

# ST CLETUS MINISTRY GUIDE

2023/2024



*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

# **ADULT FAITH**

## **Baptism Catechesis**

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation, welcoming a person into the Catholic Christian community as well as into a particular parish family. The Baptismal Program seeks to prepare and promote the parents' understanding of their life-long commitment to nurture faith in their child. The class meets monthly for about an hour and a half. If there are two facilitators, the time commitment for a class is every other month. Training for catechists is provided. Planning to implement an additional element to keep in contact with the newly baptized for three years. This can be done from home, maintaining records and mailings.

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## **CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)**

CREDO is a laity-led, self-directed group that spreads the good news of Jesus Christ among adults through educational and pilgrimage opportunities. Faith formation opportunities that are offered include Bible and other studies, the St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, speakers, mini-retreats, workshops, movie nights, trips to Catholic shrines, and maintaining the parish lending library. Quarterly meetings are held. Volunteers are welcome to participate or lead an activity. New people and new ideas are always welcome!

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## **RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Our RCIA process (forming adults who want to become Catholic) is done in conjunction with St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes. Inquirers meet weekly and deepen their relationship with Jesus, as well as learning about Catholicism, and are received into the church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The RCIA team, with participants from all three parishes, journeys with our enquirers and helps to form them in the faith.

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### **St. Cletus Purgatorial Society**

The mission of the St. Cletus Purgatorial Society is to engage all faithful in unifying our prayers and sacrifices to benefit the holy souls who have gone before us. Our society will strive to cultivate a culture of consciousness of the solidarity amongst the Communion of Saints (Church Triumphant (Souls in Heaven) / Church Militant (Souls on Earth) / Church Suffering (Souls in Purgatory)) throughout all generations and reinforce the continual need of prayer and sacrifice for the relief of the suffering souls. May no soul ever be abandoned. May purgatory be emptied!

More information at <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

## **FAITH FORMATION**

The purpose is to teach the word of God through its Faith Formation Classes. St. Cletus offers classes for children in grades Preschool through Eight, which includes preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. There is a special program for high school students seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.

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## **HISPANIC MINISTRY**

The St. Cletus Hispanic Ministry seeks to serve individuals and families whose first language is Spanish. The Ministry's primary focus is on the liturgical celebrations and sacramental preparation.

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708-215-5441 [hispanicministry@stcletusparish.com](mailto:hispanicministry@stcletusparish.com)

### **Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament**

The St. Cletus Hispanic Ministry hosts Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We also gather every month, on the second Saturday, for Nocturnal Adoration in church from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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### **Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On the 12th day of every month, we pray the Rosary in Church at 7:00 pm with a special intention to Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a religious tradition of greeting Our Lady of Guadalupe with *Mañanitas Guadalupanas* the morning of December 12th. We invite you to join us to celebrate with us at 5:00 a.m. After the *Mañanitas* and prayers, everyone is invited to the Parish Center to share hot chocolate and pan dulce (sweet bread). At 7:00. p.m., we celebrate the traditional “Misa de Las Rosas” (Mass of The Roses). After Mass, we enjoy traditional food and refreshments. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us and be part of our family and friends.

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### **Evangelization and responding to a wide variety of social needs.**

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 12:30 pm, along with other major feasts throughout the liturgical year. The office of the Hispanic Ministry is fully committed to responding to the needs of the Hispanic Community with the help and support of volunteers.

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### **Quinceañeras**

We offer preparation classes quarterly and help young women and their families prepare and plan for their Quinceañeras celebration.

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## **Spanish Baptism Catechesis**

We offer Baptism classes in Spanish every other month to help prepare parents and godparents to bring their child into the life of Christ through the sacrament of baptism.

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## **PARISH LIFE**

### **Book Club**

The St. Cletus Book Club meets six times a year to discuss religious and secular books suggested by members. No registration is needed. Watch the Canticle for announcements of dates, times, and titles, and drop in for a discussion if the book interests you. New members are always welcome!

**Contact:** [bookclub@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bookclub@stcletusparish.com)

### **Council of Catholic Women**

With the direction of the Holy Spirit, St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women provides camaraderie and offers a forum for all women of our parish to engage in social, spiritual, and service experiences. We empower women to utilize the unique gifts God has given to each of them.

**Contact:** Pat McLamore or Pat Rotunno [ccw@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ccw@stcletusparish.com)

### **Holy Name Society**

The Holy Name Society is a men's club that supports and promotes parish activities including the July 4th Veterans' Mass, the annual Pancake Breakfast and Baseball outing.

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# **PASTORAL CARE**

## **Compassionate Care**

Compassionate Care Ministry supports families who have had a death in their family and offers follow-up care for the first year after the loss. As a Christian community, we offer comfort and compassion to those grieving.

**Contact:** Fr. Mike Novick 708-352-6209 [mnovick@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mnovick@stcletusparish.com)

## **Ministers of Care**

Visit LaGrange Memorial Hospital for an hour or so once/twice a month. We offer this ministry 20/21 days per month, sharing it with five other parishes. Training is provided.

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# **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**

## **Domestic Violence Outreach**

Mission is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our community and to support victims and survivors of domestic violence. Ages: Adult only.

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## **Food Pantry**

The St. Cletus Food Pantry provides fresh and shelf-stable groceries, paper goods, and personal items to 75-150 families each week to help supplement their needs and ease their worries. Volunteers needed in a variety of capacities from driving to grocery stores for donation pickups, helping with our Thursday evening distributions, collecting donations, sorting groceries, etc. Weekly distribution is on Thursday nights from 4:00-8:00. Volunteers needed Thursdays from 3:15-5:30 or 5:15-8:15pm. Sign up required.

Ages: Varies depending on activity. Thursday distribution volunteer's 6th grade and up.

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### **Interfaith Community Partners**

Interfaith Career Network is dedicated to providing the following services to all in need:

- Christian Fellowship and Support
- Job networking opportunities
- Career Skills Presentations
- Resume Preparation and Critique
- Interviewing Preparation and Techniques

Volunteer opportunities to participate in monthly meetings, quarterly Resume Reviews, or occasionally conduct one-hour practice interviews. Learn more about ICN [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com).

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### **Mission Ladies**

An organization for making items for children and nursing homes. We sew, knit, and crochet—dolls, lap robes, wheelchair bags, etc. Join us for our meetings every Wednesday, September-May, from 9:15am-Noon in the Parish Center. Time commitment: 2 ¼ hours per week.

**Contact:** Dolores Scaletta [missionladies@stcletusparish.com](mailto:missionladies@stcletusparish.com)

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

A volunteer Catholic lay organization, who, in Christ's name, service clients in our community with emergency assistance for necessities, including utilities, rent, food, medical prescriptions, eye care, gasoline cards, etc. Generally, volunteers go in pairs on home visits to ascertain the clients' needs and to offer Christian encouragement and hope, as well as financial assistance.

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# **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

## **Altar Servers**

Altar servers assist the priest and deacon at the celebration of the Mass. This ministry is available to boys and girls from 5th grade through high school from both St. Cletus School and the St. Cletus Religious Education program.

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## **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Do not let the title of this ministry daunt you. “Extraordinary” refers to those who are not ordained (priests/deacons) – the laity. This ministry is available to all Confirmed parishioners, age 16 years and older. Ministers follow a schedule that closely fits their availability of time and commitment. Since there are multiple Masses and Communion stations at each Mass, there is always a need for ministers.

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## **Gushers (Greeters/Ushers)**

This ministry is often the first encountered by parishioners when they enter the worship environment. They offer a warm welcome to those entering church for our Saturday and Sunday Liturgies. “Gushers” are ministers of hospitality who greet, answer questions, seat, recruit gift bearers, take up collections, and assist with the Communion procession.

**Contact:** Colleen Hagen 708-352-6209

## **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim the Word of God. Proper formation and training for this ministry is provided to interested candidates who are invited into a deeper experience of God through Scripture.

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### **Music Ministry**

The Music Ministry of St. Cletus Parish is so blessed to offer so many opportunities to those who enjoy using their God-given musical talents.

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### **St. Cletus St. Fiacre Society**

The St. Cletus Fiacre Society is named after the 7<sup>th</sup> Century Irish Monk, the patron Saint of Gardeners. This volunteer ministry helps beautify our campus through the maintenance of flower beds, planting spring and fall annuals around campus buildings, concentrating on the entrances to our church, rectory and Parish Center. Green thumbs welcomed (although this is not a requirement).

**Contact:** Tom Reisel [madtfr@att.net](mailto:madtfr@att.net)

### **Wedding Ministry**

The Wedding Ministry organizes the rehearsal night and assists the couple with last minute decisions. They set up the church on the wedding day and try to keep everyone calm so the wedding flows smoothly.

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