



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— PSALM 103:8

2022 CONFIRMANDI

Anthony *Tono* Almeida
 Maria *Angela* Almeida
 Martin *Christopher* Almeida
 Victor *Manuel* Almeida
 Jackelyn *Guadalupe* Alvarez
 Ian *Peter* Barajas
 Isabella *Kateri* Barnwell
 Morgan *Ambrose* Blacklock
 Kristen *Ann* Blumenthal
 Brianne *Catherine* Buday
 Devin *Monica* Burger
 Justin *John Paul* Cabana
 Emma *Guadalupe* Calderon
 Ximena *Guadalupe* Calderon
 Mariana *Lucy* Castillejo
 Jacqueline *Maria Teresa*
 Castillo-Lopez
 Tamara *Cecilia* Cosentino
 Colin *Sebastian* Czochara
 Oliver *Francis* De Santiago
 Grace *Clare* Degnan
 Nicholas *Michael* DiPasquale
 Patrick *George* Doppke
 Gavin *Patrick* Driscoll
 Dane *Joseph* Estrada
 Vito *Christopher* Falco
 Aliya *Lucia* Fernandez
 Jack *Peter* Finnegan
 Nora *Rose* Foley
 Ashley *Fatima* Garcia
 Jason *Michael* Garza
 Sophia *Guadalupe* Godinez
 Zahid *Jude* Gonzalez
 Maya *Elizabeth* Goryl

Rylee *Clare* Gorzynski
 Ainsley *Philomena* Grove
 Owen *Joseph* Hogan
 Frank *Francis* Holdman
 Clara *Faith* Kennedy
 Anthony *Francis* Lopez
 Benita *Maria* Lopez
 Daniela *Pio* Martinez Gallegos
 Kailey *Teresa* McGuire
 Isabel *Beatriz* McKeehan
 Connor *George* McNeer
 Stephanie *Gemma* Mendez-Chavez
 Caroline *Gemma* Mhley
 Olga *Cecilia* Montalvo
 Mateo *Matthew* Mosqueda
 Abigail *Francis* Murillo
 Dahlia *Jude* Murillo
 Evelyn *Therese* Murillo
 Peter *Peter* Nicola
 Chloe *Christopher* Nisbet
 Zadie *Christopher* Nisbet
 Elizabeth *Rose* Noga
 Kaitlin *Eileen* O'Brien
 Natalie *Rose* Ocampo
 Elise *Agnes* Ochoa
 Darragh *Blane* O'Keefe
 Bryn *Brigid* O'Keefe
 Serafina *Margaret* Olano
 Katelyn *Teresa* O'Toole
 Matthew *Patrick* Papa
 Elizabeth *Maura* Pedergnana
 Olivia *Guadalupe* Pedraza
 Yumalae *Guadalupe* Pelayo
 Jenna *Gianna* Pigatto

Katherine *Cecilia* Potter
 Bianca *Abigail* Prado
 Kevin *Christopher* Prado
 Kathleen *Rose* Proctor
 Iris *Therese* Pulido
 Gillian *Kateri* Quam-Hernandez
 Emily *Christina* Radulski
 Camila *Guadalupe* Ramirez-Garcia
 Adelyne *Asella* Richards
 Sophia *Maria* Rodriguez
 Eduardo *Joseph* Rojas
 Claire *Brigid* Rufa
 Isabella *Faustina* Ruiz
 Chloe *Teresa* Russell
 Michael *Polycarp* Russell
 Alyssa *Jane* Salgado
 Jessica *Anne* Salgado
 Jose *Jude* Salgado
 Aidan *Sebastian* Santiago
 Maura *Sarah* Schneider
 Lucy *Teresa* Schoenecker
 Gabriela *Teresa* Solecki
 Brian *Sebastian* Solis
 Nathan *Justin* Sosne
 Daniella *Veronica* Spahija
 Jack *Robert* Stojetz
 Joseph *Michael* Sweeney
 Angela *Teresa* Tobolski
 Grace *Gianna* Townsend
 Ashley *Matthew* Uhler
 Michael *John Paul* Valenzuela
 Mia *Elizabeth* Vari
 Erick *Lady of Mt. Carmel* Vega
 Angela *Elizabeth* Wideikis

Mass Intentions for February 21 - 27, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
February 21	8:00am	Fr. Romero	John Jacobs, Frank Wojcik
February 22	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Reynolds Aranas
February 23	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Giovanna Vieceli, John Jacobs
February 24	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
February 25	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Louis Vieceli, BC Collins, Daniel Klepczarek
February 26	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	Jean Contios, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Judith Kizior
February 27	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Richard Gomez, Elizabeth Pirman, Michelina Savaia
	8:45am	Fr. Costello	Daniel Buonamici, Samuel Colonna, James Jasinski
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Thomas Birks, Les Zaczek, Ola Maveety, Walter Maveety, Judy Dematteo, Rose Fingl
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	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.

February - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri

January - Larry Anders, Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 2

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

6:30 a.m. Prayer Service	3:30 p.m. Prayer Service
8:00 a.m. Mass	6:00 p.m. Prayer Service
9:30 a.m. School Mass	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

The St. Cletus Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMITTMENT WEEKEND

We invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility."

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

Today (2/19) 107 of our children received the sacrament of Confirmation! They were confirmed by Bishop Kevin Birmingham, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate IV which is the vicariate that we belong to. On behalf of our parish community, I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to Bishop Birmingham for confirming our children at a special Mass today.

Each person who was confirmed today successfully completed their preparation. They took the time to learn about the faith. They shared with others how they were becoming aware of God's presence in their lives. They discovered the importance and value of serving others. They also learned to appreciate the importance of community and fellowship. In this journey, they were guided and accompanied by their parents, sponsors, the community of St. Cletus, and by faith-filled leaders of our Religious Education program such as Barb Campbell and Griselda Rahman. Your guidance, the time you shared with them, your kindness, and the witness you gave to each of them will be remembered and appreciated by them always. My heartfelt gratitude to you all.

Another responsibility that was given to each person who was confirmed today was to write a letter to the pastor. They were given the following questions: What have you done to prepare for Confirmation? What was the most meaningful experience for you? Why do you want to receive Confirmation? After Confirmation, how will you be a more active participant in the Church? What does commitment to your faith mean to you?

I am pleased to report to you that the letters I received from them were well written. As I read each of their letters, I noticed that the Lord was sharing with me His peace, joy, and grace. This is something that I want you to experience as I share with you some of their comments or resolutions.

- *Getting closer to God.*
- *Giving my time back to those in need.*
- *I am very deep in my faith.*
- *I want to make the world a better place.*
- *Serving the homeless.*
- *I will always try to remain committed to my faith.*
- *It's confirming my Catholicism.*
- *Treat everyone with respect and kindness.*
- *Brought me closer to my mom who took me to almost every volunteer service.*
- *I want to receive confirmation to devote myself to God and become more active in the church community.*
- *I will continue to pray and have God be a part of my life.*
- *To be a witness to the gospel of Jesus and to join in building up his church.*
- *I realize that I like helping people.*
- *I value my faith and want to be closer to God.*
- *I will always trust in God to guide me to be like him and make the right choices.*

Please join me in giving thanks to God for each of them. They are each a gift from God to us. They show us that God is real, alive, and close to us. Let us continue to walk with them as we keep them in our prayers daily.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Sound System Updates

Dear Friends,

After a complete analysis of the needs that the sound and video systems require and after careful vetting of several proposals for a replacement system, we are raising the necessary funds to fulfill those needs.

We have begun to receive donations from members of the St. Cletus community toward achieving our goal. The expected cost of the new sound and video systems is \$110,000. As of this week we have raised \$49,003. Thank you to all those whose generous contributions have gotten us started.

As you can see in the graphic below, we have attained approximately 44% of the funds needed. A good start, but far from enough to acquire the remedy we so desperately need.

Please consider a donation toward meeting the challenge of making our facilities truly meet our needs and expectations.

Your donations can be made electronically through the parish website at <https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>.

Alternatively, donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office at:

St. Cletus Parish | 600 W. 55th St. | La Grange, IL 60525

or by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday mass. If donating by check, please write the words "Sound System" in the memo line.

Your generosity will be deeply appreciated. God bless you.

Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor



Renew My Church

WHAT IS RENEW MY CHURCH?

Renew My Church is a proactive, strategic effort to ensure the sustainable growth of our Church for the future. Renew My Church is meant to ensure that all parish are vibrant, vital, and life-giving and have the resources they need to carry out the mission of the Church.

WHAT DOES RENEW MY CHURCH MEAN TO ST. CLETUS?

Renew My Church for the St. Cletus Community begins a spiritual journey to re-encounter Jesus both an individual disciples and as parish community. Through three initiatives, we are asked to recommit to the gospel mission:

- Make disciples
- Build vital communities of faith
- Inspire witness that brings the light and hope of Christ to a world in need

These three mission imperatives guide all that we will do in our renewal efforts.

Renew My Church does NOT mean that St. Cletus Parish or school will be closing or merging, as some other parishes have experienced. As previously

announced, St. Cletus is a strong and vibrant parish, but ALL parishes in the Archdiocese are participating in Renew my Church.

INVITATION TO PARISH CONVERSATION



We invite you to join our parish planning team for a Renew My Church parish conversation on **Thursday, February 24 from 7:00-8:00pm in church.**

In this meeting we will:

- Pray and discuss Renew My Church and the process we are going through together
- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping
- Answer your questions

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal - Commitment Weekend

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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...
God's promise and our responsibility



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Campaña Católica Anual 2022

Hacer nuevas todas las cosas...
La promesa de Dios y nuestra responsabilidad



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Thank you for your generosity,

Fr. Dan

Le invito a pasar algún tiempo esta semana reflexionando sobre los materiales de la Campaña Católica Anual que debe haber recibido en su boletín o en el correo. La Campaña Católica Anual es muy diferente de una colecta especial que ocurre una sola vez: es un compromiso prometido de hacer una donación a lo largo del tiempo. Su compromiso se puede pagar a plazos. Cada compromiso de donación hace una diferencia, porque todas las parroquias participan en la campaña y las donaciones de muchos permiten a nuestra arquidiócesis ofrecer los ministerios y los servicios necesarios para responder al llamado de "Hacer nuevas todas las cosas...La promesa de Dios y nuestra responsabilidad". Si usted recibió su formulario de compromiso en el correo, por favor llénelo y envíelo de vuelta. Este año, también alentamos a nuestros feligreses a hacer sus donaciones a la Campaña Católica Anual en línea en annualcatholicappeal.com.

Gracias por su generosidad,

Pd. Dan

Sunday Notes

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.
— Luke 6:27



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LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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RECIPROCITY

If God loved us as much as we love God, where would we all be?

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day
 Tuesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
 Wednesday: St. Polycarp
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week that is pleasing to God?

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FAMILY MASS FEB. 27 AT 10:30AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022
10:30 AM

*"To go to Mass together will be
the light of Sunday for a family."*

Pope Benedict XVI



St. Cletus School

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CHESS CLUB SUCCESS

We are proud of our chess team who represented St. Cletus School at a tournament last weekend.

K-3rd placed 3rd in their division and 4th-8th placed 2nd in their division! What a showing! Way to go Cardinals!



MUSIC CLASS

Mr. Jim Eckwall of Eckwall Piano Tuners, LLC recently visited music classes with Mrs. Ziemba to show students the inner workings of a piano. Students learned about the various components of the instrument and how it is tuned.



ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

Save the date for a fun, night celebrating our school at the St. Cletus Spring Auction 2022

WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd

TIME: 6-11pm

WHERE: St. Cletus Parish Center Fr. Clark Gym

Please email auktion@stcletusparish.com for information on becoming a sponsor or making a donation



ST. CLETUS CARDINAL RAFFLE

We want to send another heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Cardinal Raffle!! You helped us raise nearly \$35,000! Truly amazing!



Social Concerns Ministry



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

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations for a few weeks. Thank you!

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

St. Cletus Girl Scouts made Valentine’s bags for kiddos at the food pantry! We were so excited when they reached out with this thoughtful and creative way to surprise and treat the families coming to the food pantry...while cultivating a heart for service in these young scouts.

Thank you!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**GREATER
CHICAGO
- FOOD -
DEPOSITORY.**

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, 8-10 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. Our next volunteer session will be Saturday, March 19 from 8:30-11:30. Volunteers can be ages 16+. Volunteers age 11-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

GCFD is located at: 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632. You can also sign up to go at a convenient time for you. Please designate St. Cletus Food Pantry-Agency #A01336, as the recipient of your volunteer credits. For more info: www.chicagosfoodbank.org

At the time of this writing: All GCFD volunteers, contractors and employees must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Volunteers will be asked for confirmation of vaccination status. GCFD requires volunteers to wear masks and practice social distancing when volunteering. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us end hunger!

The GCFD requests that we wear long pants, shirts that cover the shoulder and shoes that cover the entire foot. There are lockers in the building to hold your valuables.

LENTEN OUTREACH

As we prepare for Lent, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after Masses March 5-6. All ages are welcome.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4uxnad3f> to view slots and sign up.



WORD OF LIFE



“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Religious Education

LOVE DAY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last Sunday our fourth graders and a specially chosen “Loved One” joined us for some fun at our annual Love Day. We gathered together to recognize the special traits that our Loved Ones have, and awarded them with special medals while sharing stories of their wonderful qualities. We also did a fun craft project, and had a blast doing music with Mrs. Ziemba, our Director of Music Ministries. During our time together, we learned how God asks us to love Him and our neighbor. We showed love for our neighbor by doing a service project. We made Prayer Treasure jars for some parishioners in need of prayer and love. We ended our time together with a special prayer service, and blessing each other. It was a *lovely* time!



SAVE THE DATE! VBS IS BACK!

We are now taking registrations for our upcoming Monumental VBS to be held on June 13-17, 2022. Please see the parish website for more details and the registration forms!



Youth Ministry

ARE YOU READY FOR FAT TUESDAY?



Worried you will have to wait in long lines for your paczki? **Youth Ministry has you covered!**

Join us after all masses on **Sunday, February 27th** to purchase your freshly made strawberry or custard filled paczki from Kirschbaum's Bakery. We will be selling them four to a box for \$10. All proceeds go towards our Mission Trip in June of this year. Don't delay – we have limited supply, so when we sell out, you will need to wait on long lines at the bakery!

Thanks so much for your support of our Youth Ministry program!

KAIROS 38 RETREAT



We are excited to invite Juniors and Seniors in High School to Kairos 38! The retreat will take place on **March 10-13, 2022**, at the Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines. We are so excited to be able to bring this retreat back to our teens, despite the ongoing pandemic! Please take advantage of this opportunity to encounter Jesus, make new close friends, and take some much needed time for yourself.

Registration is now open! **Registration forms can be found on our website**, or the St. John of the Cross website (stjohnofthecross.org). Download the registration form from this website and return the completed form to the St. Cletus Parish Center (600 W. 55th Street, La Grange), or the St. John of the Cross Parish Center (5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs) **by February 25, 2022.**

MISSION TRIP



We have 93 teens and adults going to Montague, Michigan in June! We are so excited to serve others during our week-long Mission Trip. Thank you for your support of our fundraisers! Last weekend, we had the first of many meetings with our teens to give them the opportunity to get to know each other better before we depart. We had a Super Bowl themed party with lots of fun! When we asked them to reflect on why they signed up for the mission trip, here are some of the teen's responses:

- To help those in need and strengthen my faith
- To help others and connect with God while having fun with friends
- To make a difference
- I want to serve the less fortunate and have a closer relationship with God
- To become closer to the Lord
- To serve God and make a difference!
- To meet new people and serve others!
- To help people and bond with members of my Church
- I like helping the community in any way I can

Ministry News

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FATHER'S CLUB



SAVE THE DATE!!!

1st Annual Father's Club Lenten Fish Fry

NEW DATE: Friday, March 18th @ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center

All Parishioners and their families and friends are welcome!

Please contact Jim Ludden at (630) 880-2415 if you are interested in helping out!.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The world-wide “Synod on Synodality” is underway now! This is a gathering of bishops and everyone in the church in order to make ourselves more “synodal” - that is, working together and walking together to make ourselves and our church better and more unified.

The three keys to the Synod are communion, participation, and mission. We are all invited to take part in the synod, and Pope Francis has specifically asked for participation of the laity. We are invited to reflect on the themes of communion, participation and mission and send our thoughts to the Archdiocese in order to be included as part of the synod reflections. If you would like more information on the synod in general or to include your thoughts, please visit <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod>.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209.

HISPANIC MINISTRY TAMALES SALES



El Ministerio Hispano estará vendiendo tamales el domingo 27 de febrero, 2022 para recaudar fondos para el sistema de sonido de nuestra parroquia. Estaremos tomando ordenes este domingo 20 de febrero,

2022 después de la misa de las 12:30PM. También, si gustan pueden hacer sus órdenes durante la semana en persona en el Centro Pastoral o por teléfono al 708-215-5445. Necesitamos su apoyo para que este proyecto tenga éxito.

The Hispanic Ministry will be having a tamale sale on Sunday, February 27, 2022 to raise funds for the Parish Sound System. We will be taking orders Sunday, February 20, 2022 after the 12:30PM Mass. Also, if you would like to place your order during the week, they can be made at the Parish Center or by phone 708-215-5445. We need your support for this project to be successful

HISPANIC MINISTRY SATURDAY ADORATION



Adorado sea El Santísimo Sacramento
Por Siempre...

La comunidad hispana de San Cleto, ha estado realizando la Adoración Nocturna todos los segundos sábados de cada mes en el horario de 7:00pm a 10:30pm. A partir del mes de diciembre 2021 comenzamos hacerlo durante toda la noche con el debido permiso de nuestro párroco P. Elmer Romero. El nuevo horario ahora será de 9:00pm a 5:30am. Todos son bienvenidos a rendir Adoración a nuestro Señor. Para cualquier pregunta dirigirla al consejo parroquial 708-502-4891.

Ave María Purísima
Sin pecado concebida ...

Adored be the Blessed Sacrament
Forever...

The Hispanic community of St. Cletus has been performing Nocturnal Adoration every second Saturday of each month from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. As of December 2021, we begin to do it all night with the due permission of our parish Pastor, Fr. Elmer Romero. The new hours will now be from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am. All are welcome to pay Adoration to our Lord. For any questions please call the parish council at 708-502-4891.

HISPANIC MINISTRY TUESDAY ADORATION

Cada martes a las 7:00PM estaremos haciendo la Adoración al Santísimo en la Parroquia.

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM we will be doing the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish.

Community News

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES



Sing!
SONGS YOU LOVE
FEATURING MUSICIANS YOU KNOW

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AT 4:00 P.M.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

FREE ADMISSION | More info at www.edwardfas.com

Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 pm, we will present "Sing!" Join us for an afternoon of songs you love to sing along with! From folk to pop, rock to jazz and more - this concert will be led by faces familiar to the Fine Arts Series and will encourage not just enjoying the music, but singing along from the audience too!

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests.

In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people.

Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you.

Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do.

In your name we pray.
Amen

Vocation Office | Bishop Quarter House
750 North Wabash Avenue | Chicago, IL 60611 | Chicagopriest.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

“Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God”... and Baby David was born!

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Location: Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th St., Downers Grove

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WOMEN'S CARE CENTER JOB OPENING

Who We Are: Women's Care Center is the nation's largest pregnancy resource center. Founded in 1984, the organization now serves 30,000 women annually from thirty-two centers in eleven states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Our mission is simple: to help pregnant women from our communities choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents and take first steps to self-sufficiency.

Who We Are Looking For: To help advance our mission, Women's Care Center is seeking a compassionate Ultrasound Tech/ Registered Nurse for our pro-life pregnancy centers in La Grange, Illinois and Merrillville, Indiana.

Qualifications: Ultrasonography or Nursing Degree, Spanish speaking a plus, Full-time and part-time positions available

Please submit a resume and cover letter with your application to janemorinwcc@gmail.com.

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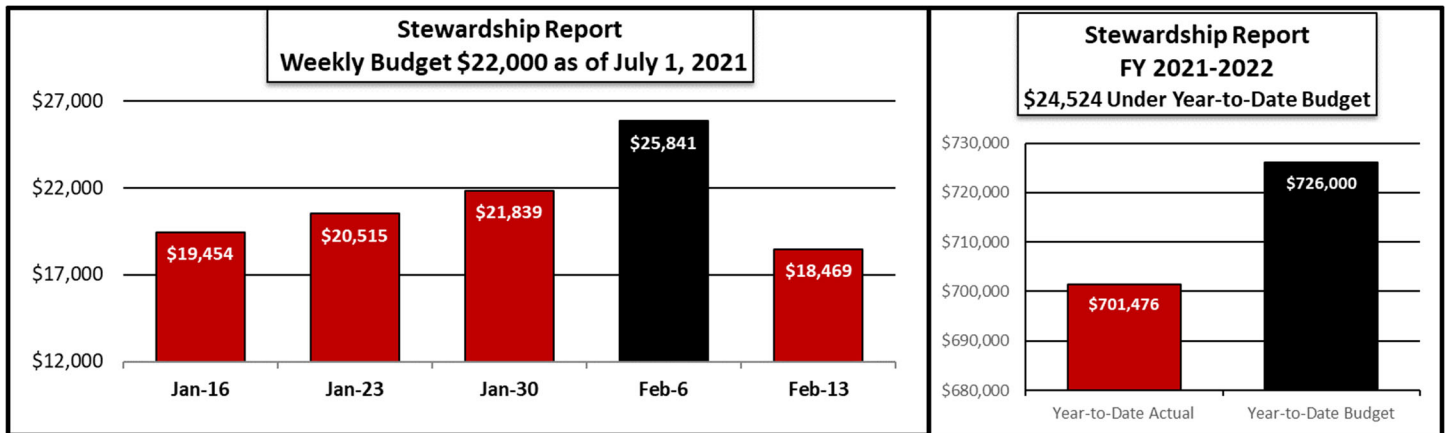
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 20			
Monday, February 21			
Tuesday, February 22	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, February 23	9:00am 1:00pm 7:30pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers Church League Practice
Thursday, February 24	6-8pm 6:00pm 8:15pm	Parking Lot Church School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Renew My Church Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 25			
Saturday, February 26	8:30am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, February 27			

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone # _____

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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.

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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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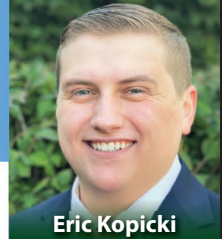
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