



St. Cletus Parish
**A Blessed
Morning With
Cardinal Cupich**



Mass Intentions for April 15- April 21 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
April 15	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Mary Christensen
April 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Sr. Therese McAndrew
April 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins, Elizabeth Maloney
April 18	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Giovanna Vieceli
April 19	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Louie Marasovic, Frank Wojcik, Michael Vieceli(Living), Joseph Vais
April 20	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	James Chiostrri, James Moles, Max Colunga
April 21	7:15am	Fr. Kalas	Robert Spyrison, Julia Kopacz, Manuel Diaz
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Christine Joyce, Michael Lombardo
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	John and Stacy Baker, Joanne Sourek, John Edward Lawless, Virginia Wendt
	12:30pm	Fr. Villalobos	Gerardo Torres, Carlos and Sofia Rivera

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.

April - Gary Lofgren, Joan Madell, Lewis Andres, Paul Rattin, Richard Madsen, Louis Montes, Denise and Richard Jandura, Claire Caveney, Modesto Palma, Frebono Orona, Jose Perez

March - Brandon Babinsky, Laura Terrazino

February -

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

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

John Richard "Dick" Jackson
Husband of Carol Jackson

Daniel Flynn
Father of Dan Flynn

George F. Sulda Jr.
Father of Debbi Wolski

May they rest in peace....

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT 5PM



Pastor's Note

*"Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one;
the Lord will hear me when I call upon him."
Psalm 4:4.*

Dear Friends,

God desires to be close to his people. He longs to share his love, mercy, and joy with us. He truly wants to be part of our lives. This is something that I continue to see and experience at our Parish I as grow in my relationship with him serving you.

God gave us a very special Holy Week. Every moment of prayer that we had starting on Palm Sunday was filled with the closeness, love, mercy, and joy of the Lord. As we prayed and actively participated in every liturgy, we felt his presence deeply in our hearts. It was a delight to see Parish/School Staff and Parishioners collaborating and working together so well during Holy Week. I was encouraged by their witness, dedication, and openness. I would like to acknowledge and offer them my sincere gratitude. Please hold them in prayer.

Last Sunday God continued to warm our hearts and strengthen our love for our parish and one another. We were blessed to have Cardinal Blase J. Cupich as the principal celebrant and homilist of our special 11:00 AM Mass which was in English and Spanish. We all felt the warm closeness of God as the Cardinal led us in prayer, through his homily, and as he took the time to speak to us individually at the Parish Center. I was also moved by your active participation. This was another opportunity where, once again, I saw the Parish/School Staff and Parishioners collaborating and working together with love. I would like to offer everyone my wholehearted gratitude. I felt my heart being loved, encouraged, and invigorated.

Every day we have the opportunity to let God be who he desires to be in our lives, family, community, and parish. At St. Cletus we continue to acknowledge his goodness and closeness for which we are deeply grateful. One way of sharing his goodness and closeness with others is by writing our experience of him (holy moments). If you are open, you can email me a copy of your holy moment at eromero@stcletusparish.com so that I can put it in our parish bulletin. This is also another form of leading others closer to Jesus Christ.

I am happy to let you know that I have invited Jeanny Monroy to join our Parish Staff as the new St. Cletus Parish Office Manager. She brings wisdom, experience, and above all love of God and neighbor. She speaks fluently English and Spanish. I encourage you to stop by the Parish Center and offer her a warm welcome and prayers.

May the Lord continue to warm our hearts and inspire us to be builders of caring communities.

Fr. Elmer Romero

***Please Join Us
This Wednesday!***



Note From Father Mike

Easter 3 – Fulfillment

I want to begin with a great big THANK YOU to all of the liturgical ministers who helped out at the Holy Week Masses and services. It's a lot to do and to keep straight, even for those of us who are seasoned veterans. Maybe that's why they call it Holy Week – it's supposed to touch us at the very core of our souls each year. Of course, the events we celebrate ARE holy because they involve Jesus, but if we celebrate and are able to pray well for Holy Week, personal holiness should be able to grow. Again, THANK YOU, GRACIAS, GRACIE, AND EUCHARISTA. Those are the languages I know how to say it in and how to spell – English, Spanish, Italian, and Greek. I've heard "thank you" in other languages but don't know how to spell them.

I noticed something this year that I don't necessarily remember from previous years of the big three-day liturgy. If you go back and look at the Scripture readings from Holy Saturday evening, while listening this year I heard the prophet Ezekiel finish with the covenant language I had been using all of Lent this year "You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God." It was a great tie in for all of the Old Testament readings that evening, but it was also affirming in what my focus was during Lent.

Not only that, but that in the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, God keeps us focused on what it means for God to keep His promises. I have heard from many people how sad they are about the state of the world and how much persecution goes on against the Church, how they can be so angry with someone else upon leaving Mass and having received the Eucharist, and, how confused they and their peers become because politics and religion are getting to be blurrier.

With Jesus having been raised from the dead, we need to take stock in his promise to never leave us. He is constantly walking among us, even though we believe he ascended to heaven, He does not abandon us. We are taking our cue from His example of what it means to rise.

We rise above hatred.

We rise above prejudice.

Last week (April 7th), our church was full as we welcomed Blase Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, to celebrate

Mass with our St. Cletus community. The Mass was celebrated in both English AND Spanish. What was so heartwarming for my soul was the amount of people that were in attendance from English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities who came to give a glimpse into what COULD be for St. Cletus.

My understanding is that St. Cletus has offered a Mass in Spanish for many years. However, there has not been a lot of success in "mingling" the two ethnicities. My homily last weekend touched on just how Catholics and Christians don't follow last weekend's first reading that spoke of how "the community of believers was of one heart and mind." (Acts) This is not merely a unique quandary of St. Cletus." . Ethnicities, traditions, devotions, customs, rituals, and languages tend to send real fear into the hearts of people who don't speak or practice or worship in the same way as others. I continue to watch these difficulties in every place I visit. I also know that it's not merely a disfunction in the laity, but among priests and bishops too. People have told me over and over again how confused they are about what to believe about the Church because this priest or bishop says one thing, another says differently.

How do we become one in heart and mind?

Become a community of mercy.

Mercy is a way of experiencing God's healing grace. But, as St. Augustine would tell us, you cannot give that which you do not possess. We need to experience mercy like we showed last weekend. We need to experience God's mercy, healing divisions caused by language or color of someone's skin. We are ALL God's children.

A parishioner came to me after setting up for the gathering in the Gym after the Cardinal's Mass and said "It was the first time I experienced cooperation between our cultures. If someone came to me and said 'it might look better this way,' I said 'It does. Thank you.' Real communication and I met some new friends too." Precisely. It's a start.

Thanks again, everyone!

Fr. Mike

Eucharistic Revival Reflection

What Does the Church Mean by *In Persona Christi*?

My wife and I recently watched the documentary *Jonathan & Jesus*, which follows Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in *The Chosen*, as he prepares for his role and discusses matters of faith with various people around the world. Throughout the documentary, we saw people encounter Roumie and speak as if he—the actor—were actually Jesus Christ. His portrayal in *The Chosen* has helped people visualize and relate to Jesus in a new, often deeper way, to the point where it can be difficult to distinguish the artwork from the reality it represents.

Jesus is portrayed in a very different way when we celebrate the Mass. When the ordained priest or bishop prays the liturgy of the Eucharist, he does so in the first person, saying the words of Jesus as his own: “This is my body...this is the chalice of my blood...do this in memory of me.” Here, it is not a case of the priest play-acting the role of Jesus. Rather, Jesus is acting in the priest. It’s a subtle distinction, but one that underscores that the Eucharistic sacrifice remains an act of Jesus—not something we do.

This is what theologians mean by the phrase *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ). When the priest prays the words of institution, it is Jesus offering his body and blood in the Eucharist. The same is true in the sacrament of confession: the priest is not absolving us of our sins (only God can forgive sins!) but is acting as an instrument of Christ.

Why does this matter? To double up on our Latin, the sacraments act *ex opere operato* (by the work worked). The grace we receive in the sacraments is not contingent on the moral quality of the ordained minister performing them. Even if our priests are imperfect (and there have been some big-time sinners in the clergy throughout church history!) the sacraments remain efficacious, provided there is the proper form and matter.

Like an actor playing Jesus, we want our priests to be good models of Jesus, drawing us deeper into relationship with him. But don’t forget who is at work in the sacraments—we are encountering the real Jesus, himself.

Michael Eardley

Welcome Jeanny!

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited to be a part of St. Cletus and such a welcoming community. I hope to continue to grow here at St. Cletus alongside such a Christ centered community.

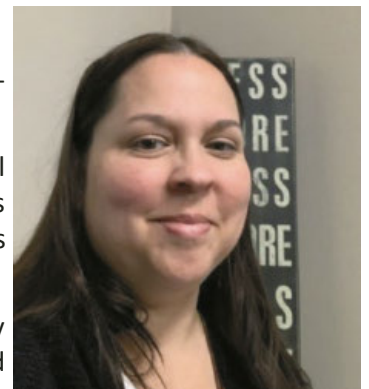
I was born and raised in Chicago and was blessed to attend a Catholic grammar school and St. Benedict High School in Chicago. I received my Bachelor's of Science in Business Management from Northeastern Illinois University. I have worked in management roles for over 20 years in various industries.

The most important thing about me you should know is that God is first in my life and my family’s life. My family consists of my wonderful husband Jaime of almost 20 years and four children Antonia, Jesua, Moises, and Diego.

Our family motto is by Fr. Patrick Peyton “the family that prays together stays together.” I hope these words are an invitation to your family as well. My mommy van is always busy driving my kids to school events and activities, but the most important destination at our home is church. Everyone plays a role serving as catechists, altar servers, lectors or in choir. I pray every day that my children continue this path into adulthood.

I am blessed to be a part of St. Cletus and hope to continue to meet many of you.

Jeanny Monroy, St Cletus Parish Office Manager



A Holy Week Of Holy Moments



I did indeed feel some holy moments during the Saturday Easter Vigil mass. When we first walked into the church after the bonfire, I felt super happy and filled with God's love inside, and while lighting the candles it was so amazing to see everyone there and smiling back at me. It made me feel more comfortable and at ease. During the readings and songs, my godmother and I were singing and enjoying the time that flew by so fast. When it was time to do my baptism, I felt like Jesus was right there with me in that moment watching me with a smile on his face and after that I just felt so happy inside filled with love from everyone especially when I went to go help light everyone's candle again and them saying congratulations to me felt like they were close family that truly loved me. That day I probably was the happiest, especially with most of my family there watching me. **-Eliana Reyes**

During the Holy Week, I had a special moment where I witnessed new people joining the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil. This makes me think about how we can embrace these new members and make them feel welcome so that they can fall in love with our Catholic Church and Jesus Christ even more. Another holy moment I experienced during the Holy Week was when people from St Cletus came to help decorate the church for the services we had throughout the Triduum Paschal. Seeing their willingness and openness to work together as a team and joyfully use their talents and creativity to decorate the church was inspiring. This act of kindness was truly heartwarming. The atmosphere I experienced in St. Cletus during the Holy Week was filled with reverence, joy, and love for serving others and God. **-Norma Hernandez.**

The Good Friday liturgy is closest to my heart during the Holy Triduum. The three "high moments" of that liturgy for me are the prostration, a reminder of my ordination-an act of humility; the proclamation of the Passion of our Lord according to St. John, perhaps the only gospel writer who was an eyewitness; and the veneration of the cross. At this third moment, I felt profoundly united with the congregation as everyone came forward to express their devotion to the Lord who died on the cross. This cross was heavy, but as it rested on my right shoulder, it helped me reflect on the pains our Lord endured. May the spirit of these celebrations bring us closer to the One who reconciled humanity with the Creator

-Deacon Franco Foti.

A Holy Week Of Holy Moments



My holiest moments of the Paschal Triduum this year I believe was the Adoration of the Cross for both the 3pm and 7pm services. In many of my years of priesthood, I don't think I had ever seen so many young adult couples bring their small children to set them on the right path for beginning to understand the importance of the Cross. So many children kissed the foot of the Cross as their parents prompted them. I certainly don't remember that happening in my life as a toddler. It was very moving to watch and made me smile, bolstering my hope for the future of the Church.
-Fr. Mike Novick.

For me my Holy Moment was the following:

"This past Holy Thursday when Father Elmer and Father Mike washed the feet of twelve individuals who all represented a different ministry at St. Cletus. For it is in serving that we all receive the gift and graces from God our Father. Have a Blessed Easter Season." **-Greg Porod.**

I first attended an Easter Vigil as a middle schooler, when the Triduum rite we use now was new. For years afterwards I thought I had dreamed it, because it's so different from anything else we see in the liturgical year. I am always taken back to that evening each year when we light the Easter fire and come into the church in the darkness. It means so much to me to watch the elect and candidates come into the church at the vigil and see their faces, which I'm sure are the same as mine was that evening, and know that they are encountering Jesus as they begin their formal reception into the Church. Our group this year was awesome. They are already great Catholics, and it was an honor to be with them on this part of their journey. **-Tina Norton.**

Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff that helped bring Holy Week and Easter to life for our parish. Our worship space looked beautiful and holy and helped to remind us of the significance of each day of the Triduum and Easter. A special welcome to all those who entered the church at the Vigil this year! **-Kendall grant.**

My holy moment kneeling before the Kings of Kings even if only a few minutes to complete a task, but there is no greater joy than those moments with him. Que detalle del Rey de Reyes! **-Jeanny Monroy.**

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

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If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

FOOD PANTRY

Last week we gathered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository for an official ribbon cutting and celebration of our food pantry vehicle! This has been a huge collaborative effort from the national down to the local level. We gathered with GCFD CEO Kate Maehr, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, La Grange Village President Mark Kuchler and other community leaders.

The vans were purchased with funds allocated by Cook County from the American Rescue Plan Act and distributed via a grant with GCFD. **We are incredibly honored to have been chosen for this grant which allows us to be a Community Food Rescue Hub.**

As a Hub, we help serve other pantries in our area that don't have the capacity to expand their services. Three days a week, we pick up donated groceries and products from a total of nine area retailers and deliver them to our pantry, as well as Second Baptist Pantry in La Grange, and Elsie's Pantry in Palos Hills. This has enabled thousands of Suburban Cook County residents increased access to fresh foods!

We plan to continue to grow and expand this program in 2024 and beyond, including rolling out a Home Delivery Pilot Program by the end of the year.

We could not have done this without you. **Our community support allowed us to be chosen for this grant.** Your hard work, dedication and belief in this important work allows us to continue to grow to best meet the needs of our neighbors. We are excited for the new look to the van and look forward to seeing you around town!

Scan the QR code to see a clip of the event from ABC 7 News!



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FOOD PANTRY

WE DID IT! Thank you for your generous support that helped us reach the full matching donation of \$35,000! These funds will help us provide additional assistance at a crucial time when we are seeing a record number of people coming for assistance. In 2023, we served 52% more households than the year before!



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY MATCHING DONATION



WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

\$0	\$35,000
Amount Raised	Target Amount

Social Concerns Ministry

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to thank all our parishioners and supporters who have made contributions to our "Poor Box" in the Narthex and those who have contributed to the Vincentian call to help our brothers and sisters in need. This money, along with other contributions, has helped us provide assistance to the working poor, single parents and families in our community with payments for rent, heat, electricity, transportation, and other critical needs.

The demand to help has increased in the past few months primarily due to inflation and decrease in government assistance programs, including SNAP ("food stamps"). We also know that you, our parishioners, are dealing with cost of living increases yourselves. We know your generous hearts have been there for us in the past and we are now asking you to contribute what you can so we may continue our service to the needy in our community.

A parishioner has offered SVDP a generous matching donation of up to \$15,000 to assist our neighbors. Can you help us reach the full match? Every amount donated will be doubled.

Average rents in the Lyons Township area are \$1,100-\$1,500. When we help just one family with one month of rent, you can see how quickly these funds are used. Your donation makes a direct impact on keeping people housed, turning the lights back on, keeping the heat and hot water going. **100% of your donations go directly toward financial assistance to those in our neighborhood.**

This weekend, we will have a special second collection for St. Cletus SVDP. There will be green envelopes in the pews for your convenience. May God bless you abundantly for your charity and love for those in need. Thank you!

Fiacre Society Spring 2024 Update



As we all made it through the end of the Lenten season, the celebration of the Easter season, St. Fiacre (the patron saint of gardeners, and taxi drivers!) begins to whisper in our ears about the planting season.

This write-up will summarize the plans for the planting season of 2024. We continue with our usual planting of annuals in front of Church, in front of the Rectory and around the flagpole bed. These flowers will get installed sometime around Mother's Day, May 12, to protect against any late-season freeze. Exact dates for delivery and planting, with back-up rain dates will be published later.

The location of these annuals is in accordance with a professionally designed garden plan developed Oct. 7, 2021. This plan was designed with the request from St. Cletus and the Fiacre Society to take advantage of many of the current plants and topography, emphasizing wherever possible to transplant existing plants. The plan also was developed to plant as many hearty perennials to reduce the need for constant maintenance and planting.

This year the Fiacre Society would like to begin working on the beds along the south side of the Parish Center. We so far have nearly completed beds around the Rectory, beds in front of Church, the flagpole bed, the bed surrounding the St. Francis Statue and the beds along the east side of the Parish Center.

Finally, the main reason to communicate the Fiacre Society plans is to continue to seek your help to assist. Planting is only one of the necessary jobs to enhance these gardening efforts. We rely on volunteers to assist in addition to planting with watering, weeding, clean-up and after the fall season, removal of annuals. We cannot do this vocation without our current, dedicated volunteers. They are invaluable and we share many laughs, stories and a shared commitment to our wonderful parish. However, as the saying goes, "many hands make light work." We always seek extra helpers; green thumbs are not required. Our beautiful campus which includes our plantings continue to broadcast to others a welcoming and friendly community. Please join us!

If interested, please email Mary Delaney and myself, Tom Reisel at madtfr@att.net. We will include you in our Fiacre Society contact list. We will also send this notice out via email to our current contact list. If you receive our email and wish to unsubscribe, please let us know and we will remove your email, no hard feelings. **Thank you. Mary Delaney & Tom Reisel**

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
16 de abril, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
14 de abril, 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. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church



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.

GENERAL MEETING FOR HISPANIC USHERS

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, there will be a general meeting in Spanish for Ushers and Welcome Ministers. We will be sharing our experiences in the ministry and discovering ways to continue growing in our faith and commitment to these ministries. The meeting will be held in the

Gallagher room at 7:00 pm. All Ushers and the Welcome group are encouraged to attend this meeting. Thank you.

JUNTA GENERAL DE UJIERES HISPANOS

El jueves 25 de abril de 2024 habrá una reunión general en español para los Ujieres y ministros de Bienvenida. Estaremos compartiendo nuestras experiencias en el ministerio y descubriendo maneras de continuar creciendo en nuestra fe y compromiso en estos ministerios. La reunión se llevará a cabo en el salón Gallagher a las 7:00 pm. Se anima a todos los ujieres y al grupo de bienvenida a asistir a esta reunión. Gracias



Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

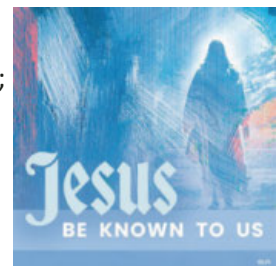
- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** Tax Day
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World of Prayer for Vocations



School News

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Scan Below to Purchase Tickets to our Spring Musical!



PURCHASE TICKETS TO OUR AUCTION!

Join us for a night of laughs, food, and fundraising! Come enjoy a performance by "All That Good Stuff" comedy group and enjoy a delicious dinner from a new La Grange restaurant "The Wooden Paddle". Scan below to purchase your tickets or come to the narthex after masses this weekend!



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**TAYLOR SWIFT
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NOW HIRING!

 An advertisement for St. Cletus School hiring teachers. The background shows a young boy in a white school uniform sitting at a desk with a wrapped gift, waving his hand. The school logo is in the top left corner.

St. Cletus School
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

HIRING TEACHERS
For the 2024/2025 school year
Minimum college degree required

JOIN OUR CARDINAL FAMILY!

If interested please contact Principal Gregory Porod at gporodestcletusparish.com or call 708.352.4820

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.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Energize Your Job Search Using Your NEW LinkedIn Profile

Please join us on Thursday, April 18 from 7-9 pm. You will be so glad you did! Your LinkedIn profile is the second most important job-hunting tool, next to your resume. Denis Curtin, LinkedIn Trainer & Coach, will focus on different ways to use this free tool to improve your job search. Denis will present methods you can apply to attract internal and external recruiters to your LinkedIn profile. Specific Do's and Don'ts will be discussed so you can quickly improve your LinkedIn profile. Techniques to hold the recruiter's attention on your profile will also be covered. Denis Curtin is a LinkedIn Trainer and Coach who helps job seekers and companies optimize their LinkedIn profiles. He has been assisting job seekers at the Holy Family Job Support Group in Inverness for the past 26 years. Join us and experience how his in depth knowledge of LinkedIn can be

of benefit to you in your search. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome!

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com> for additional resource

QUIGLEY DAYS

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QUIGLEY DAYS

April 20, 2024
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

High school age men are invited to join Fr. Tim and the seminarians for adoration at St. Alphonsus in Lakeview, followed by lunch and a Cubs baseball game at Wrigley Field!

Scan code to register, or contact Katie Hazen for more information at khazen@archchicago.org.

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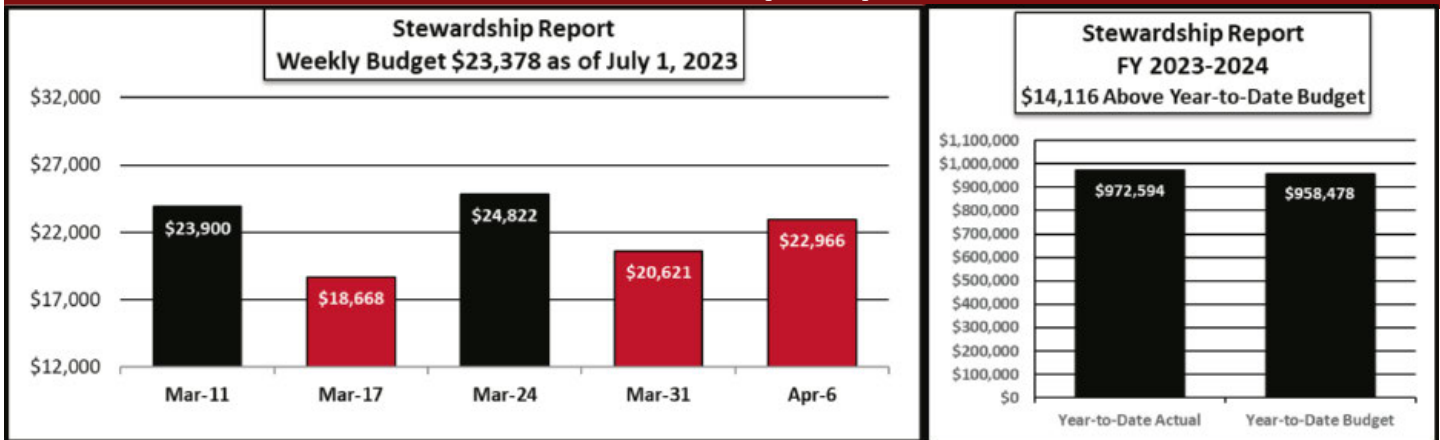
Hallowell & James
Funeral Home

La Grange
Breakfast Cafe

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 14	5pm	Church	Honoring Ed Ward
Monday, April 15			
Tuesday, April 16	7pm 7pm	Gallagher Room Church	PPC Meeting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, April 17	9am-12pm 7pm	Gallagher Room Church	Mission Ladies Evening of Encounter and Prayer with Our Deacons and Priests
	8-10pm	Parish Center	School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, April 18	4-8pm 7pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution High School Musical Jr.
Friday, April 19	4pm & 7pm	Parish Center	High School Musical Jr.
Saturday, April 20	8pm-12am	Church	
Sunday, April 21			

Stewardship Report



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 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

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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 Friday9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

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

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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Vision Statement

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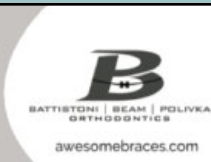
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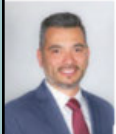
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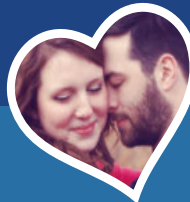


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