

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
— Psalm 98:5



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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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# Mass Intentions for November 14-November 20, 2022

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
November 14	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Laura Seger
November 15	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Christine Stec, Stephany and Stanley Francuz
November 16	Fr. Romero	8:00am	BC Collins, Benedict Dybas
November 17	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Frank Miller, John Jacobs
November 18	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Joe and Kay Klemak
November 19	Fr. Novick	5:00pm	Mary Ellen Kursell
November 20	Fr. Novick	7:15am	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Lewis Skeels,
	Fr. Lodge	8:45am	Frank Wojcik, James Jasinski, John Jacobs, Denis Rahilly, Eugene Hickey, Chester and Anne Koziol
	Fr. Romero	10:30am	Sophie Scaccia, Brian Zak, Sallie Schiller, Marca, Emilia Rattin and Bill Depasquale, Rose Marie Hrzencjak
	Fr. Hays	12:30pm	Rosalba Paz-Jaramillo

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

**Robert Collins**  
Father of Ann Collins

May he rest in peace

### 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.*

**November** - Daniel Lacey

**October** - Joanne Jungels, Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O’Connell

**September** - Joseph Halac, Charles McCarthy, Francie Smith, Laura Terrazino

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

### SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!!

Our parish school is in need of additional substitutes!! If you are interested please contact the school office at 708-352-4820

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

**Juan Velazquez Gonzalez**  
Son of Juan Velazquez and Vianey Gonzalez

**Vania Velazquez Gonzalez**  
Daughter of Juan Velazquez and Vianey Gonzalez

**Matthew Vogt**  
Son of Darrin and Alison Vogt



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

This event is BYOB  
Feel free to bring snacks as well!

Where: St. Cletus Parish Center  
700 W. 55th Street  
LaGrange, IL 60525

**6:30PM CHECK IN**  
**GAMES BEGIN AT 7PM**

**21+**  
**BINGO NIGHT**  
**18**

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER

\$20 prepay or  
\$25 at the door

RSVP by November 16th  
<https://stcletusschool.com/bingo-night-rsvp/>



## Pastor's Note

“Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the Lord,”  
Psalm 98:5-6

Dear Parishioners,

How lovely it is to sing praises to the Lord. Sometimes we sing praises to the Lord alone and other times with others. Both forms give us joy. They refresh our souls. They reconnect us with the one that loves us. They put us in touch with the one that loves hearing from us, and spending time with us. No wonder why we always seek for opportunities to sing praises to the Lord either alone or collectively.

Below I share with you some experiences or moments where my soul was refreshed.

First, last week, either personally or collectively, we had the blessing to celebrate the Solemnity of All the Saints (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>) and Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) at our Church. Both days, we celebrated Mass at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. This is something we intend to foster for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all ministers (parishioners and staff) for their service, ministry, and leadership. With their ministry and witness, it is truly a joy to sing praises to the Lord.

Second, being and praying with our children is always a joy. Sometimes, I get the opportunity to greet them and spend some time with them when they are outside enjoying their recess time. They are always warm, kind, and so caring. Other times, I get to spend some time with them, when we get together for a special celebration. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, they invited me to join them and bless the special altar they made in order to honor and pray for their loved ones. They had photos of their loved ones on the altar. All children who were part of the moment of prayer actively participated. They held their hands together. They were respectful, attentive, and engaged. This attitude and behavior are something that I continue to observe when we celebrate Mass on Tuesdays. Therefore, being and praying with them is pure joy.

Third, the spirit of service continues to grow in our parish. I am pleased to let you know that Kris and Clara Santin have volunteered to lead the Art and Environment Committee for our parish. They are active members of our parish. They want to share their gifts and talents with us. They want to see the sanctuary (altar area) of our church tastefully arranged. They have already showed me their plans for Christmas. It is my prayer and hope that with their leadership we can reestablish a vibrant Art and Environment Committee. If you notice a desire to join Kris and Clara, please send me an email at [eromero@stcletusparish.com](mailto:eromero@stcletusparish.com) and I will gladly put you in touch with them. The fruit of their service and ministry will enhance our desire to sing praises to the Lord.

Fourth, on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I had the blessing to attend my father's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in Peru (he was born on November 9). His name is Teodoro Romero. He was pleased to see most of us there with him. He told us that he gives thanks to God for the gift of life, faith, and family daily. He encouraged us to stay close to God and each other. He strongly urged us to share our gifts and blessings with others. Recalling my childhood, I always saw my father sharing his bread with others. This is something that he continues to do whenever he can. As his children, we also give thanks to God for him daily. The past five years, his health has not been the best. I truly enjoyed my brief visit with him and the rest of my family.

May our hearts continue to sing praises to the Lord!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor



## Note From Father Mike

### One more week after this one...

On this weekend that the Church celebrates the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that not only is the liturgical year rapidly coming to a close, but also that another liturgical year is around the corner. Yep. Advent is a mere two Sundays from this one. Time sure does fly – sometimes. Yet, most people would probably have to admit that time moves slower than Heinz Ketchup pours once winter hits Chicago. Keep the positive thoughts while we can. Believe it or not, the daylight hours will be getting longer in just about 6 weeks (is that all?).

But then there is still another holiday before the liturgical year comes to an end – Thanksgiving! So start dieting today! Then it'll make the turkey taste that much better.

You probably are already aware of the passing of Fr. Ray Klees, the pastor of St. Cletus from 1992-2006. I didn't get to know Fr. Ray very well, but the few times I did, I was pleased. People have been telling me great stories of his time here at St. Cletus. I know he loved this parish. I have to say, however, that in a bit of a selfish way, I seem to take priests' deaths very hard. I always feel like there is a little more weight on my shoulders – more responsibility. Part of that is what we've been talking and talking about for several years, and one of the reasons the Archdiocese of Chicago has been going through the Renew My Church program for several years now – there are very few men being ordained versus how many priests die each year. It's the concept of attrition – not enough to even break even.

That has to change. I don't have a specific answer as to how to change the trends, but it must change. Something I've been talking about for many years in relation to vocations is how many families simply stopped seeing the vocation as something they wanted their sons to be a part of, especially after the scandals hit the airwaves in 2002. It was very unfortunate to say the least. However, the difficult thing to realize for many is that the number of priests who actually DID abuse children is hundredths of percentages in relation to the total number of priests the Church once had. That's not to say that the men who actually DID abuse children shouldn't be punished, but statistics have shown over time that the number of guilty priests is far less than practically any other profession. We've simply been held to a different standard for sure. Maybe that is "fair" to many, but it's certainly something that more families have stopped encouraging their sons to consider.

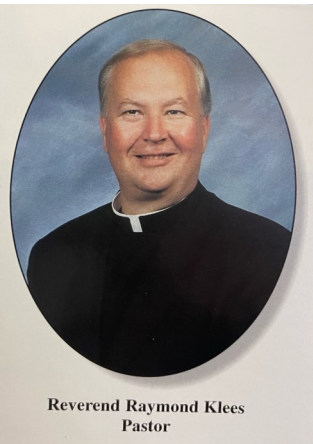
If you look back at your Catholic upbringing, 9 out of 10 priests who served at your parish you can name with pride. You can look at the fact that they had lots of fun, and the ones who gave good homilies were remembered even more fondly. Why wouldn't that be a good thing to hope for from your own family or from one of the neighborhood children whom you see either serving as an altar server or singing in their pew with their family?

Practically any one of us started out our formation for priesthood long before we ever graced the doors of the various levels of the seminary. We got to be where we are today because of our family – worshipping together week in and week out. Obviously the high school and undergraduate college the seminaries Chicago once had are now closed. We still have the best graduate seminary up in Mundelein, IL, but it was sad that so many young men missed out on more immediate opportunities to study for priestly ministry. The men ordained thru 1994 or so still had the college seminary experience, but talk to some of the priests ordained in the 1970s or early 1980s about their experience with the high school seminary. Those men have been friends in some cases for 55-65 years of their lives. They are the men who really helped me along simply by watching them minister. I am thrilled to call them "brothers."

What more can we do, my friends, to get momentum in advancing the priesthood back to its "glory days?"

Fr. Mike Novick

# Remembering Father Raymond Klees



Father Ray Klees was born on February 21, 1947. He was ordained on May 9th 1973 and served many parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. St. Cletus was lucky enough to have him as pastor from 1992-2006. He was appointed as a temporary associate on April 1, 1992 until he was appointed full time pastor by Joseph Cardinal Bernadin on July 1 of that same year. He made a plan and outlined the goals for the parish and school in areas of spirituality, personnel, financial management, and general morale. A major capital campaign was initiated in 1994, and asked one dollar a day extra from every parish family for four years. A total amount of \$1.8 million was raised and spent on outstanding debt, capital improvements, large infrastructure, repair, and the school endowment fund.



Patriotism was close to Father Klees' heart, due in part to his father being a veteran. He helped grow our 4th of the July mass in to the beautiful gathering we enjoy today. Each year he loved introducing each branch of the military as their anthems were played during the mass and always expressed the importance of honoring the men and women of the military who help protect us each and everyday. One year we even had the honor of a fly over following mass! Following the attacks of 9/11, Fr. Klees and the parish honored first responders at a special service each year. Pictured here, you can see this event from 2005 featured a short parade around the parish as first responders entered under a large American Flag.



Father Klees not only emersed himself in our church, but he could also often be seen roaming the halls of our school speaking with our students and getting to know them better. He would often enter a room doing the sign of the cross and said it was the best way to get a room full of Catholics to quiet down and pay attention...and it worked! You could often see him on his Vespa which always caught our students attention. Once he even rode it in to a school mass! Something we are sure our students never forgot! He enjoyed attending the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip with our students and would have his video camera with him capturing special moments throughout the trips! Following those trips he would



come show the 8th graders some highlights! Golf was also a love of Father Klees and he enjoyed attending the 8th grade golf outing each year and teaching our students the ins and outs of golf. He loved the school kids and helped us all create a strong faith and wonderful memories.

It was always clear to see the great passion Father Klees had for priesthood, the Catholic faith, and a Catholic education in everything he did. Msgr. Kenneth Velo, archdiocesan priest and senior executive of Catholic Collaboration for DePaul University who knew Father Ray Klees for over 60 years said, "I can attest to his great love of people and priesthood. He has been in varied ministries, and always brought great devotion and enthusiasm to his work. He will be missed."



**Following his funeral mass our school children surrounded the church to honor him as he exited St. Cletus for the final time to be laid to rest.**





# Sunday Notes

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

**Psalm** — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

**Gospel** — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Albert the Great

Wednesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I increase my devotion to serving God?

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# Troop 19 Pie Sales

Fruit pies -\$19: APPLE \_\_\_\_\_ BLUEBERRY \_\_\_\_\_ CHERRY \_\_\_\_\_ PUMPKIN \_\_\_\_\_

Creme Pies- \$20 CHOCOLATE CREME \_\_\_\_\_ BANANA CREME \_\_\_\_\_

Pecan Pie-\$22 \_\_\_\_\_

Order deadline Monday, November 14th 2022. Payment due upon ordering

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Orders can be dropped off at the school or parish



# School News



## St. Cletus School

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700 W. 55th Street  
La Grange, IL 60525

## JOIN US FOR 21+ BINGO NIGHT!

Our FSA is hosting a Bingo night on November 18 in the Parish Center! Check in at 6:30pm and games begin at 7pm! Entry is \$20 before the event and \$25 at the door. **Please RSVP by November 16th!** You can RSVP at this link <https://stcletusschool.com/bingo-night-rsvp/> or if you prefer simply turn in this form to the school office with payment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$20/\$25 per person)

Make checks payable to St. Cletus FSA

**PLEASE BE SURE TO  
NOTE THIS IS A 21 AND  
OLDER EVENT AND  
BYOB**

# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
15 de noviembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
13 de noviembre, 2022	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
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.

## DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA



El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeña rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

## GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

## BOLETOS DE RIFA

El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupano estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para la fiesta Guadalupeña. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 20% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el día 12 de diciembre, 2022 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeña. No es necesario estar presente para ganar. **El sábado 26 y domingo 27 de noviembre, 2022 estaremos vendiendo boletos de la rifa después de las Misas. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.**

## RAFFLE TICKETS

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupano Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the Guadalupian festivities. The donation per ticket is \$5.00. The 20% collected from the tickets will be the grand prize, the drawing will be held on December 12, 2022 during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Need not be present to win. **On Saturday, November 26 and Sunday November 27, 2022 we will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441**



## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please make plans to attend this novena to Our Blessed Mother of Guadalupe. After the rosary we will share hospitality (sweet bread and champurrado). Everyone is invited.

If there are any families who would like to pray the rosary, and host that evenings hospitality, please speak to Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441.

## NOVENA GUADALUPANA



La Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevará a cabo del 2 al 10 de diciembre de 2022 a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Favor de hacer planes para acompañarnos a rezar esta novena a Nuestra Santísima Madre María de Guadalupe. Después del rosario compartiremos pan dulce y champurrado.

Todos están invitados.

Si hay algunas familias a las que les gustaría rezar el rosario y ser anfitriones de la hospitalidad de esa noche, favor de hablar con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441.



# Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS  
FOOD PANTRY**  
**THURSDAYS  
6-8PM**

Wish List:

- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Baby Wipes
- Toothpaste
- Jelly
- Boxed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Diapers Size 5 and 6
- Laundry Detergent
- Beverages-tea, coffee, cocoa, and juices

Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.

Follow us on Facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry



*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 NEWS

Round 2 delivery from St. John of the Cross October collection! THANK YOU! This will make a huge difference!



## SOCKTOBER!

Thank you to all who participated in the St. Cletus School NJHS Socktober! Students donated socks to our Food Pantry! It's a Great Day To Be A Cardinal!



## THANKSGIVING TURKEY BUCKS VOLUNTEER & DONATIONS NEEDED

Our BIGGEST NEED at this time is help providing enough Thanksgiving meals for all those we are currently serving. Here is how you can help!

- Volunteer at the Countryside Jewel to raise funds for Thanksgiving dinners that go directly to our families. This is a very flexible opportunity, great for ALL AGES! Sign up for a date and you pick the time that works for you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-turkey>
- Make a donation at the Countryside Jewel to Turkey Bucks so we get the meals we need. ANY amount is helpful!
- Or you can make a donation to the food pantry. Please write "Thanksgiving" in the memo/notes and we will use those funds to purchase Thanksgiving meals.
- Is your business, family or group of friends interested in sponsoring a dinner? Let us know and we can partner together!

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Help us include homemade cookies with every Thanksgiving dinner we provide. Please share 2-3 dozen of your favorite *nut free* holiday cookies. Please drop your cookies at the St. Cletus Parish Center on Wednesday, November 16 or Thursday, November 17 between 9:00-5:00. Any questions, please contact Holly Lavorato at [hollylavorato@gmail.com](mailto:hollylavorato@gmail.com) or 847-867-0985. Thank you for sharing your homemade treats with our St. Cletus Food Pantry community!

## WORD OF LIFE



“...the Supreme Court in Dobbs cleared the way for a paradigm shift in American law, allowing it to enlarge its boundaries to again welcome a segment of the human family that had been outside of its protections for close to half a century. Dobbs, then, is a victory for justice, the rule of law, and self-governance. But for those of us who have prayed for this moment to arrive, it is the time for a renewal and rededication of our efforts to build a culture of life and civilization of love.” Archbishop

*William E. Lori, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities “Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World”*

# Social Concerns Ministry

## GIVING TREE TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Gift cards will be for sale in the Narthex this weekend and next weekend.

**There are many ways to get tags this year:**

**Church Narthex:** Trees will be available before and after Masses in the Church Narthex. Trees will be labeled by category so you can easily find what type of tag you are looking for.

**Online Form:** We have a simple form you can complete to request tags and then we will email you information for tags based on what you requested. All contact free. Visit: [stcletusparish.com/givingtree](http://stcletusparish.com/givingtree)

**Email/Phone:** Or you can email [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or leave a message at 708.215.5418 and we can get back to you with tag information.

### Giving Tree Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer slots are now available for our Giving Tree collection and distribution weekends. View slots, availability, age requirements, FAQs, and more at: [www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree](http://www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree)

For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418, [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)

## 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.



## Save The Date



**JOIN US**  
**TO CELEBRATE THE**  
**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF**  
*Guadalupe*  
**DECEMBER 12, 2022**

**LAS MANANITAS @ 5:00 AM**  
**MASS OF THE ROSES @ 7:00 PM**

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# Ministry News

## CCW

Attention Ladies of the Parish....Save the Date

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00pm

Gallagher Room of the Parish Center

Delve into the Past and See How Much You Know About St. Cletus Trivia!

Who doesn't love a challenge, right? Join us at our next CCW General Meeting and see how much you know about our parish past. We will play a game involving all things about the history & architecture of St. Cletus Parish. If you are a longtime member, we will need your experiences; if you are a new parishioner, think of all the things you can learn about our great community! There is always the opportunity to share a new friendship as well. We will have game prizes and door prizes available.

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN As always we offer fellowship & refreshments, so mark you calendars now!

## SAVE THE DATE



## BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **The Thursday Murder Club (book one)** by Richard Osman. We will meet on December 13 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead....

February 14: **Laine Change** by Mary Ann Doornbos

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

## BAPTISMAL MINISTRY

We are hoping to start a new Baptism Ministry here at St. Cletus. The Baptism Minister would help set up the font on Saturdays before the baptisms (which are at 11:00 or 11:30, depending), welcome the families and help them find seats in church, and then put the baptism materials away afterwards. No special theological knowledge is required, and you'll get a chance to meet new people and show them that St. Cletus is a welcoming place. Training will be provided. Also, any confirmed teens who might like this ministry can have service hours. If this is interesting to you, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, for more information.

## WEDDING MINISTRY

As the pandemic recedes we are having more weddings scheduled at St. Cletus, and we would like to have more Wedding Ministers to help. Wedding Ministers see to the wedding rehearsal, make sure all the paperwork is together, set up for the mass on the wedding day, and oversee the wedding itself. Usually this is done as a team of at least two ministers. It's a chance to welcome families and give them a happy memory of their time at St. Cletus. You can do this as often as you like. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office.



# 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



Vocation Office  
750 North  
Wabash Ave.  
Chicago, IL

## INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNER DRIVERS NEEDED



ICP drivers are everyday superheroes, providing safe, accompanied transportation for local older adults who can no longer drive themselves to the doctor, grocery store, pharmacy, church, and other life-enhancing errands.

By volunteering just a few hours a month, you'll make an immediate impact in your local community by bringing much-needed assistance, security, and kind companionship to older adults. We provide all training and offer VERY flexible volunteer hours where you select the rides you take so it works for your life and schedule!

To learn more or request a volunteer application, visit our volunteer webpage <https://interfaithcommunitypartners.org/volunteering/>

or contact our office at 708-354-9328 or [CoordinatorICP@gmail.com](mailto:CoordinatorICP@gmail.com)

## FALL BAZAAR

Holy Guardian Angels Parish Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale

When: Saturday November 19th, 9am-3pm

Where: St. Louise de Marillac(north site) Parish Center Entrance 1113 Harrison Avenue LaGrange Park, IL

Contact [Louise\\_OConnor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Louise_OConnor@sbcglobal.net) for more information



## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

### Get Better Organized!

Your job search is a process. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is still a process. Join us on Thursday, November 17 from 7-9 pm and learn more. This lively, interactive and informative presentation will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate and succeed in your search. Once organization is in place, our speaker Steve Rosenblum, will share his highly effective 3x3 follow-up system that can be utilized universally. You will not want to miss this! Steve is a dedicated Human Resources professional with over twenty-five years in various HR roles. He has experienced job searching first hand and his passion for helping people has made him a highly sought-after speaker and respected professional. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Every one is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

## LOOKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

### Join ours.

The **Engage Community** is for middle-age people, 50 and up (single, divorced, widowed or married) to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Potential upcoming events are movies and discussion, game/social nights and group service opportunities.

Volunteers needed with some event planning experience to help launch Engage.

If interested, email Amy at [sspagetts@aol.com](mailto:sspagetts@aol.com).

## AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE

Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg Presents:

### AARP Safe Driver Course for 50 & older

When: Thursday November 17th and 18th 10am-2pm

Where: Township of Lyons 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL

Course Credit toward Auto Insurance

AARP Fee: Member \$20, Non-member \$25

Sign up with Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg at

708-482-8300 option #4

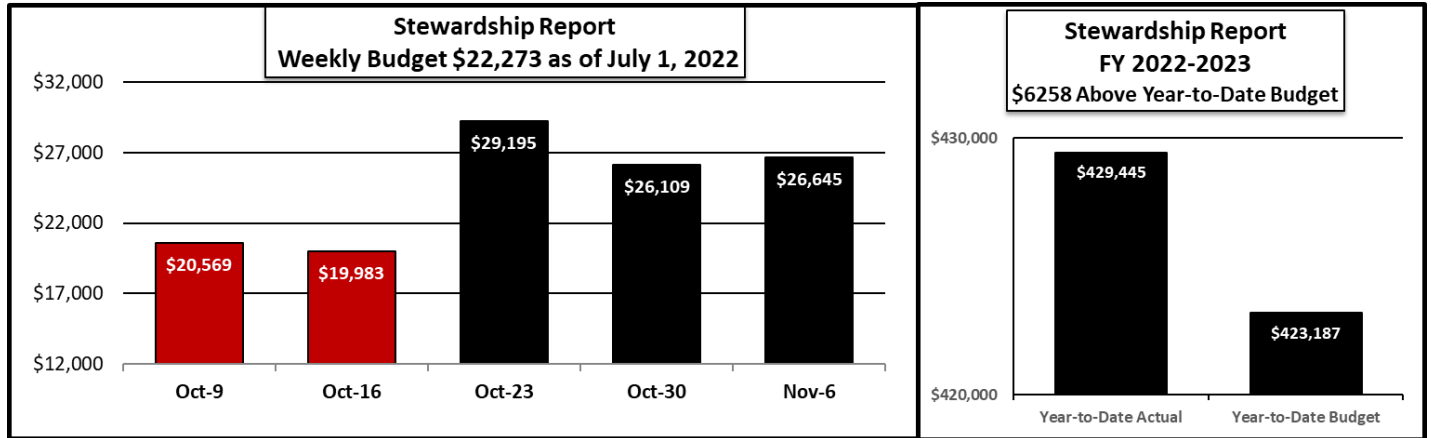
**Participants must attend both days to receive insurance credit.**

We hope you can join us!

# Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 13			
Monday, November 14			
Tuesday, November 15	8am	Church	Mass With Parish School Students
Wednesday, November 16	8:30-9am 9am-12pm 7-8:30pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Gallagher Room	Breakfast With Parishioners Mission Ladies CCW Meeting
Thursday, November 17	6-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, November 18	6:30-8:30pm	Parish Center	Adult Bingo
Saturday, November 19	8:30-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, November 20			

# Stewardship Report



## GIVING

*Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!*

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have ques-



## BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
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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**  
**Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Kevin Hays, Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy**  
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Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

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Mike Napleton                      Griselda Quintero                      Julio Quintero  
Jennifer Senyard

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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.



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