

# St. Cletus Parish Canticle

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



January 26, 2025 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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



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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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St. Cletus Parish  
St. Cletus Church

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### **Weekday Masses**

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.

### **Baptisms / Bautizos**

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### **Religious Education For Children Educación Religiosa Para Niños**

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### **O.C.I.A**

Contact the parish office.

### **Weddings**

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

### **Quinceañeras y Presentaciones**

Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al  
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### **Funerals**

Contact the parish office.

### **Parish Canticle**

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## Mass Intentions

Saturday January 25	Rev. Alexander Garcia	5 p.m.	† Winnie Weisgerber † Edward Hrzjenjak † Joan Eckrich	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Edward & Irene Erdmann † Ed Ward
Sunday January 26	Rev. Michael Novick	7:15 a.m.	† Jean Comer † Robert Spyrison † Lori Belgio	† Greg Popp † Winifred Weisgerber Carol Pugh (Special Intention)
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† Deceased Members of St Cletus CWC † Marie Montgomery † Jess Birks	† Eugene Sorrentino † Joan Klemak † Monsignor Philip Reilly
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Zianna Pompe † Donald Kotrba † James Moles	† Thomas Birks † Joan Eckrich
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Acción de Gracias por la Familia Acevedo-Garcia (Special Intention)	† Audelia Tellez † Karina Jaramillo † Ofelia Garcia † Abel Salvador De La Cerda Jr
Monday January 27	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Kay McNally	
Tuesday January 28	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Miguel Garcia Marquez	† Evelyn Prevenas
Wednesday January 29	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† BC & Rip Collins † Phyllis Prevenas	† Russ Evans
Thursday January 30	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Ralph Kriho	† Laura Kriho
Friday January 31	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	
Saturday February 1	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	† Joseph Vega & Delfina Zuniga † Sammy Colonna † Jack Landi	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Maria Antonia Giacinto † Joan Eckrich
Sunday February 2	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	For St. Cletus Parishioners	
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† Patrick Crowley † Kelly Sorrentino	† Dr Thomas O'Connor † Joan Eckrich
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Kathleen Davies † Barbara Curul	† Joan Eckrich † Donald Kotrba
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio	† Maria Padilla

### Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjzau | Debbie Coté |  
Vincent Austrevich | Bonnie Kakareka | Mary Ann  
Vokurka | Cynthia Gosse | Mario Avila Jr.

### Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Sandra Tybor, Mother of Sara Clark  
† Joan Eckrich, Mother of Nancy Eckrich  
† Leone Foss, Mother of Michael Foss  
† Mary Hickey, Mother of Brian Hickey  
† Otilia Acevedo, Aunt of Beatriz Sutkus

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

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“Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, ‘Amen, men!’”

Luke 3:22

Dear Friends,

How often do we intentionally pause and take the time to notice God in our lives? How attentive are we to our longing and search for God? How sensitive are we to the faith development and growth of our children? Children have a beautiful faith and relationship with the Lord. They have a genuine and pure love for God. When they pray, they always radiate joy, peace, and love. They love to pray. They know how to bless the Lord.

Our children are like Ezra, whom we encounter today in the first reading. He was born in 480 B.C. God chose him to be a prophet for his people. He was able to read and write, hence he was called a Scribe. He knew the law, meaning the first five books of the Old Testament. He offered accompaniment, prayers, and the love of God to those who just returned to their holy land from seventy years of exile in Babylon. Ezra knew and felt their longing for God. He prayed for half a day with them, from sunrise to noon. Notice that Nehemiah says (8:9), “all the people were weeping.”

Today (1/26) at our 10:30 AM Mass we are having our monthly Family Mass. We will be praying and blessing the Lord with our children from our parish school and faith formation program who will come accompanied by their parents and family members. It will be a special moment for all of us. Together, we will hear the living word of God and be nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Together, we will notice and acknowledge how God continues to bless us each day. Perhaps he is inviting us to notice, thank, and pray for those who have been Ezra in our lives, the lives of our family, and parish.

I am happy to inform you that as of January 21st, Kathleen McGovern is our new Operations Director. She earned a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Loyola University Chicago. After teaching for a few years, she made the decision to

work and share her strengths at Loyola University Health System for over 21 years. During those years, she demonstrated her ability to lead organizations in new directions. Kathleen is a woman of strong faith who loves the Lord. She enjoys helping others. With your prayers and support she will excel and do well at our parish as our new Operations Director. Join me in welcoming her. I am excited and looking forward to working with her.

I am also happy to let you know that, effective immediately, Britany Rojas is our new President of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). She has been a member of St. Cletus Parish since 2005. She received her bachelor's degree in Political Science and Communication Studies from Western Michigan University in 2022. In addition to her role with the PPC, Britany has been a Faith Formation teacher on Monday nights since 2022. Britany is generous with her time and has good relational and people skills. Radiating kindness, mindfulness, and care for others, she is happy to do her part to see that our parish continues to grow and flourish. I am confident that she will offer fine leadership, and I look forward to working with her. Please hold her in prayer.

I would also like to acknowledge and offer my sincere gratitude to Monica Herron, who is concluding her service as the President of the Parish Pastoral Council. She did an excellent job as our leader, serving with faith, joy, and love. I learned a lot from her witness and leadership style. She will continue to be a member of the Council and attend the monthly meetings. Please hold her in prayer as she earns her graduate degree.

May our experience of worshipping God together fill our hearts with gratitude and the desire to bless him more.

Fr. Elmer Romero

## A Letter from the Associate Pastor's Desk

### Compassionate Care Ministry Update

Back in November, I called for a meeting for anyone who was interested in assisting in any way with the Compassionate Care Ministry. That meeting saw about 10 new people who were interested. I was pleased with that number. What has been happening since then has been admittedly slow even though the number of funerals has not decreased. Here is what I find encouraging.

Strangely, it really doesn't happen very often, some people have not been able to find time to meet face to face to plan a funeral Mass. Of the ones who was able to meet with us, I've had three times where some of the people who were at the meeting were able to sit in on the meeting with the families. I was at Hallowell and James on 55th about 10 days ago and ran into a couple of those same ministers who want to share their gift of simply being present to said families. There is still more training to do on preparing families, but that part is at least off to a good start.

Then, thanks to a couple of people who were already involved in the ministry, a couple have begun training to be sacristans for funerals. These are the ministers who work behind the scenes in setting up the items needed for the Mass – bread, wine, the chalice, the Roman Missal, lighting the coals for incensing, and other important pieces. They then simply make sure the Mass runs smoothly, being sure that the altar gets set and assisting with duties altar servers would normally do.

Our Gusher Ministry, which is a combination of being greeters and ushers for Mass, really gelled into being a crucial piece of the CCM. It was born out of the pandemic. The ushers, the way I

understand, were basically already doing “double duty” in being asked to be welcomers – greeters – too. Each time the funeral team members are notified about a funeral, the gushers ministry is notified, and several will sign-up to be present. Recently, we celebrated the funeral of a woman who was a faithful attendee of the 7:15am Sunday Mass. So, some of the gushers that signed up for the funeral already minister at 7:15am on Sunday. Others attended the woman's wake service. In my humble opinion, it shows that our ministers in every ministry care about the people they see every week. Obviously, that is not only at 7:15am. Our gushers go above and beyond at all weekend Masses. What a dedicated ministry!

The last piece I want to acknowledge is the music normally provided at our funerals. There is a small version of our regular chancel choir who give of their time to sing at funerals, along with a cantor. The Good Shepherd choir (as they are known by) is yet another very dedicated group. There were a few days recently when there were about 5 voices that could be available. That's still 5 more voices than most other parishes use. And most of the members of the Compassionate Care Ministry volunteer their time and energy to be sure the family and friends are treated with respect and dignity in their grieving. The only paid employees normally in attendance are the clergy and the music accompanist. All others simply offer themselves.

In this Jubilee Year for the Church, Pilgrims of Hope, that is the heart of our CCM. I personally hope that makes your heart warm in these cold days.

Peace and love and prayers.

Fr. Mike



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## Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Tuesday, January 28	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	School Faculty Meeting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Gallagher Room Church
Wednesday, January 29	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Mission Ladies Living Rosary Boy Scouts Faith Formation - Teen Seekers Men's Basketball	Gallagher Room Church Morrissey Hall Room 201 & 213 PC-Gym
Thursday, January 30	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution Kids' Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Food Pantry Music Room Music Room
Friday, January 31	3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting Boy Scouts	Gallagher Room Room 201
Saturday, February 1	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Vicariate V Commission with Training of Ministers in Spanish Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby	Gallagher Room Morrissey Hall
Sunday, February 2	10:30 a.m.	School Open House	School

### Readings of the week

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society will be meeting on February 7th, at 6 p.m. in Gallagher room. All Men of the Parish are invited.

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**Monday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin

**Tuesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** St. John Bosco, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life



## Sharing Reflection of Kindness

The Gospels are rich with examples of kindness. When "Jesus is moved with pity..." that is Kindness Himself caring for fellow human beings and willing their good. There are many different stories in both the Old and New Testament where God's people show kindness. A favorite example of mine in the Old Testament is the story of Ruth. Both she and her mother-in-law, Naomi, lose their husbands. Ruth, although now a widow, unselfishly decides to take care of the widowed and elderly Naomi rather than returning to her homeland. Though Ruth was poor and from an unliked clan, she chose to stay loyal to Naomi and gave everything she had to care for her.



The Gospel reading from Friday, January 18, is one I love for its message about kindness. In my own words, the story goes like this: Jesus returns to Capernaum and is at home. So many people heard Jesus was back in town that they sought Him out at His house to be healed of sickness and problems. This healing gathering was so packed that lines stretched down the block, with no way in through the front door. The story proceeds to tell about a paralytic and his four friends. The friends, seeing the mass of people at the door, did not say, "the line is too long, we'll come back another time." Instead, these men performed a heroic act of kindness. Though the details of "how" are unclear, they somehow managed to climb onto the house, open the roof, and lower their friend to Jesus. I'm unsure what first-century Judean houses looked like, but I imagine climbing to the roof while carrying a full-grown man was a very challenging feat. Not only did their unshakeable faith in Jesus matter, but their act of kindness shows us what lengths we should go to care for our friends and neighbors.

Modern examples of people I admire who have shown incredible acts of kindness include Mother Teresa, Maximilian Kolbe, Father Michael McGivney, and Dorothy Day. But as admirable as these people are, I don't need to look any further than my own family or place of work to experience sincere acts of kindness every day. Whether it's my husband picking up something he knows I'll like at the store, the volunteer coaches who spend inordinate amounts of time with the St. Cletus School teams, the volunteer who steps up to sell concessions for home games, the volunteer who freely gives his talent to design a St. Cletus Athletics T-shirt, or the parent who raised money to buy St. Cletus new basketballs for the season – I find myself constantly blessed by the kindness shown by others.

-Maria O'Connell, Athletic Director



Kindness is a cornerstone of our school community, evident not only among students but also among teachers and staff. Cultivating and fostering kindness within our school is both a rewarding and intentional practice. We consistently seek opportunities to spread kindness, particularly as it aligns with the teachings of our faith. As a teacher and staff member, I am deeply aware of the importance of modeling kindness for our students, ensuring they witness empathy, patience, and respect in every interaction.

As the coordinator of the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program, I am continually inspired by the kindness and love for learning exhibited by our DLI students. It is a true joy to observe their interactions as they embrace the challenge of learning a new language. Our DLI teachers have been a tremendous blessing, always approaching their work with kindness and a nurturing spirit. They are unwavering in their commitment to prioritizing kindness in their interactions with our youngest learners.

In addition, I regularly collaborate with staff from the University of Notre Dame as we work together to expand the Dual Language Immersion program within our school community. Their mentorship has been invaluable to me and our teachers. Their kindness and dedication to this collaboration reflect their deep, faith-filled love for Christ and His Church. I feel truly fortunate and honored to work alongside such supportive and inspiring partners.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." *Colossians 3:12*

- Frank Ochoa, Dual Language Immersion Coordinator

# ST. CLETUS SUPER BOWL PARTY!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 ~ DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER ~ TICKETS/TABLES ON SALE NOW

TICKET INCLUDES PIZZA, WINGS, DESSERT, AND LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!  
SODA, WATER, BEER, AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT

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

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La Grange, IL 60525  
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[www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

# 8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

TICKETS:  
\$40 IN ADVANCE  
\$45 AT THE DOOR

EVENT WILL BE HELD  
IN THE ST. CLETUS  
PARISH CENTER



### Year-End Statement by Request Only

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2024 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office at (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 Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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January 17, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Christmas Eve, our Holy Father opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Indeed, Christ is our Hope and in Him we place our personal hopes for the year ahead. Yet amid this call to hope, many of our brothers and sisters on the margins are experiencing great fear and anxiety. I am thinking in particular of our immigrant communities.

Much has been said of what might happen to some of our neighbors beginning in the coming weeks and months. As people of hope, it is important that we do what is right and necessary to instill confidence in those who are afraid, letting them know that the Church is with them.

As the Body of Christ, we serve those in need, respecting and promoting the inherent dignity of every person who arrives on our doorstep. At the same time, parishes, schools and entities of the Archdiocese of Chicago must adhere to federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is working with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities, state and local governments and other groups to coordinate our activities of support in Cook and Lake Counties. Please find a collection of resources on our website at <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/immigrant-assistance-resources>.

As we are called to do, we will prioritize bringing Christ into this time of fear and uncertainty. By asking, "What is God telling us in this moment?" we help families see that God is with them, even in their fears. This approach—rooted in prayer, solidarity, and tangible action—demonstrates that the Catholic Church, through its unique resources and faith, offers a beacon of hope. Together, we bring love, accompaniment, and the reassurance that no one is alone.

Speaking this year to the ambassadors accredited to the Holy See, the Holy Father observed that migration governance needs to balance regulation with human rights and dignity. "We are quick to forget that we are dealing with people with faces and names." Pope Francis has also been clear that "the principle of safe and voluntary repatriation of those who are forced to flee must be strictly adhered to. No one should be repatriated to a country where they could face severe human rights violations or even death."

Let us continue to work together in this spirit, and be faith-filled instruments of mercy honoring the human dignity of all persons.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
 Archbishop of Chicago

# JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE

## This Sunday ←

## → 11:30AM-2:30PM

### Come Find Out Why Every Day Is A Great Day To Be A Cardinal!



St. Cletus School



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### PBIS assembly

Recently we held another fantast PBIS assembly! Our Student Council performed a skit to demonstrate to the students the importance of PBSI (Positive Behavior In School). Following their skit we had our championship round of Rock, Paper, Scissors until we had one big winner! Our Cardinal winners and classrooms of the month were also announced to close out the assembly! What fun!



## Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 26 de enero	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español	Iglesia
El día 12 del mes	7 p.m.	Devoción Guadalupana con rosario	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

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17 de enero de 2025

Estimados amigos en Cristo:

En nochebuena, nuestro Santo Padre abrió la Puerta Santa de la Basílica de San Pedro, inaugurando así el Año de Jubileo de la Esperanza 2025. De hecho, Cristo es nuestra Esperanza y en Él depositamos nuestras esperanzas personales para el año que viene. Sin embargo, en medio de este llamado a la esperanza, muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en los márgenes están experimentando gran miedo y ansiedad. Pienso en particular en nuestras comunidades inmigrantes.

Mucho se ha dicho de lo que podría sucederles a algunos de nuestros vecinos a partir de las próximas semanas y meses. Como pueblo de esperanza, es importante que hagamos lo que es correcto y necesario para infundir confianza a quienes tienen miedo, haciéndoles saber que la Iglesia está con ellos.

Como Cuerpo de Cristo, servimos a los necesitados, al respetar y promover la dignidad inherente de cada persona que llega a nuestra puerta. Al mismo tiempo, las parroquias, escuelas y entidades de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago deben cumplir con las leyes y regulaciones federales, estatales y locales.

La Arquidiócesis de Chicago está trabajando con la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, Caridades Católicas, gobiernos estatales y locales y otros grupos para coordinar nuestras actividades de apoyo en los condados de Cook y Lake. Por favor, encuentren una colección de recursos en nuestro sitio web: <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/immigrant-assistance-resources>.

Como estamos llamados a hacerlo, nuestra prioridad será llevar a Cristo a este tiempo de miedo e incertidumbre. Al preguntar: “¿Qué nos está diciendo Dios en este momento?” ayudamos a las familias a ver que Dios está con ellas, incluso en sus miedos. Este enfoque; enraizado en la oración, la solidaridad y la acción tangible, demuestra que la Iglesia Católica, a través de sus recursos y fe únicos, ofrece un faro de esperanza. Juntos, llevamos amor, acompañamiento y la seguridad de que nadie está solo.

Dirigiéndose este año a los embajadores acreditados ante la Santa Sede, el Santo Padre observó que la gobernanza de la migración necesita equilibrar la regulación con los derechos humanos y la dignidad: “Olvidamos fácilmente que se trata de personas con rostros y nombres”. El papa Francisco también ha sido claro en que “el principio de repatriación segura y voluntaria de quienes se ven obligados a huir debe respetarse estrictamente. Nadie debe ser repatriado a un país donde podría enfrentar graves violaciones de derechos humanos o incluso la muerte”.

Sigamos trabajando juntos en este espíritu, y seamos instrumentos de misericordia llenos de fe que honran la dignidad humana de todas las personas.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

  
Arzobispo de Chicago

## Social Concerns



### St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays  
4-8 p.m.

#### Wish List:

- Tuna
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Crackers, cookies, snacks

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

Join us at our upcoming event, where a multitude of organizations come together under one roof, offering you the perfect opportunity to make a difference in your community. Sip a cup of coffee, enjoy a donut, and explore a diverse range of causes and find the perfect volunteer role that aligns with your passions and skills. Together, let's create a positive impact and build a stronger, more compassionate community.



### "FOR THE LOVE OF VOLUNTEERING"

A volunteer fair focused on recruiting volunteers for local organizations dedicated to improving our community



Wednesday February 12  
9:00-11:00 am  
First Presbyterian Church of  
La Grange  
150 S. Ashland Ave.  
La Grange  
Enter at Catherine Ave.  
Entrance



708.354.9328  
Coordinator@communityassistedrides.org  
CommunityAssistedRides.org

Food Pantry volunteer slots are now available through the end of March. Volunteers must be 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older, adult are welcomed and needed too! Two shifts available.

## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Sign up at:  
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# Plenary Indulgence for the Observance of the Jubilee of Hope Holy Year

December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025

Pope Francis has granted special Indulgences to the faithful who observe and take part in the celebration of the Jubilee of Hope.

By participating in any Pilgrimage to the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites, and while fulfilling the usual conditions (see below), one may gain this special Indulgence. The Pilgrimage could be by an individual, or it could be a group of the faithful from the parish. For example, a parish might organize a group to go to a particular site for the celebration of Mass, or they might organize a group to go together to a particular site for a visit.

## **WHAT MUST ONE DO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL PLENARY INDULGENCE?**

In order to gain this special Indulgence, a Catholic is required to make sacramental Confession before or after visiting a designated Jubilee pilgrimage site (it may be fulfilled by celebrating the sacrament at the site during the parish's regularly scheduled times), receive the Eucharist at Mass before or after visiting a designated Jubilee pilgrimage site (it may be fulfilled by participating in Mass during the site's regularly scheduled times). In addition a person is to make a profession of faith and offer prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.

In addition to and in conjunction with fulfilling these conditions, one may then take part in any of the following observances of the Jubilee of Hope.

Make a pilgrimage to Holy Name Cathedral, or any one of the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites and there participate in Mass, or the Sacrament of Penance, or take part in another liturgy or devotion (e.g., a liturgy of the word, the Liturgy of the Hours [Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer], the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary).

One may also gain the Plenary Indulgence by visiting one of the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration or meditation before the tabernacle, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith (Nicene or Apostles' Creed), and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

Sites designated in the Archdiocese of Chicago can be found on the Archdiocesan Jubilee of Hope website ([pvm.archchicago.org/jubilee-2025](http://pvm.archchicago.org/jubilee-2025))

Those who for various reasons cannot participate in a Pilgrimage or visit, particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, e.g., confined to the home, those incarcerated, can obtain the Jubilee indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful who take part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary.

The full Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence can be found at [usccb.org/resources/Indulgence\\_Vatican\\_Bollettino.pdf](http://usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf)

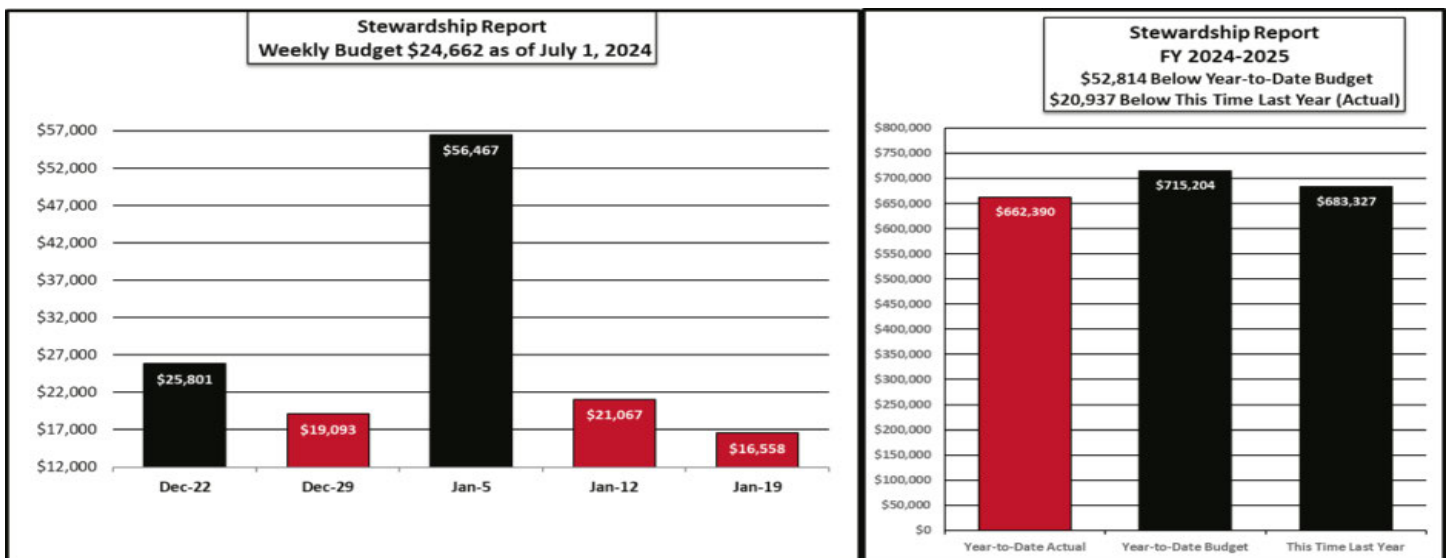
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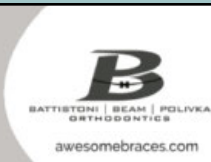


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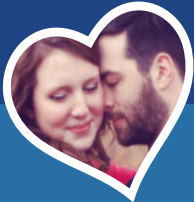
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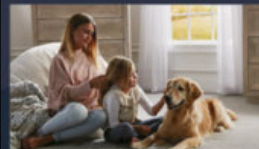
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