



# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Here am I, Lord; I will come to do your will. - Psalm 40



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

# Mass Intentions for January 15 - January 21 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
January 15	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Mary Marasovic(special intention, Frank Wojcik
January 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins and Ron Koch
January 18	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 19	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joseph Vais, Frank Wojcik
January 20	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Daniel Klepczarek, Edward Hrzenjak, James Moles, Rafael, Parra, Ezequiel Mendez(birthday)
January 21	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Robert Spyrison, Julia Kopacz
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Thomas Birks, Natalie Nicoletti
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Stacy Baker, John Baker, Gerald Young, Stephen Bachmann, Joseph and Adele Stopka
	12:30pm	Fr. Villalobos	Por las benditas almas del purgatorio, Joel Angel Garcia Cuevas, Ramon Gutierrez Bautista, Karina Jaramillo

**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.

*January -  
December - Mary Lue Buchler*

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

**ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...**

**Leonardo Gael Lopez**  
Son of Fernando Lopez and Ana Ruiz

**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**



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

**Bill Kallal**  
Husband of Bobby Kallal  
**Dorothy Walega**  
Mother of Douglas Walega

**May they rest in peace....**

Parish Office Closed on January 15.

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, our Parish Center will be closed. As usual, please call our office number in case of an emergency.

## Pastor's Note

*"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything  
He has given us—and He has given us everything.  
Every breath we draw is a gift of His love,  
every moment of existence is grace,  
for it brings with us immense graces from Him."  
Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude.*

Dear Friends,

Our recent Christmas celebration was a joy-filled, profound, and spiritually enriching experience for us all. As the people of God we came to our parish to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with us. The faith, prayer, and love that was shared at all Masses was real, moving, and uplifting. It was truly a moment of grace when everyone felt close to the Lord and touched by his gentle love.

On a personal level, I was encouraged, energized, and inspired by your faith, generosity, and the love you have for the Lord. Your desire to have God as part of your life and your loved ones is palpable. Also, your contribution to see St. Cletus Parish become more and more a vibrant, warm, and welcoming gathering place is contagious. Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our Parish Staff, all ministers, and volunteers for their fine contribution, collaboration, and leadership that helped to make such a special Christmas celebration at our parish. The Sanctuary of our church looked magnificent. Liturgical Music was exceptional. Lectors proclaimed the living Word of God with joy and faith. Eucharistic Ministers served with love. Altar servers did an excellent job. Gushers excelled in welcoming and accommodating everyone with gentleness and joy. Our deacons and priests prayed well at all liturgies. We can sense the closeness of God through their witness and generosity. Please join me by holding them in prayer and asking the Lord to fill their hearts with his love.

I am happy to let you know that I have invited Norma Hernandez to join our Parish Staff (full-time) as the new Coordinator of Faith Formation for Children and Teens. In addition, she has generously accepted my invitation to receive formation offered by the Archdiocese to bring Alpha to our parish. She has a good experience in youth ministry. She is a graduate of the School of Parish Leadership and Evangelization, part of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake. She is currently pursuing further education with the Catechetical Coordinator Program, also part of USML, and is expected to graduate in May of 2025. Norma is a woman of faith. She has a genuine desire to serve the Lord and his people. She is joyful, relatable, and friendly. She speaks English and Spanish fluently. Her first day of work will be tomorrow, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. I am grateful to Larry Manetti, Director of Faith Formation, for his generosity and willingness to work with Norma as she becomes familiar with all that entails her new responsibility. Please join me in offering a warm welcome to Norma.

Hector Obregon, former Director of Evangelization and Renewal, has made the decision to end his ministry at St. Cletus Parish as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. We thank him for his service, ministry, and contribution. We wish him well.

I am writing this message (01/03/2024) at my parent's house. I flew to Peru on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This morning, I had breakfast with my parents. We enjoyed a good oatmeal. We plan on having lunch and dinner today and every day until the day of my return to Chicago. Every day, I get the opportunity to share a meal with them. Spending time and being with them continues to be a source of blessing, renewal, and grace. Each of them, with their child-like faith, strengthen my faith, and lead me closer to the Lord. I thank the Lord daily for them. I will return to the parish on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

With the teaching of Thomas Merton, I encourage you to welcome and take this New Year, 2024, as an opportunity "to recognize the love of God in everything he has given us" and in everything we will do and celebrate at our parish. Our hearts will appreciate and benefit greatly when we do this.

May the Lord grant us his grace so that together we continue to discern his will for our parish and grow in the spirit of gratefulness.

Fr. Elmer Romero



## Note From Father Mike

### God's Call

With everyone using their cell phones pretty constantly (including myself), there's a lot of emphasis on so many ways to communicate with one another, even WITHIN a cell phone. Of course, you can always simply CALL someone. You can text. You can FaceTime. You can WhatsApp. Or through Facebook, you can send an instant message. And really, you don't even need to use something that remotely looks like a phone either. You can use your WATCH, your desktop camera, and your other mobile devices. I must admit, it's too much! Yes, I said it's too much even for me. There seems to be no room in the world for some good silence. Yes, I said not enough silence. Those of you who have got to know me, you can restart your hearts.

I can still see vividly in my brain the first time I was at an Easter Vigil I attended in 1994. I was sitting next to my sister-in-law before it the service began. Normally, the church is darkened until a fire is lit and blessed for the blessing and lighting of the new Paschal candle (usually the tallest of all of the candles in the church). Well, we were kneeling and I simply suddenly felt something I couldn't explain. It was not an outside physical touch, but from somewhere deep within my soul (I believe). What I remember most was that my sister-in-law asked if I was ok. At that moment, our pastor walked in the side door. I responded to my sister-in-law "I think I might be looking to do what he is doing, but I'm not sure, so don't say anything to anyone." A month or so later, I listened to a seminarian at our church tell his own vocation calling story; yet, he was also telling my own. I was floored. How else could that be possible? We didn't know one another. It had to be God.

I find it odd that I seem to have something in common with some of the narrators and hosts of those TV shows on the History Channel about aliens. One of the scientists tends to see that if something is unexplainable to the naked eye, he attributes what he sees to aliens. On the other hand, if I see something I can't explain or feel something that defies logic, I have to attribute it to God. If you've seen the box office movie Contact with Jodie Foster, she originally can't come to realization until very late in the film that maybe science doesn't have all of the answers. Still, she never admits to having any sort of faith.

Have you ever had someone say to you just the exact thing you needed to hear? That tends to be the voice of God or at least of God's messenger. The scenes in our own lives when we've heard God's call don't always come in the most dramatic moments of our lives. They happen even more often than we might think. They even happen when we might not want to listen. That's why it's so important to be able to respond as Samuel does. We must be open and willing to pay attention and give God the credit. Even if something is said by another person, praise God they have learned to be His instrument. And remember that the call might seem to come in the most unlikely of times or places.

We just completed the Advent/Christmas season. If there were any text to back-up my claims here, look at the conversations the Archangel Gabriel had with Mary, Joseph, and Zechariah. What were the shepherds proclaiming when they heard the angels' song? Were they in a palace? Nope. Watching over their sheep in the wilderness. Pay attention. Listen.

Happy 2024,  
Fr, Mike

## Sunday Notes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day

**Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot

**Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr



# Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

## 2023 CHRISTMAS AT ST. CLETUS PARISH

*Giving Thanks to the Lord.*



**We have been blessed to worship with almost 4,000 people at our different celebrations!**

We had a record single Mass attendance of 1,400 people at the 3:00 PM Mas on Christmas Eve! This is the Spirit of our community. This is what we work so hard for: to bring Jesus to this corner of the world. May the Christmas spirit be always present in our hearts!





# Get Your Superbowl Tickets Today!

## ST. CLETUS SUPER BOWL PARTY!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 ~ DOORS OPEN AT 3PM

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER ~ TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

\*FUN INCLUDES: PINATAS, GAMES, PIZZA, WINGS, DESSERT AND LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!

### HOW MUCH?

\$10 PER PERSON OR TABLE OF 6 FOR \$40

(FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$10 WE WILL SET ASIDE A RESERVED TABLE FOR YOUR PARTY)

FOOTBALL SQUARES  
AVAILABLE FOR \$10 EACH  
PRIZE PAY OUT: \$100 1ST, 2ND,  
AND 3RD QUARTERS  
\*\$200 FINAL SCORE\*



SPONSORED BY THE  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

THIS EVENT SOLD OUT LAST YEAR SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

## Church Women United, La Grange/Western Springs

ALL WOMEN WELCOME TO ATTEND



Church Women United LaGrange/Western Springs Unit invites all area women to attend their Annual Meeting/Brunch on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held at St. Cletus Parish, 600 55<sup>th</sup> Street, LaGrange. In addition to breakfast, there will be a brief update on the state of organization followed by guest speaker, Kendall Grant, St. Cletus Director of Social Concerns who will address the topic: "Beyond the Pantry". She will explore how the St. Cletus Food Pantry collaborates to provide food for people in need and support people beyond "just" groceries. A tour of the departmentalized pantry will be included.

Cost for the morning is \$10. Advance reservations are requested by January 12<sup>th</sup>. **Questions/Reservations may be directed to\* Karen Ziemia at 708.710.0644.**

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive, international Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Their motto is: Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve. The local unit was established in 1941 and will soon celebrate its 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

# School News

# JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE

## JANUARY 28TH 10:30AM-2:00PM

### COME SEE WHY EVERYDAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!



700 W. 55th St.  
La Grange, IL 60525  
708.352.4820   
www.stcletusschool.com

**21+ TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORED BY OUR FSA! \*PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE\***



## 21+ TRIVIA NIGHT



**Gather a team of no more than 10 people (less is fine!) and come join the fun!**

**Our trivia host will be "Liquid Kourage"!**

**January 19th**

**Doors Open at 6:30, Trivia begins at 7pm**

*In the Parish Center*

**\$20 per person**

*Drop payment off at the school office or pay at the door*

**Team Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of People on Team** \_\_\_\_\_

This event is BYOB. Feel free to bring snacks too!

Make Checks Payable to St. Cletus FSA

# Social Concerns Ministry



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

### Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Detergent and soap
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

### Follow us on

Facebook:

@StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:

@St.CletusFoodPantry

## FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent and treasure to enhance our Advent and Christmas celebrations at St. Cletus. It was beautiful to see the Church and Parish Center spaces, to be welcomed by so many friendly faces, and to see the generosity and service extend to so many of our special events during this season: Giving Tree, Posadas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Brunch, Encountering Jesus with Juan Manuel, Jazz Nativity, Anointing of the Sick, Evening of Prayer and Reflection, special school holiday festivities...on and on! Thank you for making this a vibrant and welcoming parish.

### *Update on supporting asylum-seeking families in our community:*

As you may recall, this time last year we had Amazon packages being delivered by the vanload every day as our parish, along with other community partners, fulfilled Welcome Packs to move more than 20 families from emergency shelter into housing. We were hosting playdates in the St. Cletus gym, coordinating transportation to Mass and holiday events at the parish (for those who were interested), and threw a party for the entire shelter at Flying High Gym. As we continue to hear of more asylum seekers coming to Chicago, we got a few questions about what happened to those families.

By February of 2023, the local emergency shelter in our neighborhood closed. All of the families moved into apartments and homes throughout the Chicago area. Fortunately, many were able to stay in within Lyons Township where their children had started school and where they were beginning to put down roots. A handful of other families, not originally at the local shelter, were also able to move into this area. Once people moved from shelter into housing, we adapted our support to meet the changing needs.

Over the past year, the families have been regularly attending our food pantry and special distributions like Christmas Giving Tree, Thanksgiving, school supply drive and more. We have partnered with the local school social workers to provide additional assistance and home deliveries to school age children and their families. We were also able to share comped Fall Fest MegaPasses and Ho, Ho Santa brunch tickets this year. We have journeyed more closely with a few families. One woman became pregnant and we helped connect her with a doctor, coordinating a ride to and from appointments, etc. Another needed services for Domestic Violence. A few of the families have made St. Cletus their home parish, coming for our Hispanic Ministry events, Spanish Masses and services.

I am so proud of the work our parish has done with these families. We have found meaningful and helpful ways to make a direct impact and fill gaps in services and community. We have continued to help walk alongside these families to support them in the LaGrange area and we are eager to continue our support for asylum seeking families in our community. Thank you for your heartfelt service and generosity to our neighbors.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns*

*Ministry contact  
Kendall Grant  
(708)215-5418  
kgrant@  
stcletusparish.com*

## WORD OF LIFE



“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic



# Interfaith Career Network Job Search Assistance

## HELPFUL ADVICE FROM HR WHEN CONDUCTING YOUR JOB SEARCH

Thursday, January 18 from 7:00-9:00pm  
St. John of the Cross 5005 Wolf Rd.

- Think your resume is good? You may be way ahead of others who you are competing against! You may not!
- Think your business protocol during your search is good? You may be way ahead of your competition! You may not!
- Think you may want to learn more from the corporate, "other side" of recruitment - YES!

Be the best you can be during your job search. Our speaker is Leslie Kelley, Director of Human Resources for Chervon North America. She holds a Bachelor's degree in HR and a Master's degree in Organizational Behavior. Leslie is actively involved in recruitment and will share important tips that may launch your job search to the next level!



[www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com)



# Conversations in the Spirit at St. Francis Xavier

## Conversations in the Spirit

*What happened at the Global Synod? Where do we go from here?*

Wednesday, January 31 from 7:00-9:00pm  
Unity Hall

How did we get to LGBT blessings? Could there be a female diaconate? Experience the synodal way of creating space for these topics, the same synodal way that our church leaders practiced at the Synod in Rome!

- Parishioner Katie Mulcahy will share her experience of being in Rome during the Synod
- we will practice the "conversations in the Spirit" to which Pope Francis invites us
- We will carry this way of "being church" forward in preparation for the next synodal gathering in Oct 2024

To RSVP email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) or [click here](#).



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

*"It is not enough to have a synod, you must be a synod. The Church needs intense internal sharing, between pastors and between the pastors and the faithful." - Pope Francis*

# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
16 de enero, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
14 de enero 2024	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.

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupe Committee of St. Cletus Parish, we want to thank everyone for their participation and support in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was a great inspiration to see so many people at the Guadalupe Celebration.

Also, we want to thank everyone for their participation and support in the celebration of the Posadas, the Posadas are a very important tradition for our Hispanic community. We would also like to thank everyone who made these wonderful celebrations possible and provided music and songs, as

well as enjoying the delicious traditional food. **Thank you all. Thank you very much for your presence at the Christmas Eve Masses and at the Christmas Day Mass. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.**

## ¡GRACIAS!

De parte del Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupe de la Parroquia St. Cletus, queremos agradecer a todos por su participación y apoyo en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Fue una gran inspiración ver tanta gente en la Celebración de Guadalupe. **Gracias a todos los que hicieron posible esta maravillosa celebración.**

Y también queremos agradecer a todos por su participación y apoyo en la celebración de las Posadas, las Posadas son una tradición muy importante para nuestra comunidad Hispana. También nos gustaría agradecer a todos los que hicieron posible esta maravillosa celebración y amenizaron con música y cantos, al igual que disfrutamos de la deliciosa comida tradicional. **Muchas gracias a todos. Muchas gracias por su presencia en las Misas de Nochebuena y en la Misa del Día de Navidad. Gracias por su apoyo continuo a nuestra Parroquia.**





# Ministry News

## BOOK CLUB



Come join us on February 13<sup>th</sup> for our Discussion of *The Celebrants* by Stephen Rawley . We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail [book\\_club@stcletusparish.com](mailto:book_club@stcletusparish.com).

For those who like to look ahead, our April book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS WEEK OF 1/14

Faith Formation Classes are not in session this weekend, January 14 & 15 due to the holiday on

## Monday.

Classes will be in session next week, January 21 & 22. Our Confirmation Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 27.

## GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

LAST CALL! Our season is about to begin and we are still looking for a few more players. Games are played at different parishes gym. Registration forms are on our parish’s website.

# 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

retreat this Christmas!

Registration for K42 opens on January 9, 9AM. We anticipate these spots will go quickly. Please see our website for more information and to access the link on January 9, 9AM.

## ENGAGE COMMUNITY – JANUARY

Our next get together:

**Thursday, January 25 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX**

Bridget Sperduto, the Director of The Well Spirituality Center part of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network, will be presenting “**Our Sacred Universe: Where Science and Theology Meet.**”

Discussion and fellowship to follow

RSVPs, at the email below, are requested.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at [janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com)

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married,

## SAVE THE DATE!



Kairos 42 Retreat, February 22-25, 2024. This amazing 4-day retreat is specifically designed for Juniors and Seniors. Kairos is a unique opportunity to grow in your faith, and your relationship with God and others. Give yourself the gift of

## MISSION TRIP!



Register Here:




**Catholic Heart Workcamp**  **2024 Summer Mission Trip**

Join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun.  
The teens of St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect in Louisville, Kentucky.

\*Rising Sophomores–Graduating Seniors\*  
\*June 9-14, 2024\*  
\*Louisville, Kentucky\*



# Community News

## ST. ISAAC JOGUES RETREAT



Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions?

Do you feel like you bring the same sins to confession, again and again?

Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

Jesus responds today to brokenness, disease, and pain with transformative love and restoration. Through 3 days of teaching, worship, prayer, and testimony, you'll encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. Whether you're struggling with life, or you just want "more" in your walk with God, this conference will empower you with tools, revelation, and a greater desire to live your life passionately on fire for God.

### Healing the Whole Person



**February 8-10, 2024**

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church  
W 4th St  
Hinsdale, IL 60521

In-Person: \$165/Person

COMPLEMENTARY TWO-WEEK ACCESS OF CONFERENCE LIVESTREAM RECORDINGS

Livestream: \$119/Person

RECORDINGS AVAILABLE FOR TWO WEEKS POST-EVENT



Dr. Bob Schuchts

Bart Schuchts

Sr. Miriam James, SOLT

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 10 AM ET  
JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG



Questions:

JPIIHCRetreatHinsdaleIL@gmail.com

Scholarships Available

## Preferred Partners



# Thank you!

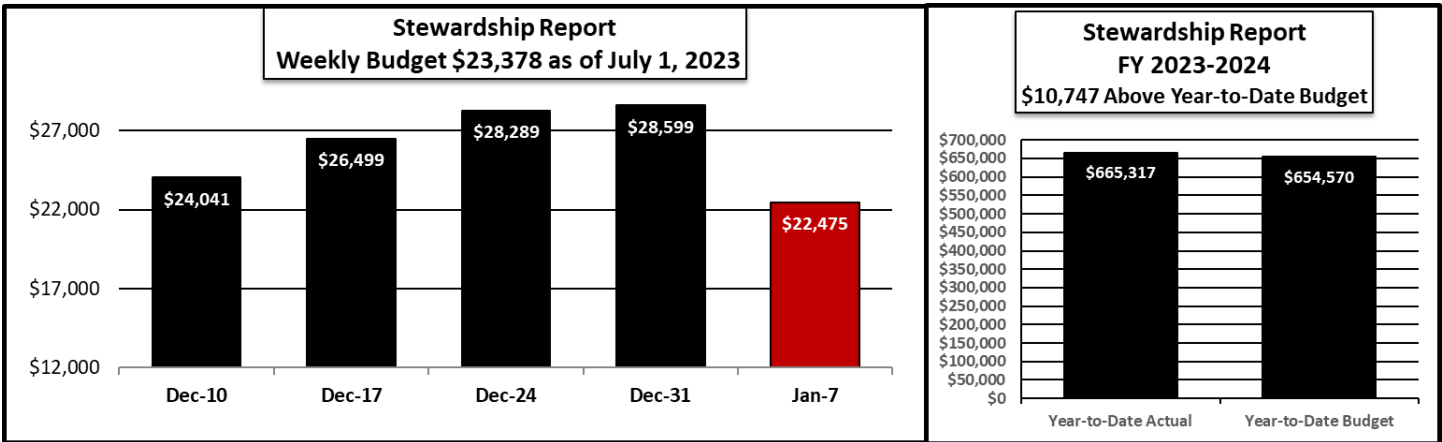


# Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 14			
Monday, January 15			No School
Tuesday, January 16	8pm	Parish Center	Senior Basketball Practice Church League
Wednesday, January 17	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 7-9pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary Parish Pastoral Council Meeting School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, January 18	4-8pm 8-10pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Team Practices
Friday, January 19	9:30-12pm 6:30pm 8-9pm	Parish Center Parish Center Morrissey Hall	Church Women United Annual Meeting/Brunch 21+ Trivia Night Frosh/Soph Church League Practice
Saturday, January 20			
Sunday, January 21			

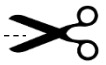
# Stewardship Report

The total collected for Christmas, as of 01/09/2023 is **\$178,455.26**.



## YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2023 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [jdion@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jdion@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
School .....(708) 352-4820  
www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
..... 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
Weekdays..... 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.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office .... (708) 352-6209

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, *Pastor*  
Deacon Franco Foti, *Operations Director*  
Rev. Michael Novick, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*  
Mr. Ramón Cazales, *Deacon*  
Rev. Robert Clark, *Pastor Emeritus*

### PASTORAL STAFF

Tina Norton, *Pastoral Associate* (708) 215-5412  
Ryan Rump, *Music Ministry* (708) 215-5423  
Kendall Grant, *Social Concerns* (708) 215-5418

### HISPANIC MINISTRY STAFF (708) 215-5441

Juanita Avila, *Head of Hispanic Ministry*

### SCHOOL STAFF (708) 352-4820

Gregory Porod, *Principal*  
Christy Schaefer, *Assistant Principal*  
Mary Lee Krieger, *Administrative Assistant*  
Kate Townsend, *Receptionist/Administrative Assistant*  
Sara Hodak, *Marketing/Development*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF (708) 352-2383

Lawrence Manetti, *Director of Faith Formation for Children*  
Clara Santin, *Faith Formation Administrative Assistant*

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF (708) 352-6209

Jim Dion, *Business Manager*  
Olga Montalvo, *Parish Administrative Assistant*  
Silvia Castellanos, *Parish Secretary*  
Sara Hodak, *Bulletin Editor and Director of Social Media*  
Doug Morrisey, *Parish Finance Council Chairperson*,  
Email: [finance@stcletusparish.com](mailto:finance@stcletusparish.com)  
Helen McComiskey, *Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson*  
Email: [ppc@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ppc@stcletusparish.com)

## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Elmer Romero  
Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

### LIAISONS

FSA President .....Joleen Kirchens  
Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

### Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.