



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

For he will command his
angels concerning you to
guard you in all your ways.
- Psalm 91:11



WELCOME



**RESPECT
LIFE**

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Mass Intentions for October 2 - October 8, 2023

| Day | Time | Presider | Intentions |
|-----------|---------|------------|---|
| October 2 | 8:00am | Fr. Novick | Frank Wojcik |
| October 3 | 8:00am | Fr. Romero | Anita and Camilo Ferreira |
| October 4 | 8:00am | Fr. Novick | Joe and Kay Klemak, Frank Baggio, Anthony Serritella, Natalie Nicoletti |
| October 5 | 8:00am | Fr. Novick | Nick Brzezniak |
| October 6 | 8:00am | Fr. Romero | Nan and Bob Rettig, Frank Wojcik, Joe and Kay Klemak, Louie Marasovic |
| October 7 | 5:00pm | Fr. Lodge | Rose Marie Hrzenjak |
| October 8 | 7:15am | Fr. Romero | Marco, Emilia, Rattin and Bill DePasquale, John Frances Kennedy, John Nisbet |
| | 8:45am | Fr. Novick | Lillian O’Leary, Gerald Dudek, Joe and Kay Klemak, Evelyn Prevenas |
| | 10:30am | Fr. Lodge | Stacy and John Baker, Fred Grosskopf, Les Zaczek, Hunter Richards |
| | 12:30pm | Fr. Novick | Francisco Parra, Consuelo Parra, Jesus Parra, Carlos y Sofia Rivera, Gerardo Torres |

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

- October - Debbie García**
 - September - Erin McMahon Leddon**
 - August - Theresa Duda, Ron Ziemba**
- Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.*



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS!

We have several items in our school office. Some were found during Fall Fest including the keys! If any of these are yours please stop by the school office during the week to claim them!



Pastor's Note

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*
Matthew 28:16-20.

Dear Friends,

Since almost 2000 years ago, Jesus, the Son of God, has been inviting us to collaborate with him in the mission he received from his Father. He wants us to know, experience, and live, enjoying the love that his Father has for us. He wants us to let the Holy Spirit reanimate our desire to join him in his mission and to continue to grow in our relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Consider taking into prayer the way you have been collaborating with Jesus and share the experience with a friend or your family.

Moved by the invitation of Jesus and the prompting of the Holy Spirit, our shepherd, Cardinal Blase Cupich, hosted an Archdiocesan Day of Renewal this past Monday, September 25th, 2023, at the Rosemont Theater. 1,200 people from the Archdiocese attended the Day of Renewal. I was blessed to be joined by Fr. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor, Franco Foti, Operations Director, Gregory Porod, Principal, Larry Manetti, Director of Faith Formation, Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry, Hector Obregon, Director of Evangelization and Renewal, Helen McComiskey, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Kris Santin, member of the PPC and leader of the Art and Environment Ministry, and Deacon Ramon Cazales. It was a day filled with the love of God. My spirit was enriched by the witness, prayer, and encouragement I received. It is a joy and a blessing to do what Jesus wants us to do. Let us continue to hold each other in prayer so that our desire to collaborate with Jesus continues to grow.

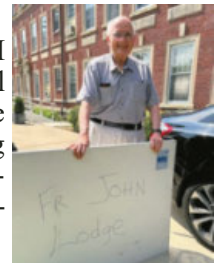
I encourage you to read the brief reflections (holy moments) shared by those who attended the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal. As you read prayerfully, please offer a prayer for each of them. We are so fortunate to have them as our leaders. They love the Lord. They love collaborating with Jesus. They are good witnesses of what it means to walk with and to bring others to Jesus.

Aware of our desire to grow in friendship with Jesus, as a parish we are hosting the Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 7:00 PM in our beautiful church. The members of the Eucharistic Revival Committee continue to pray and work hard so that we can have a personal encounter with Jesus. I encourage you to join us. I am confident that it will be a special experience and moment for all of us. Feel free to extend this invitation to others.

Sara and John Hodak have accepted my invitation to be the Co-Chairs of the 2024 Fall Festival which is scheduled for September 5th-8th, 2024. I am encouraged and humbled by their generosity and dedication. They are true collaborators of Jesus. Please join me in thanking them. Please let us hold them in prayer as well. Feel free to let them know that you would like to collaborate with them by sending them an email at shodak@stcletusparish.com



Our beloved Fr. John Lodge is returning to us. He is scheduled to celebrate our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 7th, and the 10:30 AM on October 8th, 2023. He is grateful for your continued prayers and friendship. He believes that thanks to your prayers he continues to feel better. As we all know, he is a man of God. He loves collaborating with Jesus. He has a special way of leading us closer to Jesus. By the way, he got overwhelmed with joy when he saw the huge “Get Well Pharmacy” card. I saw him carefully reading your heartfelt messages. Thank you for your kindness to him.



I pray that we continue to grow in our friendship with the Lord through the many opportunities he offers us at our parish. May our desire to lead others to Jesus be sustain by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

Day of Renewal and the Eucharistic Revival

My friends, I am fully aware of the fact that October is Respect Life Month (RLM). Maybe I can shed some light on RLM next week. Today, I want to offer a couple of reflections on the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal this past Monday (Sept 25th).

There has always been something innately good about people coming to one place from around the Archdiocese. We've had them at the Cathedral as well as a couple of other Parishes in the past. This year, the Cardinal gathered not only priests but some staff members and other leaders from the Parishes, many of which are newly merged and formed Parishes through the Renew My Church process. Gatherings like this one show the super-diversity of cultures that surround us every day, from all walks of life. As I've shown you before on my mathematically influenced "Catholic line graph," we come from varying ecclesiologies that are from "extreme liberals" to "extreme conservatives" with Jesus Christ being at the very center of the graph.

There were three keynote speakers that included Cardinal Cupich, Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa (by video message from the Vatican), and Fr. John Riccardo (priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and founder of the organization *Acts XXIX* – Acts 29 for those who don't know Roman numerals). All were good, but the talk from Fr. Riccardo was most intriguing. His organization's name is cryptic by makes sense when we realize the book of the Bible The Acts of the Apostles has only 28 chapters. So, *Acts XXIX* is the organization's way of saying "What's next? Who's on deck?" Someone has to pick up where those brave souls who took Jesus' commission to the world of the Mediterranean Sea coastal region left off to go farther than that region. He used several examples of some more modern-day men and women who have done what many might say as crazy, but they followed their beliefs to the depth of their souls to show that not only is Jesus Christ for everyone, but that He lives on in us and in our actions.

My favorite of Fr. Riccardo's stories was about a cradle-Catholic who left the Church and joined a Hitler-led Germany in World War II. He was assigned to Auschwitz and participated in the killing of thousands of people. Eventually, he was arrested himself and thought he would be executed. Instead, he was treated with pity and mercy, coming to his senses and in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many priests were slain at Auschwitz, but one (by the grace of God) was spared. That priest's brethren were captured and killed under the soldier's watch, yet, that priest went and heard the confession and absolved the soldier.

Simple extraordinary love shown. That priest practiced what he had been preaching for many years before – become that which you receive. In the Eucharist, we become the Body of Christ.

That's how I came to see the value of the Day of Renewal in terms of the Eucharistic Revival we are currently in.

As I said in my homily last week, I see not only a lack of love for the Eucharist or the faithful not seeing the need to receive the grace of the Most Blessed Sacrament, but we are in a crisis of faith and understanding that ordinary bread and wine ARE changed through the consecration by the Holy Spirit at Mass. Remember that statistic of 69% of all Catholics do NOT believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Think about that priest hearing that confession of the soldier. If not for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, then how does someone go the extra mile and forgive someone from the heart? If not for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, then why would we even bother being at Mass every week? As has been said over and over again, you can pray by yourself anywhere, but the only place to pray and have a VERY good meal is at Church WITH the community of believers. Jesus took time to pray alone at the mount, but he ate together with sinners – AND still does.

Fr. Mike (c.w.w.)



Graces, Blessings, Insights...

“This week, we were able to gather in Rosemont for an Archdiocese Day of Renewal. In 2018, the Archdiocese held a large gathering in Rosemont to begin the Renew My Church process. Much has happened in the five years between these two gatherings. The global pandemic and the changes brought on by Renew My Church, mean that most parishioners and parishes throughout the Archdiocese experience a different reality today. I was grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge this reality, join in prayer, center us on our mission within St. Cletus and the larger Catholic community, and to hear personal witness from the presenters to inspire us as we go forth.” - Kendall Grant

“During lunch at the day of renewal, I was in the theater reflecting about the morning while I ate. Behind me, there was another person doing the same thing. A man came to us whom I believe genuinely concerned that the other person and I were not talking to one another. We both assured the concerned man we were okay, but I was taken and encouraged by someone reaching out to us with a genuine and generous heart” - Fr. Mike Novick

“There is no doubt that God is present in the life of the church and in our lives, five years ago when the Renewal of the Church began, when everything seemed very difficult to carry out and today Cardinal Cupich spoke to us about the Eucharistic Revival and how Synods are taking place at the same time in the Catholic Church and how everyone is focused on listening to Jesus. God spoke to us today through Cardinal Cupich and how we are willing to accept the Renewal of the Church through our faith. Thank you for the opportunity to be at the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal. God is good all the time! All the time God is good!” - Juanita Avila

“My holy moment was learning about Jesus the entire day. With the speakers that were there today, they were so prepared and filled by the Holy Spirit. I felt very connected with Jesus with the words they shared with us.” -Deacon Ramon Cazales

“There were several key take aways from today’s event for me:

1) The Cardinal’s keynote and specifically his explanation of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. I’ve been a Catholic a long time, I’ve heard that reviewed many times by many people, but the way he broke it down and explained it-I finally “got it”! Especially the Liturgy of the Eucharist. I’m glad we’ll be able to share his version with our parishioners.

2) I found Fr. Riccardo’s keynote to be one of the most inspirational addresses that I’ve heard in quite some time. The way that he showed how each person is called to be a different type of disciple was great.” - Helen McComiskey

“I participated today of the Archdiocesan Day of Renewal in Rosemont, IL. I was particularly moved by the vibrant and rich diversity of our Archdiocese. This was reflected through songs, readings, clothing, and expressions of faith. All in all, it was a wonderful experience, a reflection of our Trinitarian God who is one and diverse at the same time. We are very fortunate to have a diverse community at St. Cletus that allow us to learn from each other and enjoy the richness of different cultures” - Franco Foti.

“My biggest take away was that we are not successful alone. As one speaker stated "every parish should not focus on the number of sacraments but on the number of participants they have." We must work to spread a personal encounter in our evangelization.” - Kris Santin

“At the Archdiocese of Chicago Day of Renewal, a Holy Moment for me was when Cardinal Cupich spoke about the importance in letting the story of our lives be meaningful with Jesus. Jesus is alive and present in the Eucharist shared daily at mass. Cardinal Cupich also reiterated the importance in growing as disciples for Jesus and going out beyond the church walls to be part of the mission for Jesus.”- Greg Porod.

**Come join us as we continue to
renew our love for the church
and spend an hour with Jesus
October 4 from 7-8pm**

“COME, REST WITH ME”

**SOLEMN EXPOSITION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE
*Blessed Sacrament***

**OCTOBER 4, 2023
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

As we are all being invited to renew our love for the church, come and spend an hour with Jesus (face-to-face) in adoration of the blessed sacrament.

EXPERIENCE *God's Love* MADE VISIBLE

Parish Pastoral Council

Your St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council has been actively facilitating various events such as The Pig Roast, Super Bowl Party, Hospitality, and Evenings of Prayer and Reflection for just over a year now. As the PPC continues to grow and define its role in the parish, we want to share and keep everyone informed about upcoming events available to parishioners.

First, the Ministry Fair/Welcome Hospitality Reception took place last Sunday after the 1030 mass. We had just over 150 parishioners come by and several signed up to participate in various ministries offered at St. Cletus. The next one will be in January and quarterly after a different mass so everyone has a chance to attend. Keep watching this space for information on the date and mass time of the January 2024 Reception.

Second, please remember that The Eucharistic Revival Committee will be hosting Adoration and Benediction on Wed. Oct 04, 2023 @ 7pm in church. Join us to spend time face to face with Jesus Christ.

Third, the Hispanic Ministry will be setting up an Altar for all Souls Day on 11/2. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. As we prepare we ask those that are interested in having a picture of their deceased love one on display to please have a framed photo no larger than 8x10 ready. We will have instructions on drop off 2 weeks prior to the setup.

Fourth, Evenings of Prayer and Reflection will be an ongoing Speaker Series throughout the year. The first will be Msgr. John Canary Wed. Oct 18, 2023 from 7-8:30 pm on The Seven Stages of Love according to St. John of the Cross.

Fifth, Save the date! The St. Cletus Football Watch Party is back! On Sunday, February 11th, 2024. We sold out last year and will have more chances to win this big year! This is an event for all ages. Watch this space for more details.

Sixth, your Parish Pastoral Council has begun conversations regarding the long overdue and much needed updated Parish Mission and Vision Statements. We ask everyone to pray for us as we start the discussion and journey. As we get closer to planning, we will reach out to everyone for input.

Finally, there will be a monthly update in the bulletin to keep everyone updated and informed. Please feel free to reach out to us at ppc@steletusparish.com If you ever have any questions, comments, concerns. Feel like you want to meet the council members? We will be at every Quarterly Ministry Fair and Hospitality just as we were this past Sunday.


Thank you and God bless!

Please Join Us!

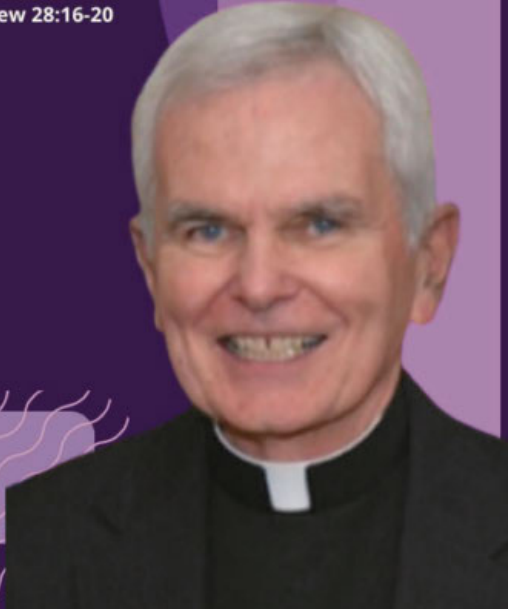
PLEASE, JOIN OUR NEXT
EVENING OF
Prayer & Reflection

"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"
 Matthew 28:16-20

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Monsignor John Canary

 **OCTOBER 18, 2023**
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

TOPIC:
The Seven Stages of Love according to St. John of the Cross



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angel

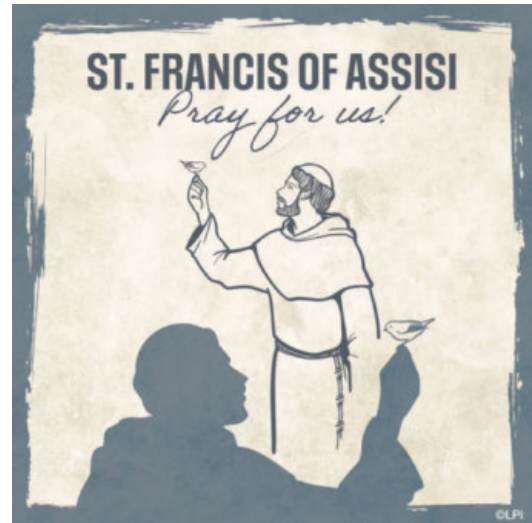
Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgi

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pet Blessing

PET blessing 



**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

ALL PETS ARE WELCOME!



Hispanic Ministry

| FECHA-DATE | HORA-TIME | EVENTO-EVENT | LUGAR-PLACE |
|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 3 de octubre, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. | Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament | Iglesia Church |
| 1ro. de octubre 2023 | 12:30 p.m. | Misa en Español Spanish Mass | Iglesia Church |
| Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month | 8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. | Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration | Iglesia Church |
| Sábados | 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Confesiones | Iglesia |



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

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

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

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

INTENCIONES DE MISA

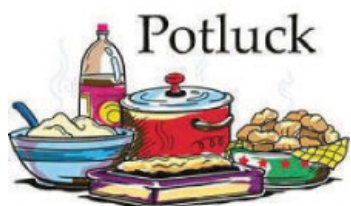
Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10

¡RESERVA!

Convivencia Parroquial Anual
Sábado 21 de octubre, 2023
6:00 pm. - Centro Parroquial
¡Más detalles, pronto!



¡AGRADECIMIENTO!

Un agradecimiento a todos los ministros de Comunión y de Lectores por su participación en la clase de formación continua que se llevó a cabo el pasado viernes 29 de septiembre 2023, gracias por su tiempo y dedicación y por decirle sí al Nuestro Señor, aceptando servir aquí en la Iglesia de San Cleto. Gracias.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all the ministers of Communion and Lectors for their participation in the continuing education class that took place last Friday, September 29, 2023 thank you for your time and dedication and for saying yes to Our Lord agreeing to serve here at St. Cletus Church. Thank you.



Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

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

Follow us on
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*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

Looking ahead to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays...here is a timeline for what to expect at the pantry! Registration information and volunteer signups will be made available soon.

Thanksgiving ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Oct. 1 - Nov. 17: Turkey Bucks Volunteers at Jewel
- November 15 & 16: Cookie Donations Needed
- November 18 & 19: Thanksgiving Distribution

CONTACT: foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

Giving Tree

Timeline

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Nov. 11- Dec. 8: Tags available for donors
- December 9-10: Gifts need to be turned in
- December 16-17: Distribution to clients

CONTACT: foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

radical solidarity

Baby Bottle Envelope Distribution: September 30-October 1

This weekend baby bottle envelopes will be available after all Masses. These donations go directly to helping women and babies at the Women’s Care Center right here in La Grange. You can return your envelopes in the collection basket or at the Parish Center by the end of October. Thank you!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Many victims or survivors of domestic violence ask: “What did I do wrong? Why is my marriage not working? I’m afraid for my children. Why does God not answer my prayers? I have no one who understands or who will help me. If I am more patient and understanding, things might work out. But I have done all that and nothing changes. Maybe I just need to try harder.” Excerpt from booklet, *You are Not Alone, God is with You*, available from ACDVO.



If you have had these thoughts, you are not alone. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a NDVH service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

School News

FALL IS SO MUCH FUN!

Fall is always such a fun and busy time for our school! Last week we celebrated Grandfriends Day! Thank you to everyone that made this event possible including our FSA, which sponsors it every year! And of course, thank you to our Grandfriends for joining us!



WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY
 COMMUNITY STARTS HERE
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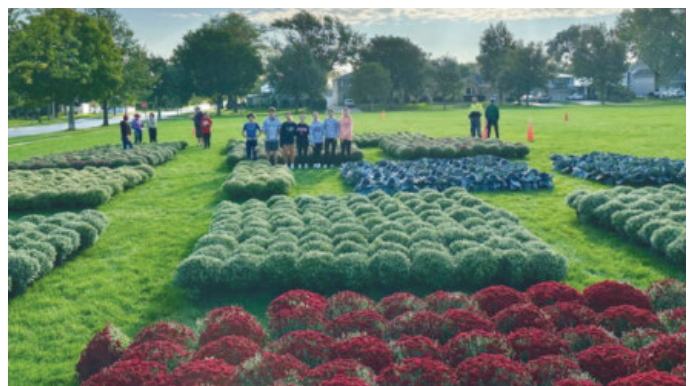
CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST CLETUS SCHOOL
 33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 8TH GRADERS!

Thank you to everyone that took part in our 8th grade mum sale! You helped them sell over 1300 mums which will help support their 8th grade activities!



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

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION

On October 17th we will meet in the Gallagher Room at 10 A.M. to discuss



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick.

For those who like to look ahead

December 12th: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

February 13th: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE



Potluck Annual ST. CLETUS POT LUCK dinner is back!

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Center Gym/More information, soon!

Sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

HAVE YOU "INSURED" OUR PARISH?

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16)

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to in-

clude 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.

For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. If you have additional questions, please contact *Marguerite Q. Zappa, Parish Support Manager, Archdiocese of Chicago* at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

RCIA

The RCIA process, for those adults interested in becoming Catholic, will begin in mid-September, and we would love to have you in our Catholic family! It's a chance to deepen your relationship with Jesus and find a community of like-minded people to journey with on your way to the sacraments. If you think you'd like to become Catholic, or you know someone that might like to become Catholic, we would love for you to join us! The process starts September 19. If you would like more information, please contact our pastoral associate, Tina Norton.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation is back in session!

This past weekend we began our Faith Formation Program for the new year. Our Sunday program includes Faith Formation for Preschoolers through Eighth Grade and meets from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

Our Monday program includes classes for children in grades One through Eight and meets from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m.

I ask all of our parishioners to drive with care on Sundays around the St. Cletus Campus as we have hundreds of amazing children attending classes. Keep in mind that there is no parking on 54th Street on Sunday mornings during class times (9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.). Thank you for keeping our children safe!

We still have a need for a Preschool Teacher, Substitute Catechists, and any high school students who would like to be classroom helpers. If interested contact the Faith Formation Office.

Please pray for the success of our program.

God Bless, Lawrence Manetti, Director of Faith Formation

Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

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

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.

Amen.



HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH OKTOBERFEST

When: Saturday, October 7th, 2023, from 1:00 – 10:30 pm.

Where: Holy Guardian Angels Parish, 1125 Harrison Avenue, LaGrange Park, 60626.

Why: Family fun for all with **FREE ADDMISSION!**

BINGO from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the SLM Parish Center.

Children’s games and bouncy house from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

Live entertainment: Jim Drnek Polka Band from 4:30 - 7:30 pm and

The Sylvies 8:00 - 10:00 pm in the Colonnade Room.

Delicious seasonal food and drink, with children’s menu too.

Cash Share the Wealth Raffle, pull tabs and bag raffle. For Share the Wealth Cash Raffle tickets or other information please call

Matt Sinde, (847) 682-7404.

Come rain or shine to have a great time!!

NAZARETH ACADEMY FALL OPEN HOUSE



All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their **Fall Open House**. Visit on Sunday, October 29, for a 10 a.m. presentation or Monday, October 30, for a 6:30 p.m. presentation. Space is limited and Registration is required at

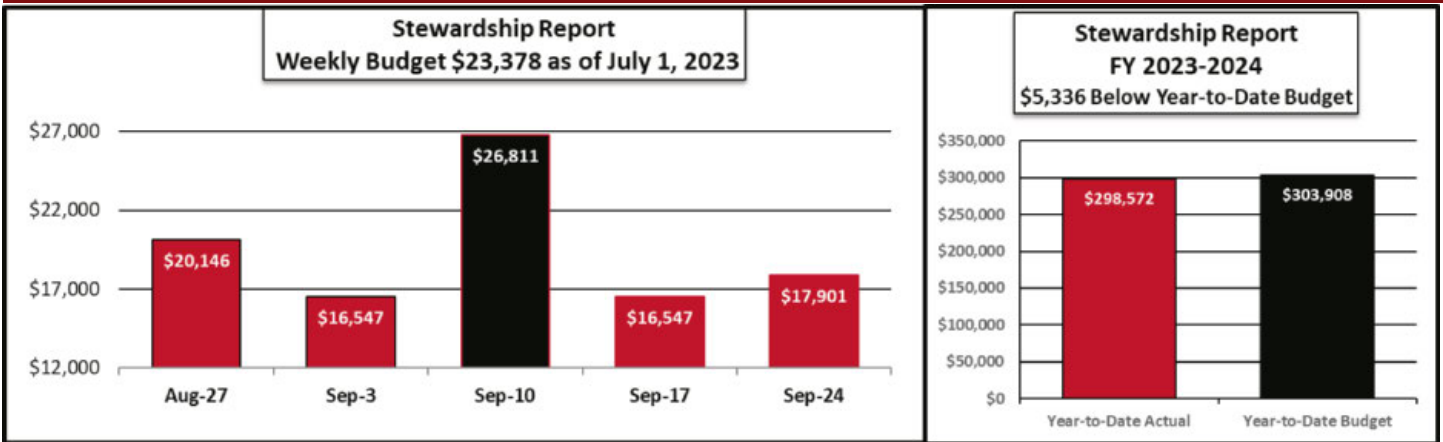
www.nazarethacademy.com.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park.

Week At A Glance

| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Sunday, October 1 | | | |
| Monday, October 2 | 8am | Church | Mass With School Children |
| Tuesday, October 3 | 4-8pm | Chipotle | Dining 4 Dollars |
| Wednesday, October 4 | 9-12pm 1-1:40pm 4pm 7-8pm 8-10pm | Gallagher Room Church Statue of St. Francis Church Parish Center | Mission Ladies Living Rosary Pet Blessing Exposition and Benediction School Fathers Basketball |
| Thursday, October 5 | 4-8pm 7-8:30pm | Food Pantry Gallagher Room | Food Pantry Distribution Athletic Association Meeting |
| Friday, October 6 | 7-9pm | Gallagher Room | Formation Class for Ushers-Spanish |
| Saturday, October 7 | | | |
| Sunday, October 8 | | | |

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Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and 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..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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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

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