



# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

I love you, my Lord, my strength  
- Psalm 18



## Born Into Eternal Life Buried from St. Cletus Parish NOVEMBER 2022 - 2023

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Clifford Boivin  
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 Sister Catherine Ahern OP  
 James "Jim" Tausch  
 Karen Provan  
 Joseph "Joe" Williams

## Mass Intentions for October 30 - November 5, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
October 30	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
October 31	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
November 1	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Joseph, Maria, and Mark Wisniewski, BC and Rip Collins
November 2	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Fr. Raymond Klees, Andrew Wnek, Natalie Nicoletti, Joyce Field
November 3	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Nan and Bob Rettig, Louie Marasovic
November 4	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Louis and Irene Schoenberger, Benjamin Horonzy, Curtiss Davies, Stella Kadlec
November 5	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Marco and Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Daniel and Rosemarie Moore
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Frank Wojcik, Sorrentino and Alfano Families
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	Stacy Baker, John Baker, Fred Grosskopf, Michael Lombardo
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Carlos y Sofia Rivera, Gerardo Torres, Angel and Margarita Jaramillo, Estela Reyes

### 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 - Debbie García, Carina Orona, Erin McMahon Leddon, Geraldine Osmolek**

**September -**

**August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**

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

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

**Michael Fiolka**

Husband of Nancye Fiolka

**Margaret "Peggy" Ann Drabek**

**May they rest in peace....**

### JOIN US THIS FRIDAY!



ST. CLETUS SIP N SHOP  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD  
6-9PM  
\$5 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES  
WINE & RAFFLE TICKET

CHILD CARE WILL BE  
OFFERED ON SITE  
\$5 PER CHILD

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER  
700 WEST 55TH STREET  
LAGRANGE, IL 60525

## Pastor's Note

*"... He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'"*  
Matthew 22:37

Dear Friends,

How shall we love God?

The answer to the above question is given to us directly by Jesus, the Son of God. With clarity, he reminds us that we should love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. Jesus wants us to love his Father with our whole being every day. Why? Because that is how much we are loved by his Father. It is always so uplifting and freeing to be reminded of how much we are loved by God our Father.

Reflecting on how Jesus wants us to love his Father and how much we are loved by his Father, I am happy to offer you some highlights of the results of the online Disciple Maker Index (DMI) assessment in which we were invited to participate. It started on Ash Wednesday and concluded on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. 674 surveys were completed, which represents 52% of the 1300 average weekend Mass attendance. The commitment of so many to this survey is a blessing which gives me much joy.

As I read the results of the survey, I printed it and brought it to the Lord in prayer several times. I thanked Him for your engagement with the survey and the positive experience you continue to have by growing in friendship and intimacy with the Lord and with each other at St. Cletus Parish. I am encouraged to know how much you love St. Cletus Parish. I am also delighted to know that you actively invite others to consider our parish as their spiritual home. Please know how grateful I am for your witness, prayers, and support.

It is my prayer and hope that the fruits of this survey will lead us closer to the Lord and continue to help us to discern his will for our parish community. As members of St. Cletus Parish, let us continue to align our wills to the will of the Lord and acknowledge his goodness in everything that happens. May the Spirit of Jesus inform, transform, and inspire us in every action we take and decision we make. Surrendering our wills to the Lord will allow us to grow spiritually, personally, and as a parish community.

I encourage you to read the summary of the survey we are sharing with you this weekend in the parish bulletin (on pages 6 & 7). I also encourage you to visit our parish website that has links to two separate aggregations of the data. Perhaps you could, take the report to the Lord in prayer and then share it with a friend.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity, commitment, and leadership of the special committee that offered their invaluable assistance with this endeavor. They are Karen Ziembra, Christy Schaefer, Helen McComiskey, Kendall Grant, Nikki Gorman, Franco Foti, Greg Porod, Michael Eardley, Mike McComiskey, and Fr. Michael Novick. Their assistance and counsel were crucial in the implementation, follow up, and putting together the report that we are sharing with you this weekend. Please hold them in prayer.

May our love for God continue to grow each day.

Fr. Elmer Romero



## Note From Father Mike

**Do unto others...**

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.**

**Love one another as I love you.**

**This is my Body given up (*sacrificed*) for you.**

This coming Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is All Saints Day. We are always in communication with the saints, whether we are aware of it or not. We always hear about the Apostles, the Martyrs of the early Church, maybe even various popes who were granted the golden crown. But the saints (past, present, or even future) all have something important in common – they know they are not Jesus, and they have no illusions that whatever works might be worked through them ISN'T by their own authority, but only by God's generosity.

St. Peter, St. John the Baptist, St. John, St. Paul, St. Gregory the Great, St. Basil, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Therese Lisieux, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Pope St. John Paul II, Pope St. John XXIII, and countless others are among the great company. And not all of the saints came from one or two continents. St. Charles Lawanga and others from Uganda, St. Andrew Kim Taegon and others from Korea, St. Paul Miki and others from Japan all were martyred for preaching Jesus. As far as I know, there are only three saints who were never human beings – Sts. Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael the Archangels. And don't forget the Blessed Mother herself, Mary, the Queen of All Saints.

Why did I give you this article?

Nearly every day of the year, the Church celebrates a saint's feast day. And what did they do? The five phrases above were rules they lived by AND taught others to do. Some have said that St. Paul didn't deserve the crown because he persecuted many followers of Jesus before his conversion; nevertheless, Paul's role became pretty clear to a man who was blinded by the light of Christ, whose heart was stony until he heard the voice of Jesus in the most extreme and dramatic fashion.

That is what I love about the saints. Their stories help us to realize that sainthood is not for those who are perfect, but for sinners who put their faith and trust in God's mercy. What an awesome God we have. I most certain want to be there when the saints go marching in, watching the big parade as they head toward their place before the throne of the Father.

Very quick aside.

We had a great evening at the Parish Potluck on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Some people in attendance wanted the recipe for the dish I made. It's called "hoppin' john." It's a southern dish I learned from Fr. Charles Watkins (former associate pastor of St. Cletus) who, if you remember, was raised in northern Alabama, but came to Chicago with a job in the medical field (cardiac surgery to be more specific). The dish is kind of like a soup or chili. But the ingredients are kind of fluid. Black-eyed peas are the primary ingredient. We found it best to buy the canned peas already seasoned. Some sort of polish sausage, kielbasa, or andouille; and a little bit of minced garlic. Finally, roughly diced, tri-colored bell peppers, and onions.

Sautee the sausage with the garlic in a pot. The size of the pot will depend on how many cans of peas you are using. The amount of sausage should not dominate the dish, so maybe one link, cut into "coins." Then add the diced veggies, let that cook for about 5-10 minutes more before adding your peas to the pot. Bring to a short boil (3-4 minutes once the boil starts), then simmer for about 90 minutes. Serve over cornbread (I used the already made cornbread from the grocery store bakery, but be my guest to make your own WITHOUT SUGAR if you want to be authentic.)

Enjoy! **Fr. Mike**

## Sunday Notes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday:** Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



# Save These Dates!



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## ALL SAINTS DAY

### MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

8:00 a.m. | English

12:00 p.m. | English

7:00 p.m. | English/Spanish

MORE INFO



(708) 352 - 6209



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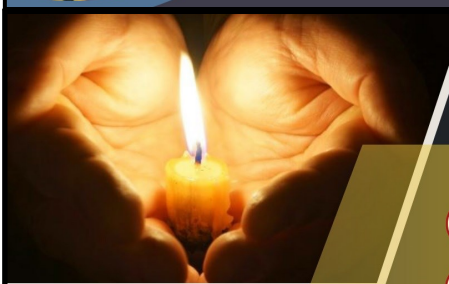


## Ladies!

Join the CCW for a Special Charcuterie Board Workshop Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 7pm



It's a night for some girl time, wine & delicious charcuterie. Come learn tips and tricks on how to create and style your very own charcuterie board! Join us and impress your guest this Holiday season.



## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. - (ENGLISH)

7:00 P.M. - (ENGLISH/SPANISH)

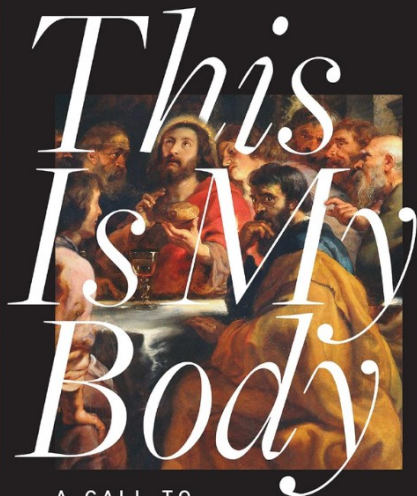
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

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# This Is My Body

A CALL TO EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

# AN AFTERNOON OF Reflection & Prayer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

## COME TO ANY OR ALL

### IN THE PARISH CENTER

3:00 P.M.

Presentation and sharing opportunity about the book in English and Spanish



### IN THE CHURCH

4:00 P.M.

Adoration & Benediction. A time for prayer and reconciliation.

5:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass



### IN THE PARISH CENTER

6:00 P.M.

A time for fellowship, gathering and Food.



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# Survey Results

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Earlier this year, parishioners at St. Cletus took the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey provided by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This survey allows parishes to compare with other parishes of similar size or location and the archdiocese as a whole. Additionally, the same survey instrument can be used in future years to show the progress of the parish.



### BLESSINGS

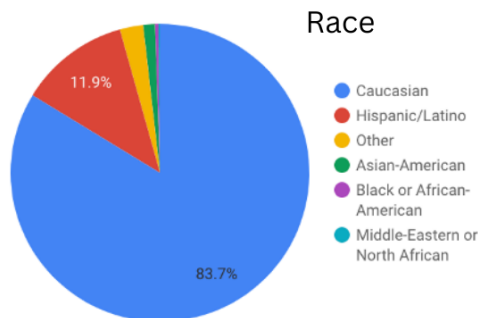
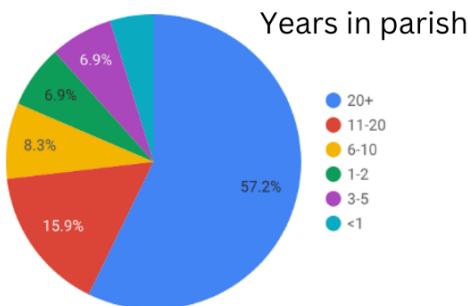
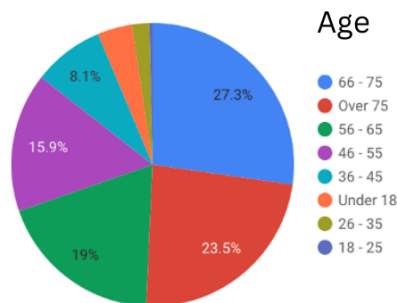
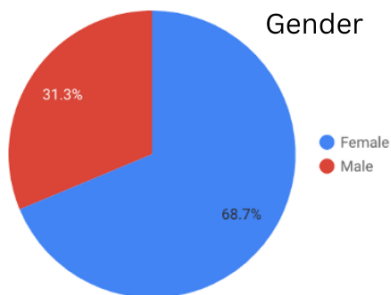
Some of the key tidbits about the parish follow here with percentages of responses that agree or strongly agree with the following statements:

- 86% with “I would recommend my parish to a friend.”
- 87% with “I would recommend the parish school to a friend.”
- 85% with “My parish makes me feel welcome and accepted.”
- 85% with “My parish helps me connect with the community by providing me opportunities to serve those in need.”

On the faith journey of the parish, there’s good news as well. Over 80% of respondents report at least weekly individual prayer time with God, and 78% of that group reports daily prayer time. Almost three-quarters of people responding volunteered to serve a community member at least once over the past year, and over half of those people did so at least quarterly. Building on the idea of “radical hospitality” that you have heard numerous times, it’s a message that is being embraced by the parish. Over 70% of respondents invited someone to join them for an activity (religious or social) at the parish at least once or twice a year.

St. Cletus had 674 surveys completed, with nearly 70% of the returned surveys coming from people who report attending Mass weekly or daily. This provides a strong, statistically significant base to draw some general conclusions from the survey about the parish.

For those with more interest in some of the basic demographics, below is a set of pie charts that describe the group of respondents:



# Survey Results

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

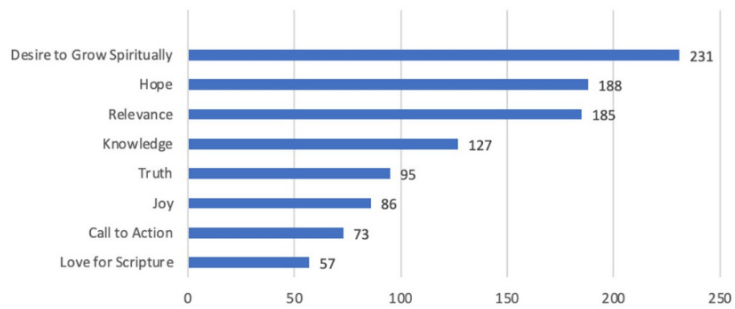
All parishes have opportunities for growth. These are the top three selected by those surveyed:

- More young people involved.
- More volunteers participating in ministries.
- More clarity on parish vision, direction, and goals.

### MOST IMPORTANT TAKEAWAY FROM HOMILY

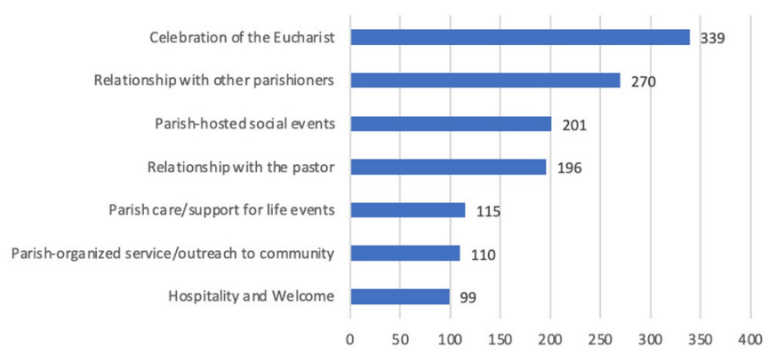
This was a fascinating question. Respondents were given eight options, and the parish results as a whole are below:

Top two most desired takeaways from a parish homily



### WHAT KEEPS SOMEONE CONNECTED?

Factors that keep someone connected in life of the parish



Given the option to select three choices from a total of 12, these are the findings:

### FIND OUT MORE!

The parish website has links to two separate aggregations of the data. The first is the official reporting tool from the Catholic Leadership Institute. The second tool available is a set of dashboards that covers many of the questions. If you have further questions about the survey results and would like to know more, please feel free to reach out via the Parish Pastoral Council's email address ([ppe@stcletus.org](mailto:ppe@stcletus.org)).



# Dia De Los Muertos



## Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos)

is a Mexican celebration when families gather to honor the memory of deceased loved ones on November 1 and 2. Spirits are guided home to enjoy offerings left for them on meticulously crafted altars. Its roots are a fusion of traditions found in Europe and Mesoamerica, particularly the ancient Aztec empire.

The altar is a complex creation with incredible symbolism as each element carries specific meaning. Here are the most important elements and what they mean.

*St. Cletus Hispanic Ministry in collaboration with the PPC bring you The Day of the Dead*

### Levels

"Ofrendas" can be made up of two, three or seven levels.  
**2 LEVELS** represent the division between the earth and the sky.  
**3 LEVELS** represent the sky, the earth and the underworld.  
**7 LEVELS** are the most common and relate to the seven levels that a soul must traverse before reaching heaven (or hell). It also relates to the Seven Deadly Sins.

### Incense

A chalice with incense or copal (an aromatic tree resin used in indigenous ceremonies) is placed on the altar. It is a way to purify the souls of the dead and ward off evil spirits.

### Water

A glass of water is often placed on the altar to quench the thirst of the deceased and strengthen them for their return journey.

### Banquet

To celebrate the arrival of your deceased loved ones, a banquet of their favorite food and drink items is placed as an offering.

### Salt

Salt is usually placed on a plate and stops the souls of the deceased from being corrupted by earthly temptations.

### Typical Food

As well as the deceased's favorite food items, altars usually contain traditional Day of the Dead food items such as Pan de Muerto, rice, mole, pumpkin, sugar cane, jicama and oranges - the fruits of the season.

### Fire

Fire in the form of candles and torches are symbols of our love for our deceased relatives and guiding lights for their spirits.

### Paper

"Ofrendas" usually have "papel picado" or tissue paper, typically in yellow and purple, made into intricate designs. They are a representation of the union between life and death.

### Flowers

Flowers are not just a beautiful visual addition to the altar. **YELLOW FLOWERS**, or cempazuchitl, are a guide for the spirits into the mortal world. **WHITE FLOWERS** represent the sky, while **PURPLE FLOWERS** are the traditional color of mourning in Mexico.

### Calaveras:

"Calaveras" or skulls are representations of deceased relatives. Made of sugar or chocolate and often consumed by kids after the celebration, they are an example of the Mexican ability to celebrate, mock and play with death.

### White Cross:

A cross made of slaked lime is drawn on the ground under the altar. It originally represented the four cardinal points corresponding to the four elements. Now it is also a representation of the Christian cross.





# Kids Corner

## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GREATEST  
LAW  
LOVE

LORD  
HEART  
SOUL

MIND  
NEIGHBOR  
YOURSELF

T	R	E	W	A	H	C	I	H	C	E
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C	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	M	A
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## MISSION

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
31 de octubre, 2023	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
29 de octubre 2023	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Iglesia Church</b>
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
<b>Sábados</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Confesiones</b>	<b>Iglesia</b>



## ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

## NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

## DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

## GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

## BOLETOS DE RIFA



El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupeano estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 20% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el día 12 de diciembre, 2023 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeana. No es necesario estar presente para ganar. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupeano Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities. The donation per ticket is \$5.00. The 20% collected from the tickets will be the grand prize, the drawing will be held on December 12, 2023 during the

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Need not be present to win. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441

## ¡GRACIAS!

Deseamos agradecer a las siguientes personas por su donación para la compra del mantel bordado a mano para el altar. Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad. **Gracias**

- Veronica Rivera**
- Luis y Beronica Martinez**
- Manuel y Margarita Ruiz**
- Luis y Mary Lopez**
- Daniel Solis**
- Rosamaria Martin**
- Dn. Ramon y Reyna Cazales**
- Rogelio y Angelica Cansino**
- Juanita Avila**
- Armando y Anita Fulgencio**

## Thank you!

We would like to thank the above people for their donation towards the purchase of the hand-embroidered altar cloth. May God bless you for your generosity.

## ¡AGRADECIMIENTO!



Un agradecimiento a todos los Ujieres de habla hispana por su participación en la clase de formación continua que se llevó a cabo el pasado viernes 27 de octubre 2023, gracias por su tiempo y dedicación y por decirle si al Nuestro Señor, aceptando servir aquí en la Iglesia de San Cleto. Gracias.

## THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all the Spanish-speaking Ushers for their participation in the continuing education class that took place last Friday, October 27, 2023 thank you for your time and dedication and for saying yes to Our Lord agreeing to serve here at St. Cletus Church. Thank you.

# Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS  
FOOD PANTRY**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**4-8PM**

Wish List:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Potatoes
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Chili

Follow us on  
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@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 CHANCE:** If you are interested in signing up as a recipient of Thanksgiving and/or Giving Tree, you can do so at any Thursday night food pantry distribution in October or by calling Kendall at 708.215.5418. Registration must be completed by October 31.

### Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities:



Please read the descriptions carefully to make sure it is the right slot for you before signing up. Some slots are offsite, have age minimums, require heavy lifting, driving, etc.

**TURKEY BUCKS:** Volunteers are needed at Jewel Osco (Countryside) to help customers provide a Thanksgiving Meal to a family in need. This is essential for our Thanksgiving program! Sign up for a day, YOU PICK the time. Totally flexible for your schedule!

**THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION:** Volunteers needed for set up & distribution of Thanksgiving meals on Saturday, November 18-Sunday, November 19.

**Thanksgiving Volunteer Sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-turkey#/>

### Christmas Giving Tree Volunteer Opportunities

NOW AVAILABLE! Please read descriptions for age limits, locations, tasks and other important details before signing up.

**Tag Making, Hanging, & Gift Card Sales:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-giving2#/>

**Giving Tree Collection Weekend 12/8-12/10:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-giving6#/>

**Giving Tree Distribution Weekend 12/16 & 12/17:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-giving7#/>



**ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS  
COOKIES!**



# Cookies Needed!





# Parish Potluck

## ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



A beautiful Autumn atmosphere was created in Clark Hall for the return of one of CCW's most popular parish events: our Parish Family Potluck. Delicious aromas filled the hall along with a wide variety of homemade salads, vegetable dishes, regional (Fr. Mike's Hoppin' John), and traditional specialties (lasagna, German potato salad, egg rolls) and of course desserts. We served 172 parish friends and neighbors. This was truly an example of the *Radical Hospitality* that we, at CCW, are committed to provide to our members and parishioners. A very large Thank You goes out to all those who volunteered to make this evening such a success including Karen Ziembra who chaired this event.

We also thank all who made donations to help defray some of the cost of the delicious chicken served as our main entree. Thanks too to those who purchased Vintage Christmas ornaments supporting our scholarship fund, benefitting St. Cletus School and Faith Formation programs.

### Look for our upcoming events in the weeks ahead:

**Wed. Nov. 8 7pm CCW General Meeting : How to put together a Holiday Charcuterie board.**

**Sun. Dec. 3 7:45am-1:30pm Parish HOHO Holiday Breakfast: Reservations requested. .**





# School News

## University of Notre Dame and St. Cletus School

St. Cletus has been invited to consider a unique opportunity with the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame has secured a generous grant to help a school in the Archdiocese of Chicago grow a dual language Spanish immersion program starting with pre-school for the 2024-2025 school year.

An exploratory committee was established by the Archdiocese of Chicago to consider schools around the Archdiocese for this partnership. The committee believes St. Cletus is a strong candidate for this partnership having evaluated many factors including: physical space for classrooms, proximity of other dual language programs, community's openness to diversity, and the willingness to offer students as many educational opportunities as possible. We've had great success this year enriching our Spanish classes for our three year-old preschool students from one day to five days per week. We are so fortunate that one of our parents stepped forward and offered to work with students in what has been referred to as ECLIP (Early Childhood Language Intensive Program) this school year. I can understand why the Archdiocese chose our school community.

If we were to accept this opportunity, the dual language Spanish immersion program would not replace our existing PK-8 grade classroom programs. Instead, it would be in addition to our current classroom offerings.

The Dual Language Program, thoroughly researched and supported by University of Notre Dame and the Archdiocese of Chicago will offer students a unique opportunity as St. Cletus will be the first suburban Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Chicago to offer a dual language program. We are looking forward to evaluating this partnership and considering how St. Cletus can offer even more unique opportunities for our children.

We plan to discern this opportunity as a school and faith community. It will include active outreach to gain the insights of our school staff, school families, School Board, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, as well as parishioners. We will administer a community survey, sit down for listening sessions, and host a Q&A night with representatives from Notre Dame over the next several weeks.

We ask you to prayerfully consider the benefits of this opportunity, as well as ask any questions you might have during our sessions. Please continue to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us through this opportunity and process. Thank you for your continued support and growth of St. Cletus School.

Blessings,

Father Elmer Romero  
Pastor

Gregory N. Porod,  
M. Ed., Supt. End.

## Ed Ward Fine Art Series THIS WEEKEND



THE ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS

# RAGTIME CONCERT

OCTOBER 29, 2023

4:00 P.M.

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

[www.edwardfinearts.com](http://www.edwardfinearts.com) | Free Admission | Donations Accepted



FEATURING  
**BOB MILNE**

# Ministry News

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY (A CREDO MINISTRY)

## CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



St. Margaret Mary recommended the following devotion to her novices for the octave of All Souls Day: "In union with the Divine Heart of Jesus make a short pilgrimage to purgatory at night. Offer Him your activities of the day and ask Him to apply His merits to the suffering souls. At the same time implore them to obtain for you the grace to live and die in the love and friendship of this Divine Heart. Fortunate will you be, if you succeed in obtaining deliverance for some of these imprisoned souls, for you will gain as many friends in heaven." Tassone, Susan, *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: 365 Reflections*, Our Sunday Visitor 2014

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 48 prayer warriors praying for 440 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones AT NO COST**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us in prayer for the holy souls! May purgatory be emptied!!! May no soul be forgotten!!!

Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

**Special intentions for November anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, November 6th, 8am.**

**Special intentions for December anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, December 4th, 8am.**

St. Cletus Parish

700 W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street LaGrange, IL

2023 Boys Church Basketball League

Boys Church League Basketball registration is now open. Practices are one weeknight (day and time determined by availability of coaches, boys and gym), at St. Cletus and games are Saturday evenings and some Sundays at area churches and gyms. The cost is \$125.00 per player.

**In order to have a season, we do need some help. Please consider helping us run the season for our St. Cletus boys this year! Email Lawrence Manett at [lmanetti@stcletusparish.com](mailto:lmanetti@stcletusparish.com) to help.**

**Registration forms can also be found on the parish website.**

# 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.



## PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

**Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**In the month of November, we prayerfully remember the saints and all the faithful departed. This month, the students of St. Rita High School will commemorate the fallen firefighters and police officers that have been laid to rest.**

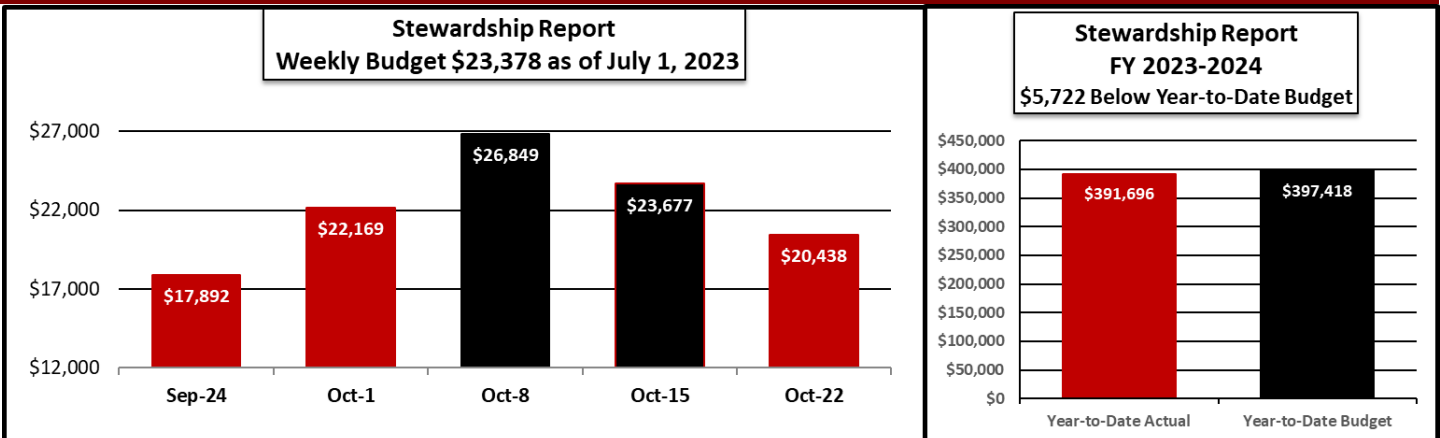
**Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. **Confession is available at 6:00 p.m.** Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at [sritashrinechicago.com](http://sritashrinechicago.com) for more information.



# Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 29	10:30am 4pm	Church Church	Family Mass Ed Ward Fine Art Series
Monday, October 30	6:15-9pm	Gallagher Room	<b>CREDO</b> Chosen Discussion Group
Tuesday, October 31	12:45-3pm 7-8pm	School Church	Trunk Or Treat School Event Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, November 1	8am 9-12pm 12pm 1-1:45pm 7pm 8-10pm	Church Gallagher Room Church Church Church Parish Center	Mass with School Children Mission Ladies Solemnity of All Saints Living Rosary Solemnity of All Saints School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, November 2	8am 4-8pm 7pm	Church Food Pantry Church	Mass with School Children Food Pantry Distribution Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Friday, November 3	6-9pm	Parish Center	Sip N Shop Vendor Fair
Saturday, November 4			
Sunday, November 5			

## Stewardship Report



## Preferred Partners




*Thank you!*



# 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.*

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

## MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

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

## WEDDINGS

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

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

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

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate** (708) 215-5412  
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**Juanita Avila, Head of Hispanic Ministry**

### SCHOOL STAFF (708) 352-4820

**Gregory Porod, Principal**  
**Christy Schaefer, Assistant Principal**  
**Mary Lee Krieger, Administrative Assistant**  
**Kate Townsend, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant**  
**Sara Hodak, Marketing/Development**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF (708) 352-2383

**Lawrence Manetti, Director of Faith Formation for Children**

**Hector Obregon-Luna, Director of Evangelization and Renewal**

**Clara Santin, Faith Formation Administrative Assistant**

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF (708) 352-6209

**Jim Dion, Business Manager**  
**Olga Montalvo, Parish Administrative Assistant**  
**Silvia Castellanos, Parish Secretary**  
**Sara Hodak, Bulletin Editor and Director of Social Media**  
**Doug Morrissey, Parish Finance Council Chairperson,**  
 Email: [finance@stcletusparish.com](mailto:finance@stcletusparish.com)  
**Helen McComiskey, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson**  
 Email: [ppc@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ppc@stcletusparish.com)

## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Elmer Romero  
 Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

### LIAISONS

FSA President ..... Joleen Kirchens  
 Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement

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

### Vision Statement

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