

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Through his suffering,  
my servant shall justify many.  
— ISAIAH 53:11B

OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;  
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.*

~ Mark 10:43-44

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## Mass Intentions for October 18 - 24, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
October 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Gene Gajos, Agnes Geier
October 19	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Carole Lack
October 20	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Delphine Marciszewski, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Louie Pesut, Maria Chavez, BC Collins
October 21	8:00am	Fr. Baker	St. Cletus Parishioners
October 22	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Wojcik, Alfred Mozdzen, Michael Waligora
October 23	5:00pm	Fr. Baker	Samuel Colonna, Regina Kondor, Reynold Aranas
October 24	7:15am	Fr. Baker	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, Robert Spyrison, George Duda
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Anne Marie Nabor, Stephanie & Stanley Francuz
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	Edwin & Emma Palzur, L & B Walsdorf, Virginia Koch
	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.*

**October** - Steve Hubona, Gerda E. Dorso

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

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

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

### MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Masks are 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**



### INSTALLATION LITURGY POSTPONED

The Liturgy of Installation of our new pastor, Fr. Elmer Romero, has been postponed. Our new Vicar, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, has a scheduling conflict and is unable to attend. A new date will be set by the Bishop's office.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCT. 23/24

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Envelopes will be available in the pews and will be accepted with the first collection on Oct. 23/24.

### Marriage Banns



*Himja Bhatt & Kevin Stepuszek*



# Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

It is with immense gratitude and joy that I share with you an update of our Parish Grounds Beautification.

The first stage of the church and school grounds beautification project was completed the weekend of Oct. 9-10, 2021. This stage was specifically selected to reinvigorate the entrance to our church by changing the three garden beds leading into our church and the St. Francis bed just to the west, adjacent to the church. This stage is only the beginning of a professionally designed plan that will unify the entire parish grounds (both church, school & rectory) with a completion goal of next year. This plan allows for mostly perennial plants in our beds but some inclusion of annuals that will be planted to accentuate and acknowledge different seasonal flower varieties. For instance, mums and kale being planted to highlight the fall season. The mums planted at the flag pole signify the Vatican colors of gold and white that are displayed at Catholic institutions with a gold and white flag.

Perhaps you have concerns about what this might cost. The landscape plan, flowers and bushes did of course cost money. Some monies have already been donated. However, the plan cost was reasonable and all the flowers/plants were acquired at reduced costs because many of our volunteers have business relationships with local suppliers, including Hinsdale Nursery. Labor, perhaps the greatest cost, has all been donated by generous parishioners. Many worked after their regular workday into the night to meet the first deadline of the weekend of Oct. 9-10, 2021. This plan was discussed with parishioners involved in these ministries prior to launching. Additionally, many of the removed plants, including rose bushes, were offered to any parishioner for their own use through announcements at Mass, a parish-wide email and in the Canticle. Many of you accepted this offer. Thank you!

This parish grounds beautification project really began on July 29, 2021, when 40 volunteers joined after 8:00 AM Mass to pull weeds. While not a glamorous chore, the fellowship, getting reacquainted, and meeting new friends and making things look great was rewarding. Trying to regroup, get back to church and our community after COVID is obviously an important goal to keep the parish strong! The need to evangelize and assist others to rejoin our community is especially needed now. One way to do this is to take care of our grounds, showing involvement and color. Another weeding event occurred after another 8:00 AM Mass on Sept. 23, 2021. Thanks to all of you who helped with these two events and all who have been quietly weeding on your own. It is noticeable and appreciated!

Another benefit of this beautification project will be to act on suggestions forwarded to me through parishioners from the Sharing of our Hopes and Dreams Gathering held on September 13, 2021. Below is just one of several quotes from the September 26-27, 2021, bulletin highlighting the need to unify and evangelize within our community:

*“Major talking points were inclusivity focusing on all age groups and the Hispanic members of our parish, school enhancements, and evangelization.”*

I am pleased to know that this beautification effort has instantaneously increased interactions within our community. Below are names of volunteers from last week who joined together to share muddy boots, grass-stained knees, dirty gloves, and sore backs:

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|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bill Boyle       | Diane Fulton   | Julio Parra        | Rito Rodriguez    |
| Mary Delaney     | Carol Grigus   | Alejandro Pasillas | Manuel Ruiz       |
| Martin Flores    | Elias Lopez    | Ruben Ramirez      | Fulgencio Torres  |
| Victor Fulgencio | Salvador Lopez | Tom Reisel         | Armando Fulgencio |

Thanks to everyone for all your efforts. It is sincerely appreciated!

Please join us tomorrow at 7 PM. We will gather in our church to celebrate Sharing Our Blessings followed by a bonfire.

Fr. Elmer Romero  
Pastor



## Sunday Readings

### READING I

*Is 53:10-11*

The LORD was pleased  
to crush him in infirmity.  
If he gives his life as an offering for sin,  
he shall see his descendants in a long life,  
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished  
through him.  
Because of his affliction  
he shall see the light in fullness  
of days;  
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he shall bear.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22*

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

### READING II

*Heb 4:14-16*

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through  
the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession.  
For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,  
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,  
yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace  
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

### ALLELUIA

*Mk 10:45*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

*Mk 10:35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and  
said to him,  
"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of  
you."  
He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"  
They answered him, "Grant that in your glory  
we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."  
Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are  
asking.  
Can you drink the cup that I drink  
or be baptized with the baptism with which I am  
baptized?"  
They said to him, "We can."  
Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink,  
and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will  
be baptized;  
but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give  
but is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James  
and John.  
Jesus summoned them and said to them,  
"You know that those who are recognized as rulers over  
the Gentiles  
lord it over them,  
and their great ones make their authority over them felt.  
But it shall not be so among you.  
Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be  
your servant;  
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of  
all.  
For the Son of Man did not come to be served  
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## XXIX Domingo Ordinario

### PRIMERA LECTURA

*Is 53, 10-11*

El Señor quiso triturar a su siervo con el sufrimiento. Cuando entregue su vida como expiación, verá a sus descendientes, prolongará sus años y por medio de él prosperarán los designios del Señor. Por las fatigas de su alma, verá la luz y se saciará; con sus sufrimientos justificará mi siervo a muchos, cargando con los crímenes de ellos.

### SALMO RESPONSORIAL

*Salmo 32, 4-5. 18-19 20 y 22*

#### R. Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor.

Sincera es la palabra del Señor  
y todas sus acciones son leales.  
El ama la justicia y el derecho,  
la tierra llena está de sus bondades.

#### R. Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor.

Cuida el Señor de aquellos que lo temen  
y en su bondad confían;  
los salva de la muerte  
y en épocas de hambre les da vida.

#### R. Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor.

En el Señor está nuestra esperanza,  
pues él es nuestra ayuda y nuestro amparo.  
Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros,  
puesto que en ti, Señor, hemos confiado.

#### R. Muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, Señor.

### SEGUNDA LECTURA

*Heb 4, 14-16*

Hermanos: Puesto que Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, es nuestro sumo sacerdote, que ha entrado en el cielo, mantengamos firme la profesión de nuestra fe. En efecto, no tenemos un sumo sacerdote que no sea capaz de compadecerse de nuestros sufrimientos, puesto que él mismo ha pasado por las mismas pruebas que nosotros, excepto el pecado.

Acerquémonos, por lo tanto, con plena confianza al trono de la gracia, para recibir misericordia, hallar la gracia y obtener ayuda en el momento oportuno.

### ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

*Mc 10, 45*

#### R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Jesucristo vino a servir  
y a dar la vida por la salvación de todos.

#### R. Aleluya.

### EVANGELIO

*Mc 10, 35-45*

En aquel tiempo, se acercaron a Jesús Santiago y Juan, los hijos de Zebedeo, y le dijeron: “Maestro, queremos que nos concedas lo que vamos a pedirte”. Él les dijo: “¿Qué es lo que desean?” Le respondieron: “Concede que nos sentemos uno a tu derecha y otro a tu izquierda, cuando estés en tu gloria”. Jesús les replicó: “No saben lo que piden. ¿Podrán pasar la prueba que yo voy a pasar y recibir el bautismo con que seré bautizado?” Le respondieron: “Sí podemos”. Y Jesús les dijo: “Ciertamente pasarán la prueba que yo voy a pasar y recibirán el bautismo con que yo seré bautizado; pero eso de sentarse a mi derecha o a mi izquierda no me toca a mí concederlo; eso es para quienes está reservado”.

Cuando los otros diez apóstoles oyeron esto, se indignaron contra Santiago y Juan. Jesús reunió entonces a los Doce y les dijo: “Ya saben que los jefes de las naciones las gobiernan como si fueran sus dueños y los poderosos las oprimen. Pero no debe ser así entre ustedes. Al contrario: el que quiera ser grande entre ustedes que sea su servidor, y el que quiera ser el primero, que sea el esclavo de todos, así como el Hijo del hombre, que no ha venido a que lo sirvan, sino a servir y a dar su vida por la redención de todos”.

O bien:

*Mc 10, 42-45*

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# St. Cletus School

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## ST. CLETUS SIP N' SHOP

### Join us to Shop, Sip and Support our school!

Entry is \$5, includes a glass of wine and a raffle ticket!

Come shop for holiday gifts or for yourself!

Vendors Include: Color Street, Lillia Rose Accessories Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Pink Zebra, Norwex, homemade cards, Ornaments, Nativity sets, Jewelry, Baked goods & More!



**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00pm – 9:00pm  
St. Cletus Parish Center  
600 W. 55th St.  
La Grange, IL 60525

Sponsored by: St. Cletus FSA

## JOB OPENINGS

### AFTERCARE WORKER

5 days a week from 3pm until 6pm or until the last student leaves. Pay is \$15 an hour.

Looking for a reliable, caring individual. College and High School Jr's and Sr's welcome to apply.

Must be VIRTUS Trained.

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



## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!



Congratulations to 8th graders Alyssa Salgado, Aidan Santiago, Dane Estrada, Nathan Sosne, and Mateo Mosqueda for placing 2nd at the Nazareth Academy math contest! Alyssa also placed 3rd in the individual portion of the contest! So proud of all of you!

**DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE**

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**ST. CLETUS SCHOOL**  
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH | 5-9PM**  
5801 S LA GRANGE RD, COUNTRYSIDE, IL, 60525

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **N34XLMM**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Fellow Parishioners,

It has been a tough and odd time these last 20 months, unlike anything most of us have seen in our lifetimes. But God is with us through it all, and it is good to reflect on His blessings in our lives. Come and gather with your fellow parishioners on October 18<sup>th</sup> to focus on our blessings followed by some fellowship. We are planning an uplifting and spiritual experience for you and hope you can join us.

Debbie Blecic

# SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
ST. CLETUS CHURCH



LET US GROW IN FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER  
BY SHARING THE BLESSINGS GOD HAS BESTOWED ON US.



During this gathering, we will sing as a parish community, listen to and pray with the Word of God, listen to blessings shared by two members of our Parish Staff, elevate to the Lord our needs and intentions, pray the Our Father together, and receive a blessing.

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We will then gather outdoors and continue to share our blessings in fraternity and friendship around a bonfire.



# Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS  
FOOD PANTRY  
THURSDAYS 6-8PM  
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

**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](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)*

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a few more weeks left of the food pantry garden! Volunteers are needed to help water but especially needed to help with harvesting on Wednesdays! Thank you Register at <https://bit.ly/3vxZtsg>

## GIVING TREE UPDATE

Registration is now available! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Giving Tree you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418.

Tags will be available for donors in mid-November and we will have plenty of volunteer opportunities in November and December so stay tuned!



## AREA RESPECT LIFE

Baby Bottle envelopes are due back at the end of October. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. All proceeds go to Women’s Care Center here in La Grange. If you didn’t get an envelope last week there are extra’s in the Respect Life flier rack on either side of the Narthex. Thank you!

## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

**Learn from A Millennial Recruiter How to Prepare to Promote Your Experience in Advance of Your Next Interview** - Looking for a new job? Join us for this in-person event on Thursday, October 21, 7-8:30 pm. With more Millennials and Gen-Zers ascending into the workplace, navigating and understanding a multi-generational workplace is vital. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, is a millennial career coach and recruiter. She will share what we can learn from younger generations about the job search and how to best work with Millennials and Gen-Z recruiters and hiring managers. We look forward to seeing you again at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs.

**Quarterly Resume Review** - Join us in-person on Saturday, October 23 from 9-11 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, in La Grange.

Please note: these events are in-person and masks are required. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. More info at [interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://interfaithcareernetwork.org).

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

“As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form — physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal — is sinful; often, it is a crime as well.” The document “When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women” details the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) position.



ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:  
**708.485.5254**



## St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

LADIES OF THE PARISH, THE ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INVITES YOU  
TO OUR ADVENT RETREAT

### "WALKING TO BETHLEHEM WITH THANKSGIVING AND WONDER"

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2021

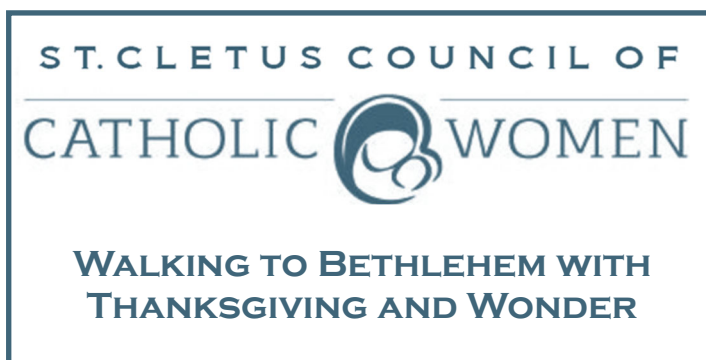
TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

DONATION: \$10 PER PERSON (INCLUDES LUNCH)

Details: Join with the women of our parish and take some time for prayer, lunch, discussion, and community service. Our project is making gift bags of full-sized toiletries for the local BEDS shelter. Participants are requested to bring shampoo, conditioner, comb, brush, body wash, bath soap, bath puff, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, and shaving cream. The BEDS residents include women, men, and children. Please consider this in your selections. Please bring a few items or consider purchasing an entire set of toiletries if you are able. On the day of the retreat, we will assemble the gift bags. Bags and tissue paper will be provided.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

11:00A	Registration
11:30A	Meditation
11:45A	Fr. Elmer's Presentation
12:30P	Discussion and Lunch
1:15P	Brief Idea Sharing from discussion
1:45P	Bag Assembly for BEDS
2:15P	Closing Prayer



**RESERVATIONS:** Please return the slip below with your donation to the church office in the parish center or Karen Ziembra at church by Sunday, November 7th.

#### "WALKING TO BETHLEHEM WITH THANKSGIVING AND WONDER" REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Donation may be with cash or check payable to St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women or SCCCW.  
For questions or help with your reservation contact: Ann at [amkuchta@uic.edu](mailto:amkuchta@uic.edu) | Pat at 708-205-9678

# Youth Ministry

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES



St. Cletus Parish Youth Ministry continues to have a long-standing collaboration with St. John of the Cross Parish and St. Francis Xavier Parish. Together, our three parishes provide a variety of experiences for our high school teens to learn more about their faith, to serve others, and to encounter Jesus Christ while deepening their relationship with Him.

While the pandemic forced us to shut down many of our activities, we are BACK! I'm so happy to share the following updates:



1. Boys Church League is BACK! Registrations for St. Cletus teams will begin on Monday, October 11th. You can find the registration form online at our parish website under the NEWS section of the home page ([www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com)). We also need coaches to enable our teams to play, so please consider volunteering your time for this fun teen activity! All information is found on the website.

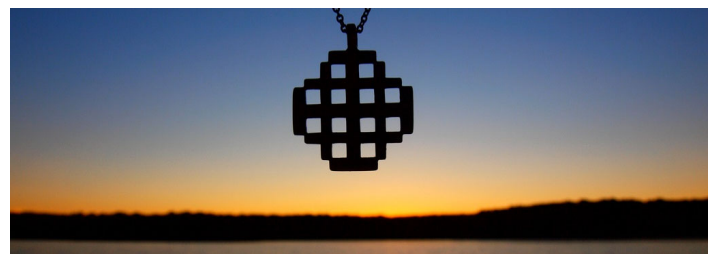


2. We are in the process of planning for a Mission Trip for next summer! All three parishes will collaborate together to plan for a trip the week of June 19-25th. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

### Teen Nights & Small Group Meetings



3. We have returned to All Teens Nights and small group meetings by grade level! These are done in collaboration with St. John of the Cross Parish. Look for an email from Barb Campbell in the near future with more information on this, and links to sign up to attend! These meetings are filled with fun and fellowship, include a dinner, and allow our teens to participate in fun and meaningful service opportunities each time we meet. Come and check it out with a friend!



4. Kairos is BACK! This retreat is designed for High School Juniors and Seniors. Save the date: January 2-4, 2022. More information and registration materials will be coming soon!



**JOIN US**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 27**  
**7:30 P.M.**

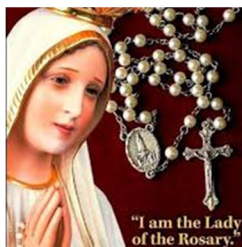
We are truly happy to be able to meet with our teens once again (in-person!). We also want to extend an invitation to all Teens and Young Adults of the parish, ages 14-25 to join us for a Hopes and Dreams sharing event on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Gallagher Rooms.

Come and share what your hopes for our Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministries could look like. Our goal is to create a ministry which truly meets your needs, and we need to hear your voice! Please join us!

Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education  
[bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) | (708) 352-2383

# Ministry News

## THE ROSARY IS ALIVE AND THRIVING AT ST. CLETUS!



There are so many ways to pray the Rosary with others at St. Cletus!

In the church every Wednesday at 1:00. Join us in setting aside a half hour to spend with Mary, offering her our communal prayers and your sharing intentions. No reservations needed, just come when you can.

As part of the Living Rosary, you can say an assigned decade every day. Other parishioners say the rest of the decades and together an entire Rosary gets prayed. Meditating on your decade and spending daily time at your convenience draws you closer to Mary and her Son. Call Mary Lu Gebka at 630-430-3338 for more information.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, we will pray all 20 decades of the Rosary simultaneously from home (due to COVID). Following Mary and Jesus from the Annunciation through Jesus' public life, the Passion and His Triumph over death and Mary's place in heaven is very moving. Praying all 20 decades takes about an hour and a half but what better gift could there be to Mary to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary.

There is a container in the Ministers Room off the narthex labeled for the Living Rosary. You can bring a labeled Rosary to be repaired and returned or can donate extra Rosaries to be given to others.

There is a white basket on the shelves on the east side of the narthex with free Rosaries and booklets explaining how to say the Rosary. Take and share whatever you need.

Take a moment from daily life to spend some time with Mary and her Son in this moving, humble prayer.

## EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT BY PETER GENESER



Hello parishioners of St. Cletus Church, My name is Peter Geneser and I am a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 117 in Western Springs. I am a Junior at Nazareth Academy High School and I am working on my Eagle Scout Service Project to provide religious items and personal care items to U.S. Veterans. I am asking for your help to collect travel-size toiletries and gently used or new religious items to be distributed to U.S. Veterans hospitalized in local VA Healthcare Centers. All donated religious items will be blessed by a member of the clergy before distribution. My hope is to distribute these items

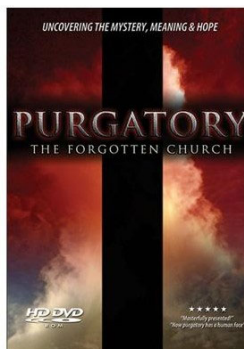
on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021. A collection box has been placed in the parish Narthex for your donations.

**Travel-size toiletries needed:** Deodorant, Toothpaste / Toothbrushes, Shaving cream / Disposal razors, Shampoo, Liquid soap or body wash (no bar soap please), other travel size toiletries

**New or gently used religious items needed:** Small crosses, Rosaries, Prayer cards, Saint necklaces or medals  
Monetary donations can be given to the Parish Office. Cash donations should be in an envelope marked Eagle Scout Project-117 and donations by check should be made out to BSA Troop 117. Thank you for your generosity.

## CREDO FILM NIGHT NOV. 4

- Is Purgatory real?
- Could the afterlife require suffering?
- Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead?



Join us for a showing of "**Purgatory, The Forgotten Church.**" A groundbreaking documentary that investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives. Don't miss it!

Mark your calendars and join us on **Thursday, November 4th at 7:00pm** in the St. Cletus Parish Center, Gallagher Room, 600 W. 55th Street, La Grange.

## PARISH EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

The parish is aware of scammers creating fake email accounts in the likeness of employees. St. Cletus staff will only correspond using their official @stcletusparish.com email address. Staff will NEVER ask for gift card numbers over email or text.



## 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



## Community News

### THE WELL



Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or 708-482-5048.

**RIPENING: THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST OF POETS IN THEIR LATER YEARS - Retreat, Fri and Sat, Oct 29, 7PM-Oct 30, 3PM, Facilitator: Mark S. Burrows:** This retreat invites participants into the probing wisdom of selected contemporary poets, harvesting the gifts of their "late" writings that come from the depths of long experience. \$75.

**THE OUR FATHER: ENTERING INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF JESUS - Mondays, Nov 1-15, 7-8PM, Facilitator: Jack Shea:** The Lord's Prayer/Our Father is easy to take for granted. But it may contain more than we suspect. It is a detailed set of evocative images that align us with the mind of Jesus. \$75 series

### OPEN HOUSE AT NAZARETH ACADEMY

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy high school on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. or Monday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Learn all about Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity at Nazareth through formal presentations, guided tours and time to visit with students, faculty, staff and coaches. Pre-registration is REQUIRED at [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com). Nazareth is located at 1209 W. Ogden, LaGrange Park.

### ADMISSIONS EVENTS AT TRINITY H.S.

Shadow Days are now available at [www.trinityhs.org/shadow](http://www.trinityhs.org/shadow)

Trinity Science Workshop on Saturday October 16 - for 7th and 8th grade girls - [www.trinityhs.org/beablazer](http://www.trinityhs.org/beablazer)

Open House on Sunday October 17th - registration required at [www.trinityhs.org/openhouse](http://www.trinityhs.org/openhouse)

Trinity is located at 7574 Division Street in River Forest.

### ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB VENDOR FAIR

The St. Rita High School Mothers' Club is hosting "Ladies Night Out" on Thursday, November 4 from 6:30-9:30p.m. in the St. Rita Dining Hall (7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago). This annual vendor fair will feature over 45 great vendors. Admission is \$5.00 per person and includes a raffle ticket and dessert. A cash bar of wine, beer, soda, and bottled water will also be available. This is a 21 and older event. For more information please visit [stritahs.com/mothersclub](http://stritahs.com/mothersclub) or contact Margie Hopkins at (773) 925-6600.

### REFLECT RETREAT

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs), on Nov 12-14, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

### MOBILE ID & I-CASH PROGRAM

The Township of Lyons' Clerk's Office 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside in conjunction with Jessie White Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs State Treasurer, will hold a Mobil ID and I-Cash Program on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Renew your driver's license, get a vision screening, obtain a state ID, get your license plate renewal sticker, correct mistakes and search for lost cash! No Reservations necessary. Questions may be addressed to Elyse Hoffenberg, Clerk, [ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com](mailto:ehoffenberg@lyonsts.com) or by calling 708-482-8300-x 221. NOTE: Real IDs cannot be processed at this event.

### WORD OF LIFE



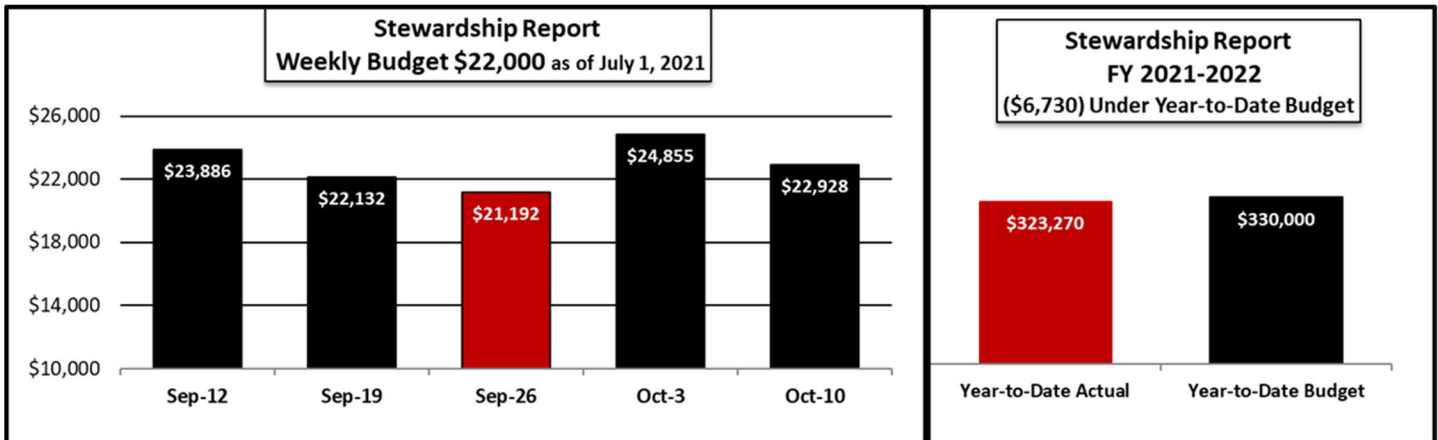
"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life", [respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

### ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE

Illinois Right to Life Action cordially invites you to its 48th annual banquet which will be held on Friday, November 12th, 6:00 pm, at The Carlisle in Lombard. Rep. Avery Bourne will serve as master of ceremonies and former Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Thomas will be our keynote speaker. Thomas was also with the Chicago Bears for 10 years and was the fourth leading scorer in Bears history. He is currently a partner with the prestigious law firm, Power and Rogers, in Chicago. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/actionbanquet/> or call (312)-422-9300

# Stewardship Report



## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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

Visit [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

## NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK IS OCTOBER 18-24, 2021

Do you have an estate plan? If not, now is the perfect time to contact an estate planning professional to begin the process. If you already have a plan in place, it’s a good time to review it and make any needed modifications.


Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. For more information, please contact Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209 or [mzwolinski@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mzwolinski@stcletusparish.com) or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or [kcampbell@archchicago.org](mailto:kcampbell@archchicago.org).

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 17			
Monday, October 18	4:00pm 7:00pm	School Music Room Church	Junior Choir Rehearsal Sharing Our Blessings Meeting
Tuesday, October 19	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	RCIA
Wednesday, October 20	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies Finance Council
Thursday, October 21	5:00pm 6-8pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Church Parking Lot School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 22			
Saturday, October 23	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Interfaith Career Network
Sunday, October 24			

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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