

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing.”**
— REVELATION 5:12



MAY 1, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER,
“SIMON, SON OF JOHN,
DO YOU LOVE ME
MORE THAN THESE.”

~ John 21:15



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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for May 2 - May 8, 2022

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
May 2	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Joseph Blanford, James Smilor
May 3	8:00am	Fr. Costello	James Smilor
May 4	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Doretta & Frank Mucha, Peter & Elizabeth Keating, Keating Family, Catherine McNamara, BC Collins, Delphine Marciszewski, Joseph Viececi
May 5	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Charles Knudtson, James Smilor
May 6	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Evelyn Prevanas, Nan & Bob Retting, David Pixley, Special Intention - Janet Viececi
May 7	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Daniel Klepczarek, Hugo Ovando, Sister Kay Burton SNJM, Colonna Family
May 8	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Javier & Esperanza Godinez, Rosemary Kegl, Samuel Colonna, Jan Maria Wisniewski
	8:45am	Fr. Costello	Helen Lyons, Josephine Sorrentino, Rose Haddad & Lena Crispino, Delphine Marciszewski, Helen King, Rosalie Kruse
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	John Battistoni, Valerie Moskus, Betty Niwa, Christina Stepuszek, Rose Marie Hrozenjak, Mary Clare & George O'Connell
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Geraldine Miller

Mother of Bob Cruz

May she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

April - Rafael Acevedo Dan Keller, Victoria Lewis, Frank Niwa, Colin O'Brien

March - Sandra Eckrich, Matthew O'Connell, Peter Spizzirri, Peggie Smith

February - Steve Romanowski, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

LIVING ROSARY TABLE TODAY

The Rosary Table is back in the narthex this weekend at all masses! There will be free rosaries and devotional items. Bring rosaries for repair or to donate, or stop by to get information about how to join the Living Rosary. More information can be found on page 11.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ.

(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Athanasius

Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James

Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

Pastor's Note

But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him,"
Acts 5:29-32

Dear Parishioners,

The courage of Peter and the apostles is worth reflecting upon and praying with. As we live and practice our faith in our society, we often encounter resistance and rejection. It seems like more of our fellow human beings are being led away from faith and God. Who knows what the world will look like in 50 or 100 years from now? But perhaps our fellow brothers and sisters and the world need more people like Peter and the Apostles who can gently draw them to Jesus. What do you think?

Last Saturday (4/23) the weather got warmer. It is my hope that the weather will continue to warm up so that we can enjoy spring and welcome summer. Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. Everywhere I look, I am already seeing trees, plants, grass, and so forth starting to come back, including some of the annuals we have in our parish grounds. I think with the care they will receive from us; they will look gorgeous.

I am so glad that our parish now has a new ministry called: *St. Cletus Fiacre Society*. This was announced last weekend through our parish bulletin (Page 11). The members of this society, following the witness of their patron saint, will dedicate themselves to the care of our parish gardens and grow in friendship with one another. On Friday, April 22nd, 2022, after the 8:00 AM Mass, 7 members of the society held its first event. I saw them with gloves, buckets, and other gardening tools that helped them to accomplish their goals for the day. I was moved by their dedication and love for gardening. I plan on joining them as much as I can. Please feel free to join them whenever you are able. I am grateful to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel for leading us with this noble ministry. Let us all pray and ask the Lord for the success of this new ministry at our parish.

Over a month ago, Jim Dion, Business Manager, brought to my attention that a condensate tank and a pump located in the school building needed to be replaced as soon as possible. After proper consultation, Jim and I made the decision to welcome the help of David Kuznetzow, to whom I offer heartfelt gratitude. I am also grateful to Derek Sawicki for helping us with the completion of this project. For more details about this project, below I share with you a report I received from Jim.

A couple of weeks ago, the condensate tank and pump assembly under the Preschool wing of the school began to fail. The pump was making loud noises, overheating, then shutting off. This caused the condensate tank to fill up and overflow through the relief valve. A contractor we have worked with before was called in to look at the problem. In addition to the failing pump, the technician found that the tank was leaking, causing the chemically treated water to be wasted. They proposed to replace the tank and pump for \$7000.

Condensate pumps are a type of centrifugal pump that is used to collect and disperse the hot water and liquid produced by condensation from heating systems

Designed to run intermittently, condensate pumps include a collection tank where condensate (captured condensed liquid) can accumulate. When the liquid in the tank reaches a designated level a float switch activates the pump. The condensate is then pumped out of the tank until the level of liquid leaves room for more condensate collection. Some pumps contain a two-stage switch. As liquid rises to the designated first stage, the pump is activated. If the liquid continues to rise, because the pump has failed or discharge is blocked, a second stage is engaged where the pump may be shut off or an alarm triggered.

A local contractor, David Kuznetzow, the owner and operator of Interior Temperature Control, Inc. was consulted. Fr. Elmer had met David while on a communion call to David's mother-in-law. While David noted that he worked primarily on residential systems and not commercial systems, he offered to obtain a replacement pump and tank for the parish, at cost, for \$2500, which he did the following day. Derek Sawicki, our head maintenance engineer, was confident that he could replace the unit himself, completing the removal and replacement of the old tank and pump on Friday, March 25. The total cost to replace the unit was under \$3000, saving the parish a little more than \$4000. Without the help of David and the expertise of Derek, St. Cletus Parish would have needed to pay the full cost to perform this repair. Thank you, David, and Derek, for going above and beyond to help St. Cletus Parish!

Every day, week, and month I continue to experience the heart and courage of Peter and the Apostles through your actions, care, concern, and prayers for which I am most grateful. I pray that our Lord continues to bless our efforts and strengthen our relationship with Him so that we can continue to give good witness .

Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor

Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards

Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.



Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

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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

Last week we saw a 25% increase in households at the pantry over the previous week. We have all felt the impact of raising gas and grocery expenses, some more than others. Thankfully, there is an opportunity to help!

A \$50,000 matching donation makes your gift today go twice as far to provide food for our neighbors facing hunger.

Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated. Because of you, families, seniors, and individuals across Lyons Township will be able to access the healthy food they need through our local pantry. What a relief!

Thank you for giving with double the impact so we can prepare our new home and continue to meet the changing needs before us. Happy Easter!

Goal: \$50000
up to **\$50,000** matching donation
\$27058
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
DONATE NOW!

FOOD PANTRY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a team of 3-5 Food Pantry Garden Volunteers for this growing season. The responsibilities of this team would include:

- a brief planning meeting at the beginning of the season (in mid-May)
- prepping the beds and planting (late-May)
- maintaining the plots with watering and weeding (summer months)
- harvesting weekly on Wednesdays or Thursdays when veggies are ready (roughly late June-September)
- clearing out the beds at the end of the season (Fall)

Food Pantry **GARDEN TEAM**
 • 3-5 volunteers needed
 • fresh, organic, DELICIOUS veggies
 • grown for pantry clients
 • plan & prep
 • maintain & harvest
Join us!
 INTERESTED
 kgrant@stcletusparish.com
 708.215.5418

You would NOT be responsible for every one of these items individually; together as a team, we would make plans to accomplish those tasks. You do NOT need to be an expert gardener! We are looking for people with a little time to give and that are excited about bringing fresh, local, organic, and DELICIOUS produce to our clients.

If you are interested in joining the Food Pantry Garden Volunteer team or have any questions, please contact Kendall at kgrant@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418. Thank you!

MISSION LADIES

Are you doing some Spring cleaning? If you have any fabric, ribbons, lace, thread, or yarn, please consider donating the items to the Mission Ladies! Donations can be placed in the food pantry donation bins or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you!

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Mother's Day Weekend (May 7-8) the Area Respect Life Ministry will be collecting donations for Women's Care Center in La Grange. Please see their Wish List for the most

needed items and bring them to Mass with you!

We will also be selling carnations for \$1.00 each that you can purchase for the loved ones in your life. Please stop by!

St. Cletus Volunteer Opportunity May 7-8

We are looking for volunteers to help sell flowers after all the Masses May 7-8. This opportunity is appropriate for middle school and up. Please sign up here: signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-mothers

Wish List

- Baby bathtubs
- Bobby Pillows
- Silicone Bibs w/food catcher
- Munchkin Miracle Cups
- Burp Cloths
- Infant Toys
- Play Mats
- Infant Laundry Detergent
- Gifts for women (nice lotions or makeup such as lip balm or mascara)
- Newborn Onesies
- Diapers
- Baby Bottles
- Baby boy blankets
- Baby wash/shampoo
- Hooded Towels
- Baby Wash Cloths
- Baby Safety Kits (nail clippers, thermometers, etc.)
- Swaddle Me Blankets

WORD OF LIFE



“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Hispanic Ministry

<u>Fecha</u>	<u>Hora</u>	<u>Evento</u>	<u>Lugar</u>
8 de mayo, 2022	12:30PM	Misa en Español	Iglesia
3 de mayo, 2022	7:00PM	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia
Segundo Sábado de cada mes	8:00PM – 5:00AM	Adoración Nocturna	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30AM—9:15AM	Confesiones	Iglesia



FELIZ CINCO DE MAYO:

FELIZ DÍA DE LAS MADRES, A TODAS LAS MADRES DEL MUNDO!



LA SOCIEDAD ST. CLETUS FIACRE:



Estamos anunciando un nuevo ministerio en St. Cletus, la Sociedad St. Cletus Fiacre. Su leyenda es esta: Fiacre le pidió al obispo local más terreno para plantar alimentos y hierbas. El obispo le dijo que podía tener tanta tierra como pudiera atrincherar en un día. Después de la oración, Fiacre usó la punta de su bastón para remover la tierra, derribar árboles y desenterrar zarzas y malas hierbas para preparar la tierra para un jardín.

Después de su muerte en el año 670 d.C., las personas que visitaron su monasterio afirmaron que tenía poder curativo. Fiacre se representa en el arte y la estatuaria como un anciano que lleva una pala (ver arriba).

En futuros artículos del Cántico, busque la imagen de arriba de San Fiacro para anuncios. ¡Nos gustaría que se una a nosotros! Los deberes de este ministerio incluyen desyerbar, plantar plantas anuales, limpiar macizos de flores y, en mayor medida, construir una comunidad. Si se desea unir a este ministerio, envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Delaney y Tom Reisel a madtfr@att.net.

Sharing Graces and Blessings

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our first Hospitality Weekend! A special thanks to the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) for a beautiful gathering. We hope you were able to learn more about the amazing work of this important ministry at St. Cletus.

We are looking forward to having different ministries host each month to foster community, extend welcoming, radical hospitality and build the new reality of Renew My Church.

Please save the date for our next gathering, May 28-29, hosted by our Social Concerns ministry.



Sound System



That's our goal, to lift up our voices in praise of the Lord. To do that in a way that allows us all to hear the Word of God, replacing the broken, inadequate sound system in our church is an absolute necessity.

Many fellow-parishioners have stepped up and made contributions toward our desired remedy. For your generosity we thank you.

We are getting closer to our goal every week but still need to make a final push to make our dreams a reality. Please consider assisting the St. Cletus Parish family by making a donation.

Your donation can be made electronically through the parish website (<https://stcletusparish.com/news/sound-video-system-update/>). Donations can be made by sending a check to the parish office or by dropping your donation into the collection basket at Sunday mass. If donating by check, please write "Sound System" in the memo line.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

St. Cletus School

Thank you

to all of the sponsors and contributors, including grandparents and parishioners, who gave to our annual Spring Auction fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity we were able to reach (and surpass) our fundraising goals for St. Cletus School.

We appreciate you!



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Religious Education

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Last weekend we were able to celebrate Earth Day with all RE Families! It was a fun time filled with games and activities to help us understand our roles in being good stewards of the Earth! A very special thank you to all of our teens in 6th, 7th, 8th Grades and High School who helped to run all of the activities for the younger children and their families. A great time was had by all!



END OF YEAR MASS AND PICNIC!

We are excited to end our RE Year with an RE Family Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 3 p.m. in the Church for all RE Families. We will follow the Mass with an end of year picnic on the back lawn (or if inclement weather, in the Parish Center). We hope you will all join us! Please register at the link online – www.stcletusparish.com/re



2022-2023 RE ACADEMIC YEAR TO BE IN-PERSON

We are excited to announce that next year’s academic year will resume fully in-person on Sundays from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for Pre-3-8th Grade, and on Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. for Grades 1-8. Registration forms will be available online starting May 2nd at www.stcletusparish.com/re

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR!

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

In order to be fully in-person for the coming academic year, we need over 50 Catechists and Aides! Please consider becoming a Catechist or Aide for the children in our program. We have openings in all grades from Preschool to 8th Grade. Please email Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com for more information on joining this important and rewarding ministry!

Barb Campbell,
Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | (708) 352-2383
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Youth Ministry



FINAL ALL-TEEN NIGHT ON SUN., MAY 1ST

Please join us for our final All Teen Night of this academic year. Join us at Mass at St. John of the Cross at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 1st and then in the SJC Parish Center from 6-7:30 p.m. for food, fellowship, service and fun! We will be serving Buona Beef that evening, and making rosaries for young children of our parishes, and having some end-of-year fun! I hope you can join us! To better allow us to plan for food, please make sure you RSVP using this sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-may1all>

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

We are in our final stages of planning for our Youth Mission Trip in June. We have confirmed 94 teens and adults attending the trip, and we are preparing to serve the

people of Montague, Michigan for a week in late June. Our fundraisers were so successful that we were able to fully pay for our travel expenses, pay for our “free day” activities with the teens, and reduce the overall cost of the trip for each student. We are truly grateful for every parishioner who assisted us by enjoying Kringle pastries in November, Paczkis in February, and for donating money to our second collection. Thank you for your generosity, and for investing in these teens – the future of our church!

Our last meeting allowed us to further get to know each other (there are a lot of us, so it’s important to know each other before we go!), and to begin discussions on what we are most excited about, what we are nervous about, and what we hope to accomplish during this week. It was a very fruitful event. We will have one more meeting with the teens prior to our trip. We are all very excited to serve others, and have a ton of fun doing it!

CHAPERONES NEEDED FOR MISSION TRIP

We are looking for two adults to join us on our annual Mission Trip this year. Please consider investing in our teens by assisting and supporting them on this important trip. We depart at 7 a.m. on Sunday, June 19th and return around 11 p.m. on Friday, June 24th. If you are interested in joining us, please email Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com No experience necessary – just a willingness to serve!

Sunday Notes (continued from page 2)

GOD’S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS

The superabundance of God’s kindness ties all of today’s readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today’s Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—“everything in the universe”—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

BETTER THAN MIRACLES

Suffering out of love of God is better than working miracles.

—St. John of the Cross

Ministry News

ALTAR SERVERS ARE RETURNING!



As we come out of the pandemic, we will be resuming the ministry of altar server. This ministry is open to students of any school, and we will be training 5th through 8th graders.

The first training sessions are this week, May 3 and 5. All servers, regardless of whether they served before, must take this training.

You will be able to specify which mass times you would like, and the system will not schedule you for dates you have previously said you are not available. Parents who are liturgical ministers may be scheduled at the same masses with their server.

If this is interesting to you, please email Tina Norton at tnorton@stcletusparish.org, or call the Parish office. We look forward to resuming this ministry!

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

You may have noticed a Ukraine flag on our campus recently. This flag was given to us by a parishioner to display as a symbol of support for the Ukrainian people. We have offered some prayer services and mass intercessions for those affected by the war, and the CCW has provided ways for parishioners to contribute materially for the people of Ukraine. Please keep them in your prayers.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING 5/6



SAINT CLETUS
HOLY NAME
SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will be holding its next meeting on Friday, May 6th at 7:00 AM in the Parish Center.

All men of the parish are welcomed to attend.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY THANK YOU

The Holy Name Society held a successful Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10. We wish to thank everyone who joined us for breakfast and those who supported the effort. Nearly 350 attended the event that helped us raise about \$1400 (to replenish our treasury).

The typically annual event was last held on the snowy morning of April 14, 2019 – three years ago! (BC => before COVID).

In 2019 and again this year, the event could not have been successful without the cooking help from the Fathers' Club and the serving help from the St. Cletus School students and parents/teachers. Thank you to all who volunteered! Congratulations to Bob Kruse, the "Split-the-Pot" winner, who also helped us research sausage vendors and provide the cardboard that we use to protect surfaces from the pancake batter and other "mess." Special thanks to George Pach and Brian Jungels for table setup and the aesthetic coverings and flower vases. We give thanks to the SCCCW for also holding their wonderful Bake Sale that day, likely drawing greater attendance to the breakfast. We also wish to thank our local businesses for their assistance:

- McDonalds for donated butter, syrup and various serving supplies
- Ledo's for the use of aprons worn by volunteers and our members
- American Legion for the use of the Boy Scouts trays.

Bill Wettstein, VP / SCP Holy Name Society

CCW BAKE SALE FOLLOW-UP



Hello Parishioners, As Co-Chairs of the recent CCW Bake Sale, we wanted to send a follow-up message thanking all the volunteers, bakers, and buyers who helped to make the bake sale a success. We exceeded our goal of \$2000 and used the proceeds to make a donation to help pay for the sound system and to fortify the CCW scholarship fund for next year.

We are truly grateful for all of the donations of baked goods and homemade jam. Everyone was impressed with creative packaging of many of the donations. Kirschbaum's Bakery in Western Springs and Kirsten's Danish Bakery in Burr Ridge truly went over and above in the vast array of bakery goods they donated also. We are grateful to both bakeries for their generous support.

To our incredible parish family of bakers, volunteers, and shoppers, a thank you really does not express our profound gratitude. You're the best!

Blessings to each of you,

Deb Blecic and Rhea Wehrmeister-Plaia,
Bake Sale Co-Chairs

Ministry News

LIVING ROSARY—TABLE TODAY!



The Rosary Table is back in the narthex this weekend at all masses! There will be free rosaries and devotional items. Bring rosaries for repair or to donate. Just stop by to

get information about how to join the Living Rosary. All you have to do is to commit to saying one decade of the rosary each day and other members say the remaining decades in order to complete the rosary. It is a very humbling way to deepen your relationship with God. Mary will give you new insights over time and the mystery becomes a part of you. St. Cletus has sponsored this for over 30 years. Stop by and say hi.

Every Wednesday at 1:00 we gather to pray the rosary in church. This is a close, welcoming community that shares our prayers and intentions before the Lord. Or you can pray for the rosary from home for Ukraine every Monday at 2 or 7 pm. Mary will know to hear our prayers together for the suffering occurring there daily.

On Sunday, May 15th at 11:30 we will pray all 20 decades of the Rosary in the Parish Center. This is a very moving way to follow the lives of Mary and Jesus. It takes about 90 minutes but stay for as long as you can. There are so many ways to make the Rosary a part of your May celebrations. Mary will be glad to see you whenever you can step out of these harried lives in order to visit with her. For more information call Mary Lu (630-430-3338) or Linda (708-482-0669).

ST. CLETUS FIACRE SOCIETY



We are announcing a new ministry at St. Cletus, the St. Cletus Fiacre Society. Never heard of this 7th Century Irish Monk, the patron Saint of Gardeners (also the patron Saint of taxi drivers!)? Neither had we until we started doing a little research and he seems like a good sponsor for this new ministry.

His legend is this: Fiacre asked the local bishop for more ground on which to plant food and herbs. The bishop told him he could have as much land as he could entrench in one day. After prayer, Fiacre used the point of his staff to turn the earth, topple trees and dig up briars and weeds to prepare the land for a garden. A suspicious local woman was convinced that such a feat could only be performed by sorcery but the bishop viewed Fiacre's act as a gift from God and proclaimed it a miracle. Supposedly, the woman's jealousy caused Fiacre to implement a ban on women

from his monastery. Thankfully, the St. Cletus Fiacre Society is more enlightened and has no such ban on women!

As word of Fiacre's miracle spread, visitors to Fiacre's Garden brought seeds and plants from afar, and his gardens became famous throughout Europe. The Catholic Church considers Fiacre the saint of growing food and plants used in medicine. After his death in 670 A.D., people who visited his monastery claimed that it had healing power. Fiacre is depicted in art and statuary as an elderly man carrying a spade (see above). While we as yet do not promote our campus grounds and flowers as providing any healing power, we do believe that our efforts to beautify our campus with flowers can invoke hospitality, welcoming all to our beautiful church and grounds.

In future Canticle articles, look for the above picture of St. Fiacre for announcements. We would love to have you join us! Duties of this ministry include weeding, planting annuals, cleaning up flower beds, and to a greater degree, building community. If you would like to become a member of this ministry, helping produce an experience that flowers and prayer can provide, welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors, please send your email address to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel at madtfr@att.net. We will add you to our contact list and provide more specifics about future events and projects.

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles. We will meet on June 14, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. PLEASE

NOTE: June 14 is the correct date for the meeting.

For those who like to look ahead....

August 9: **Have You Seen Luis Velez** by Catherine Ryan Hyde

October 11: **Cloud Cuckoo Land** by Anthony Doerr

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

SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 11, 2022

The parish will host Mass in the Grass followed by live entertainment on Saturday, June 11. Mass will be at the regular time of 5:00 p.m. with entertainment following. More details in the coming weeks - be sure to save the date!

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

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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.

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Online Evening Prayer for Young Adults

Young adults 18+ are invited to pray online together with School Sisters of Notre Dame on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. CT. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events.

Living our Call as SSND: Transformative Education Around the Globe

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. CST* to learn more about SSND and their educational vision as it relates to ministries around the globe. Hear from sisters native to Canada, Guam, Hungary, Mexico, Nigeria and the United States as they speak about service in their homelands and beyond. Learn more and register at ssnd.org/events/5-3-22.

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Are you, or someone you know, widowed? If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. -- All are welcome.

What: Retreat for Widowed Men & Women
When: June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
Where: St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information, 708-354-7211
joyfulagain7211@gmail.com | www.joyfulagain.org

CABARET IS FRIDAY, MAY 13



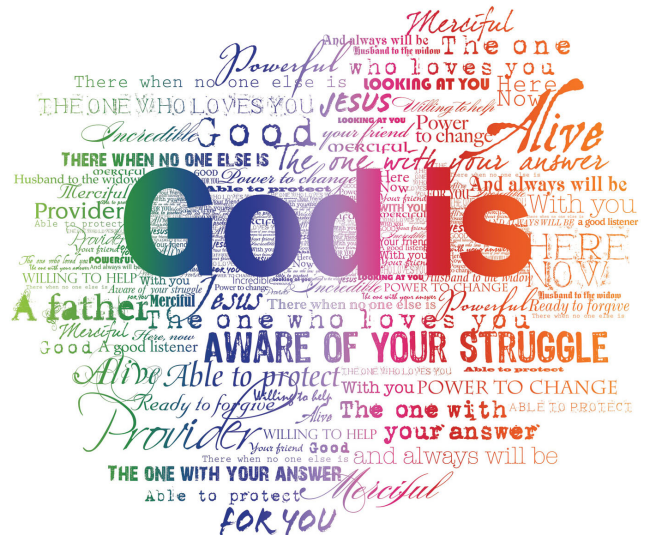
Mark your calendars for Cabaret: Dueling Pianos the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Fundraiser on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 pm in the St. Cletus Parish Center.

Tickets are \$40, and include Wine, Beer, Soda, and Snacks. RSVP and purchase tickets on our website, www.edwardfas.com

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Week at a Glance

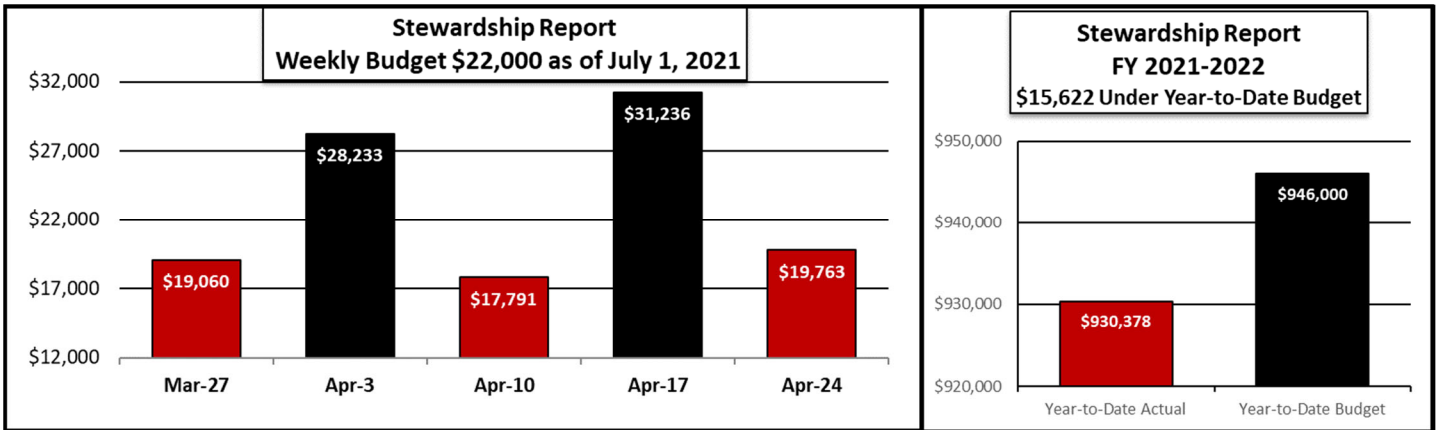
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 1			
Monday, May 2			
Tuesday, May 3	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, May 4	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Church Church	Mission Ladies Rosary and Prayers First Communion Practice
Thursday, May 5	6-8pm 7:30pm	Parking Lot School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 6	6:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Meeting Room	First Communion Practice Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, May 7	11 & 1 5:00pm 7:00pm	Church Narthex Church	First Communion Respect Life Committee Hispanic Ministry Adoration
Sunday, May 8	7:15am	Narthex	Respect Life Committee

Stewardship Report

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter collection, as of 04/26/2022 is \$92,871.26.

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



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