

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Those whom the Lord has
ransomed will return and
enter Zion singing, crowned
with everlasting joy.
-Isaiah 35:10a



Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24

Time	Location	Celebrant
2:00 PM	Church	Fr. Elmer Romero
2:30 PM	Parish Center Gym	Fr. Michael Novick
4:00 PM	Church	Most Rev. Robert Casey Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago
4:30 PM	Parish Center Gym	Fr. Ron Kalas
7:00 PM <i>Spanish</i>	Church	Fr. Elmer Romero
10:30 PM	Church	Fr. Michael Novick Fr. Elmer Romero

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25

Time	Location	Celebrant
7:15 AM	Church	Fr. Michael Novick
8:45 AM	Church	Fr. Elmer Romero
10:30 AM	Church	Fr. Michael Novick
12:30 PM	Church	Fr. Elmer Romero

New Year's Eve Mass

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Time	Location	Celebrant
5:00 PM	Church	Fr. Michael Novick

New Year's Day Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



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

600 W. 55th St.
La Grange, IL 60525
Fr. Elmer Romero, Pastor

2022 Christmas Mass Schedule



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for December 12-December 18, 2022

Day		Time	Intentions
December 12	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Sheri Chvatal, Phyllis Prevenas, Lydia Danielewicz
December 13	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Stanley Nykiel
December 13	Father Novick	9:30am	St. Cletus Parishioners
December 14	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski, John Jacobs, BC and Rip Collins
December 15	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Jim O'Neill, Santos Aranas
December 16	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Evelyn Prevenas, Nanci Makris Family
December 17	Fr. Lodge	5:00pm	Daniel Klepczarek
December 18	Fr. Romero	7:15am	Richard Gomez, John Duda, Robert Spyrison, Rip Collins, Maria Wisniewski, Jack Drogosz
	Fr. Novick	8:45am	Gerald Dudek, Josephine Sorrentino, Colonna Sammy, James Jasinski
	Fr. Lodge and Deacon Heyes	10:30am	Ken Herzog, Gail Saban, Valerie Moskus, Rose Marie Hrzenjak, Henry Scaccia, Kay O'Connell Family, John and Cheryl Fisherkeller, Marco, Emilia Rattin and Bill DePasquale
	Fr. Hays	12:30pm	Pedro Garcia 2 aniversario luctuoso

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

JoAnn Jungels
Sister in law of Brian Jungels

John R. Becerril
Father of John M. Becerril

May they 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.

December - Marlene Heyes

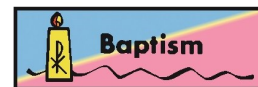
November - Daniel Lacey

October - Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O'Connell

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Regina Bahena Albavera
Daughter of Diego Bahena and Julieta Albavera



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Samantha Ruiz
Daughter of Juan Arnulfo Ruiz and Laura Garduno

Alessandra Ruiz
Daughter of Juan Arnulfo Ruiz and Laura Garduno

Arely Ruiz
Daughter of Juan Arnulfo and Laura Garduno

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

bending
TOWARDS
the Light
a Jazz Nativity

SUNDAY, DEC. 11 AT 4:00 P.M.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

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Pastor's Note

*"A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God.
You make yourself available to Him.
You set aside personal preference and self-interest,
and for one moment
you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do,"*
Matthew Kelly.

Dear Parishioners,

As I continue to reflect and pray with Matthew Kelly's definition of *A Holy Moment*, I am pleased to share with you some outcomes of the decision to open ourselves to God and make ourselves available to Him.

First, on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, we were delighted to host Advent 2022: An Evening of Prayer and Reflection. We were blessed to have Most Rev. Robert Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as our special guest speaker. He invited us to embrace Advent as a journey with three questions. Are we on the way? Are you joyful? How long? As a good speaker and man of God, he kept us engaged and at times he made us laugh. I encourage you to visit our parish website and watch Bishop Casey's Reflection. In addition, I gratefully share with you some positive feedback I received from two parishioners.

"Hi Fr. Elmer, I just wanted to thank you for bringing Bishop Casey to St. Cletus! I very much enjoyed listening to his thoughts/reflections about Advent and our preparation for Christmas! I hope he returns to speak at St. Cletus again, and I'm looking forward to attending/ministering at his Christmas Eve Mass in our parish. My heart is filled with joy this Advent, and I appreciated his reflection and reminder of all of God's blessings that "I carry in my bucket every day" ... my bucket is much larger than I ever realized!! I hope to carry joy and Christ's love on into my life in the years ahead ... and, I'm hoping my bucket keeps getting heavier as I go along!!"

"I looked forward to attending the Advent Reflection program, anticipating the inspiration and spiritual growth I attained at previous events over the past year at St. Cletus. But this event surpassed my expectations! Most Reverend Robert Casey proved to be inspirational, articulate, relatable and approachable. His reflections on Advent gave me immense insight and a renewed excitement about the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christ, our Savior. Thank you, Bishop Casey! And thank you Fr. Elmer, Fr. Mike, and the Parish Community for providing this, past and future opportunities to grow our faith and understanding of the love each of us receive from the Lord!"

Second, our Ho Ho Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 4, 2022, was a great blessing for our parish community. Everything was well organized and shared! The Parish Center was filled with families after each Mass. People of all ages were having a fantastic time together. Volunteers served with a smile on their faces. Santa brought and shared joy with all of us. As I walked around and talked with you, I noticed my heart being filled with the joy of the Lord. I would like to offer my profound gratitude to our leaders, volunteers, and everyone else who made Breakfast with Santa such a special moment for all.

Third, I would like to thank you for the special love you have for St. Cletus Parish. Each day, I am able to see and experience this through your presence, friendship, prayer, generosity, faithful attendance to Mass on weekends, and your active participation in everything we do at our parish. I want you to know that I truly appreciate your witness, support, and trust. You inspired me with your faith, kindness, and the love you have for the Lord and St. Cletus Parish. Each day at St. Cletus is a holy moment for me.

Fourth, I would like to acknowledge and thank Manuel Ruiz, Anita Fulgencio and Soledad Lopez. They are active members of our parish. They attend our 12:30 PM Mass. Almost every week at 6:30 AM I see Manuel walking and collecting trash around our parish grounds. Anita and Soledad have as a mission to keep the sacristy and sanctuary area clean and dusted. They come twice a month. They do a wonderful job. Manuel, Anita, and Soledad continue to remind me that they are grateful for the opportunity we give them. They feel good about themselves when we allow them to offer and share their time and skills with us. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the many other wonderful volunteers that our parish is blessed with. Let us hold each of them in prayer. Their witness and generosity are also a holy moment for me.

Finally, it is my prayer and hope that your Advent is going well. I am grateful that together we are reading Matthew Kelly's Holy Moments this Advent. I am enjoying it. I hope you are enjoying it, too. Last week, I shared with you a few holy moments that I received from the members of our Parish Pastoral Council. I also shared with you the holy moments of Fr. Michael Novick and myself. When you feel ready, please email us yours at shodak@stcletusparish.com

May the Lord continue to share His grace with us as we embrace the Third Sunday of Advent. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to become aware of holy moments the Lord continues to share with us.

Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

Advent 3 Liturgical Year 2023

I continue to watch around me for those holy moments we've been reading about in Matthew Kelly's book entitled "Holy Moments." Sometimes I struggle to find them but I am trying. I have to intentionally keep my eyes open for those moments in my daily life when God is calling me to do something or say something for someone who is in need of hearing God's voice or encountering Him in their daily living. That's what I find a little distressing for me – that I must be intentionally watching for those times. Shouldn't those become natural by now?

My answer is yes, they should. However, I sometimes feel like I am taking God's mercy and love for granted instead of opening my eyes and heart to notice such grace.

I was sitting and listening to Bishop Bob Casey back on November 30th when he joined us in the church for our Advent evening of reflection when I noticed someone struggling and weeping. The holidays are difficult times for many people. While I was trying to pay attention to the bishop, it was not quite so easy as my thoughts and prayers were being directed in that person's direction. I wish I could remember exactly what the bishop said at one point that made me look in that person's direction and they looked back at me. I don't know how that happens. To simply make eye contact with that person and acknowledge each other with a simple nod was holy enough; however, after the bishop's talk finished, the other person and I ap-

proached one another with hearts full of gratitude for a glance that made a difference to each of us.

This weekend that we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, we give glory to God for offering us hope for eternal life. We may continue to await remembering Jesus' birth into history, but we are inching ever closer to the return of Jesus into our time. We set this hope off by a very special symbol – the color rose. The lighting of the rose candle tells us that "red flag warning" that God's promised Savior is returning sooner than we might think. Of course we know that in our head's because time marches on. Yet, it's not our heads that need to realize Christ's return is imminent, but our souls need that realization. What more do we need to do to prepare, and not simply in terms of house-keeping or decorating? Wouldn't it be better to have your heart decorated?

Carry on. The Savior is near! Keep hoping and praying to have more holy moments in your life too.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Light Our Advent Wreath!

Help Us Light Our Advent Wreath!

Families, couples, and single people are invited to be in the entrance procession and light the candles on the Advent wreath during the weekend masses of Advent! Please sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-light>

We look forward to having you join us in our Advent celebrations!



Ho Ho Santa Breakfast

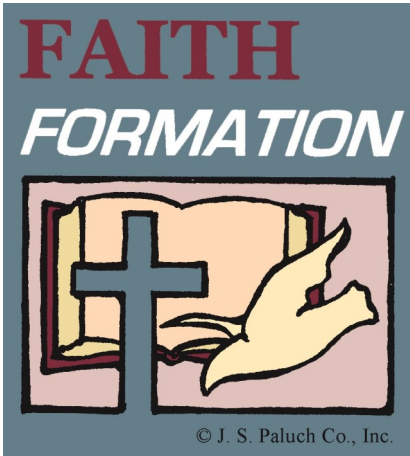
Thank you to all who made the Ho Ho breakfast with Santa last Sunday a great success! The CCW and FSA workers who decorated the Parish Center and stage area provided a beautiful winter wonderland in which over 530 people, young and old, enjoyed some tasty treats, a visit with Santa, a fun-filled Cake Walk, crafts for the children and a friend-filled joyous start to the holiday season! Thank you so very much to all the workers who showed up to set-up, work the event, bake cakes and treats for the Cake Walk and clean-up afterwards. A special Thank You to Santa and his lovely assistant who spent the day with us and provided the magic that topped off the event. This could not have happened without all of you! May the happiness of this blessed season continue to fill your hearts and homes.



Faith Formation News And Sunday Notes

CHECK US OUT ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

Did you know the Faith Formation Office sends out a weekly newsletter? If you would like to read it - it can be accessed on our parish website under Faith Formation. www.stcletusparish.com



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Tax Credit Scholarship Information

Dear Parishioners,

We have a special opportunity to make a difference in our community. As a pastor, one of my primary responsibilities is for children to be educated in the teachings of the church. Catholic education would not be a reality without the help and support of our community and those who love our Church. It is with this in mind that I ask you to support the Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship program. This program provides donors a 75 percent Illinois State income tax credit to help low-income families provide a Catholic education for their children.

Beginning in December 2022, every dollar donated to this program and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched 1-to-1. In 2022, St. Cletus Parish School was able to fund 27 scholarships through the generous support of our contributors.

We hope you will join us in supporting Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools and provide more children a quality Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Father Elmer Romero, Pastor

For more information, please e-mail the Archdiocese's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or call (312) 534-2617 or e-mail Marguerite Zappa at mzappa@archchicago.org.

Tax Credit Scholarship Information

Request a Letter ID in 3 easy steps

Step 1

Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to REQUEST LETTER ID

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the “Individuals” box on the left.

Step 2

Click on “Request a Letter ID.”

Step 3

Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
- Most recent adjusted gross income
- IL driver's license number
- IL state identification number

Click “Submit,” confirm your email address, then click “OK” and receive your confirmation.

Your Letter ID will arrive in the mail at the address on your previous year's tax return within 7–10 business days. The Letter ID expires 90 days from the date it is issued. Please activate your account upon receipt of Letter ID. If you have questions, call 312.534.2617 or

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

The Garcia family makes \$50,000/year and pays \$2,475 in Illinois state income taxes.

Family Income \$50,000/year	Option A	Option B
Illinois state taxes at 4.95%	\$2,475	\$2,475
Invest in Kids donation	\$500	\$3,300
Tax credit	\$375	\$2,475
Total taxes paid to Illinois (after credit)	\$2,100	\$0
Cost of donation to family after credit	\$125	\$825
1-for-1 Matching Program doubles the impact of your donation	\$1,000	\$6,600

Each option provides a credit to the family; however, **Option B** completely eliminates the family's tax burden and provides over \$6,000 in scholarships for students to attend a Catholic school of their choice.

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at **312.534.2617** or tcs@archchicago.org, or visit archchicago.org/tcs.

Hispanic Ministry News

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
13 de diciembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
11 de diciembre, 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 Guadalupeana 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. .
nosotros, y sean parte de nuestra familia y amigos.



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

www.stcletusparish.com

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Celebrations

HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Hispanic Ministry of St. Cletus cordially invites you to celebrate with us this Holy Season. We begin this year's celebrations with the "Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe" which started on December 2nd and concludes on December 10th. The Novena takes place at 7:00 pm. It is a religious tradition of greeting Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mañanitas Guadalupanas the morning of December 12th. We invite you to join us to celebrate with us at 5:00 a.m. After the Mañanitas and prayers, everyone is invited to the Parish Center to share hot chocolate and pan dulce (sweet bread).

At 7:00. p.m. we will celebrate the traditional "Misa de Las Rosas" (Mass of The Roses), after Mass, we will be enjoying traditional food and refreshments. Come celebrate with us, and be part of our family and friends.



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HONRANDO A NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE

El Ministerio Hispano de San Cleto le invita cordialmente a celebrar con nosotros esta Temporada Santa. Comenzamos las celebraciones de este año con la "Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" que comenzó el 2 de diciembre y concluye el 10 de diciembre. La Novena se lleva a cabo a las 7:00 pm. Es una tradición religiosa saludar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con Mañanitas Guadalupanas la mañana del 12 de diciembre. Los invitamos a que nos acompañen a celebrar con nosotros a las 5:00 a.m. Después de las mañanitas y rezos, todos están invitados al Centro Parroquial para compartir chocolate caliente y pan dulce. A las 7:00. pm. celebraremos la tradicional "Misa de Las Rosas", después de la Misa, estaremos disfrutando de comida tradicional y refrigerios. Vengan a celebrar con nosotros, y sean parte de nuestra familia y amigos.

POSADAS

Our celebration continues from December 16 through December 24 with the Posadas Novena at 7:00 p.m. After the Posadas "aguinaldos" (bags filled with candy) will be distributed.

Posadas are celebrations that aim to prepare for Christmas for the birth of baby Jesus.

The posadas are a tradition that originates from the history of the pilgrimage that Mary and Joseph covered before the birth of Jesus whose trip to Bethlehem took 9 days according to the Catholic religion. During this trip, María and José were looking for a home to spend the night, giving rise to the word posada that saves this tradition before Christmas.

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

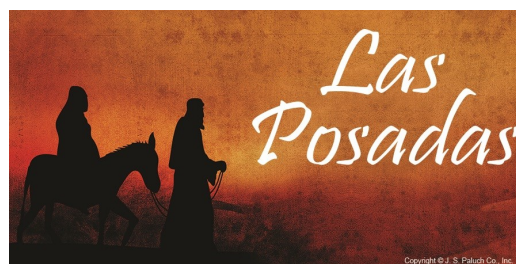
POSADAS

Nuestra celebración continúa del 16 al 24 de diciembre con la Novena de Posadas a las 7:00 p.m. Después de las Posadas se repartirán "aguinaldos" (bolsas llenas de dulces).

Las posadas son celebraciones que tienen como objetivo preparar la Navidad para el nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Las posadas son una tradición que tiene su origen en la historia de la peregrinación que realizaron María y José antes del nacimiento de Jesús cuyo viaje a Belén tomó 9 días según la religión católica. Durante este viaje, María y José buscaban un hogar para pasar la noche, dando origen a la palabra posada que salva esta tradición antes de Navidad.

Si hay algunas familias a las que les gustaría tomar una posada y ser anfitriones de la hospitalidad de esa noche, en la iglesia se encuentran unas listas en donde se pueden anotar. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441.



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Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS
6-8PM

Wish List:

- Beverages(tea, coffee, juice, hot chocolate mix)
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Toothpaste
- Baby wipes
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Bathroom cleaners
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shave cream
- Razors

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

Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry
**Please remember, we do not accept donations of clothing or household goods, fresh/frozen meat, or perishables. If you have a question about a donation, please check first! Thanks!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Pleasantdale Brown Troop 56052 made birthday kits for the pantry! They collected donations and compiled kits with everything needed to make a birthday cake! **Thank you!**



Sweet Connor recently made his First Reconciliation at St. Cletus. As part of this important milestone, he decided to collect donations for our food pantry. It's never too early to cultivate a heart of service in kids! **Thank you Connor, you are amazing!**

Kwak's Spread Joy is back! The Kwak Family started this during COVID and it has been absolutely incredible. They've collected over 17,350 donations! So far this year they have spent over 100 hours decorating! Stop by the 900 block of S Ashland in La Grange and bring a non-perishable item to donate. Donations go to St. Cletus Food Pantry and a handful of other pantries and organizations in our community. **Thank you Kwak Family for continuing this amazing, joyful tradition.**



GIVING TREE



The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women made over 350 ornaments at their recent meeting! These festive Christmas ornaments will be distributed to all the families in our Giving Tree program. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Giving Tree Gifts Due!

Saturday, December 10 from 12-5pm
Sunday, December 11 from 7am-12:30pm

pull your car up to the drop off lane on Stone Ave. volunteers will unload your gifts

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer slots are now available for our Giving Tree distribution weekend. View slots, availability, age requirements, FAQs, and more at: www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree

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

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

Ministry News

ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY (A CREDO MINISTRY)



Come and join our Chosen Discussion Group for Season 2!

Last summer CREDO organized a discussion group for the series about Jesus and the disciples called The Chosen. We completed season 1 in November and will begin discussing season 2 the week of January 9th. We meet every 2-3 weeks to discuss an episode.

For things to make sense, you would need to watch season 1 in addition to watching the first episode of season 2 before the first meeting. Season 1 is currently available on Netflix. Season's 1 and 2 are currently available on Amazon Prime, Peacock, other streaming services, and for free with The Chosen app on Apple or Android.

Said a participant: "This series is VERY well done. The first episode can be a bit difficult to watch, but stick with it and give it a try. My favorite quote from the series (so far) comes from the character in the first episode: "I was one way and now I am completely different, and the thing that happened in between was Him.""

If interested, contact Colleen Hagen at cahmd@aol.com. Please indicate in your e-mail what days of the week you are available. We meet at 7pm. We hope you can join us for Season 2.

PARISH SCHOOL D4D! 50% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST. CLETUS!



Mention this flyer when ordering at the location below and **50% of your purchase will benefit:**

St. Cletus School

12-13-2022

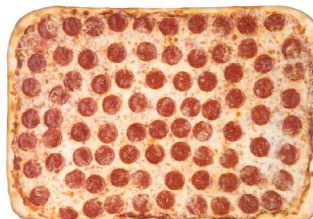
3:00pm-9:00pm

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42 S La Grange Road, La Grange IL

www.Nonnasgoodlife.pizza



Flyer must be presented when ordering. Not valid with any Gift Card or Coupon. **MOVING FORWARD BY GIVING BACK.**



Effective now, members of the congregation will be bringing up the bread and wine at our weekend masses. Families and single people are invited to sign up for our weekend masses. If you would like to sign up to do this, there is a Signup Genius available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4B A4A923ABFC1-bring>



Community News

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

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.



Vocation Office
750 North Wabash
Ave. Chicago, IL

LOOKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

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.

Stay tuned for our first event at the beginning of 2023!!

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.

WORD OF LIFE



“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.” USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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ADVENT MEDITATION

Advent Morning of Meditation
Saturday, December 17, 2022

Experiencing Hildegard of Bingen in Advent:
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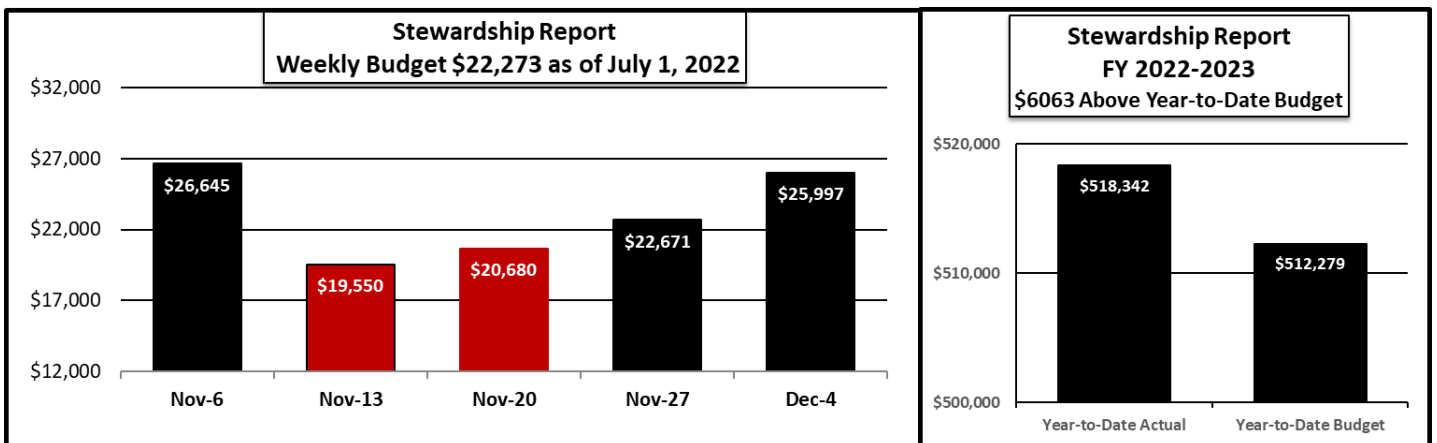
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Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 11	4pm 7pm	Parish Center Church	Ed Ward Fine Art Series Jazz Nativity Novena To Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, December 12	5-6am 6-9:30pm	Church Parish Center	Mananitas Guadalupanas Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
Tuesday, December 13	9:30am 3-9pm	Church Nonna's Good Life Pizza	Mass With Parish School Students Parish School Dining 4 Dollars Night
Wednesday, December 14	7pm	Church	1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th School Christmas Program
Thursday, December 15	6-8pm 7pm	Food Pantry Church	Food Pantry Distribution 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th School Christmas Program
Friday, December 16	7pm	Church	Posadas(Novena)
Saturday, December 17	8:30-9:15am 7pm	Church	Confessions Posadas(Novena)
Sunday, December 18	7pm	Church	Posadas(Novena)

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