holy Spirit for our school students. All parishioners are invited to join us. As this is the first school Mass of the academic year, we will do our best to begin by 8:00am, however, a little flexibility may be needed.

We will have school Masses each Tuesday through the academic year when school is in session. We are blessed to have 340 students this year and we ask that adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Marriage Banns



Katie Broenneke & Anthony Bartucci

A Note from Fr. Elmer

Dear Friends,

A week ago, I shared with you that I joined St Cletus School Administrators, Faculty, and Staff for a “Day of Reflection, Prayer, Fraternity, and Growth,” which was held at the University of St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary. We had a fantastic day together. Below you will find more reflections that I received from those who attended the retreat. They are encouraging and uplifting. They are good for the mind and the heart.

“My reflection about our retreat on Monday is a thank you to you for taking your day to spend with the teachers and to see your passion. I have though at St. Cletus many years and had maybe one day where our pastor spent time with us. Also, on how Catholic School Education was formed and looked at by the world. Finally, again thank you for the experience.”

“My experience at Saint Mary of the Lake was eye-opening in many ways. The grounds are beautiful and serene. The architecture a subtle Americanizing of Catholicism. The informative and thought-provoking lectures, and a reminder of the value and power of kindness. The museum was fascinating and Pope John Paul II’s throne From Grant Park brought back memories of the incredible atmosphere at the Mass that day.

I enjoyed the visit to Saint Mary of the Lake very much. Thank you for making it possible.”

“Our visit to the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary was perfect for the body, mind and soul! Walking around the beautiful campus was serene and breathtaking, not to mention great exercise. Listening to the amazing speakers helped to set our spiritual focus for the new school year. It was a wonderful day!”

“I truly enjoyed our day at St. Mary of the Lake. It was a beautiful and peaceful day. Everyone was so kind and welcoming. Our speakers were very knowledgeable and relatable. It was a pleasure to listen to them and reflect. I think the parts of the day that really spoke to my heart were learning about Jesus as a teacher and John Bosco’s way of working with children. It was a great reminder of the love and patience our students deserve. Even as a veteran teacher of 28 years, it was helpful for me to really focus on being sure all my teaching methods and daily interactions include grace...for the parents, children, and staff! Thank you so much for this experience.”

“I really enjoyed being able to gather as a faculty to strengthen our bond. The campus is beautiful, and the people were amazing. Once again thank you for the opportunity to bond and share with the rest of the faculty at such a beautiful setting.”

“First and foremost, I want to say thank you for providing St. Cletus School staff with the opportunity to begin the school year together at Saint Mary of the Lake. It was such a serene, beautiful environment in which to recharge and remind ourselves of our broader purpose as educators. I especially connected to the philosophy of John Bosco, and the discussion of attending to the whole child. Once the school year gets going it can be easy to get lost in improving test scores and ensuring all academic content is covered. Rules and routines and procedures that allow for these things are no doubt important, but sometimes we forget how crucial it is to also create a classroom environment where students feel it is okay to make mistakes and ask questions, and most importantly be a kid. The purpose of school goes beyond acquisition of academic skills. This year it will be more important than ever to remember that.”

“Thank you so much for arranging the retreat day for us at the Mundelein Seminary. I took so much away from the retreat. I was amazed to learn about the history of the seminary. What a beautiful place! I really enjoyed learning about Don Bosco. It was such a relevant discussion. His approach was to teach through God’s love... his message of the importance of being kind, and then the learning will follow. This is such a valuable point for all of us as we begin the new school year. We are very excited to have you as our pastor and look forward to a fantastic school year.”

“What a blessing to spend time at St. Mary’s of the Lake for our retreat almost one week ago today. I find the grounds of Mundelein to be so peaceful! Although I was not able to attend the morning session, I enjoyed the lesson on John Bosco and found listening to the professors to be soothing and insightful. The library and museum were also joyful. How kind that those areas were open to us.



*I hold my faith deep in my soul. I often long to be in faith filled environments. I have traveled to St. Mary's of the lake several times in the past for this sense of peace.
I have great respect for individuals that find themselves on their journey of faith that brings them to the seminary. God has chosen the Holy path for very special individuals.
I have felt and continue to feel God calling me to his mission of Catholic education. Listening to you speak and your homily at different masses, I find myself at home at St. Cletus Parish.
Thank you for working with Greg to arrange such a faith filled experience for our staff. It was a wonderful way to begin the school year."*

"I just wanted to thank for the wonderful day at The University of St. Mary of the Lake. It was an excellent experience to see the beautiful campus and listen to some of the faculty. I truly believe God and the Holy Spirit was with us that day. You could feel Them with us as we took the campus tour and walked through the magnificent buildings. I hope St. Cletus School Faculty will be able to go again to hear God's perfect Word from the knowledgeable speakers. Thank you again and God Bless."

"As teachers the beginning of the year is filled with preparation. We have lists filled with to dos, in my experience, very few of those to dos have to do with ourselves. This retreat gave us some much-needed time to prepare ourselves. It gave me time to reconnect with myself and my faith. St. John Bosco's approach to teaching resonated with me. Hearing his story helped me refocus on WHY I teach. Walking along the peaceful campus allowed me time to pause from all the preparations back to school has and allowed me to take a moment for myself, which I don't think I would have otherwise done. When it was time to welcome the students back, I felt a lot more calm and ready for the year than I have in the past."

"I thoroughly enjoyed our day at Mundelein Seminary. I enjoyed the talks by Fr. Lodge, and Dr. Paul Hilliard. Hearing about John Bosco and how he helped so many boys were really inspiring. I enjoyed the museum and library tours. I could not believe the size of the library, and the amount of books there. The museum presented a look into the past. I enjoyed your mass in the chapel. After the mass, I felt closer to all in the St. Cletus community. It was the perfect way to begin the school year."

"Thank you, Father Romero, for a spiritual day at such a beautiful place with my colleagues. I felt both talks were very interesting and insightful as I begin my new year. The discussion about Fr. John Bosco was particularly interesting. I feel he was ahead of his time (progressive) in his thinking about education. I often think about when I am interacting with students an article I read in the NYT's titled, "Math teachers should be more like football coaches (May 2019)." It sounds humorous, but it has some important ideas about relationship building. It touches on many of the same ideas of building a rapport and relationship with students to inspire a feeling of mutual fulfillment. The students need to feel as though we are on a journey together to obtain their goals not as a "friend" but as a coach."

"I am lucky to be at St. Cletus where I can go even further and build those relationships and obtain goals through our mutual faith journey. I am blessed. Welcome and thank you!"

"Thank you for setting up such a relaxing and spiritually fulfilling day at the University of St. Mary of the Lake. It was nice to have the long drive and day on campus to reflect and meditate on how we'd like the upcoming school year to go. It also was great to learn about Saint John Bosco. I thought learning about his life and legacy were the most fascinating things that I learned. I loved that he was such a caring and compassionate educator. I also enjoyed visiting the museum and the library. I could have seen myself studying there in a past life. Thank you again. It was a very uplifting experience for many of us and a wonderful way to start off my first year at St. Cletus School."

"It was a spiritually uplifting day for our entire staff. Special thanks to Father Elmer for coordinating this retreat as we begin our 2021-2022 school year at St. Cletus. Our day from start to finish included: our staff enjoying a bus ride from St. Cletus, hearing presentations by several speakers including Father Lodge and Dr. Paul Hilliard, celebrating mass with Father Elmer and Professor Father Lodge, enjoying lunch in the refectory with several seminarians and touring the campus. Our day concluded with the staff sharing how the Holy Spirit touched their lives on retreat and the important role educators have in educational ministry in the Catholic Church."

All for the glory of God!

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Sunday Readings

READING I

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people:

“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, ‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’

For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. (1a) The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
shall never be disturbed.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

READING II

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:

to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

ALLELUIA

Jas 1:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed,

the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

He responded,

“Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”

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WELCOME BACK!

You could feel the excitement in the air last week as the students returned! A truly GREAT day to be a Cardinal!! Welcome back everyone!



JOB OPENING

HALF DAY PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Hours are 7:30am – 11:30 am

Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree needed

Substitute License required if education degree is not held

Please contact the school office if interested at 708-352-4820

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta sauce
- 2-3 lb rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned chili

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, it will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Now on 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

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September dates are available to help in the garden! With schools starting up we are in need of volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce. Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>



St. Cletus Food Pantry Needs

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us at: <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>

GCFD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please email Joan Kittler at kittlerjh4533@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday, October 16th. St. Cletus is signed up, we just need a few good people to help. Remember, the St. Cletus Food Pantry earns \$15 per person, every time we work.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Here's what I don't want people to know about me.

"I am an abuser. I am male, female, gay, straight, educated or not, wealthy, poor, or in the middle. I represent every ethnic and racial group possible. I may or may not have been abused as a child or adult myself. I do not necessarily dabble in alcohol or other drugs, but I may. I am a Christian, Muslim, and a Jew from any and all religious persuasions. I don't like myself very much, but I don't seem to be able to stop what I am doing. I may be more abusive when I am angry, and I seem to react strongly when I think a situation is getting out of my control. Sometimes my violence is physical, but not always. I also abuse people verbally, psychologically, and sexually. Sometimes I am so subtle, people don't even know it's happened until much later when they feel bad."

MYTH: Most of the time, domestic violence is not really that serious.

FACT: Domestic violence is an illegal act in the U.S. and is considered a crime with serious repercussions. Although there are aspects of domestic violence (e.g. emotional, psychological, spiritual, financial abuse) that may not be considered criminal in a legal sense, serious and long-lasting physical, emotional and spiritual harms can, and often do, occur. Each and every act of domestic violence needs to be taken seriously.

You are not alone! In an emergency, dial 911 or call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233.

¹Carrol A. M. Smith, PhD, RN, faculty of UIC. The Many Faces of Interpersonal Violence.

²The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Chapter 1, What is Domestic Violence?



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WORD OF LIFE



"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"

Religious Education

GET FILLED UP WITH GOD'S PERFECT LOVE!



Today we hear another challenging Gospel story. The Pharisees are challenging and scolding Jesus and his disciples because they don't follow the traditional rules for cleaning and eating food. How is this best explained to our children? Try this idea: Take an empty clear liter bottle (best if you take off the label so that your kids can clearly see there is nothing in it), and show it to your children. Ask them what is in the bottle. Some may say nothing, and others may say, "Air!" (which is correct!). Explain that if you were to point the bottle at someone and squeeze the bottle, you can feel the air coming out. Try it on your child. The reason you feel air coming out of the bottle is because that is what it is filled with. Next, start filling the bottle with water, and ask what would happen if you filled the bottle with water and then squeezed it? What would come out of the bottle? Water! I don't think you will need to prove this to them, although you might be tempted to do it!

Explain that what you just showed them is what the Gospel is about today. They are talking about the idea that whatever fills you is what then comes out of you. The Pharisees were concerned that if a person eats a lot of unwashed and unclean food, then they'd be filled up with unclean food and then only unclean actions, like lying and cheating, would come out of that person. But Jesus disagrees with part of what the Pharisees are saying. Jesus tells them that eating clean foods does not **stop** people from doing unclean things, like lying, stealing and cheating. Jesus says that people lie, steal and cheat not because of what they eat, but because their hearts are turned away from God.

It is true that eating healthy foods helps our bodies to be healthy. But it is also true that filling our hearts and minds with God's love and the Holy Spirit will help our hearts to be loving and our minds to be just. Jesus reminds the Pharisees and us today that our hearts are meant to be filled up and overflowing with God's perfect love. If our hearts are filled up and overflowing with God's love, then there is no room in us for the fear or temptation to lie, steal or cheat. If we are overflowing with God's perfect love, then that perfect love is what we naturally share with others. Just like the bottle – what we fill it with is what comes out when it is squeezed. That is what happens with us – we get filled up with God's love and then we share God's love with others.

REGISTER FOR RE TODAY!

Please don't forget to register for Religious Education classes for your child! We are excited to offer a hybrid of at-home lessons and in-person activities for all grade levels! Our program is very flexible and user-friendly! Please see our website (www.stcletusparish.com/re) for more information on our program and to access the registration forms. **Please register ASAP to ensure we have the books and materials your child will need to start the program on time!**

Any questions can be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com We are excited to have the opportunity to gather together again!



Sunday Notes



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DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

FEAST OF FAITH

What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me’ ” (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ’s command to “do this.” The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord’s disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

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STOP THE FLYING

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing.

—Anonymous

CARE OF CREATION

The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere.

—Pope Benedict XVI

Minsitry News

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Ladies of St. Cletus: Join us for our first meeting of the 2021-2022 year!

When: September 14, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Gallagher Room in the Parish Center

What: Short meeting followed by LAUGHTER YOGA with Tanaz Bamboat

Don't worry, you won't have to buy new yoga pants or twist your body like a pretzel! This yoga is for stress influence and is meant to relax you and release stress. It is for anyone who wants to stay strong and mitigate daily stress and isn't there plenty of that for everyone?

It involves voluntary laughter where you can laugh without jokes or outside stimuli. As a result you will reap physical, emotional, social, and spiritual benefits. How can you miss those rewards?

So join us on September 14th to unlock the secret to becoming more joyful, healthier, and "at peace"!

Tanaz Bamboat is a dynamic & inspirational speaker who has done seminars at hospitals, senior communities, health clubs, banks, schools, libraries, and parks. She has been featured on WGN-TV along with other TV stations, radio shows and magazines. As a survivor of bipolar disorder her mission is to help the sick and depressed bounce back laughing so they can get their lives back and live a fulfilled life. Need some laughter? Don't miss it!

BOOK CLUB



For the next book discussion, we are reading **On The Brink of Everything** by Parker Palmer. We will meet on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead, on December 14 we will discuss **The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg.

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

MISSION LADIES

GOOD NEWS AND OTHER NEWS!

Mission Ladies of St. Cletus will be starting up after a long hiatus and coming back to Mission on Wednesday - Sept. 8th, 2021 - 9am until 11::30am in the St. Cletus Parish Center.

We are hoping we have supplies to work with. The Mission Ladies are in need of: Eyelet Fabric (any eyelet used in Table Cloths, Bedding, Clothing), White Stuffing, Yarn, Cotton Fabric, Lace, White 1/4" Ribbon, and Crosses - 1 inch high.

All Mission Ladies will be required to wear a mask while indoors at St. Cletus.

Mission Ladies is open to young and not so young ladies. - no experience is needed. For more information call the phone number below. Looking forward to our 1st day back after so long. For more info call Dolores Scaletta (708.839.9605)

TUESDAY MORNING 8AM MASSES

We will have school Masses each Tuesday through the academic year when school is in session. We are blessed to have 340 students this year and we ask our adult parishioners who do attend on Tuesday mornings to sit behind the pew break in church to allow the children to sit as close to the front as possible. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

FALL FEST WILL RETURN IN 2022



We are excited to announce that the St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest and carnival will return September 8-11, 2022. We will not host a carnival this year, but we do still plan to run the Grand Raffle again this Fall.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

Community News

MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE



MISERICORDIA
HEART of MERCY

MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET

Are you interested in joining a friendly group of women who enjoy working together and supporting the mission of Misericordia?

Come to our Wine & Cheese party and learn more about the Misericordia Women's League!

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 7:00-8:30 p.m.
942 North Madison Street, Hinsdale

Contact Janet Meyer at 630.222.4660 or jmcilella@gmail.com for more information.

Misericordia provides a community of care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our League supports their life-changing work through volunteering and fundraising.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom

during this time of COVID-19.

2-HEMISPHERE PRAYER SERIES

Thursdays, Sep 2—30, 4:30—5:00PM

Facilitators from The Well and Australia Our Fall semester opens with a Season of Creation prayer series in concert with our treasured Australian friends. Free will offering.

HILDEGARD RETREAT & TRAVELOGUE

Saturday, Sep 18, 1—3PM (Retreat)

Sunday, Sep 19, 1—2:30PM (Travelogue)

Facilitator: Maureen Wild, SC

Revel in the wisdom, artistry, and vision of Hildegard of Bingen during an afternoon retreat, then immerse yourself in the land of her birth thru a unique spiritual travelogue. \$25/\$10; or \$30/both.

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 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in the food pantry at 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero. Staff, volunteers and clients are screened for COVID and wear masks.



VOLUNTEER SHIFTS:

- Mondays: 9:15-11:15 a.m.; 12:15-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:15-2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 1:45-4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Volunteers also are needed on delivery days:

- 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays from 10:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For information, contact Claudia Andrade at candrade@catholiccharities.net or (708) 329-4023.

PDLG JOB OPENINGS

The Park District of La Grange has immediate openings for our Before and After School program and Preschool program. Any interested applicant can email Jenny at jennybechtold@pdlg.org or call her directly at (708) 588-2204. We also have a variety of positions open in other areas of the Park District for anyone looking for work.

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION

~with a spotlight on~

THE CLASS OF 1980's 40 YEAR reunion

WHEN: October 16, 2021

WHERE: Tailgaters Sports Bar and Grill
431 W. Boughton Rd. Bolingbrook, IL 60440

TIME: 6:00 PM

TICKETS: \$12 (plus tax & fee) available online at:

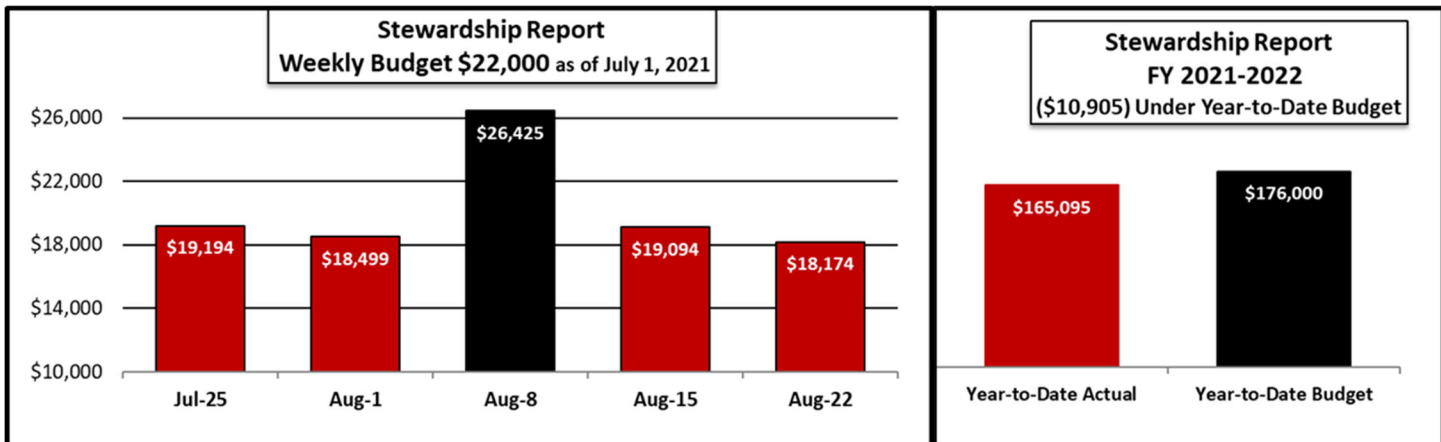
[https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/\\$14](https://www.tailgatersgrill.com/$14) at the door.

**Expected to sell out

Ticket price includes: Band, DJ, light appetizers, mixing, mingling, and dancing.

SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE: In conjunction with the all-class reunion, we are hosting a split the pot raffle. PLEASE CONSIDER bringing an item/basket to donate. Half of the money raised will go to John F. Kennedy High School! IT'S FOR THE KIDS!

Stewardship Report



Archdiocese of Chicago

MATTHEW 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE CHURCH THAT PAYS YOU BACK

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a great way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life—benefitting you today and our parish in the future.

HOW IT WORKS:

Make a gift of \$10,000 or more to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fund your gift annuity with cash or securities.

Receive fixed payments for life – for yourself or a loved one age 60 or older. Payment rates are based upon the age of the annuitant at the time you establish the gift annuity.

Enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). You may also reduce capital gains tax liability for gifts of appreciated securities.

The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

A deferred charitable gift annuity allows you to establish the gift annuity today, receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction for the current year, but defer the payments until a designated date sometime in the future.

For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski or visit archchicago.giftplans.org.

To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

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MARRIED IN 1971?


Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois 60714.

To register, contact your parish office, or register online at pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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