

Welcome To St. Cletus Parish As We

Enter The Season of Advent With

faith belief truth learn purpose respect health love respect
kindness joy soul **GRATITUDE** healing bliss
blessings peace change seek family forgive giving harmony
connection appreciation elation certainty share connection

WE CONGRATULATE THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME ON DECEMBER 2ND 2023

Ryan Adame
Evangeline Anderson
Gilberto Arenas
Siena Beard
Elizabeth Belter
Ronald Biamonte
Olivia Blazevic
Natalie Blumenthal
Serena Burke
Joaquin Cabezas
Julian Cabrera
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Emma Castillo
Adeline Chavez
Juliet Contrera
Bennett Condron
Brooklynn Cooley
Valentina Cullota
Flynn Cundiff
Ella Cunningham
Griffin Demasi
Fabian Duarte
Harper Dues
Molly Duhig
Anderson Dunlap
Saoirse Farrelly
Will Fegan
Charlotte Fichter
Jessica Gamboa
Angelina Garcia
Carolina Garcia
Gael Garcia
Coen Gelhaus
Ryan Goggin

Izabela Hozian
Carline Izycki
Jessica Jimenez
Lisset Lozano
Connor Kelly
Colette Kennedy
Evan Kirchens
Cece Klimas
Charlie Klimas
Brayden Kmiciek
Jackson Kmiciek
Raegan Knight
Danny Koucky
Evelyn Kress
Maximiliano Lara
Alexandria Lee
Johanna Lee
Amelia Leja
Jeffrey Lozada
Bennett Macander
Andy Machalinski
Adrianna Magiera
Lily Malec
Jimmy Maley
Carina Manzano
Natalia Martinez
Angelica Marquardt
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Maxwell Taylor
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Eduardo Villasenor
Molly Whelton
Elise Wicklander
Dominic Wright
Arabella Wyroba
Graham Yarbrough
Henry Zotti

Mass Intentions for December 4 - December 10 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
December 4	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joseph Viecele, Mike Baum, St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, Gustavo Pedraza Gutierrez
December 5	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Silvia Garcia, Gustavo Pedraza Gutierrez
December 6	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Natalie Nicoletti, BC and Rip Collins, Gustavo Pedraza Gutierrez
December 7	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Stephanie and Stanley Franceuz
December 8	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie Marasovic, Frank Wojcik, Joe and Kay Klemak, Fr. Tom Moran
December 9	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Lydia Danielewicz, John Nisbet, Rev. Charles Watkins, Daniel Kepczarek, Kelly Speckman
December 10	7:15am	Fr. Romero	John and Frances Kennedy
	8:45am	Fr. Novick	George and Mary Brancato, John Roethke
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Sammy Colonna, Adela Montiel, Stacy Baker, John Baker, Zaczek Family
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	

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 - Mary Lue Buchler

November -

October - Debbie García, Carina Orona, Geraldine Osmolek

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Griffin Robert Betcher
Son of Joseph Betcher and Alexandria Brown

Liam David Abraham
Son of David Abraham and Nicole Krystyniak

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Lilian Popelka

May she rest in peace....

JOIN US AFTER MASSES THIS SUNDAY!



Pastor's Note

*"I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge."*

I Corinthians 1:4-5.

Dear Friends,

By the grace, mercy, and love of God today we celebrate First Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Recalling my early faith formation which I received at home, Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. The living Word of God that will be proclaimed to us during the upcoming Four Sundays of Advent will aid us in our desire to have our minds and hearts ready for Christmas. This is an exciting adventure.

Since Advent prepares us for the birth of Jesus, I kindly invite you to join me welcoming and embracing it with gratitude. I received this invitation during the celebration of Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 23). To see our Gushers (Greeters and Ushers) welcoming all with a big smile, the altar of our church beautifully decorated, the number of people (children and adults) leading us in prayer and worship, and the pews taken by grateful and joyful people, was simply amazing. It was very special. It filled my heart with gratitude. It is with this sense of gratitude that I intend to prepare myself for the birth of Jesus. If you were out of town, I encourage you to watch it by visiting the parish website. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to all for their prayer, participation, and contribution with Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

My heart was also filled with gratitude on November 18, 2023, when we hosted an Afternoon of Sharing of our Holy Moments in our parish. At 3:00 PM we unpacked and shared with each other highlights from the book we read: "This Is My Body," by Bishop Robert Barron. There were 42 people (English and Spanish) that took part in this adventure. At 4:00 PM we had Exposition and Benediction in Church. Over 50 people spent almost an hour in adoration. Since confession was available during adoration, many had the privilege of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We had four confessors available. Then, we all attended the 5:00 PM Mass, which was beautifully celebrated by Fr. Ron Kalas. After Mass, we were invited to join the Eucharistic Revival Committee for dinner in the Parish Center. We were joined by over sixty people. There was one person who attended the entire afternoon who said to me, "Father you have such a friendly, warm, and welcoming parish community." I thanked him for his positive feedback and encouraged him to come back. Notice, this was his first time at our parish. I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Eucharistic Revival Committee for their ministry, leadership, and special love they have for the Eucharist. Please hold them in prayer.

This coming Wednesday, December 6, 2023, we will be hosting the last Evening of Prayer and Reflection of this year, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Church. We will have Fr. Brendan Lupton as our special guest speaker. His theme is: "The Season of Advent: A New Beginning with Jesus." He is a professor of Patristics at Mundelein Seminary. He is a man of deep faith. He loves serving the Lord and leading others to him. He, through his reflection and witness, will offer us practical suggestions in our efforts to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. I encourage you to seriously consider attending this privileged moment which the Lord himself is offering us.

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, we have two wonderful opportunities. The first one is the Mass with the Holy Anointing that we will be hosting at 10:00 AM in our beautiful Church. Please extend an invitation to your family and anyone else that you think would like to receive a special grace through the celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The principal celebrant and Homilist of this Mass will be Fr. Ron Kalas. As we know, he is a man of God and celebrates Mass with joy and love. Fr. Novick and I will concelebrate with Fr. Kalas. After Mass, we will have a lunch (Soup, salad, bread) in the Parish Center. I would like to thank Frank Foti, Operations Director, for his assistance and leadership with this celebration.

The second opportunity is that we are all are invited to attend an Advent Reconciliation Service, which will be hosted at St. John of the Cross Church on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 1:30 PM. All the priests from St. Francis Xavier, St. John of the Cross, and St. Cletus will be serving as confessors at this special celebration of mercy and love. Hope to see you there.

St. Paul in today's second reading invites us to always give thanks to God for those who pray and worship God with us every weekend. It is truly a blessing and joy to pray and worship God as a community. Perhaps being aware and more intentional of those praying with us can also assist us in our preparation for the birth of Jesus.

May our sense of gratitude aid us in our preparation for Christmas!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Note From Father Mike

Welcome to Liturgical Year 2024

Every year, the Church begins its calendar with the First Sunday of Advent and ends with the Saturday of the Final week of Ordinary Time (or the 34th week, or the Saturday after the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). So as my tradition has been, I say to you “Happy New Year.”

Advent poses to us an interesting way to start the Church calendar. So many days in the Church calendar are static feasts that we celebrate, days like the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. Of course, Christmas is always on December 25th. However, while we celebrate four Sundays in Advent, it's not always a full 28 days. That is because most of the Church calendar depends on which Sunday Easter falls, and that depends on (of all things) the moon. With figuring out Easter, we work backward to get the date of Ash Wednesday. It's a strange explanation. Some other time (no pun intended). It's the only time the Church has to think in reverse for time. Otherwise, She adapts/fuses with the Gregorian calendar to find the dates of other special feasts. The solemnity of the Assumption is always on August 15th, but if it falls on a Sunday, that Sunday's Ordinary Time readings are used at Mass, not the solemnity. I know. Why make it so confusing?

The bottom line is that Sunday, the Lord's day, is paramount. And as many days as it takes Earth to go around the Sun, there are 52 weeks in that revolution. Look up some of this stuff. It's absolutely fascinating to me.

Back to Advent? This year IS an anomaly. We get the SHORT version in the number of days. It begins on Sunday, December 3rd. The Fourth Sunday is on December 24th – a mere 21 days. Sure it means there are less shopping days, but there are also less days to prepare our souls for Jesus' SECOND coming at the end of time. Most people do not consider the second coming during Advent. They focus on remembering Jesus' nativity – His birthday, if you will. But if we are listening to the readings and gospels, there are great and even terrible images which make us think about our mortality. Hence, we ready our homes and give nice gifts to people, but our souls are supposed to be learning how to be as charitable as Jesus, transcending space and time to become a human being.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the chance to visit a neighboring parish for Mass. The priest told a story of a long-time friend of his whose daughter was having some emotional troubles and was looking for help from her father. They lived a few states apart. The father decided to wait to go see his daughter, claiming he was too busy to leave immediately. Unfortunately, she committed suicide a day or two later. We can hope that no one has this same sort of story to tell, but it's about preparing our own souls and helping other souls to be at peace, preferably not finding despair.

How do we prepare ourselves for the coming/return of Jesus? One way is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Of course, we at St. Cletus have confessions offered every Saturday morning at 8:30am. However, on December 9th at 1pm, St. John of the Cross is hosting our three-parish Advent Reconciliation service as they traditionally do. When Lent comes, both St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier each host a Reconciliation Service. Nevertheless, no matter where you do so, get right with God and with your brothers and sisters before Jesus comes.

The Church uses darker violet vestments, and the décor of the church is stark and simple. The Advent wreath is supposed to be in a prominent spot in the church, yet, hopefully not “competing” with the altar. I once heard it referred to as the original Advent calendar, only it was weeks, not days. It is within the décor of Advent that helps to prepare us for getting the decorations for Christmas put up as efficiently as possible too, especially in this shortened season.

I don't know what our Arts and Environment team has in store for us this year for Christmas, but I hope that if they put out an ask for help, at least a few will come forward. Remember, we still have TWO spaces to make ready (the church AND the Parish Center gymnasium).

Blessings,

Fr. Mike



Sharing Our Graces and Blessings With Gratitude

AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our thanksgiving mass! It is always the perfect way to begin our Thanksgiving day. To gather together in prayer and gratitude for all of our blessings



Parish Pastoral Council Update

Please join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe Tuesday, December 12th. If you have never participated in this celebration before, now is the perfect time. The story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of great joy and devotion and is the perfect addition to your Advent schedule. More information is available in the bulletin, but we promise you won't be disappointed.

With the New Year comes new resolutions! Why not make a resolution to join a new ministry here at St. Cletus? Join us Sunday, January 6th after the 7:15 and 8:45 mass for our first Welcome Reception and Ministry Fair of 2024. This event, like the one held in September is to officially welcome all new families to the parish and give everyone a chance to discover the different ministries St. Cletus has to offer and sign up for one that meets your New Year's resolution!

Tickets go on sale soon for the 2nd Annual St. Cletus Football Watch Party Sunday, February 11th, 2024! Beginning the weekend of January 6/7, 2024, tickets will be available in the back of the church. Doors open at 3:00! We will once again provide pizza, wings, dessert and have beer and wine available for purchase. Single tickets will be \$10 and include pizza, wings, and dessert. Tables of 6 can be purchased for \$40 per table with the opportunity to reserve /pick your table for only an additional \$10. More details on squares, kid's events, etc. to follow.

Throughout 2022 and 2023, St. Cletus has offered a variety of speakers during our Evenings of Prayer and Reflection. In 2024, these Evenings will continue with even more dynamic and powerful speakers. Look for information on these events under a new title "St. Cletus Speaker Series". And, if you have any suggestions or recommendation on speakers for upcoming events, please feel free to reach out to the Parish Pastoral Council. We are always looking to welcome new people to come to our parish.

Very exciting ministry news! We are happy to announce that beginning in January 2024, St. Cletus will be offering a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nursing Ministry. More information will follow shortly in the bulletin, so stay tuned!

Finally, on behalf of the entire Parish Pastoral Council, we wish you and your families a happy, peaceful, and blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Parish Pastoral Council

Immaculate Conception Mass Times

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

● **MASS SCHEDULE** ●

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
 7:00 P.M. ENGLISH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023
 8:00 A.M. ENGLISH
 12:00 P.M. ENGLISH
 7:00 P.M. ENGLISH/SPANISH

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-3

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin



Join Us For An Evening Of Prayer And Reflection

AN EVENING OF *Prayer & Reflection*

ST CLETUS PARISH
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:
A NEW BEGINNING
WITH *Jesus*

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Brendan Lupton
PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL FACULTY OF THEOLOGY; ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY AND CHURCH HISTORY.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

(708)352-6209 www.stcletusparish.com



School News

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Our 3rd graders put together a beautiful Thanksgiving prayer service this year! You could see how much work and dedication they put towards presenting such a wonderful moment of reflection and gratitude for all we have!



2ND ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL!

Oh what fun we had at our 2nd annual Turkey Bowl following 9am mass on Thanksgiving!



SAVE THE DATE FOR DECEMBER 11TH!

You're invited to a

Portillo's FUNDRAISER




Eat Portillo's and give back.

Come join us!

Keep 20% of the Proceeds

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:

St Cletus School

When:	at the Portillo's located at:
December 11, 2023	5532 S. Harlem Ave.
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Summit, IL

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS21** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

Portillo's FOR GOOD

portillos.com/community

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
THURSDAYS
4-8PM

Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Pasta Sauce
- Coffee, tea, cocoa
- Dish Detergent
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Razors and shave creaming
- Deodorant

Follow us on
Facebook:
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Instagram:
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](#)

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you to our volunteers and donors, those who collected Turkey Bucks and donated at Jewel, those who loaded and unloaded, lifted and moved VERY HEAVY boxes of turkeys and sacks of potatoes, those who greeted and helped with check in, the smiley faces and the feet running carts to cars, all of our bakers and cookie sorters, on and on!

- We raised over \$5,000 for Thanksgiving meals at Jewel-Osco.
- We unloaded over 7,500 lbs of food from GCFD.
- You baked over 3,000 cookies!
- An additional 20 turkeys were donated by Licitra Roofing
- We had enough for 371 households this year! A record!

We are so grateful for each of you. THANK YOU!



St. Cletus
GIVING TREE

REMINDERS

1. WRAP GIFTS
2. LABEL EACH GIFT WITH THE TAG # AND PERSON'S NAME
3. DROP OFF GIFTS:

DECEMBER 9 FROM 12:00PM-5:00PM
DECEMBER 10 FROM 7:00AM-12:30PM

ST. CLETUS MORRISSEY HALL
700 W. 55TH ST LAGRANGE
(DRIVE THRU LANE ON STONE AVE)

Thank you for making a Christmas wish come true!

Giving Tree FAQ's and Volunteer Opportunities can be found at: www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree

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

Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
5 de diciembre, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
3 de diciembre 2023	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.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place from December 3rd. to December 11th. 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please make plans to join us at this novena to Our Blessed Mother Maria de 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 the hospitality that evening, there are lists at the church where they can sign up. For more information, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441.

Novena Guadalupana

La Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevará a cabo del 3 al 11 de diciembre de 2023 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, 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.

THANK YOU.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Reflection and Prayer Saturday, November 18, 2023. Thank you for sharing your experiences and at the same time for participating in the Adoration and Benediction, it was an amazing prayer experience filled with the Holy Spirit.

GRACIAS

Gracias a todas las personas que asistieron a la Reflexión y Oración que se llevó a cabo el sábado 18 de Noviembre, 2023. Gracias por compartir sus experiencias y al mismo tiempo por participar de la Adoración y Bendición, fue una experiencia de oración increíble llena del Espíritu Santo.

BOLETOS DE LA RIFA



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Recaudara fondos para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe vendiendo

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BOLETOS DE

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EL GANADOR RECIBIRA EL TOTAL DE 20% DE LAS DONACIONES RECAUDADAS LA RIFA TENDRA LUGAR EN

DICIEMBRE 12, 2023

NO NECESITA ESTAR PRESENTE PARA GANAR!

PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAME A:

Juanita Avila
Directora del Ministerio Hispano
(708) 215 - 5441



Anointing Of The Sick

St. Cletus Parish | 600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Saturday,
December 9, 2023
10:00 a.m.

(708) 352 - 6209

www.stcletusparish.com



Ministry News

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The holidays are fast approaching and as we think of gift giving, let us also consider our friends and neighbors who need assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, etc. The St. Cletus St. Vincent dePaul chapter needs your help. The need for assistance has increased while many local agencies have run out of funds. There are green envelopes in the narthex that you can place a donation in. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you for your help, especially at this time of year.

BOOK DISCUSSION

For those who like to look ahead

December 12th: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt



February 13th: The Celebrants by Steven Rawley

As always, all are welcome

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



"Most souls are released on Christmas Day. Followed by Easter, then Our Lord's feast days, and Our Lady's feast days and Saturdays as days of rest, consolation and deliverance" ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori Tassone, Susan, *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: 365 Reflections*, Our Sunday Visitor 2014

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 49 prayer warriors praying for 454 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/>

START PRAYING A ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE DURING ADVENT



If Jesus is a perfect gift of Love and Peace at Christmas, now is the right time to join in praying a weekly rosary for World Peace. St. Cletus' Living Rosary invites you to pray the rosary from home every Monday night at 7pm. Certainly, the world needs these prayers at this time plus Mary told the children at Fatima to pray the rosary for peace. Let us join together and create a wave of prayers for peace for Our Blessed Mother to bring to her Son. Or come and join us in church every Wednesday at 1 pm when we pray the rosary in person. We always share personal intentions and it is powerful to say your prayer out loud, knowing that others will pray for your intention throughout the coming week. Like children, we humbly ask for Mary's help. Make the rosary and prayers for peace a part of your Advent preparation for the miracle of Christmas.

Ministry and Community News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that God blessed your family.

Today and tomorrow, (Sunday, November 26 and Monday, November 27), rather we come together at the 10:30 a.m. Mass as a Faith Community celebrating the Eucharist with the parish community of St. Cletus.

On next Saturday, December 2nd, our second graders and our other Communion children, will be taking the next step in their faith development with the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them and their families as they take this next step in their Faith Formation.

On Thursday, November 16, our seventh graders from our St. Cletus School and Faith Formation Program, made their commitment to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025.

2023-2024 GIRLS CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Girls Church League Basketball registration is now open. Practices are one weeknight (day and time determined by availability of coaches, girls and gym), in the St. Cletus Gym School and games are Saturday evenings at area churches and gyms. The cost is \$75 per player.

In order to have a season, we do need some help. Please consider helping us run the season for our St. Cletus Girls this year! Email Lawrence Manetti at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com to help.

JOIN US DECEMBER 17TH!

b e n d i n g
T O W A R D S
the Light
a Jazz Nativity

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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.

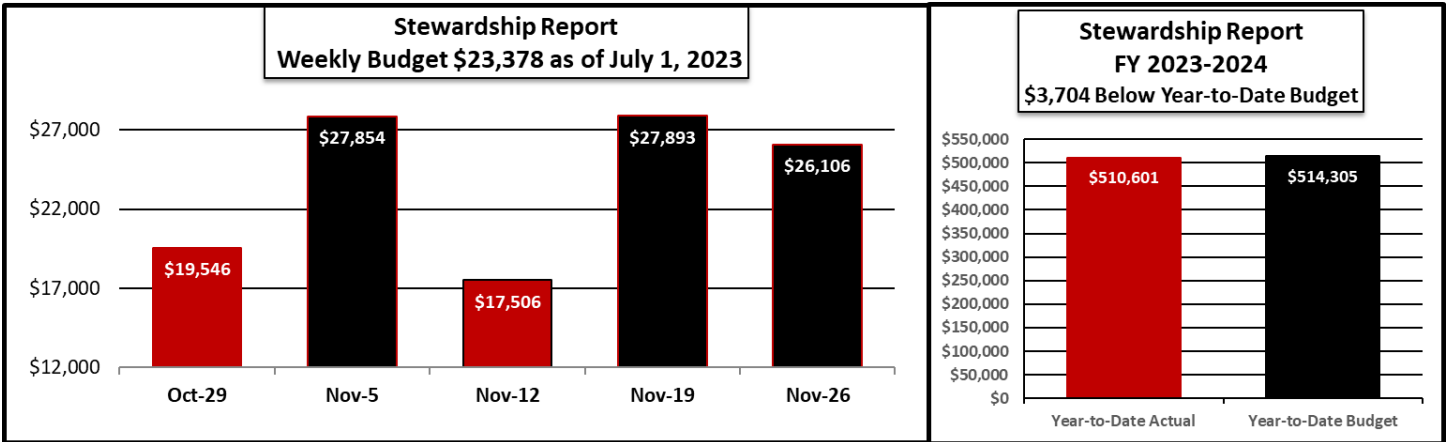
Amen.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 3	7:45am-2pm	Parish Center	Ho Ho Breakfast with Santa
Monday, December 4			
Tuesday, December 5	7-8pm	Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, December 6	1-1:45pm 7-8pm 8-10pm	Church Church Parish Center	Living Rosary Evening of Prayer and Reflection School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, December 7	4-8pm 7pm 8-9pm	Food Pantry Church Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Vigil of the Immaculate Conception Church League Basketball Junior Team Practice
Friday, December 8	12pm & 7pm	Church	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, December 9	7pm	Church	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe-Spanish
Sunday, December 10	7pm	Church	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe-Spanish

Stewardship Report



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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 SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 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*
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Rev. Michael Novick, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*
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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.