

# *Saint Cletus Parish Canticle*

**You shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.**  
— DEUTERONOMY 6:5

## **Born Into Eternal Life Buried from St. Cletus Parish**

NOVEMBER 2020 - 2021

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## Mass Intentions for November 1 - 7, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
November 1	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Harold Janecek, Jr., Bill Bolton, Helen White, Theron Tobolski, Raymond Tobolski
November 2	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Andrew Wnek, Liliana de Gutierrez
November 3	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Sue Baker
November 4	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Stella Kadlec
November 5	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Nan Rettig
November 6	5:00pm	Fr. Baker	Louis & Irene Schoenberger, Benjamin Horonzy, Curt Davies, Elizabeth Stange, Samuel Colonna, Elizabeth Freeman
November 7	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, Frank Wojcik, Rosemary Kegl, Geroge Duda Lillian Lyons Mike O'Connell, BC Collins, Ann Connelly, Ann Marie Nabor, Maria DeLarosa, Michael Lomardo Angel & Margarita Jaramillo, Ricardo Zuniga & Natalia Temblador, Estella Reyes
	8:45am	Fr. Costello	
	10:30am	Fr. Baker	
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	

### 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 Mozden, 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.*

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org).

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Monday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. It is not a holy day of obligation this year in the United States.

We will celebrate the day at our regular 8am mass and with a school mass at 9:30am.

### ALL SOULS MASS

A special, bi-lingual mass will be offered for All Soul's Day on Tuesday evening, November 2nd at 7pm. Celebrated in English and Spanish, we will remember our beloved dead and especially all of our faithful departed who were buried from St. Cletus during the past year.

### 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**



## Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

Our good and gracious Lord continues to bless our efforts, initiatives, our love for our parish and one another.

On Monday, October 18, 2021, we held our first Sharing Our Blessings gathering. We were blessed to be joined by over 100 of you. I was happy to see many families joining us. I saw many children praying and sharing their blessings and joys with us. I think we all had a great time together. My sincere gratitude to all for making our gathering so special.

Speaking of Sharing Our Blessings, I am delighted to let you know that Fr. Kevin Hays will be celebrating Mass at our parish regularly. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He served as Pastor at the following parishes: St. Roman, Epiphany, and Notre Dame. He served as a Missionary priest in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Mexico. He speaks Spanish perfectly. Recently he retired from active ministry. Today, he will celebrate our 12:30 PM Mass. Please give him a warm welcome to our parish.

On Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 PM we held our first Parish Finance Council meeting in the Gallagher Room. We started our meeting with a prayer. Then, we spent some time getting to know each other by sharing two or three things about ourselves. Each of us also had an opportunity to share with the committee one hope or dream for our parish. It was a beautiful exercise which allowed us to feel more comfortable with one another. Then, we took a good amount of time understanding the nature and purpose of the Parish Finance Council. We were helped by the following resources: *A Concise Guide to Canon Law: A practical Handbook for Pastoral Ministers* by Kevin E. McKenna; *Parish Best Practices for Internal Controls and Parish Finance Council Guidelines* issued by the Archdioceses of Chicago.

We also took some time to become aware and talk about some items that need our attention. One of them is our current sound system in church. We unanimously agreed that this is a priority. We said that we will unite our efforts to address it as soon as possible. We concluded our meeting by touring the Rectory to consider the need for any repairs. We will hold our second meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Please continue to hold each member of the Parish Finance Council in your prayers.

Below you will see their hopes for the parish as member of the new Parish Finance Council. I invite you to read their hopes prayerfully.

*My hopes for the Parish as a member of the Parish Finance Council is to help ensure that the Parish's mission, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, is achieved through the prudent and responsible management of the Parish's financial resources. As an usher, every week I see the generous donations made by the parishioners during Mass to support this mission. I am excited that Fr. Elmer shares this passion and is planning to enhance the outreach of the various ministries as well as to ensure the financial well-being of the parish for generations to come! - Jonathan Andrews*

*As a new member of the Parish Finance Council, it is my hope that I can help identify ways to reduce costs, identify shortfalls and find innovating ways to attract new parishioners so we can grow and become more financially stable.—Adriana Varela*

*I am excited to be a part of the St. Cletus Parish Finance Council. I am certain that our work will assist the parish to improve and grow. Just as importantly, I hope that we will be able to give our fellow parishioners assurance that their gifts are being put to the best possible use. - Douglas Morrissey*

*I hope to see St. Cletus continue to grow as a parish. I'd love to see more people back in church now that the pandemic is dying down. I'd also hope that we continue to support the extended community through efforts like the food pantry and the giving tree/holiday food baskets. I'd love to see the parish rummage sale return as it was a wonderful way to bring the parish together while reaching out to those in need. We have amazing volunteers in our parish, and I'd love to see more opportunities for them to help out. - Patty Morrissey*

*My hope and I pray that your continued support will guide, nurture, and inspire me through the Holy Spirit to accomplish and "assist the pastor in the temporal affairs and financial administration of the parish." By accomplishing these norms, I hope to be a good financial steward and foster a parish environment that will make us all proud of our beautiful, welcoming house, St. Cletus. - Tom Reisel*

May the Lord continue to allow us to share our blessings with joy!

Fr. Elmer  
Pastor



# Sharing our Blessings

## MORE REFLECTIONS FROM SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

*On Monday evening, October 18, several hundred parishioners of all ages gathered in the St Cletus Catholic Church to acknowledge, share, celebrate and thank God, our Father, for the blessings He has bestowed upon all of us.*

*At this first "Sharing Our Blessings" event inspirational song, prayer and reflection were shared within our joyful community. During the program, personal blessings were anonymously written on decorative leaves and collected to be displayed and joyfully shared with the entire parish. Be sure to check them out in the narthex when you visit the church.*

*While exiting the church that evening, prayer intentions and wishes for further blessings were collected as hand-written notes and placed in a box that was burned as an offering to the Lord. Rising in the cloudless star-filled sky past the full moon then on to heaven in the smoke of a celebratory bonfire on the lawn behind the church. The festive mood continued as participants shared fellowship, hopes, dreams, hot cocoa, and home-baked treats on the crisp clear autumn night.*

*In itself, the event truly proved to be an additional blessing for everyone.*

*If you were there, thank you for making it a spiritually rewarding night of community engagement. If you couldn't be there you were missed. Please keep your eyes open for details and join us at the next event as we joyfully continue to "Sharing Our Blessings" as members of the St Cletus Parish Family. -Leonard Bertin*

*What a beautiful and 'blessed' experience the night of SHARING OUR BLESSINGS. 'Everything' appeared so well thought - out and planned. And to see others from our church community with their young children was inspiring ... for the 'young' are the future of the church. The prayers, music, speakers, autumn leaves and the 'sending up' of our messages to The Lord will remain in our minds and hearts. Thank you all for your dedication and inspiration to St Cletus. - Geri Hinton*

# Religious Education

Time has certainly flown by quickly in October! Our Religious Education families were very active this month. We celebrated our Seventh Grade Commitment Ceremony on October 14 for those teens marking their official start of the journey to Confirmation, our families and Jr. High teens participated in our CROP Walk on October 16 to raise awareness of hunger in our community and to fundraise for our food pantry. In addition, our fourth graders led our Living Rosary on October 17, and our families all made rosaries at home from common household items or things from nature in order to celebrate the month of the Rosary. Our Teens participated in our Hopes and Dreams session on October 27, which allowed them a voice in the ongoing development of our Youth Ministry Program. Our Second Graders participated in a Church Tour on October 28, and our preschoolers and First Graders celebrated Halloween and All Saints day with us on October 30. What an exciting month!

Enjoy some of our photos from these events!

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7TH GRADE COMMITMENT CEREMONY



CROP WALK



FAMILIES MAKING ROSARIES AT HOME



# 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



## THIRD GRADE POETRY

Our third graders have so much fun performing their monthly poems! It's great to see their creativity come to life!



## THANK YOU MRS. KAREN ZIEMBA

We are so grateful to have music back in our school this year.



## Sunday Readings

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ in the House of the Pharisee*, England, c. 1480-1490



You shall love  
your neighbor  
as yourself.  
MARK 12:31

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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### READING I

*Dt 6:2-6*

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
"Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51*

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength,  
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge,  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!  
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,  
and I am safe from my enemies.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!  
Extolled be God my savior.  
You who gave great victories to your king  
and showed kindness to your anointed.

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

### READING II

*Heb 7:23-28*

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away.

Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens.

He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

### ALLELUIA

*Jn 14:23*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

*Mk 12:28b-34*

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

The second is this:

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.

You are right in saying,

'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

# XXXI Domingo Ordinario



## PRIMERA LECTURA

*Dt 6, 2-6*

En aquellos días, habló Moisés al pueblo y le dijo: “Teme al Señor, tu Dios, y guarda todos sus preceptos y mandatos que yo te transmito hoy, a ti, a tus hijos y a los hijos de tus hijos. Cúmpleslos y ponlos en práctica, para que seas feliz y te multipliques. Así serás feliz, como ha dicho el Señor, el Dios de tus padres, y te multiplicarás en una tierra que mana leche y miel.

Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas. Graba en tu corazón los mandamientos que hoy te he transmitido”.

## SALMO RESPONSORIAL

*Salmo 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab*

**R. Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.**

Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza,  
el Dios que me protege y me libera.

**R. Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.**

Tú eres mi refugio,  
mi salvación, mi escudo, mi castillo.  
Cuando invoqué al Señor de mi esperanza,  
al punto me libró de mi enemigo.

**R. Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.**

Bendita seas, Señor, que me proteges;  
que tú, mi salvador, seas bendecido.  
Tú concediste al rey grandes victorias  
y mostraste tu amor a tu elegido .

**R. Yo te amo, Señor, tú eres mi fuerza.**

## SEGUNDA LECTURA

*Heb 7, 23-28*

Hermanos: Durante la antigua alianza hubo muchos sacerdotes, porque la muerte les impedía permanecer en su oficio. En cambio, Jesucristo tiene un sacerdocio eterno, porque él permanece para siempre. De ahí que sea capaz de salvar, para siempre, a los que por su medio se acercan a Dios, ya que vive eternamente para interceder por nosotros.

Ciertamente que un sumo sacerdote como éste era el que nos convenía: santo, inocente, inmaculado, separado de los pecadores y elevado por encima de los cielos; que no necesita, como los demás sacerdotes, ofrecer diariamente víctimas, primero por sus pecados y después por los del pueblo, porque esto lo hizo de una vez para siempre, ofreciéndose a sí mismo. Porque los sacerdotes constituidos por la ley eran hombres llenos de fragilidades; pero el sacerdote constituido por las palabras del juramento posterior a la ley, es el Hijo eternamente perfecto.

## ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

*Jn 14, 23*

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

El que me ama cumplirá mi palabra y mi Padre lo amará y haremos en él nuestra morada, dice el Señor.

**R. Aleluya.**

## EVANGELIO

*Mc 12, 28-34*

En aquel tiempo, uno de los escribas se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: “¿Cuál es el primero de todos los mandamientos?” Jesús le respondió: “El primero es: *Escucha, Israel: El Señor, nuestro Dios, es el único Señor; amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con todas tus fuerzas.* El segundo es éste: *Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.* No hay ningún mandamiento mayor que éstos”.

El escriba replicó: “Muy bien, Maestro. Tienes razón, cuando dices que el Señor es único y que no hay otro fuera de él, y amarlo con todo el corazón, con toda el alma, con todas las fuerzas, y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo, vale más que todos los holocaustos y sacrificios”.

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: “No estás lejos del Reino de Dios”. Y ya nadie se atrevió a hacerle más preguntas.

# Youth Ministry

## It would be SWEET of you to support the Teen Mission Service Trip



Our teens are selling Kringle Danish to help reduce their overall trip costs. **What is a Kringle?** Made in Racine, WI., each Kringle takes 3 full days to make, resulting in 36 delicate layers for a truly flaky and flavorful pastry. The finest ingredients combined with scratch made fillings results in 11 different flavors. You are certain to find one suited just for you. All Kringle can be frozen in the package that they arrive in for up to six months. Consider ordering an extra Kringle to donate to the Food Pantry as a special Thanksgiving treat. **Each Kringle is \$16.**

Order your Kringle Danish by 11/8 and you can pick it up at St. Cletus Parish Center on Sunday 11/21 between 12-3pm.

### How can I order my Kringle by 11/8?

- You can visit the Parish website to place your order and pay online.
- You can use the hard copy order form in the church bulletin and pay with cash or write a check made payable to St. Cletus and turn it into the parish office.
- You can order after all masses during Halloween weekend in the Parish Center.

*The teens of St. Cletus thank you for your support!*

### MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER: O&H DANISH BAKERY KRINGLE ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish you would like to pick up at (circle one):    St. Cletus    St. Francis Xavier

Type of Kringle	Quantity	Amount (each Kringle is \$16)
Pecan		
Raspberry		
Almond		
Apple		
Wild Blueberry		
Cherry		
Cherry Cheese		
Cinnamon Roll		
Cream Cheesecake		
Turtle		
Wisconsin (cranberry, cherry and cheese)		
	<b>TOTAL QTY:</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>

Check or Cash:     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Cash



# 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.

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**"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

# 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)*

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

### Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco doors and invite customers to donate to the “Turkey Bucks” program to provide a Thanksgiving Meal to a family in need. Various daily opportunities are available thru November 21.

**\*\*Please note...this is an unsupervised volunteer opportunity and an adult is recommended to be present\*\*** This calendar simply coordinates dates. Volunteers must check in with Donna (Jewel Manager) or another supervisor when they start their shift. Parents, use your discretion based on your child's age and maturity to decide if they should be dropped off or need a parent present during the volunteer shift. All ages are welcome (with a parent).

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-turkey>



### GIVING TREE UPDATE

This is the final chance to register for Giving Tree! If you are interested in signing up as a participant of Giving Tree you can call Kendall at 708.215.5418.

### AREA RESPECT LIFE

Baby Bottle envelopes are due back THIS WEEKEND! 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. Thank you for your support!

### WORD OF LIFE



“We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing” [respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

“As Jesus expressed his compassion for the poor and oppressed, including the women of His time, may we be seen as compassionate people ready to help victims of domestic violence free themselves from their pain and suffering. May those who live in darkness come to us and find light, may those living in despair find hope here in us. May those who feel that God has abandoned them discover that the love and compassion of Jesus is here, available to them.”

*Father Charles Dahm, O.P. Director ACDVO. Adapted from “Homily on Domestic Violence”*



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

# Ministerio de Justicia Social

## ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

### Oportunidad Para Voluntarios

Se necesitan voluntarios que se paren en la puerta del Jewel Osco, inviten a los clientes que donen al programa " Dólares para Pavo" y así proveer una cena de Acción de Gracias para familias necesitadas, varias oportunidades están disponibles hasta Noviembre 21

\*\* Tenga en cuenta..que esta es una oportunidad de voluntarios sin supervisión, se recomienda un adulto este presente\*\* Este calendario simplemente coordina fechas. Voluntarios tienen que reportarse con Donna (gerente de Jewel's) o a otro supervisor cuando empiezan su turno. Padres, usen su discreción de acuerdo a la edad del niño o la madurez , para decidir si ellos pueden estar solos o necesitan de uno de sus padres este presente durante su turno de voluntarios. Todas las edades son bienvenidas (con uno de los padres)

Regístrese aquí: <https://www.signupgenius.com/30e094caca2ea2fcl-turkey>

## ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL ARBOL NAVIDEÑO

Esta es la última oportunidad de registrarse para el árbol navideño. Si está interesado y quiere apuntarse como participante del Árbol Navideño pueden llamar a Kendall al 708 215 5418.



## ÁREA DE MINISTROS RESPETA LA VIDA

Los sobres en forma de biberones deben ser regresados para fines de Octubre. Los sobres pueden ser puestos en la canasta de la colecta, o en el Centro Parroquial. Todo lo recaudado va al centro de Cuidado de Mujeres aquí en LaGrange. Si usted no recibió un sobre, hay extras a la entrada de la iglesia o en el estante de Respeto a la Vida. Gracias.

## PALABRA DE VIDA



“Sabemos que la muerte no es el fin, sino más bien la puerta para pasar a la vida eterna. La fe y esperanza en la Resurrección nos permiten enfrentar la muerte preparados y sin temor. ... Nos preparamos para la vida eterna amando y obedeciendo a Dios ahora y en las decisiones cotidianas”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB “Consideraciones católicas para nuestra partida a la otra vida” [respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations)

## ALCANCE A LA VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA

“Como Jesús expresó su compasión por los pobres y oprimidos incluyendo a la mujer de su tiempo, que nosotros nos veamos como gente compasiva, listos para ayudar a las víctimas de violencia doméstica, se libren del dolor y sufrimiento. Que los que viven en la obscuridad vengan a nosotros a encontrar la Luz, y los que viven en desesperación encuentren esperanza aquí en nosotros. Y esos que sienten que Dios los ha abandonado, descubran el amor y compasión de Jesús aquí, disponible para ellos.”

Padre Charles Dahn O.P. director de ACDVO adaptada de la homilía de violencia doméstica



## DEPÓSITO DE COMIDA DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETO JUEVES 6-8PM

### Lista de deseos para la Despensa de Aliment:

- Salsa para pasta
- 2-3 libras de arroz
- Papas en caja
- Chili de lata

Para los que gustan donar alimentos, pueden dejar sus donaciones en el contenedor que se encuentra enfrente de la puerta de la recotoria.

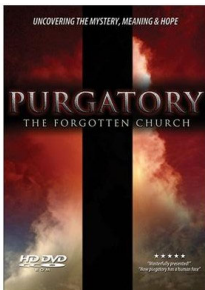
Siganos en Facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry

Siganos en Instagram:  
@St.CletusFoodPantry

*Si tiene preguntas o quiere ser voluntario en nuestro ministerio de Justicia Social contacte a Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)*

## Ministry News

### 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!

Join us on **Thursday, November 4th at 7:00pm** in the St. Cletus Parish Center, Gallagher Room.

### 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.

### THE WELL

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

**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 for the series of three sessions.

**CARRYING GRIEF AT THIS UNIQUE TIME - Thursday, November 11, 10 – 11:30 AM. Facilitators: Ann Letourneau, CSJ, PsyD and Colleen Narbone, MAPC, LPC** Grief is an inevitable part of life because loss is a part of life. Most recently, however, losses of all kinds have been on the increase. How do we go about grieving when loss is so pervasive? Give yourself the gift of a morning reflection to "name" and "honor" your losses and explore some ways to carry them. Cost of this program: \$20.

### BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The All-girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg. We will meet on December 14, 2021 at 7 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

At this gathering we will also select the books to read in the coming months. If there is a book that you would like to read and discuss please come and join in. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY THANKSGIVING GIFT CARDS



It's autumn! **Isn't it time for the HNS Turkey Raffle?**

Normally, YES! Last year at this time, the conditions brought about by the pandemic meant the Holy Name could not hold the normal "Raffle." This year similar conditions are still in play – supply-chain disruptions, pricing uncertainty (some say turkey prices could be twice as high as recent years), distribution concerns, etc.

Therefore, the Holy Name Society has decided to act in about the same way that we did last year. -- Which was this:

Rather than holding a raffle, we put aside the fundraising (for our treasury) aspect of the annual event, and concentrated on the more meaningful expression of THANKS. **Food store gift cards were purchased with donations from HNS members and other interested parishioners, and offered to school and parish personnel before THANKGIVING.** The (\$25) cards were distributed to the teachers and office staff for the school, various parish staff members, and the parish Food Pantry.

This year we are hopeful to at least equal – and possibly exceed – last year's effort. To reach for that goal, we will again solicit donations at masses on the first two weekends in November. For accounting purposes, we would **prefer to receive donations by check.** If you are interested in helping to fund this show of THANKS to staff and Food Pantry clients, please consider stopping to see us on these weekends. **Holy Name members will be in the narthex on November 6/7 and 13/14 to THANKFULLY accept checks from parishioners for this worthy effort. Checks should be made out to: St. Cletus HNS.**

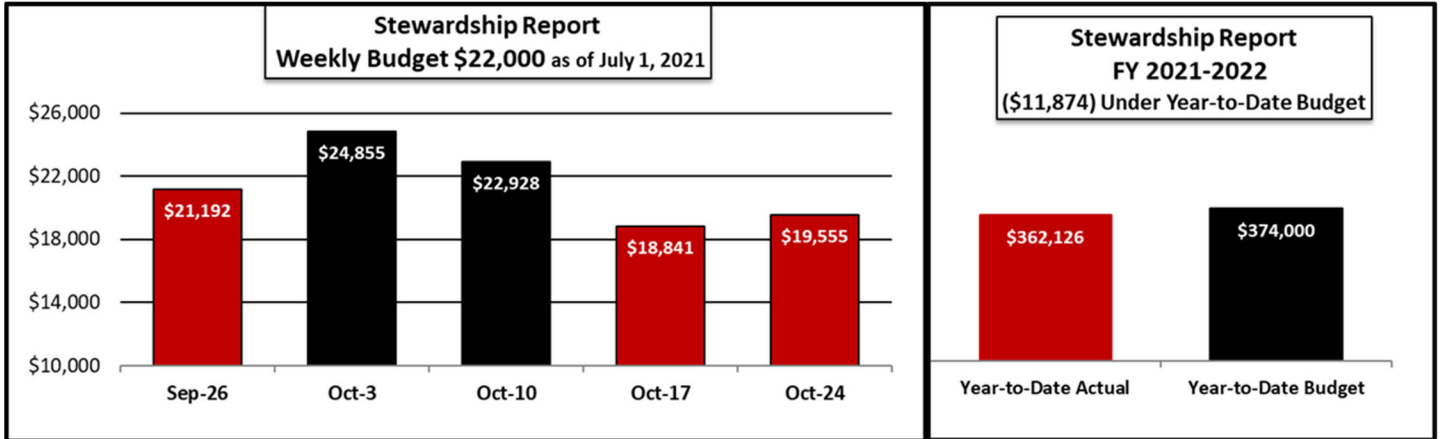
### INSTALLATION LITURGY POSTPONED

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.

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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

# 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.

## CONSIDER MAKING ST. CLETUS PARISH LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include St. Cletus Parish as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community.


Please consult your insurance agent to see if this is an option for you. 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 31	7:00am	Narthex	Baby Bottle Collection
Monday, November 1	9:30am 4:00pm	Church School Music Room	School Mass Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 2	7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Mtg Room	All Souls Bilingual Liturgy Family School Association Meeting
Wednesday, November 3	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies School Board Meeting
Thursday, November 4	5:00pm 6-8pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Church Parking Lot Parish Center Mtg Room School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution CREDO Film Night Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 5	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, November 6		Parish Center	Holy Fire Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, November 7			

# 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 STAFF

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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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