

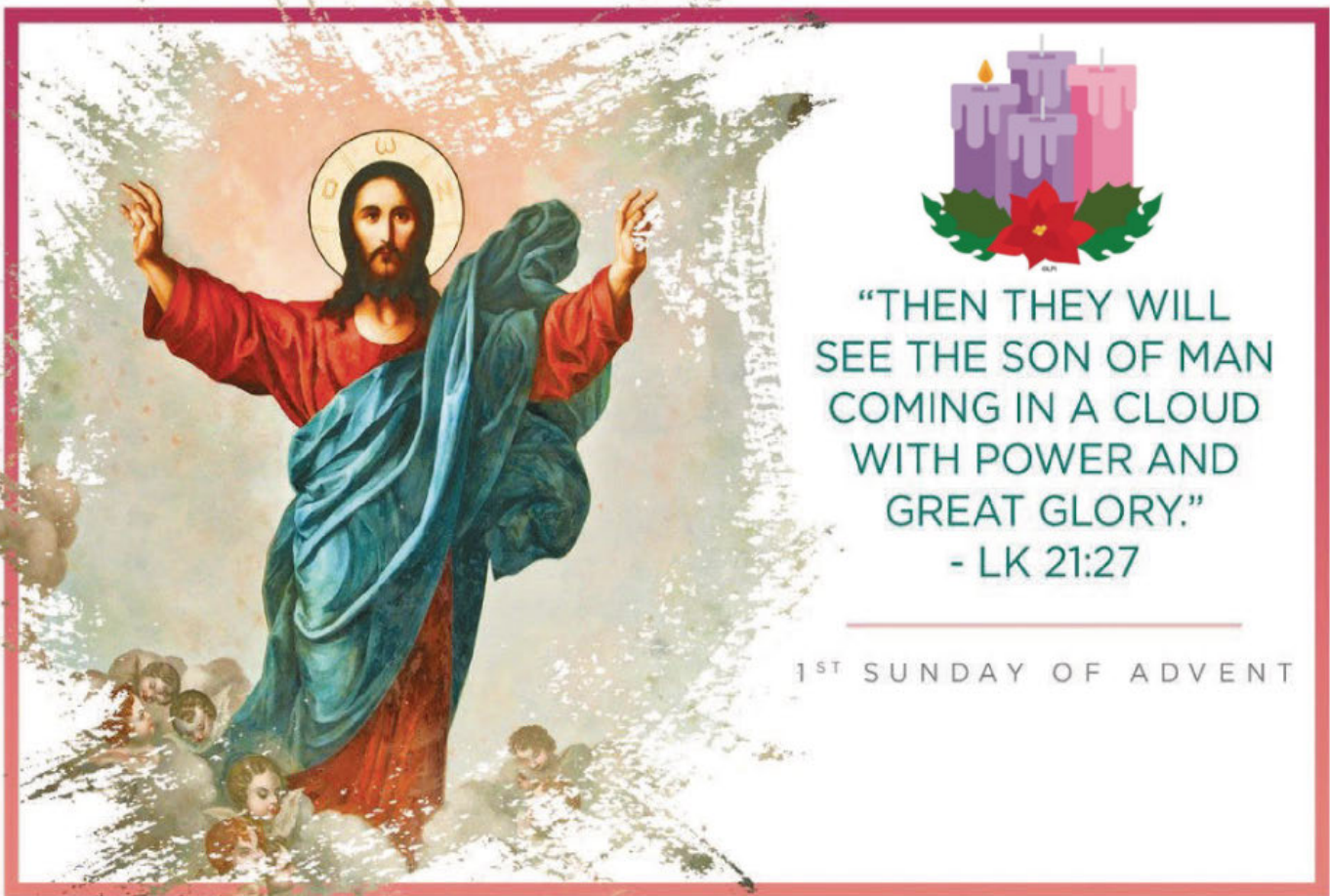
St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



December 1, 2024 | First Sunday of Advent



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Mission and Vision Statement

“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.”

Mt 28:19-20

Parish Office

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Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



stcletusparish.com



St. Cletus Parish



St. Cletus Church

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Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)
Streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/@stcletusparish/streams>
7:15 a.m. (English)
8:45 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Español)

Confessions

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

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Contact the parish office.

Weddings

Please contact the parish office 6
months prior to the wedding date.

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Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al
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Funerals

Contact the parish office.

Parish Canticle

For any request, please email
canticle@stcletusparish.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 30	Rev. Elmer Romero	5 p.m.	† Edward & Alice Vonesh † Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Ellen Benrus	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Deceased Members of St Cletus CWC
Sunday December 1	Rev. Alexander Garcia	7:15 a.m.	† Louis Marchese Michael Zimmerman Family (Special Intention)	† Julia Kopacz
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† John & Anne Kuchta † Sophie Konieczny † Kelly Sorrentino	Health blessings for John Prusko, Sr. (Living) † Ida Callaghan
	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Donald Kotrba † Dale Fisher † Amarildo Ponce	† Donald Kotrba † Milly Zalokar
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	Isaac Ramirez (Living) Jorge Luis Diaz Diaz (Special Intention)	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
Monday December 2	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† John Battistoni † Julio Battistoni	† Otto Thaus
Tuesday December 3	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Eleanor Kost	Sophie Adler (Birthday)
Wednesday December 4	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† BC & Rip Collins	
Thursday December 5	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Silvia Garcia Márquez	
Friday December 6	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Nan & Bob Rettig	† James Moles † Frank Wojcik
Saturday December 7	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† Carl Welenc † Ellen Benrus	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Jason & Gerrie Osmolak † Jason Meyer
Sunday December 8	Rev. Michael Novick	7:15 a.m.	† John and Frances Kennedy † Patrick Mahoney	† Julia Kopacz
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† John and Cheryl Fisherkeller † Bruno Konieczny	Health blessings for John Prusko, Sr. (Living) Michael Zimmerman Family (Special Intention)
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Sammy Colonna † Kathleen Swanson	† C. Rodger Brown † Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Teresa Sepulveda Gamboa	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Cynthia Gosse | Denise & Rich Jandura | George & Barb Zykan | June Matasic | Richard Madsen | Asis Gonzalez | Frank Orrico | Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjzau | Debbie Coté | Vincent Austrevich

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Theresa Duda
† Mary McMahan, Aunt of Maureen Feirick
† Baby Andrew Sica

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"He shows us the face of God, and in so doing he shows us the path that we have to take."

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Friends,

Led by the love of God, today we start a New Year in the life of the church. It is the beginning of the New Year because the Church defines the year by the most important event in history: the Incarnation of God into the world by the birth of Christ. Advent is the month-long preparation for that event. Jesus is the central character of history. He is also its author. How shall we engage this precious event?

Perhaps the first and most important thing we can do this season of Advent is to pray. We all have busy and active lives. We run from one thing to another. Sometimes we even have less time for sleep, rest, and renewal. If this is a reality for you, I gently invite you to listen to your heart and turn to the Lord for help. He will show you how to find a time for prayer. He is good at it. Trust him.

Secondly, you might want to consider all blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon you since last Christmas. No matter how hard or difficult life can be at times, one thing that faith assures us is that God is always with us. He is always with us. We are never alone. He is always blessing us. Consider your family, friends, work, faith community, and so forth. Becoming aware of our blessings is a good exercise. It helps us to place our focus on God. It refreshes our relationship with him.

Thirdly, Advent can also be an opportunity to consider the art of gratitude. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," says St. Paul (1 Thess 5:18). How is your experience of giving thanks? It can be a simple act, but most people overlook its power in their lives and forget to be intentional about it. For many, it does not come naturally. How about for you? Those who are good at the art of gratitude enjoy the

blessings they have, have good friends, find satisfaction in work and life, and everyone wants to be around them. They radiate the life, joy, and Spirit of the Lord.

As we embrace the season of Advent at St. Cletus, I would like to extend to you two invitations. First, this year we will have two Evenings of Prayer and Reflection. The first one is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd (Spanish) and the second one on Wednesday, December 4th (English). This time we are blessed to have Friar Mario L. Serrano, OFC Conv. as our special guest speaker. The theme of his reflection is: "St. Francis and the Gift of Incarnation." He was at our parish the weekend of July 20th-21st of this year. He is a gentle, passionate, and joyful priest. He is fluent in English and Spanish. I am confident that you will find his presence and reflection engaging, uplifting, and refreshing. Consider joining us.

Secondly, following our practice from previous years and practicing the art of collaboration, St. John of the Cross Parish will be hosting the Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service on Saturday, December 7th, 2024, at 9:30 AM. Priests that serve at St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus will be the confessors. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us.

May our Advent journey allow us to grow in prayer, acknowledge our blessings, and always give thanks.

Fr. Elmer Romero

A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

Advent

Some people might be surprised to find out that the official definition of advent is “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” It has plenty of synonyms too from the thesaurus: arrival, appearance, emergence, materialization, surfacing, occurrence, dawn, origin, birth, rise, development, approach, coming, looming, nearing, and advance. That’s a lot. For us as Christians, it is the first season of the Christian church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays. Furthermore, Christian theology speaks to the coming or second coming of Christ. It’s such an interesting thing to find this information for me because it fits into our understanding in the faith.

“The arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” Well, of course, this fits into our understanding, albeit from a future point of view. We don’t say that Jesus was born in Advent, but it’s these next 4 weeks that help us to understand how we need to make known his arrival (the event). That’s why John the Baptist is such a prominent figure in this 4-week season – his leaping in Elizabeth’s womb and his coming out of the desert to announce Jesus’ presence is supposed to get us excited (maybe even a little bit “en garde”) about Jesus’ arrival in the world, not his own. That is what we all need to appreciate about Advent. It’s not simply a 4-week span of time before Christmas. It’s not the same sort of penitential season like Lent. It’s 4 weeks to help us to focus on preparing how we might make known the good news John the Baptist puts forward as an example, even from the womb, that Jesus’ arrival is SOON.

St. Cletus has many ways for us to help that to happen leading up to the Nativity of Jesus. There will be two evenings of prayer and reflection (first on December 3 in Spanish, then December 4 in English) by Friar Mario Serrano, OFM. The Ho Ho Breakfast sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women is always a great family and community building event. That happens on Sunday, December 8th. There will be first reconciliations for our second graders from both the school and faith formation programs. There will be

other opportunities between our parish, St. John of the Cross, and St. Francis Xavier for reconciliation. Our own choir is going to have a Christmas concert on December 22nd. And, of course, the Mass schedule for December 24th and 25th. Masses on the 24th are at 3pm in the church, 3:15pm in the gymnasium, and, at 5pm, 7:30pm (Spanish), and 10:30pm in the church. Masses on the 25th are at 7:15 and 10am in English, and at 12:30pm in Spanish. And besides all of these events, there is no shortage of opportunities for practicing charity. The St. Cletus Food Pantry is feeding more families than ever before and the Giving Tree was another major undertaking for such a labor of love from our volunteers.

Before I close, this article, let me also say once again how great it is to continue in our Formation Series “When You Pray.” Some people might think that we as priests have all of our spiritual “ducks in a row” when it comes to prayer. Let me assure you, that is not always the case. Two sessions ago, as I preached about on November 17th, every person goes thru a “dry-spell” in their prayer life. Others think that they are doing something wrong because they are not getting “answers” to their prayers. In the wake of that session, I actually used the lesson from that night on three separate occasions during the week. You may have heard me refer to a friend whom I respect very much but who is not terribly religious ask me for advice because he had been having people asking him to pray for various intentions – from people who had ill friends or family, or they were losing their jobs, or other difficult times. He just felt like he had no idea what to say to God in his prayer. How was he supposed to approach Him? I simply told him “Be yourself. Talk to Him. Even when He feels distant from you, He hears and answers.” And yes, even some of the “best” saints were not always on track, but they were inspired to keep on moving forward and onward to the Kingdom.

Make it a great Advent. Watch and pray.

Fr. Mike

Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, December 2	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes	School
	7:00 p. m.	School Board Meeting	Rectory
	7:00 p. m.	Bible Study	Gallagher Room
Tuesday, December 3	6:00 p. m.	CCW Board Meeting	Rectory
	6:00 p. m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Room 213
	7:00 p. m.	Adviento: Una Noche de Oración y Reflexion	Church
Wednesday, December 4	9:00 a.m.	Mission Ladies	Gallagher Room
	1:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Living Rosary	Church
	7:00 p. m.	Advent: An Evening of Prayer and Reflection	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Room 213
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation: Teen Seeker Program	School
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball	Gym
Thursday, December 5	4:00 p. m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Parish Center
	7:00 p. m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Church
	7:00 p. m.	Christmas Concert Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday, December 6	7:00 p. m.	Holy Name Society Meeting	Gallagher Room
	7:00 p. m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Church
Saturday, December 7	All Day	Giving Tree Collection	Church Narthex
	7:00 p. m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Church
Sunday, December 8	All Day	Giving Tree Collection	Church Narthex
	7:45 a.m.	HO HO Holiday Breakfast with Santa	Parish Center
	7:00 p. m.	Christmas Concert Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7:00 p. m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Church

Readings of the week

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



JOIN THE ST. CLETUS
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN & FSA FOR OUR

HO HO Holiday



*Breakfast
with*

Santa

**Sunday, December 8
7:45am - 1:00pm**

The St. Cletus Parish Center will be transformed into a holiday wonderland!

\$5 per person includes:

- Continental Breakfast
- Crafts for Children
- Old-fashioned Cake Walk for all ages
- Special Appearance by Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Holy Family "Drop a Wish" for Baby Jesus Display
- Christmas Ornament Sale to benefit the CCW Scholarship Fund

For more information email ccw@stcletusparish.com
or call Pat at 630.330.1884 or Karen at 708.710.0644



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:45^{AM} - 1:00^{PM}

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

School News

St. Cletus School Scholarship Donations Needed

First and foremost, thank you very much for the contributions to our St. Cletus Scholarship Fund over the last several years. The financial help you contributed last year enabled sixty students to obtain a St. Cletus Scholarship on the average of \$1,200 per student lowering the overall cost to attend St. Cletus School. The overall average cost to attend St. Cletus School is just over \$7,000 per student per year. The total amount in scholarship money that St. Cletus was able to accumulate for students amounted to \$77,608. The tuition scholarship awards came from various funds including: Caritas Fund Scholarships, Archdiocesan Catholic School Fund Scholarships, and St. Cletus Scholarships through parishioner donations.

With the Invest in Kids Scholarship Program no longer available for students who attend private schools, it has made it more of a challenge for families to cover the cost of a Catholic Education. However, we continue to support the families who believe in accessing a Catholic Education as being important for their children. Know that we

appreciate whatever amount you are able to contribute to our St. Cletus Scholarship Fund.

There are two different ways to donate to the St. Cletus Scholarship Fund they include: Contribute your donation in the yellow envelope entitled "St. Cletus Scholarship Fund" that can be found in church; prepare a check for the St. Cletus School Scholarship Fund and drop it off at the school or parish office; and donate on-line through the St. Cletus School website.

God Bless all of you for your continued support of the ministry of a Catholic Education at St. Cletus School. Go Cardinals!

-Principal Gregory N. Porod, M. Ed., Supt.



Scan Below To Hear Why Our Students LOVE St. Cletus!



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Scan Here

St. Cletus Students Are Thankful!



Our Student Council created this beautiful turkey with feathers filled with what our students are most thankful for! It is a beautiful display in our school lobby!

Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 1 de Diciembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español	Iglesia
Martes, 3 de Diciembre	6:00 p.m.	Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe	Salon 213
Martes, 3 de Diciembre	7:00 p.m.	Adviento: Una Noche de Oración y Reflexion	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration in Honor of the Virgin Mary

Gracias a la Junta Directiva del Comité Guadalupe.

Gracias al comité por su voluntad de servir en este ministerio.

Presidenta: Lupita Rodríguez

Vicepresidenta: Angélica Cansino

Secretarías:

Berónica Martínez y Marbella Marín

Tesoreros: Erasmo Zavala & Rubén Ramírez.

Thank you to the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe Committee.

Thank you to the committee for your willingness to serve in this ministry.

President: Lupita Rodríguez

Vice President: Angelica Cansino

Secretaries:

Berónica Martínez & Marbella Marín

Treasurers: Erasmo Zavala & Rubén Ramírez.

Segunda Colecta

Estaremos tomando una colecta más para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupeana durante la misa de 12:30 p.m.

1 de Diciembre

También puede donar en línea, escaneando el código QR.

Novena Guadalupeana

3 al 11 de Diciembre a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia

Rifa

\$5 por boleto

El 50% de las recaudaciones será el premio mayor. El sorteo será el 12 de diciembre durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeana. (No es necesario estar presente para ganar.)

Celebración Guadalupeana

El 12 de Diciembre de 5 a.m. en la Iglesia



Second Collection

We will be having one more collection to help with the expenses of the Guadalupeana Fiesta during the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

December 1

You can also donate online by scanning the QR code.

Novena Guadalupeana

December 3rd to the 11th at 7 p.m. in the Church

Raffle

\$5 per ticket

50% of the proceeds will become the grand prize. The raffle will be held on December 12 during the Guadalupeana celebration (It is not necessary to be present to win).

Guadalupeana Celebration

On December 12 at 5 a.m. in the Church

Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays
4-8 p.m.

Wish List:

- Jelly
- Diapers
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap
- Boxed Potatoes
- Crackers, cookies, snacks

Follow us on

Facebook:

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@St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer
Kendall Grant
(708)215-5418
kgrant@stcletusparish.com

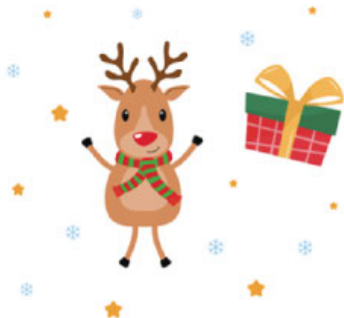
We Need Your Help!

Our biggest priority and request for help right now is Giving Tree! Here is how you can help:

Tags are now available in the Church Narthex! This year, we are offering a **new online tag sign up**. This will help us expand our reach to those outside the St. Cletus Parish community. You can share this link with other friends and family that may not attend our parish or be familiar with our program. You can share on social media too! www.stcletusfoodpantry.com/givingtree



St. Cletus GIVING TREE



REMINDERS

1. WRAP GIFTS
2. LABEL EACH GIFT WITH THE TAG # AND PERSON'S NAME
3. DROP OFF GIFTS:

DECEMBER 7 FROM 12:00PM-5:00PM
DECEMBER 8 FROM 7:00AM-12:30PM

ST. CLETUS MORRISSEY HALL
700 W. 55TH ST LAGRANGE
(DRIVE THRU LANE ON STONE AVE)

Thank you for making a Christmas wish come true!

Giving Tree FAQ's and Volunteer Opportunities can be found at:

www.stcletusfoodpantry.com/givingtree

For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418 or

kgrant@stcletusparish.com

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection

◆ *St. Francis and the Gift of Incarnation* ◆

December 4th, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

*Hospitality
to follow*

Special Guest Speaker:
Friar Mario L. Serrano,
OFM Conv.



St. Cletus Parish
600 W. 55th Street La Grange

Advent Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 7th 2024

9:30 AM



Hosted by:
St. John of the Cross
5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs



Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and beyond are invited to attend!
Come and experience the gift of God's boundless mercy.

BAKERS/DONORS NEEDED FOR HOHO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CAKE WALK

Cakes, bars, cookies, loaves, etc., all would be gratefully accepted as "prizes" for the very popular Cake Walk.



- Please place in non-returnable containers and indicate if the item contains nuts.
- Please drop off Saturday, December 7th, 3 to 6 PM to the Parish Center.



Thank you in advance for your help. Questions? Call Pat at 630-330-1884 or Karen at 708-710-0644 or email: cew@stcletusparish.com

Una Noche de Oracion y Reflexion

★ *San Francisco y el Regalo de la Encarnación* ★

3 de diciembre, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Habra convivio despues de la charla

*Ponente Invitado:
Fray Mario L. Serrano,
OFC Conv.*



St. Cletus Parish
600 W. 55th Street La Grange

SOLEMN EXPOSITION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

⊕ DECEMBER 18TH
⊕ 7:00PM

*Come to this hour of adoration
to encounter Jesus. Your heart is made for
Him and will be restless until it knows Him.*



600 W. 55TH STREET
LA GRANGE

ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS:

"A CHILD IS BORN!"

A CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

4:00 PM

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

ADMISSION IS FREE

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FUTURE
MUSIC MINISTRY EVENTS WILL BE
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.



*PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AS WE RAISE OUR VOICES (AND
YOURS!) TO JOYFULLY SING OUR PRAISE TO THE LORD!*



ST. CLETUS PARISH

December

COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OPPORTUNITIES

8

HOHO CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

7:45 AM- Parish Center Gym

12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

4:45 AM- Mañanitas, 7:00PM Mass

22

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

4:00 PM- Church

24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

3:00PM, 3:15 PM (PC GYM),
5:00PM, 7:30PM (Spanish), 10:30PM

25

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

7:15 AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM (Spanish)



SPRED at St. Francis Xavier Parish

SPRED (Special Religious Development) welcomes children and adults with developmental disabilities and leads them toward a deeper awareness of God in their lives, an awareness of themselves as persons of dignity who are deeply loved by God, and an awareness of their integral relationship to the parish community and the entire Church. This is accomplished by meaningful one-on-one relationships within a small faith community.

We currently have openings in our Saturday morning group for adults (ages 22+). If you know of any adults who would benefit from participating in the SPRED program, please contact Maureen Windmoeller at 708-250-1049.

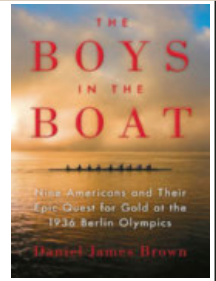


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let us walk in the light of the Lord

Book Club

Come join us on December 10th for a discussion of *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail book_club@stcletusparish.com. For those who like to look ahead, our February book is *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs.



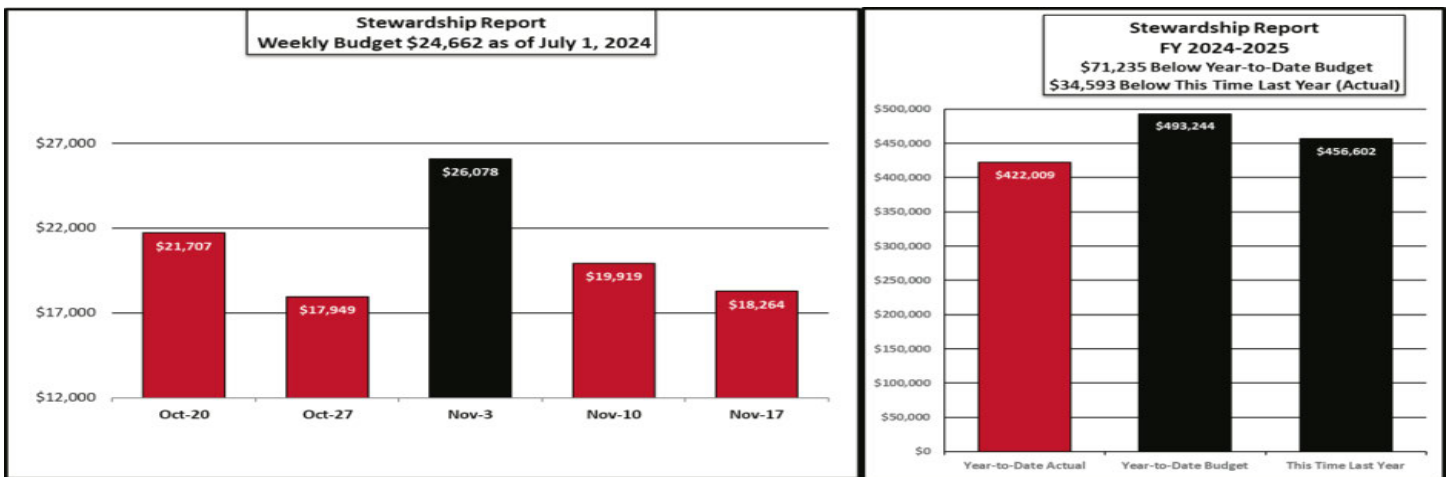
AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers for the 2025 Tax Filing Season

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2025 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2025. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April.

This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?

For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: <https://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer> or contact parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170.



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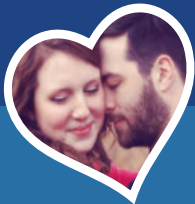
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