

St. Cletus Parish Canticle

DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE
SITE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

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



February 2, 2025 | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



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

(708) 352-6209
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



stcletusparish.com



St. Cletus Parish



St. Cletus Church

St. Cletus School

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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

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Contact / Comuníquese con
Norma Hernandez (708) 968 - 6474

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 February 1	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	† Joseph Vega & Delfina Zuniga † Sammy Colonna † Jack Landi	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Maria Antonia Giacinto † Joan Eckrich
Sunday February 2	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	For St. Cletus Parishioners	
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† Patrick Crowley † Kelly Sorrentino	† Dr Thomas O'Connor † Joan Eckrich
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	10:30 a.m.	† Kathleen Davies † Barbara Curul	† Joan Eckrich † Donald Kotrba
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	† Erasmo Rodriguez † Alicia Medina Barraza † Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio	† Maria Padilla † Hermelinda Medina † Catarina Rodriguez
Monday February 3	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Joseph Viecei † Richard Kozelka	† Sallie Ann Schiller † Karen Gorak † St. Cletus Purgatorial Society
Tuesday February 4	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	For St. Cletus Parishioners	
Wednesday February 5	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† BC & Rip Collins	† Nan Rettig
Thursday February 6	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Monica Mataitis	
Friday February 7	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Nan & Bob Rettig	† Frank Wojcik
Saturday February 8	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	Nancy Eckrich (Living) † Laura Kriho	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † Joan Eckrich
Sunday February 9	Rev. Michael Novick	7:15 a.m.	† Jean Comer	
	Rev. Elmer Romero	8:45 a.m.	† Fred & Angie Kuchta	† Joan Klemak
	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Giovan Giuseppe Amalfitano	† Donald Kotrba
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio	† Jose Javier Camacho † Lupita Valtierra y Fernando Valtierra

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjzau | Debbie Coté | Vincent Austrevich | Bonnie Kakareka | Mary Ann Vokurka | Cynthia Gosse | Mario Avila Jr. | Darlene Donarski | Joe Bamberger

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Leone Foss, Mother of Michael Foss
† Mary Hickey, Mother of Brian Hickey
† Otilia Acevedo, Aunt of Beatriz Sutkan
† Sandra Tybor, Mother of Sara Clark
† Elaine Sisto, Mother of Barbara Sisto

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

**"If we truly love God, we will love His word;
and the more we study His word,
the more we will love God."**

John C Ryle

Dear Friends,

With faith and joy this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The gospel of Luke portrays Jesus' parents as among the poor of the land and obedient to God's direction. Mary and Joseph are such excellent role models of faith, respect of the law of the Lord, and parenthood. They helped Jesus to grow in intimacy and close relationship with God.

The gospel of Luke also gives us a unique window to the life and ministry of Simeon. Luke wants us to see clearly Simeon's prophetic role: he has the Spirit upon him, receives revelations from the Spirit, and comes into the temple "in the Spirit." Wow! This is awesome. Could you consider praying and pondering how the Spirit of God is at work in your life?

Every day we encounter and meet people who are kind, caring, and mindful. Through their presence, witness, and love they challenge us to become the best version of ourselves. They rejoice at our success and accomplishments. They suffer and cry with us when we find ourselves in difficult situations. In all circumstances, they choose to care and love even when we disappoint them. They are sent to us by God. They are like Simeon helping us to come to our senses and believe in God. Could you consider being kind to someone today and help him or her return to the family of God?

On Wednesday, January 15th, 2025, I was informed by Mr. Gregory Porod, School Principal, about the positive result of the Parent Satisfaction Survey, which was conducted in the fall of 2024. The survey was completed by 495 of our school families. "You

have a very high recommendations rate (97%), which is awesome. You should be shouting this from the rooftops," wrote Heather Kracik, Director of Enrollment Marketing & Communications, Office of Catholic Schools. Please join me in thanking the Lord for allowing us to have this amazing and encouraging feedback. My hope is that our prayer and support towards our parish school continues to grow. It is the right thing to do. Thank you.

Our efforts to foster and build community continue. More members of our parish family are stepping up and assuming roles of leadership at different parish events. Our upcoming St. Cletus Super Bowl Party will be hosted on Sunday, February 9th, 2025, at the Parish Center. We are blessed to have Emily and Bob Wasik leading this fantastic event. They are a lovely couple. They are active members of our parish family. Their children (2) are enrolled in our parish school. I kindly ask you to offer them your prayers and support. Consider attending this marvelous opportunity to meet and grow in friendship with other members of our parish family.

The gospel of Luke tells us that Simeon is one of those "favored by God" to whom the Messiah's birth brings peace. Consider sharing the peace Jesus offers you with those who need it the most.

Fr. Elmer Romero



A Letter from the Associate Pastor's Desk

Many people have seen the movie *Groundhog Day*, starring Bill Murray, about a weatherman who becomes trapped in a town where *Groundhog Day* (February 2nd) is a major holiday. However, he wakes up every day at the same time no matter how he ends a day. It's the same thing over and over and over...and he tries everything to break the cycle. It really has become metaphoric for many people who have a similar experience of going to work. Remember the TV commercial for Dunkin' Donuts? The baker gruffly says as he wakes in the morning "Time to make the donuts."

Interestingly I have heard the same attitude from some people over the years about attending Mass, especially on Sundays. "It's just the same thing over and over again, Father." That may be one perspective, but each time we gather for Mass, it is meant to be a new experience AND to take all of us back to the upper room where Jesus and the Apostles celebrated the great feast of the Lord's Supper for the first time. Can we SEE it? We must approach our attendance at Mass as we should approach the Eucharist, realizing that what we may SEE as bread and wine has been transubstantiated before our very eyes. Many people have told me they TRY to see the Eucharist, but just cannot. That's ok. However, if we say we have the faith enough to believe that bread and wine changes to flesh and blood, then why not be able to believe that we ARE in the upper room with Jesus and the Apostles on that great and fateful night before Jesus died?

We say the same thing about priests, don't we? We are supposed to be working in the person of Jesus Christ and in the person of the Church. It may be more difficult in today's world to recognize this understanding and teaching of the Church, but it doesn't make it any less true. Do we believe that those who have served with the authority of the Pope over the course of the Church have done so in the person of St. Peter (with his authority)? None of them LOOK like St. Peter. How can we believe it?

This is all a challenge, my friends.

These core beliefs and teachings about these things are what inspired many of us to serve the Church in the capacity of priests. Along with so many great men who served before us, we are always praying for many more to answer the called of the Holy Spirit and say yes to His invitation.

Wouldn't it be great if St. Cletus would be able to say in the coming years that we were the fertile soil that was able to produce 10 priests for the Archdiocese? In order for that to happen it would still take at least 12 years even if our eighth-grade boys went to seminary education directly out of grammar school. To get the number of priests back to the glory days of the Church and priesthood, that would need to happen for about 20 years in a row. Think about that and pray for more priests. It's a life where no two days are ever the same.

Fr. Mike



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Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, February 3	6:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes	School
Tuesday, February 4	10:00 a.m.	Funeral for Elaine Sisto	Church
	3:00 p.m.	School Faculty Meeting	Gallagher Room
	7:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Wednesday, February 5	9:00 a.m.	Mission Ladies	Gallagher Room
	1:00 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation - Teen Seekers	Room 201 & 213
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball	PC-Gym
Thursday, February 6	4:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	4:30 p.m.	Kids' Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7:00 p.m.	First Communion Parent Meeting	Church
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday, February 7	6:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society meeting	Morrissey Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Cabaret: Dueling Pianos	PC-Gym
Saturday, February 8	After Mass	Super Bowl Ticket Sales	Church Narthex
Sunday, February 9	After All Masses	Super Bowl Ticket Sales	Church Narthex
	9:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes	School
	4:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Party	Parish Center

Readings of the week

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-
32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-
4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14
-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-
8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-1

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day
for Consecrated Life

Monday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar,
Bishop

Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine
Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World
Marriage Day

Celebrating The Sacraments

Baptism: Rhyland Ostrowski,
Abby Cassandra Hernandez,
Margaret Edda Piech.



Congratulations!

Sharing Reflection of Kindness

Kindness is a universal language that everyone can understand. A warm smile can be the easiest and most effective way to show kindness. Not only does it make the person receiving it feel good, but it also positively affects the one giving it.

As a staff member at St. Cletus School, I have a front-row seat to witnessing acts of kindness every day. Our students, from our youngest preschoolers to our oldest eighth-graders, have big hearts and are always finding ways to show it. As I was walking down the hallway, a young preschooler was heading toward his classroom. He saw me approaching the double doors and sprang into action. With all his might, he pushed open one of the doors and held it for me. He beamed with pride, knowing he had done something good. His authentic kindness was contagious and instantly brought a smile to my face. This small act inspired me to pay that kindness forward. Kindness is truly contagious—it has the power to start a chain reaction of goodness.

Our students constantly seek ways to help others, often without being asked. Whether it's as simple as bringing a lunch bag to a student, carrying books for an injured classmate, or helping their teacher in the classroom, these acts of kindness make our school a warm and wonderful place. It is easy to see why "It's Always a Great Day to be a Cardinal" at St. Cletus School!

-Kate Townsend, St. Cletus School Receptionist / Administrative Asst.



When I think about the meaning of "Kindness," I believe that kindness is more than just a concept, it is an action that can be seen and felt.

We can show kindness in many ways and in many places; we can start at home with our family, friends, and the people that we love. However, we also have many opportunities to show kindness to others with the people around us; at the grocery store, at church, with a coworker, or with someone that needs some words of sympathy.

Sometimes just a smile will make someone's day! St Cletus is a great example of this; since the first day I came here with my family, the ushers at the door made us feel "welcome and at home." We continue to see that each time we come to Mass. I see kindness when the kids are serving at Mass, when the community is praying and helping others that are in need.

Jesus is the perfect model of kindness and love; there are many instances in the Bible where he commanded his disciples to be kind and to love others, and he wants the same from us "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" Ephesians 4:32

Kindness is more meaningful when it is genuine and comes from our heart, without expecting anything in return!

-Beronica Martinez, Parishioner



Sharing our Blessings



ST. SIMON OF CYRENE CATHOLIC PARISH

January 13, 2025

Dear Fr. Elmer Romero:

St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish and community members are grateful and blessed to have St. Cletus Parish as a sharing Parish. Your past generosity throughout the years and during the 2024 Christmas season provided gifts to the under privilege and for that we are thankful.

We appreciate St. Cletus Parish and look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.

May God continue to bless St. Cletus Parish throughout the new year and for years to come.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Pastor

cc: Dnc William Pouncy

Year-End Statement by Request Only

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2024 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office at (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email jdion@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically.

Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Envelope Number: _____

CABARET

FUNDRAISER FOR THE ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

DUELING PIANOS ARE BACK!!!

FEBRUARY 7

600 W 55th St,
La Grange, IL 60525
RSVP ON ONLINE:
www.edwardfas.com

8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

TICKETS:
\$40 IN ADVANCE
\$45 AT THE DOOR

EVENT WILL BE HELD
IN THE ST. CLETUS
PARISH CENTER

ST. CLETUS SUPER BOWL PARTY!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 ~ DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER ~ TICKETS/TABLES ON SALE NOW

TICKET INCLUDES PIZZA, WINGS, DESSERT, AND LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!
SODA, WATER, BEER, AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT

FOOTBALL SQUARES
AVAILABLE FOR \$10 EACH
PRIZE PAY OUT: \$100 1ST, 2ND,
AND 3RD QUARTERS
\$200 FINAL SCORE

HOW MUCH?

\$10 PER PERSON OR
TABLE OF 6 FOR \$50

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS THIS
WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES!**



School News

School Open House:

We were blessed with such a beautiful open house thanks to all the hard work of our staff and volunteers! Our school was bustling with activity all day! Anna and Elsa even stopped by our open house to check things out and promote our performances of Frozen Jr. on February 27th and 28th! What a weekend!!



Help Us Raise Money For Our Musical!



Come out to McDonald's February 5th to support our musical!



Where: McDonalds
5701 South LaGrange Road, Countryside

5-7pm

Dine-in and Drive Through

No need to show this flyer or even mention St. Cletus! We will receive 15% of all proceeds for sales during our timeslot so spread the word!!



We will be selling 2 cookies for \$1 in the restaurant and can keep 100% of the cookie sales! Cash only.

Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 2 de febrero	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español	Iglesia
El día 12 del mes	7 p.m.	Devoción Guadalupana con rosario	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, confesiones, adoración nocturna	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia

¿Qué es el Jubileo?



‘Jubileo’ es el nombre de un año particular: parece que deriva del instrumento utilizado para indicar su comienzo; se trata del *yobel*, el cuerno de carnero, cuyo sonido anuncia el Día de la Expiación (Yom Kippur). Esta fiesta se celebra cada año, pero adquiere un significado particular cuando coincide con el inicio del año jubilar. A este respecto, encontramos una primera idea en la Biblia: debía ser convocado cada 50 años, porque era el año ‘extra’, debía vivirse cada siete semanas de años (cfr. Lv 25,8-13). Aunque era difícil de realizar, se proponía como la ocasión para restablecer la correcta relación con Dios, con las personas y con la creación, y conllevaba el perdón de las deudas, la restitución de terrenos enajenados y el descanso de la tierra.

Citando al profeta Isaías, el evangelio según san Lucas describe de este mismo modo la misión de Jesús: «El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí; porque él me ha unguido. Me ha enviado a evangelizar a los pobres, a proclamar a los cautivos la libertad, y a los ciegos, la vista; a poner en libertad a los oprimidos, a proclamar el año de gracia del Señor» (Lc 4,18-19; cfr. Is 61,1-2). Estas palabras de Jesús se convirtieron también en acciones de liberación y de conversión en sus encuentros y relaciones cotidianos.

Bonifacio VIII, en 1300, convocó el primer Jubileo, llamado también “Año Santo”, porque es un tiempo en el que se experimenta que la santidad de Dios nos transforma. Con el tiempo, la frecuencia ha ido cambiando: al principio era cada 100 años; en 1343 se redujo a 50 años por Clemente VI y en 1470 a 25 años por Pablo II. También hay momentos ‘extraordinarios’: por ejemplo, en 1933, Pío XI quiso conmemorar el aniversario de la Redención y en 2015 el Papa Francisco convocó el año de la Misericordia. También ha sido diferente el modo de celebrar este año: en el origen coincidía con la visita a las Basílicas romanas de san Pedro y san Pablo, por tanto, con la peregrinación, posteriormente se añadieron otros signos, como el de la Puerta Santa. Al participar del Año Santo se obtiene la indulgencia plenaria.

Iglesias Jubilares

Vicaria I

- Santa Maria del Popolo
- Prince of Peace
- Holy Cross • St. Anne
- Our Lady of the Wayside
- St. Joseph the Worker
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Vicaria II

- St. Clement
- St. Hyacinth Basilica
- St. Mary of the Lake
- Queen of All Saints Basilica

Vicaria III

- Holy Name Cathedral
- St. Mary of Czestochowa
- St. Rita of Cascia

Vicaria IV

- St. Hubert
- St. Matthew
- St. Francis Borgia
- St. Francis of Assisi (Kostner)
- St. John Vianney

Vicaria V

- **St. Cletus**
- St. Michael
- Our Lady Mother of the Church
Polish Mission

Vicaria VI

- St. Gianna Molla
- St. Thomas the Apostle
- St. Veronica

Social Concerns



St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays
4-8 p.m.

Wish List:

- Tuna
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Crackers, cookies, snacks

Follow us on

Facebook:

StCletusFoodPantry

Instagram:

@St.CletusFoodPantry

Gangs all here! Snapshot of our lovely food rescue sorting volunteers. These volunteers come each Thursday to sort all of our food rescue donations from area retailers. They double-check expiration dates, sort, organize and shelve the items! Thank you!



COMMUNITY
ASSISTED RIDES

“FOR THE LOVE OF VOLUNTEERING”

A volunteer fair focused on recruiting volunteers for local organizations dedicated to improving our community

Wednesday February 12
9:00-11:00 am
First Presbyterian Church of
La Grange
150 S. Ashland Ave.
La Grange
Enter at Catherine Ave.
Entrance



708.354.9328

Coordinator@communityassistedrides.org
CommunityAssistedRides.org

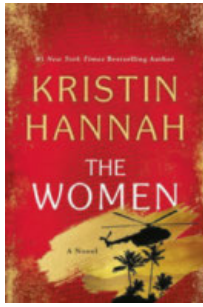
If you have questions or would like to volunteer Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

Book Club

Come join us on February 11th for a discussion of *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail

book_club@stcletusparish.com.

For those who like to look ahead, our April book is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.



Are you widowed and still hurting?

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: March 1st and 2nd, 2025

Where: University of St Mary's of the Lake, Mundelein, IL.

(Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information , call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org



Saturday morning talks, prayer, and community with the Daughters of St. Paul to explore God's will for your life!

Open to single Catholic women ages 16-33. Sessions run from 8:30-1:00 and include Mass, a talk, discussion, Eucharistic adoration, and lunch.

FEB

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**Finding Your Place
in the Christian
Community**

MAR

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**Live in Continual
Conversion**

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**Habits for
Discernment**

MAY

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**The Art of
Decision-Making**

To Register: Email Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com

Perpetual novena to St. Rita of Cascia

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on **Thursday, February 6, 2025** 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 6:00p.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 for more information.



SJC CARES PRESENTS.....



Protecting our Common Home Now and for Future Generations

Saturday, February 8th, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road - Western Springs, IL

Students (Jr. High age and up) are also welcome!

Br. Mark Mackey, SJ

Br. Mark Mackey SJ, shares his story; how his love of nature, science, and religious calling led him to become an Environmental and Spiritual Educator at Loyola University Chicago. Br. Mark observes daily the talent and dedication of his students, and yet for many young people, concerns about ongoing climate degradation overshadow their hope for the future.

With Br. Mark's guidance we will consider...

*What is our responsibility to youth and future generations?
How can a greater ecological awareness inform our response?
What actions can we take now to help restore hope?*

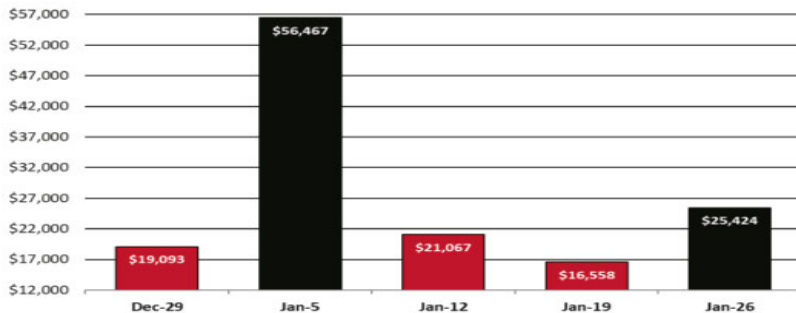
Discover how learning about and Caring for Creation can deepen your understanding of and relationship with God, and along the way, inspire meaningful and impactful environmental stewardship.

Scan the QR Code to register or visit

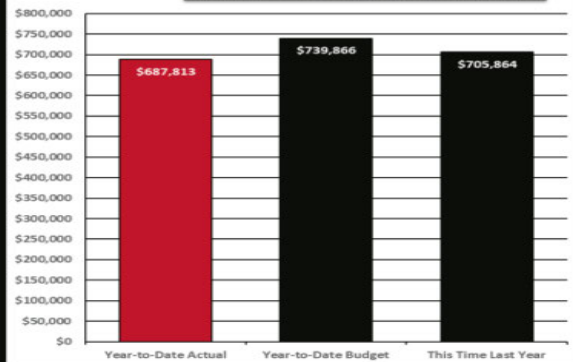
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Stewardship Report
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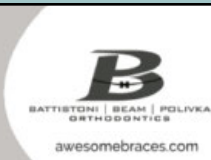
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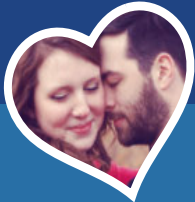
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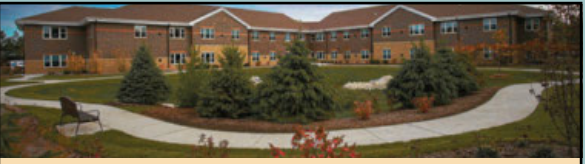
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