

September 22, 2024 | Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME; AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME, RECEIVES ME, BUT THE ONE BUT THE ONE WHO SENT ME."

Mission and Vision Statement

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Mt 28:19-20

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Sunday Masses

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

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Weddings

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Mass Intentions							
Saturday September 21	Rev. Anthony Muraya	5 p.m.	† Kristina Thiel † William Gray † Gloria Gray	† John Nisbet Janet Boyer (Special Intention)			
Sunday September 22	Rev. Gus Belauskas	7:15 a.m.	† Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale † Julia Kopacz	 + John and Frances Kennedy + Patrick Mahoney 			
	Rev. Elmer Romero	8:45 a.m.	† Al Haddad † Frank Wojcik † William Dudley	Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)			
	Rev. Ron Kalas	10:30 a.m.	† Kenneth "Ken" Raymond Hickey	† Charles & Florence Straka			
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	† Rosario Garcia † Virginia Garcia Rivera † Lorenza Jaramillo	† Por Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Morena Garcia (Birthday)			
Monday September 23	Rev. Jim Antiporek	8 a.m.	† Victoria Lewis	Joseph Anthony Vieceli (Living)			
Tuesday September 24	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Russ Evans † Jane Wisniewski	Victoria Gamboa (Special Intention)			
Wednesday September 25	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	⁺ B.C. & Rip Collins	† Ted Dunbar			
Thursday September 26	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Joseph Vieceli	† Thomas Francis			
Friday September 27	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	† Phyllis Prevenas			
Saturday September 28	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	 + Benjamin Patrick Hyink + Kurt Klecan + Ellen Benrus 	 Michael John O'Connell Janet Boyer (Special Intention) 			
Sunday September 29	Rev. Alexander Garcia	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz				
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	 Deceased Members of St Cletus CWC Nick Brzezniak 	Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)			
	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Brian Luczak † Serafin Hernandez	† Gregorio Villajos JR † Joseph P. Kurcz			
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Gustavo Chavez † Audel Garcia Tina Noah Lopez (Birthday)	[†] Por Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Joseluis Soto & Familia (Special Intention)			

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Debbie Cote | Joanne Kasang |Jorea Touranjeau| Caroline Mhley | Diana McHale | Dr. George Schein | Claire Caueney |Rose Hammer | Ann Kuchta | Cynthia Gosse| Denise & Rich Jandura | George & Barb Zycam| June Matasic |

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

⁺ Mary Anne Matthews, Wife of Jim Matthews

- ⁺ Allan Barski, Father of Dawn Pearente
- ⁺ Charles Thomas Westerlund, Father of Erick Wes
- + James Fernandez

"We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God." Thomas Merton

Dear Friends,

The Epistle of James (Second reading) today invites us to prayerfully reflect on the source or roots of war and peace. I quite often ask myself: where do these two things come from? St. James honestly tells us that they come from us. They come from our hearts. Can this be true?

For a moment let us consider the daily news we watch. We see and hear people being hurt by other people. Sometimes, we see our own families at war with each other. We also see neighbors not getting along. We hear of wars between races, and gangs, and the public wars between nations and ideologies. What shall we do?

The gift of peace comes from God. He is the real cause and source and origin of all real peace. He is the only one who can heal our hearts and minds. If this is true, then we ought to be spending more time with him asking him to grant us the gift of peace that our souls need. This is something we have seen our parents and grandparents doing. Their faith in God was real and strong. They remind us of the saints.

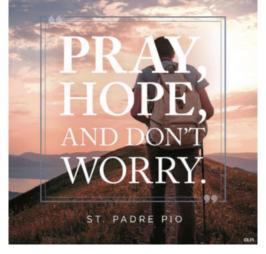
Saints as we know are people who love God with their whole heart and soul and mind and strength. They love their neighbors as themselves (all of them). They radiate peace. They spread peace, like a pandemic, like a virus, like a good infection. Are you one of them? Do you know anyone who spreads peace? I know many of them at our parish. They are a blessing in my life and ministry. They fill my heart with gratitude and peace.

Some years ago, I heard from someone who spreads peace the following: "the beginning of peace is prayer." I grew up not only watching but learning to pray with my parents. The love of God that they exhibited to us was real and joyful. They also showed us to respect and love our neighbors. God gave them peace through prayer. Since the beginning of peace is prayer, I am inviting you to join me in two special opportunities of prayer our parish will be hosting in October and November. The first one will be on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 PM. We will come together and pray the rosary as a family of God. Music and witness reflection will be part of the prayer. The second one will be on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, at 7:00 PM. At this opportunity, we will pray the psalms. Music and witness reflection will also be part of it. Hospitality will be offered after each prayer. Please mark your calendar and consider joining us.

Deacon Franco Foti, Operations Director, will be serving at our parish until Friday, October 11th, 2024. I am grateful for the time he spent with us. With his knowledge, experience, and love for the Lord, he not only addressed and resolved many issues, but he also warmed our spirits with his presence, kindness, and witness. With his leadership and direction, we were able to install a new telephone system, with automated answering service, rebuilt technology network, installed new school intercom system, restructured parish office, and replaced the school roof (phase 1). I wish him well in his new role. Let us accompany him with our prayers.

May our desire to spread peace be blessed by the Lord.

Fr. Elmer Romero Pastor



A letter from our Operations Director

Dear Parishioners and Staff of St. Cletus Parish,

I will always cherish the time I spent at St. Cletus, and I am deeply grateful for the support and love I received from each one of you. It is with a mix of emotions that I share the news of my departure as your Director of Operations. I have been offered and accepted another position within the Archdiocese of Chicago. My last day at St. Cletus will be October 11, 2024.

I have met with Fr. Elmer, our Pastor, and agreed to spend the next four weeks ensuring a smooth transition of my responsibilities to other staff members, as he decides on the next course of action. I remain eternally grateful to Fr. Elmer for having given me the opportunity to be part of his staff.

I will continue serving this community as a Deacon, and you will continue to see me occasionally at Mass and other celebrations. During my time here, I have worked alongside incredibly talented individuals and have been fortunate enough to be part of a team that values collaboration and inspires me. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunities for growth and development that St. Cletus has provided me. I will carry the lessons learned here with me throughout my career.

Please know that my decision was not made lightly. I have the utmost respect for the work we do and the mission of St. Cletus Parish. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the friendships built and the memories made during my time here. I will always look back on my time here with deep gratitude.

God bless!

Deacon Franco Foti

October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us and fellow parishioners in praying the rosary.



"To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother."

St. Cletus Parish

600 W. 55th Street La Grange

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As anticipated, we are going to transition from our current e-giving provider (GiveCentral) to Pushpay. This will happen soon. If you are currently contributing to St. Cletus through GiveCentral, you will soon receive an e-mail message with details. Thank you for supporting St. Cletus Parish.

Deacon Franco



Parish Life						
Date	Time	Events	Location			
Monday, September 23	7 p.m.	Chosen Discussion Group	Gallagher Room			
Tuesday, September 24	10 a.m. 3 p.m. 3 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Funeral Mass- Charles T. Westerlund School Faculty Meeting St. Cletus Cross Country Practice Girls' Volleyball Practice Pilot Alpha (English)	Church Gallagher Room Field Parish Center Gym Gallagher Room			
Wednesday, September 25	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 1 p.m. 7 p.m.	Mission Ladies Funeral Mass- James Fernandez Living Rosary Teen Seekers Open House	Gallagher Room Church Church Rooms 201 & 203			
Thursday, September 26	1:15 p.m. 4 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Church Food Pantry Gallagher Room Morrissey Hall			
Friday, September 27	6:00 p.m.	Alpha Piloto (Spanish)	Gallagher Room			
Saturday, September 28	10 a.m. 1 p.m 3 p.m	Funeral Mass- Allan Barski Quinceañera Mass- Alexa Guzman Quinceañera Mass- Amanda Mora	Church Church Church			
Sunday, September 29	1:30 p.m	Concert	Church			

Readings of the week

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18 **Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6 **Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22 Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (6b)/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-3

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society will be meeting on October 4th, at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Gallagher room.

All men of the parish are invited!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? – THEN OCIA IS FOR YOU! – OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA) and it is the way those persons interested in the Roman Catholic faith learn about the religion and join our

faith learn about the religion and join our community of believers. The process of OCIA traces its roots back to the earliest days of Christian communities, when all members shared their faith with newcomers as a way of teaching them about

The OCIA process is comprised of:

Catechumen, those who have never been baptized and want to learn more about Catholicism;

the new Way – The Way of Jesus the Risen Lord.

Candidates, those who were baptized in another religion and now desire to be Catholic; and those who were baptized and desire to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

If you want to know more about becoming Catholic, please contact Lawrence Manetti by calling the parish office at 708-352-6209 ext. 230 or by email Imanetti@stcletusparish.com. If you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic, please tell them about OCIA and direct them get in touch with Lawrence, (Larry).

OCIA classes will begin October 2nd.



¿LE INTERESA SABER MÁS SOBRE EL CATOLICISMO? - ¡ENTONCES OCIA ES PARA TI! - OCIA significa Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (antes conocido como Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos o RICA) y es la forma en que las personas interesadas en la fe católica romana aprenden sobre la religión y se

unen a nuestra comunidad de creyentes. El proceso de OCIA sigue sus raíces hasta los primeros días de las comunidades cristianas, cuando todos los miembros compartían su fe con los recién llegados como una forma de enseñarles sobre el nuevo Camino - El Camino de Jesús el Señor Resucitado.

El proceso de OCIA se compone de:

Catecúmenos, aquellos que nunca han sido bautizados y quieren aprender más sobre el catolicismo;

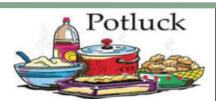
Candidatos, aquellos que fueron bautizados en otra religión y ahora desean ser Católicos; y aquellos que fueron bautizados y desean completar los Sacramentos de Iniciación.

Si desea saber más sobre cómo convertirse en católico, póngase en contacto con el P. Alex Garcia llamando a la oficina parroquial al 708-352-6209 o por correo electrónico jgarcia@stcletusparish.com. Si usted conoce a alguien que está pensando en convertirse en católico, por favor dígales acerca de OCIA.

Las clases de OCIA comenzaran el 2 de Octubre.

St. Cletus Annual Parish Potluck

Saturday, October 19th 6:00 PM



St. Cletus Annual Parish Potluck

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW—the sponsor of this event) will provide a main dish but we'd like you to bring your favorite dish (to serve 8-10 people) and join us for an evening of good food and friendship. This is an informal fun gathering to acquaint and re-acquaint yourself with fellow parishioners. Advance reservations will be requested; watch the Canticle/bulletin for more details. If you have a question, please contact us at: ccw@stcletusparish.com or call: 708-710-0644.



Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry Thursdays

4-8 p.m.

Wish List:

- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap
- Boxed Potatoes
- Crackers

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



SVDP DONATION TRUCK

October 5 from 10:00-5:00

October 6 from 8:00-12:30

St. Cletus Parking Lot

Accepting clothes* & household items such as picture frames, decorations & small kitchen items *Please pack all clothes in bags or boxes

NO Furniture, toys, electronics and appliances

Volunteers Needed (Jr. High-Adult): Sign up at:



BABY BOTTLE VOLUMTEERS

Help pass out baby bottle envelopes after Mass(s) October 5 & 6.

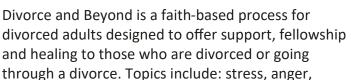
All ages welcome.



Sign Up at:

2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Wednesday Evenings (7:00-8:30 pm) October 9-November 13 Saint Francis Xavier School Library 145 N. Waiola Avenue, La Grange, IL



forgiveness and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting. To register on-line please scan the QR Code or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.



Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 22 de septiembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español <i>Spanish Mass</i>	Iglesia
Martes, 24 de septiembre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

Convivio para los Lideres del Ministerio Hispano

El Ministerio Hispano tendrá una convivencia de hospitalidad para todos los líderes del Ministerio Hispano el 6 de octubre despues de la Misa de 12:30 p.m. en la yarda que la iglesia. Estaremos disfrutando de uns deliciosos tacos y muchos antojitos mexicanos más.

Hispanic Ministry Leaders' Gathering

The Hispanic Ministry will have a hospitality fellowship for all Hispanic Ministry leaders on October 6 after the 12:30 p.m. Mass in the church yard. We will be enjoying delicious tacos and many more Mexican delicacies.

Reunión del Comité Guadalupano

Miembros del Comité Guadalupano tendrán una reunión este jueves 26 de septiembre, 2024 a las 7:00 en el Salón Gallagher. Continuaremos planificando los eventos para la fiesta Guadalupana. Si

alguien le gustaría ser parte de la planificación, esta cordialmente invitado a participar.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee

Members of the Guadalupe Committee will have a meeting this Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm., in the Gallagher room. We will continue to plan the events for the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. If

anyone would like to be part of the planning, they are welcome.



Intenciones de Misa

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal (708)352-6209 . Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse con anticipación, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass intention, please call the main office (708)352-6209 Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested with anticipation, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

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Fall Fest Bingo committee

The Fall Fest Bingo committee would like to thank our friends at the La Grange American Legion Post 1941 for their support of this year's Bingo event. They are located at 900 S. La Grange Road and have Bingo every Monday evening.



School News

Meet one of our School Board Members: Michael Napleton

Michael has been serving as a member of the school board since August 2019.

Michael's professional experience includes 15 years of teaching experience in special education. Michael is a graduate from the University of Illinois with a degree in



Economics and holds master's degrees in special education and educational leadership.

He is married to Margaret, a St. Cletus school teacher. They have four children that all attend St. Cletus school.





When: September 25th 4:30pm-8:00pm



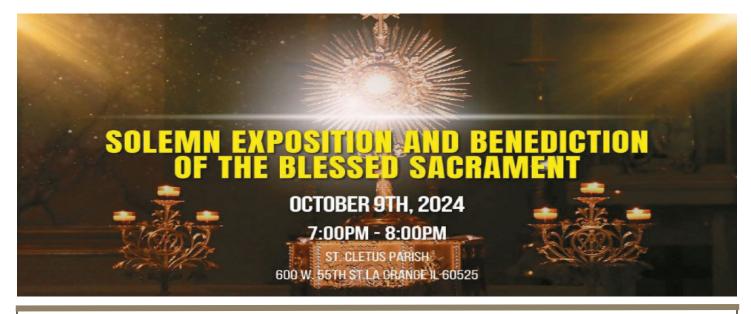
Where: Antonino's Ristorante 701 W. Hillgrove La Grange

St. Cletus will receive 15% of the proceeds!

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Fall 2024 St. Cletus St. Fiacre Society update

Please join us loyal and new volunteers to help prepare our campus flower beds for the fall. We would love to have you join us! Two days, Friday Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, both beginning at 9:00 AM, we will be accepting our flower delivery (three mum colors and cabbage) from Hinsdale Nursery, removing the successful Sun Patients annuals and then planting our new mums. Plan on about two hours work for each day.

No experience necessary! Green thumbs not required. Help us build community along with a beautiful, welcoming environment. As St. James told us this past weekend, Sept. 15, 2024, "What good is faith if it does not have works? ... So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." If you are looking to add works to fortify your faith, and meet some new parishioners, please join us!

If you would like to be on our email contact list, or any questions, our email is madtfr@att.net and we will keep you informed. Thank you!

Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel

Teen Group: Cross Roads

Attention all high school teens: Are you looking to grow stronger in your Faith? Are you looking for ways to navigate the challenges and complexities of your high school years? Do you wonder how our Faith fits into a world which often seems to dismiss or be disrespectful to our Faith? Please join a group of like-minded teens to explore these issues at Crossroads. We will meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

Our next meeting will take place Sunday's in Unity Hall from 6:00-7:15pm (following the 5:00pm teen mass). ALL meetings will include dinner.

Please use link or QR code for more information including dates and details and to sign up! Questions? Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark at greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com





End of life Issues Monday, September 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM Our Lady of Peace Church 701 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL

End of Life and biomedical issues are all too easy to push to the back of our minds. Yet, medical crises can strike at any time. Being prepared can not only empower you to make the right decisions, but can also give you peace of mind. Join us as Fr. Steven Borello helps us to prepare for those days when we must make some of the most difficult decisions of our lives. Have you ever wondered .

- Is it necessary to have a DNR directive
- What's the difference between ordinary/extraordinary care
- Do I have a choice of different hospice care programs
- What is the Sacrament of the Sick/Apostolic Blessing
- How does my parish help with funeral arrangements

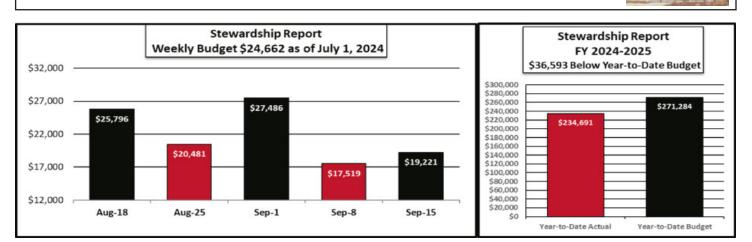


Presenter: Fr. Steven Borello, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Joliet

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Book Club

Come join us on October 8th for a discussion of The *Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan. This book is a National Book Award Winner. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail <u>book club@stcletusparish.com</u>. For those who like to look ahead, our December book is *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.



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