

# St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ  
Through Worship, Education and Service

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



November 03, 2024 | Thirty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Praying  
the  
Rosary  
10/23/2024




## 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



**Parish Office**  
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Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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 St. Cletus Parish  
 St. Cletus Church

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## Parish Information

### **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**

Contact the parish office  
(708) 352 - 6209

### **Religious Education For Children**

#### **Educación Religiosa Para Niños**

Contact / Comuníquese con  
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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  
(708) 215 - 5441.

### **Funerals**

Contact the parish office.

### **Parish Canticle**

For any request, please email  
canticle@stcletusparish.com

## Mass Intentions

Saturday November 2	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† Andrew Wnek † Karen Lipinski † Ellen Benrus	† Benjamin Patrick Hyink Janet Boyer(Special Intention)
Sunday November 3	Rev. Alex Garcia	7:15 a.m.	† John and Frances Kennedy † Nancy LoDuca	† Patrick Mahoney † Anthony J Freveletti John Kriho and Keely Kriho (Birthday)
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† Michael Lombardo † Anne Martin Health Blessings for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)	† Mathew Martin † Bernice & Don Marshall † Harold Church
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Elizabeth Freeman † Zofia & Augustyn Mika, Marek Stanisz, Anna & Jozef Czyszczon	† Sammy Colonna † Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale † John and Eleanor Lawless
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	† Angel & Margarita Jaramillo † Fermin Hurtado	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Emilia Fulgencio (Birthday)
Monday November 4	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† St. Cletus Purgatorial Society † Stella Kadlec	† Frank Wojcik † Otto Thaus
Tuesday November 5	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Louis Berger † Andre Coté † Ildefonso Araiza Macias † Bernerdina Ochoa Martinez	For the Health of Dolores Wisniewski (Living) Debbie Coté (Living)
Wednesday November 6	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	† Walter John Kurinsky
Thursday November 7	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Florence Grabowski	Jeremy Olson (Living)
Friday November 8	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Veronica Crouchelli	† Joseph Vieceli † Ann Pizzuto
Saturday November 9	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	† Louis and Irene Schoenberger † Benjamin Horonzy	† Curt Davies † Mary Anderson
Sunday November 10	Rev. Michael Novick	7:15 a.m.	For the St. Cletus Parishioners	
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† Paul Budvitis † Evelyn Prevenas † Tommy Scott	† Mickey Leicht † Denise Martin Health Blessings for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)
	Rev. Ron Kalas	10:30 a.m.	† Grace Creighton † Charles and Amalie Moravec	† Mary Ellen Kursell † Dan Linklater † Napoleon Olvera
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Rosalba Paz-Jaramillo † Pedro y San Juanita Ramirez † Estela Reyes	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

### Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Diana McHale | Dr. George Schein Claire Caueney | Ann Kuchta | Cynthia Gosse | Denise & Rich Jandura | George & Barb Zykan | June Matasic | Richard Madsen | Asis Gonzalez | Frank Orrico | Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjzau | Debbie Coté

### Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Kathleen Dziak , Mother of Jennifer Sandstrom  
† Wiunifred Weisgerber, Friend of Dolores Rodriguez  
† Paul Rattin, Brother of Eufelia Depasqual  
† Jason Meyer, Brother of Laura Newman  
† Caroline Mhley, Daughter of Gavin & Colleen  
† William Murauski, Father of Debra Alyinovich  
† Charles F. Rybowiak, Husband of Gail Rybowiak



## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!  
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.  
Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Deuteronomy 6:4-6.

Dear Friends,

Do you sense that your heart belongs entirely to God? Ponder and reflect on this question as much as you can. Consider even discussing it at home from time to time, if not often. Our parish is blessed with many good people that exhibit the way we should love God. With their words and deeds, they show us how to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. They have discovered that only love can get us to heaven. They are a joy to be around. Many of them serve, pray, and worship God with us. Just look around and you will see them.

People who love God with all their heart, soul, and strength always radiate joy, peace, and kindness. They are generous with their time and gifts and they always find a time to serve and volunteer. Team players, they are good listeners. Creative and forward thinking, they are good at empowering others. Think less of themselves, they are always surrounded by people. They eagerly walk the extra mile. In sum, they are witnesses of the love of God.

Last week (10/23) the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic School Leadership Day was held at St. Cletus. Over 180 principals, the Archdiocesan Superintendent of School and his staff were in attendance. They were greeted and welcomed by the National Junior Society and Students Council students from our school as they arrived in the morning. They appreciated the warm hospitality and support they received throughout their time at our parish. They also expressed their admiration for the



beauty of our parish and especially the colorful mums and cabbages that uplift our spirits as we come to worship God. We were also blessed to have two Auxiliary Bishops and over 15 pastors among us. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Greg Porod, Principal, Christy Schaefer, Assistant Principal -Director of Academics, and parish staff for their support and leadership. They did a marvelous job.

We are lucky to have them.

Our experience of praying the rosary together as a parish family on Wednesday evening, October 23rd, 2024, went better than I expected. Our Lord Jesus Christ through his Blessed Mother Virgin Mary brought us together. We all felt at home and comfortable. We

sang along with the children's choir. Then, led by the children from our school, the Faith Formation-teen seekers, the St. Cletus Living Rosary, the parish staff, , and the Hispanic Ministry, we gladly prayed the rosary. We also learned more about the importance of the rosary in our lives from hearing two engaging and profound testimonies from two members of our parish: Janet Kennedy and Barbara Pisto. It is humbling and inspiring to see and taste the presence, work, and love of God in our parish every time we do something together. I would like to offer my wholehearted gratitude to all, but especially to Sara Hodak for keenly orchestrating everything. I hope next year we can have this experience again. Thank you.

May our desire to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength continue to grow.

Fr. Elmer Romero.

## A Note from the Associate Pastor's Desk

As we enter November and move closer to the information meeting for Compassionate Care on November 14 at 7pm in the Gallagher Room, I have been refreshing my mind with a book that has a history of how Christians/Catholics have celebrated life in the face of death. Of course, I know that we can celebrate life because Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead as the Father promised. We received, in baptism, the invitation to follow Jesus through the waters of death so as to be able to come up from those waters as clean as our souls were at the moment God created them in order to receive the gift of everlasting life.

Something I may not have made very clear when I first wrote about re-growing the Ministry is that it is not simply for women. I know that when it was created nearly 2 decades ago, there were plenty of men who were instrumental in sharing their hearts in all aspects of the ministry – from meeting and planning with families, to visiting wakes, to leading prayers at funeral homes, to being involved on the day of the funeral Mass of the Resurrection. You don't even need to be retired, but it is an advantage to being able to be available.

All I am asking from anyone who attends the information session is to come with an open heart,

ready to listen to what the Holy Spirit has in God's mind for you. So many people in our current world do not know what it means to connect with others at the depths of the soul. Despite what some others may think, it's also a talent that can be learned. And attending the meeting does not mean that you are signing up unless you want to. It's a no pressure meeting.

In the same train of thought, I have also recently found out that the Archdiocese is having a Bereavement Training Day on Saturday, November 23rd at 9am at St Gianna Parish in Evergreen Park (Queen of Martyrs campus). I don't know all of what the day will cover; however, if our meeting on the 14th peaks your interest, attending the training day might solidify a decision to join our St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry or not.

Ministry to grieving families is an essential aspect to helping people to heal from losses of any type. There are very few things in this world that are more stressful or are causes for depression than the death of a loved one. Your heart is the only thing you need; God gives the rest.

Fr. Mike

## SOLEMN EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"During the Holy Hour the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available."*

⊕ NOVEMBER 13TH

⊕ 7:00PM

*Come to this hour of adoration to encounter Jesus. Your heart is made for Him and will be restless until it knows Him.*



600 W. 55TH STREET  
LA GRANGE

## Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, November 4	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation	School
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Gallagher Room
	7:00 p. m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee Meeting	Room 213
Tuesday, November 5	6:30 p.m.	Pilot Alpha (English)	Gallagher Room
Wednesday, November 6	9:00 a.m.	Mission Ladies	Church
	1:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Living Rosary	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation: Teen Seekers	School
	7:00 p.m.	Consagración a la Virgen Maria	Church
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball	Gym
Thursday, November 7	4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	4:30 p.m.	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday, November 8	6:00 p.m.	Vendor Fair	Parish Center
	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
	6:30 p.m.	Alpha Piloto (Spanish)	Room 213
Saturday, November 9	3:00 p.m.	Wedding	Church
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Church
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 19 Fasano Pie Sales	Church
Sunday, November 10	9:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes	School
	All Masses	Holy Name Society	Church
	All Masses	Boy Scout Troop 19 Fasano Pie Sales	Church

### Readings of the week

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week  
**Monday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
**Tuesday:** Election Day  
**Saturday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society will be taking donations for gift cards for the Parish and School staff after masses in the Narthex on the weekends of 11/2 and 11/9.





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

## Inviting young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13–20.

Parents and priests are also invited to this annual event hosted at Mundelein Seminary.

**Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.**

November 29, 2024      University of St. Mary of the Lake  
 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.      1000 East Maple Avenue  
    Mundelein, IL 60060

Please register by scanning the QR code by November 28. For further information contact Katie Hazen at [khazen@archchicago.org](mailto:khazen@archchicago.org)



*ST. CLETUS PARISH*  
**NOVEMBER**  
 COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OPPORTUNITIES

**NOVEMBER 1**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**  
 8AM MASS, 12PM MASS, 5PM MASS, 7PM (SPANISH).

**NOVEMBER 2**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
 8AM MASS, 5PM MASS, 7PM (SPANISH).

**NOVEMBER 11**  
**SPECIAL VETERAN'S DAY MASS**  
 9:30 AM

**NOVEMBER 13**  
**SOLEMN EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
 7:00PM

**NOVEMBER 28**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**  
 9:00AM (ENGLISH-SPANISH)

600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL 60525

### Discernment Prayer

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 



God of boundless love and mercy, you never cease to call women and men to serve you and their brothers and sisters. Raise up in your Church today: faithful and generous men as ordained priests and deacons, prayerful and committed women and men in consecrated life, loving and faithful couples for the sacrament of marriage, ready and willing individuals for the dedicated single life. In the Body of Christ, give each of us the willingness to invite others to hear your call and the readiness to support and encourage those who answer that call. We lift this prayer to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Social Concerns



### St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays  
4-8 p.m.

#### Wish List:

- Jelly
- Diapers
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap
- Boxed Potatoes
- Crackers, cookies, snacks

Follow us on

#### Facebook:

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#### Instagram:

@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

### Turkey Bucks at Countryside Jewel

We are in need of volunteers to help collect “turkey buck” donations at the Countryside Jewel. This is a great, flexible volunteer opportunity for all ages. You pick the time! Any 2 hours of the day is great. Join with a family or friends; scout group, etc. to collect donations for Thanksgiving Meals at the St. Cletus Pantry. The more funds we collect, the more Thanksgiving meals we can provide. Sign up at the Thanksgiving Volunteer link. \*Please note, this is not a supervised volunteer opportunity, so a parent should attend with young kids.\*



## Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

**NOW AVAILABLE**

Sign up for Thanksgiving & Giving Tree Volunteer opportunities available below or at [stcletusfoodpantry.com/givingtree](http://stcletusfoodpantry.com/givingtree)

*Thanksgiving* *Giving Tree*

ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

**CONTACT**

[foodpantry@stcletusparish.com](mailto:foodpantry@stcletusparish.com)

## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS COOKIES!

**MAKE 2-3 DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE NUT-FREE COOKIES FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION.**

IDEAS INCLUDE: CHOCOLATE, OATMEAL RAISIN, GINGERBREAD, SUGAR COOKIES, BUTTER COOKIES, ETC.

**DROP OFF AT:**  
**ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER**  
**NOVEMBER 20 & 21**  
**BETWEEN 9:00-5:00**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
HOLLY AT 847.867.0985  
[HOLLYLAVORATO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOLLYLAVORATO@GMAIL.COM)



## Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 3 de Noviembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español	Iglesia
Martes, 5 de Noviembre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia
Miércoles, 7 de Noviembre	7:00 p.m.	Consagración a la Virgen Maria	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna <i>Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration</i>	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia
Cada 12 del mes	7:00 p.m.	Devoción Guadalupana / Guadalupe Devotion	Iglesia



### Junta del Comité Guadalupano

El lunes 4 de noviembre, 2024 a las 7:00 pm., el Comité Guadalupano tendrá una junta con todos los miembros Guadalupanos para continuar planeando los eventos de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Si a usted le gustaría ser parte de la planeación, favor de acompañarnos a esta junta. La junta se llevará a cabo en el salón #213 todos están invitados a participar.

#### Segunda Colecta

Estaremos tomando tres colectas para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupana durante la misa de 12:30 p.m.

Primera Colecta: 27 de Octubre  
 Segunda Colecta: 10 de Noviembre  
 Tercera Colecta: 1 de Diciembre

También puede donar en línea, escaneando el código QR.



#### Novena Guadalupana

3 al 11 de Diciembre a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia

#### Rifa

\$5 por boleto

El 50% de las recaudaciones será el premio mayor. El sorteo será el 12 de diciembre durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupana. (No es necesario estar presente para ganar.)

#### Celebración Guadalupana

El 12 de Diciembre de 5 a.m. en la Iglesia

#### Second Collection

We will be having three collections to help with the expenses of the Guadalupana Fiesta during the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

First Collection: October 27th  
 Second Collection: November 10  
 Third Collection: December 1

You can also donate online by scanning the QR code.

#### Novena Guadalupana

December 3rd to the 11th at 7 p.m. in the Church

#### Raffle

\$5 per ticket

50% of the proceeds will become the grand prize. The raffle will be held on December 12 during the Guadalupana celebration (It is not necessary to be present to win).

#### Guadalupana Celebration

On December 12 at 5 a.m. in the Church



## School News

Last week, we were blessed to host the Archdiocese Leadership Day once again at our school. It was an incredible opportunity to welcome leaders from various parishes and schools, fostering a spirit of collaboration and shared mission.



# Save the Date for 21+ CASH BINGO November 15th

Doors Open at 6:30pm Games Start at 7pm

**Proceeds going  
towards our 8th  
grade special events!!**

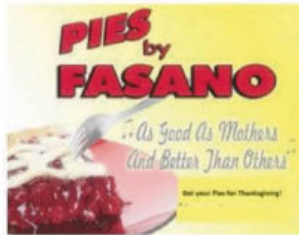
**\$25 Per Person**

Includes entry and 9 games per sheet cards

**\$3 for additional sheets  
\$2 for dabbers**

# Troop 19 Pie Sale

BOY SCOUT TROOP 19 IS SELLING FRESH PIES BY FASANO JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING. PIES BY FASANO IS A FAMILY-OWNED AND ONE OF A KIND BAKER OF FRESH, DELICIOUS FRUIT AND CRÈME PIES IN APPLE, BLUEBERRY, CHERRY, PUMPKIN, PECAN, CHOCOLATE CRÈME AND BANANA CRÈME.



- Cash or check made payable to Troop 19. (Payment due upon ordering.)
- Order deadline is Monday November 18th
- Pie delivery will be Monday November 25th or Tuesday the 26th depending on our supplier. We will contact you with details.

Pies Available:	Cost	# Ordered
Apple	\$19.00	
Blueberry	\$19.00	
Cherry	\$19.00	
Pumpkin	\$19.00	
Pecan pie	\$22.00	
Chocolate Crème	\$20.00	
Banana Crème pie	\$20.00	
<b>Total Pies Ordered</b>		
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>		

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders can be dropped off at the school office or placed in the drop box by Door #2



## St. Cletus Purgatorial Society (A CREDO ministry)



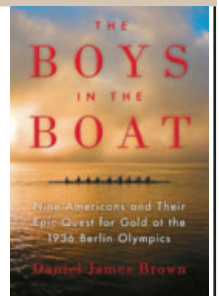
"Whatever we offer in charity for the dead is changed into merit for ourselves, and we will receive a hundredfold after death. We should not be afraid of exercising Christian charity towards the souls in purgatory. When we work for them, we work for ourselves. We lay up treasure of which God will give us the benefit in our day of tribulation. We are ensuring a favorable reception for our own soul when our last hour comes. It may be that by the intercession of the souls that we have helped, God will give us such perfect contrition as will suffice for the entire remission of the temporal punishment due to our sins, and that He will enable us to gain a plenary indulgence at the hour of death" - **St. Ambrose** Tassone, Susan, *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: 365 Reflections*, Our Sunday Visitor 2014

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 65 prayer warriors praying for 684 holy souls. **Enroll your deceased loved ones AT NO COST**, become a member of the purgatorial society and join us in prayer for the holy souls! May purgatory be emptied!!! May no soul be forgotten!!!

Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: <https://stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety/>

## Book Club

Come join us on December 10th for a discussion of *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail [book\\_club@stcletusparish.com](mailto:book_club@stcletusparish.com). For those who like to look ahead, our February book is *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs.



**Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!"**

~ Saint John Paul the Great

**Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. **Confession is available at 6:00 p.m.** Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at [stritashrinechicago.com](http://stritashrinechicago.com) for more information.

# Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?



- ▶ Training will take place on Saturday, November 9th and 16th
- ▶ 9:30 am to 11:00 am.
- ▶ Ages 4th grade kids and up.

*Open to RE, School and the community kids*

**“Altar servers are called to be young friends of Jesus.”-Saint Pope John Paul II**

**Jesus is inviting you to come, see, and share.**



**November 14th at 7:00pm  
Gallagher Room**

## Compassionate Care Informational Meeting

*“Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.”*

### **AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers for the 2025 Tax Filing Season**

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2025 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2025. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April.

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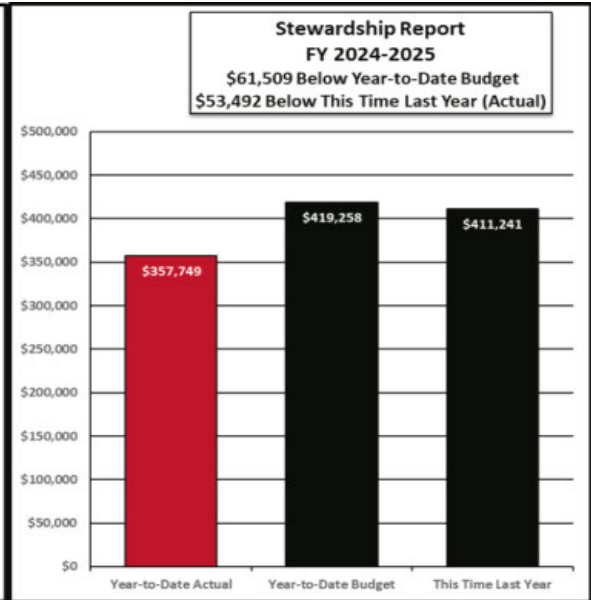
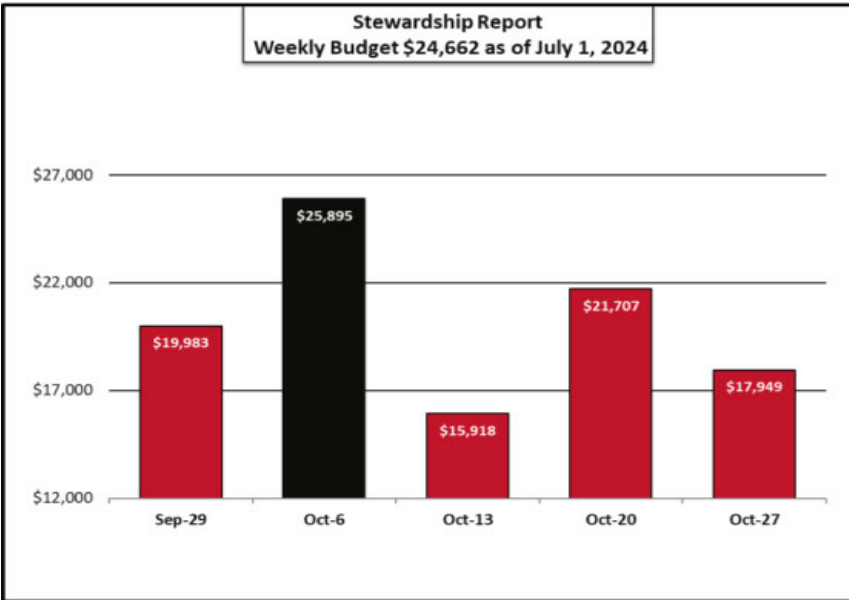
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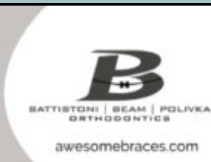
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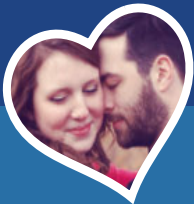
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