

MARCH 24, 2024

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

My God, My God, why
have you abandoned
me?- Psalm 22



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9

WELCOME

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Mass Intentions for March 25 - March 31 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
March 25	8:00am	Fr. Novick	James Farrell, Mary Ellen Kursell
March 26	8:00am	Fr. Antiporek	St. Cletus Parishioners
March 27	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Roger Kruse
March 28	7:00pm The Lord's Supper	Fr. Romero and Fr. Novick	
March 29	3:00pm English 7:00pm Spanish	Fr. Novick Fr. Romero	
March 30	7:30pm Easter Vigil	Fr. Romero, Fr. Novick, and Fr. Kalas	
March 31	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Julia Kopacz, Mary Prendergast
	8:45am	Fr. Kalas	God's Blessings during pregnancy, Camilo and Anita Ferreira, Rogelio Ferreira, Christine Jaskenski, James Moles
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	John and Stacy Baker, Natalie Nicoletti, Danielle Schultz Living Members of the St. Cletus CCW
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero and Fr. Novick	Por las benditas almas del purgatorio

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

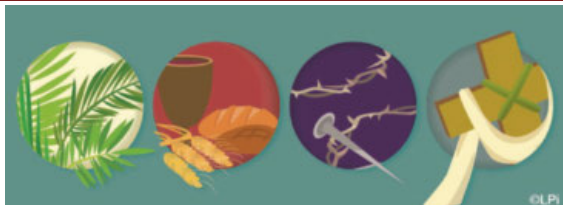
We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

March - James Phelan, Brandon Babinsky, Laura Terrazino

February -

January - Mary Ann Bamberger, Eugene Bastedo
 Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.


HAVE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK



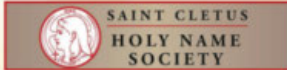
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...



Elisa Arambula
Mother of Erica Saenz
 May she rest in peace....

JOIN US THIS WEEKEND!




**Holy Name Society
Pancake Breakfast
This Sunday!**



**CCW Bake Sale
Saturday after 5pm
mass and Sunday
after all masses**



Pastor's Note

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9b

Dear Friends,

Today we are blessed to celebrate Palm Sunday. Aided by the living word of God and the Holy Spirit, we remember how the crowds went out to meet Christ. They were calling out: *"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."* Then, we listened the Passion and death of our Lord. This means that this week, we are set out to meet Christ in his passion, in those days of his suffering.

We are invited to consider how the world's suffering is taken by Christ in order to sanctify it, to give it meaning and significance. This is something that Christ freely desires to do for us. He wants us to join him. He wants us to follow him, almost hour by hour, in those moments of his Passion.

We want every child of God to come, meet Christ, and experience with us his gentleness, mercy, and love. So, we are happy to share with you the Sacred Paschal Triduum Schedule which can be found on page seven (7) of our bulletin. If you would, please forward it to someone who might appreciate knowing our Triduum celebrations.

Speaking of meeting and experiencing the gentleness, mercy, and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I humbly tell you that I continue to encounter him at every gathering, conversation, and celebration we have at our warm, caring, and welcoming parish. For example, at the 3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry, which was held on Friday, March 15th, 2024, I felt the warm, gentleness, and love of Jesus. Seeing the Parish Center nicely arranged, people enjoying a delicious fish fry, and children radiating their energy and joy was something very special. I would like to thank you for making our Lenten Fish Fry gathering even more special and profound this year.

In a special way, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Jim Ludden and his caring team (Father's Club), for organizing and giving us such an amazing 2024 Annual Lenten Fish Fry. It was filled with kindness, dedication, and love. They, through their joyful hearts, excellent teamwork, and generosity allowed us to experience the closeness of Jesus in each other. My heart was touched, refreshed, and filled with hope. I kindly ask you to hold them in prayer.

I pray that the Lord will grant you a good and Holy Week. Be attentive to the simple ways of how the Lord wants you to meet Him in His Passion.

Fr. Elmer Romero



Note From Father Mike

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Covenant personified

Brothers and sisters, while we still have a couple of days before the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum – Thursday of the Lord’s Supper, the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – today we hear about the climax to this covenant journey we’ve been following for the last five weeks. Yes, we are entering into Holy Week. Palm Sunday remains one of the most populated days in churches around the globe. It also remains a mystery to most deacons, priests, and bishops as to just what is it that brings people to the Church in droves on Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, yet Christmas and Easter attendance have tended to drop over the years. But that is a subject for another day.

Jesus makes His way into the “Holy City” – Jerusalem, knowing full well what awaits Him. It’s the right time for His arrival as Passover is at hand, a night to remember. As Abraham journeyed to a mount to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, here comes THE Son of God in preparation for the self-sacrifice of His own life riding on a donkey (the same beast of burden that took He and His family to Egypt when He was born in order to escape the wrath of King Herod). This time, Jesus is welcomed into the city by myriads of people who still were hoping that He was the warrior/Messiah that would free Israel from the rule of Rome.

Yes, he celebrates the Passover with the Apostles. It’s a joyful celebration that changes direction very quickly – almost without warning – at Gethsemane. All of the prescriptions and prophecies have come to fruition, to this moment. We hear in another place in Scripture Jesus telling us “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life”(John 3:14-15). He plainly references the scene in the book of Numbers when Moses was told to make a staff with a bronze serpent that anyone who had been bitten by one of the seraph serpents would be healed when they looked upon it. Jesus IS the Lamb of sacrifice (atonement for our sins) AND the bronze serpent who heals our “sin-bitten” souls. Now that’s a sign! The sacrifice of His own flesh AND His divine ability to heal the soul – all in one person, in one act of love. What could say “You will be my people and I will be your God” any clearer than that? What could say “I love you” any more perfectly?

I hope and pray that Lent has been fruitful up to now. I also hope that you will be able to celebrate any or all of the Sacred Paschal Triduum with us. And most of all, I hope you will come to St. Cletus to celebrate Easter morning joy with this fabulous community!

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

Holy Week Schedule

Join Us For Holy Week

<p>Thursday of the Lord's Supper <i>March 28th</i> 7:00PM (English & Spanish)</p>	<p>Friday of the Passion of the Lord <i>March 29th</i> 11:00AM Living Stations (Spanish) 3:00PM (English) 7:00PM (Spanish)</p>	<p>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night <i>March 30th</i> 10:00AM Basket Blessing 7:30PM (English & Spanish)</p>
<p>Easter Sunday Masses <i>March 31st</i></p>		
7:15AM (English)	8:45AM (English)	10:30AM (English)
		12:30PM (Spanish)

Sharing Our Graces and Blessings



“This is the power of gathering. It inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful. In a word, more alive.”

“The 3rd annual Fish Fry was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many volunteers and attendees. The food was delicious, and the company was even better! Thank you to the Father’s Club and all the volunteers that help bring the community together for this great annual event!” **-Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns**

“The 3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry offered parishioners, school families, and visitors a wonderful opportunity to come together and ‘break bread’ as one family united in Jesus Christ. Thanks to everyone who made this “Taste of St. Cletus Fish Fry Event” possible.” **- Gregory Porod, School Principal**

“St. Cletus community came together to enjoy fish, but also each other’s company. Celebrating with smiles, laughs, and a great feeling of love. This holy moment reminds me of the beauty God in bringing together our amazing community.” **- Julio Quintero, St. Cletus parent and Father’s Club Member**

Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage



As Eucharistic People, Are You Ready for a Local Real Presence Road Trip?

Following the National Eucharistic Revival commissioning at the parish level, as **One Body in Christ**, and led by the **Holy Spirit** to center on **The Eucharist**, the Vicariate V, Deanery Parishes: Our Lady of the Woods, St. Damian, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiard, St. Michael and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parishes, collaborated to bring our faith communities together to worship and adore the **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, of Christ** that will culminate with a Eucharistic Celebration.

On **Sunday, April 14, 2024**, as the loaves and the fish multiplied, do the same in your vehicle with family, friends, and neighbors, of **all generations** as we embark on our inaugural **Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage**. Our pilgrimage

will take us to our local holy sites and parishes. In addition, we will enjoy an afternoon of spiritual enrichment focusing on the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Pilgrimage Route with Approximate Timings (*Feel free to join us or drop off at any point in the Car Caravan Pilgrimage*):

St. Michael Parish Church Doors (14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL. 60462), will open at **3:15 PM**, for **4:00 PM**, Start Time of Eucharistic Worship and Adoration,

Depart in a car caravan procession from St. Michael at **4:30 PM** to St. Francis of Assisi (15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, IL. 60467), **Arrive** at St. Francis of Assisi at **4:45 PM**,

Depart in a car caravan procession from St. Francis of Assisi at **5:25 PM** to Our Lady of the Woods (10731 West 131st Street, Orland Park, IL. 60462), **Arrive** at Our Lady of the Woods at **5:40 PM** for **6:00 PM**, Mass.

*Upon arrival at each parish, we will exit our vehicles and go into the Church to adore the Real Presence of Christ.

- **Clergy:** priests, and deacons, from the grouping parishes and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard will participate in the Mass.
- A fellowship gathering with light refreshments will take place following the Our Lady of the Woods Mass. Water and Soda will be provided.
- Donations of snacks and desserts are greatly appreciated. Please consider gluten free. **Please drop them off at Our Lady of the Woods Parish Office on Friday, April 12th or Sunday, April 14th between 8:00am -Noon.** Please label it *Car Caravan Pilgrimage*. Or you can bring it with you on the Car Caravan Pilgrimage and drop it off before Mass in the Our Lady of the Woods narthex.

To register for the **Sunday, April 14, 2024**, Car Caravan Pilgrimage, scan the QR code and complete the form or obtain a paper copy from your parish office to complete and return. All registrations are due by **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**. If you have questions, please email John Sobol from St. Elizebeth Seton at jsobol@steseton.com.



In addition to our local parish support, we have authorization from the Archdiocese of Chicago Legal Department and Insurance Company, as well as the Orland Park and Cook County local law enforcement agencies. Orland Park and Cook County Law Enforcement Agencies will provide police escorts and assistance with safety as we process through Orland Park. **All vehicle drivers participating are expected to have a valid driver's license and current auto insurance.**

We are very excited to offer this one-of-a-kind opportunity to share our faith and celebrate the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

“Let's show up for Jesus”!!

See you at the Grouping Parish Car Caravan Pilgrimage on April 14th

Lenten Reflection

From my perspective, Holy Week is the ultimate roller coaster ride. During Lent, we climb and climb and climb to the top, and then starting on Palm Sunday it roars down the big steep hill at top speed, and then on Easter Sunday we glide in to the calm joy of the Easter Season.

This year I've had the joy of walking with our adult catechumen and candidate, who are just delightful people who will be a wonderful part of our community. They are ready to be received and I am proud of the journey they've undertaken. They will be joined by one of our Teen Seekers, who will also be receiving all her sacraments, and by at least one confirmand who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the vigil. We welcome all of them! (And if you will be joining them at the Easter Vigil, please come to the reception afterward and make them feel welcome!)

This week we begin our Holy Week celebrations with Palm Sunday, of course. Many Palm Sunday masses begin with what is called the "Solemn Entrance," where a separate gospel is read, the palms are blessed, and then a procession with palms goes through the church. This, of course, commemorates Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. I once had a RCIA candidate ask me why the "readings were out of order" on Palm Sunday. Actually, it's not that they're "out of order," but if the community uses the Solemn Entrance, there is an extra gospel reading as part of that rite. Once the procession goes to the altar, the mass is the same and the readings are "in order." The Solemn Entrance and procession is not required, but we will be

doing it at least at some of our masses this weekend.

Holy Week is our big week of the year. In Chicago we do the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday. It's customarily done on the morning of Holy Thursday in other places, but it's been done on the Tuesday of Holy Week in Chicago for many years. The important point is that the Holy Oils (our Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism) for the year are blessed by the Cardinal at this mass, and we will take home our box of new oils to use for the year. The Oils are presented to the community as part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Holy Thursday, of course, is the beginning of the Paschal Triduum, the holiest three days of our calendar, and one liturgy stretching over three nights through the Easter Vigil. It commemorates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. The Good Friday liturgy takes up where the Mass of the Lord's Supper leaves off. It is the only day of the year where there is no mass held anywhere in the church. We venerate the cross and we hear the long gospel from the book of John. The Easter Vigil begins in the darkness of sunset and finishes in the bright lights of the church. It is on this night when our catechumens and candidates become part of the Catholic Church, and we would love for you to join us and them.

After the Easter Vigil, the roller coaster rolls in to the Easter Sunday masses. We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and we go forward renewed in our faith.

Please join us!

Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk

23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30)

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Detergent and soap
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on
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@StCletusFoodPantry
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

FOOD PANTRY



Did you catch our Director of Social Concerns, Kendall Grant in the March edition of the Hillgrove Avenue Magazine? Kendall was interviewed about the work of the St. Cletus Food Pantry and discussed the increase in families coming for assistance and our work as a Food Rescue Hub helping to support other local pantries in the area. Of our community, Kendall said, "We are so lucky to have overwhelming support from the community that makes this place happen. Whenever we have a new opportunity arise, I have so many volunteers I can depend on. People want to help and serve. Our volunteers have a strong sense of justice."

Matching Donation

We have been given an anonymous **matching donation of up to \$35,000!** These funds will help us provide additional assistance at a crucial time when we are seeing a record number of people coming for assistance. In 2023, we served 52% more households than the year before!

These funds will help us purchase more food and help with direct financial assistance to families. Please consider helping us reach this full match! Donations can be made online to the "Food Pantry", checks can be written to "St. Cletus Food Pantry" and put in the collection basket, brought to the Parish Center or mailed to: Attn Food Pantry 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525 Thank you!

Food Pantry Volunteer Sign Up

Sign up is now available through the end of June! Volunteers are needed on Thursdays from 3:15-5:30 and 5:15-8:15. Volunteers must be 6th grade and up. Adults are needed too! Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-stcletus#/>

Gift Cards for Easter

We are currently seeking donations of \$25 gift cards to Jewel or Walmart. Donations can be dropped in the weekly collection basket or at the Parish Center (please do not put gift cards in the donations bins). Or you can make an online donation to the food pantry. Please write (gift cards) in the memo/notes.

Each year, during the month of Easter, we distribute \$25 gift cards to Jewel/Walmart to each household. Thank you for your support!

MATCHING DONATION

We invite you to be a part of this matching donation opportunity, where every donation is doubled!

Help us reach our goal of raising **\$35,000**

For information ✨ 708-215-5418 ✨ foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

School News

8TH GRADE NIGHT

Recently our 8th grade boys played their final home basketball game! Congrats on a great season! It was always fun watching you play together and watching you grow over the years as a team!



A SECOND PLACE FINISH!

Congratulations to our 6th grade girls who placed 2nd in their end of season tournament!! Such a fantastic season! Way to go cardinals!!



MOVING ON TO STATE!

Congratulations to 5th grader Hannah Burtelson on winning FIRST PLACE at the Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee! She will be moving on to the state competition! Proud of you Hannah!

HISTORY FAIR

Some of our 7th graders recently represented St. Cletus at regionals for their history fair projects! All of our 7th graders worked hard for months on their projects and we are proud of each one of them!



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
26 de marzo, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
24 de marzo, 2024	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



REUNIÓN DE MINISTROS DE COMUNIÓN HISPANOS

Habrá una reunión para todos los Lectores del Ministerio Hispano el lunes 18 de marzo, 2024 a las 7:00pm en el salón Gallagher. Compartiremos nuestras experiencias como lectores y tendremos reflexión teológica e histórica sobre la liturgia y el ministerio. Se les anima a todos los lectores a participar en esta reunión.

HISPANIC EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers in the Hispanic Ministry on Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Gallagher room. We will share our experiences as Eucharistic Ministers and have theological and historical reflection on the Eucharist and ministry. All ministers of Communion are encouraged to participate in this meeting for their continued formation.

GRACIAS

Gracias a todas las personas que participaron en el Retiro de Cuaresma el sábado pasado, tuvimos una experiencia maravillosa el poder reflexionar Como Vivimos la Eucaristía durante la Cuaresma. Gracias a los Diáconos Ramon Cazales y Franco Foti por haber facilitado este retiro. Gracias por su participación. Gracias por ayudarnos a reconocer como Jesús vive con nosotros en la Eucaristía. Gracias



THANK YOU

Thanks to all the people who participated in the Lent Retreat last Saturday, we had a wonderful experience being able to reflect on How We Live the Eucharist During Lent. Thanks to Deacons Ramon Cazales and Franco Foti for facilitating this retreat. Thanks for your participation. Thank you for helping us recognize how Jesus lives with us in the Eucharist. Thank you

Anointing of the Sick

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

MASS WITH THE Anointing OF THE SICK

SATURDAY,
APRIL 6, 2024

10:00AM

JOIN US FOR A LIGHT LUNCH AFTER MASS

Register Now

Ministry News

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



"The three essential joys of purgatory are these: First, the certainty of their salvation. The holy souls know they are confirmed in grace, unable to sin or to be lost. The second joy of purgatory consists in expiation of one's faults. Sin constitutes a loathsome filth in the soul, a sort of spiritual leprosy. If the cleansing of festering wounds brings relief, how much more must the souls in purgatory feel, who, having passed into eternity, now knows the ugliness of sin. Sin is insult, offense, injury to the majesty and holiness of God. The third joy is love of God. Love makes every sacrifice easier. The souls in purgatory love God with the most intense affection - and love desires sacrifice and immolation." ~ Blessed James Alberione Tassone, Susan, *Day by Day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: 365 Reflections*, Our Sunday Visitor 2014

The St. Cletus Purgatorial Society currently has 54 prayer warriors praying for 555 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/>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

In our classes this past week our children learned about Palm Sunday and the Triduum.

As we begin this holiest time of the year let us remember the events of the Triduum and, take time to speak with your children as the days unfold to reinforce the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Please note: Our next class will meet on Sunday April 7th

Eucharistic Revival Reflection

The Eucharist is everywhere

As much as we humans like to assume we are eminently reasonable and in control of our decisions, it's undeniable that we rely on biases and mental shortcuts that are often unnoticed. Biases usually have a bad reputation. Confirmation bias, for example, can lead us to dismiss important details and focus only on what we want to hear. But we can also use biases—let's call them primers—to help us think in new ways.

Whatever you focus on, you'll tend to find more of. That's the crux of what psychologists call the "frequency illusion." You have probably experienced this when you learn about a new product and then begin seeing it everywhere, or when you learn a new word and then begin to see it in print more than ever. Once you have been exposed to something, your brain starts flagging it. It's not actually more frequent than before you learned it, you just notice it more.

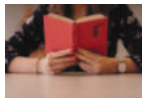
In this year of focusing on the Eucharist, I have found myself noticing Eucharistic images everywhere I look in scripture. By priming myself to recognize the themes of sacrifice, spiritual banquet, and atonement, it becomes easier to grasp just how central the Eucharist is to our faith and Christian life. It's not a compartmentalized sacrament or a one-off story in the Gospels. Rather, it encompasses the core of what we believe about God and our relationship with him.

As we enter Holy Week, challenge yourself to find the Eucharist in every liturgy. You'll hear the words of institution during Palm Sunday's Gospel, and see Jesus humbly serving his disciples during Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. You'll notice parallels between the Hebrew Passover lamb that is slaughtered and eaten and our Eucharistic feast tied to Jesus' self-sacrifice. You'll know that Jesus did not leave us in his death, but continues to be present with us—and not just in spirit, but in his resurrected body we receive every time we celebrate Mass.

There's so much to find. "For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened" (Mt 7:8).

Ministry and Community News

BOOK CLUB



Come join us on April 9th for a discussion of *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. . 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 June book is *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



All you can eat pancakes and sausage link breakfast. After masses on April 14th at St. Francis Xavier Joyce Hall. Adults and Teens: \$10 Ages 6-12: \$5, Ages 5 and under: Free **Pay at the door on April 14th**

SCAN HERE TO RSVP



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.



Township of Lyons
at 6404 Joliet Rd, Countryside, IL 60525
CLERK ELYSE HOFFENBERG
presents

AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE FOR 50 & OLDER

2-Day Session
Tuesday, March 26 & Wednesday, March 27
10:00am-2:00pm

Class size limit - 25
Course Credit Towards Auto Insurance
AARP fee: Member \$20, Non-Member \$25



Sign up with:
The Township Clerk's office
708-482-8300 Option #4
We hope you can join us!
Participants must attend both days to receive insurance credit.

Preferred Partners



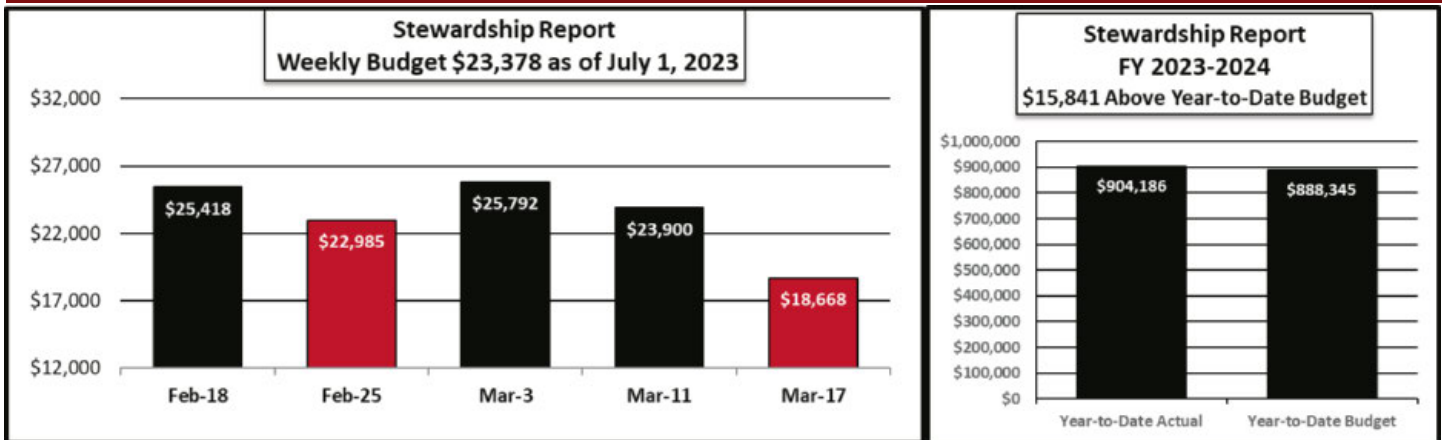
Thank you!



Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 24	After All Masses	Parish Center	Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast and CCW Bake Sale
Monday, March 25	7pm	Gallagher Room	CREDO Chosen Discussion Group
Tuesday, March 26	8am	Church	Mass With School Children
Wednesday, March 27	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, March 28	9:30am 4-8pm 7pm 10pm-12am	Church Food Pantry Church Church	Holy Thursday Prayer Service w/ school children Food Pantry Distribution Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, March 29	12am-5am 11am-1pm 3pm	Church Parish Center Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Living Stations of the Cross-Spanish Passion of the Lord
Saturday, March 30	10am 7:30pm	Church Church	Basket Blessing Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31			Easter Sunday

Stewardship Report



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2023 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (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 # _____

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St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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School.....(708) 352-4820
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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 Friday9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 7:15 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.

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HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office(708) 352-6209

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.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, *Pastor*
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Rev. Michael Novick, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*
Mr. Ramón Cazales, *Deacon*
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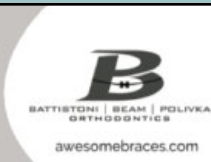
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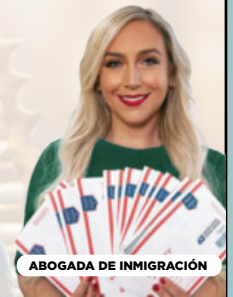


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