

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord has loved me so much.  
We must love everyone.  
- St. Josephine Bakhita



Grateful  
and  
Thankful  
For Our  
"Gushers"  
As we  
bless them  
this weekend...

## Mass Intentions for February 5 - February 11 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
February 5	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, Nan Rettig
February 6	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Edward Glowicki
February 7	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Elizabeth Heaton, BC and Rip Collins
February 8	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Derek Klein
February 9	8:00am	Fr. Takuski	Louie Marasovic, Kay and Joe Klemak
February 10	5:00pm	Fr. Lodge	Daniel Klepczarek, William and Gloria Gray, John McGuire(living), Genevieve M. Hupe, Ian Villagracia(living)
February 11	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Robert Spyrison, Julia Kopacz
	8:45am	Fr. Lodge	Mae O'Connell
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	Stacy Baker, John Baker, Joanne Sourek, Gail Macko(Special intention), Nicholas Lodato
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Fernando and Lupita Valtierra, 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.

**February - Debra Goldman**

**January - Mary Ann Bamberger, Eugene Bastedo**

**December - Mary Lue Buchler**

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

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

**Roman Ambrose**

Son of Christopher Stare and Kelsie Kiley



**Anthony Jose Barraza and Analai Jimena Barraza**

Son and Daughter of Jose Barraza and Daniella Cabalero

**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT**

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

**Elias Gallardo**

**May he rest in peace....**

### PLEASE SCAN TO DONATE

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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table

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## Pastor's Note

*“Praise the Lord, for he is good;  
sing praise to our God,  
for he is gracious;  
it is fitting to praise him.”*  
Psalm 147:1

Dear Friends,

Our desire to praise, worship, and thank the Lord for his blessings and goodness continues to grow and deepen at our parish community. We deeply sense and feel being in his presence every time we come to Mass, every time we find ourselves “together at the table.”

Last weekend was a special weekend at our parish. On Saturday (1/27/24) we hosted a special retreat for our children who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:00 PM in our beautiful church. Then, the following day (1/18/24), with the leadership of our School Administrators, Staff, and Faculty, we hosted a Family Mass at our 10:30 AM Mass which was followed by School Open House.

The special confirmation retreat for our children went well. We were blessed to have Jenny Kumdrick as the director and master of the retreat. A woman of strong faith, she has a gentle and beautiful relationship with the Lord. With a good knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church, she finds joy, strength, and inspiration sharing her faith and leading our children to Jesus with confidence and love. The way she inspired the hearts of our children to have Jesus as part of their lives was amazing. They concluded their retreat by attending our 5:00 PM Mass with their parents. As I offer my gratitude to Jenny, I also would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our 82 children who attended the retreat. My special thanks to all parents for your continued support and for partnering with us in the faith formation of your children. In a special way, I would like to acknowledge and thank Larry Manetti, Director of Faith Formation, for his fine ministry and leadership. He had an amazing team of volunteers assisting at the retreat to whom I also offer my whole-hearted gratitude.

Our Family Mass last Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass was special. It was filled with the goodness, kindness, and love of God. We all felt it. We all celebrated it with gratitude and joy. Children accompanied by their parents came “together at the table” with faith, openness, and joy. We all sang along with our children’s choir. We listened attentively to the living Word of God that was proclaimed to us by our children. We felt inspired seeing our children serving as Altar Servers and bringing the gifts to the Altar. We all felt being a family of God. We felt affirmed, encouraged, and loved by God. I offer my sincere gratitude to all for their generous contribution towards our Family Mass. Please hold them in prayer.

After Family Mass, we had our School Open House which was well organized and attended. I encountered, greeted, and held encouraging conversations with many of them. One of them was Samer Totonchi. He is an active member of our parish. He, along with his family, attends Mass faithfully every Sunday. He sends all his children to our school. He is a man who is able to see and notice the presence and goodness of the Lord in our Parish and School. He delights seeing our parish alive and praying well. Please turn to page 6 to find his reflection about our recent Family Mass. I felt encouraged by his message. I am confident that you, too, will feel encouraged. Samer reminds me of a former professor/mentor who reminded me frequently to be a channel of peace, kindness, and love.

Following the leadership of our shepherd Cardinal Cupich, this weekend, we are invited to join him in his efforts to serve and bring the love of Christ to those who are in need by generously participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal. I know that you have a very generous heart. I am also aware that you are good in sharing your blessings with those who are in need. In advance, I offer you my sincere gratitude.

May our desire to praise, worship, and thank the Lord be strengthened and blessed by the Lord.

Fr. Elmer Romero

## Note From Father Mike

### Lent is around the corner

Yep. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>, also Valentine's Day this year, while Easter will be on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>. To me, it sort of would put a hamper on some of the traditional ways couples might show their love for someone else on Valentines Day. For instance, many couples would go out for a nice dinner at a restaurant that specializes in grilled meats (steak, ribs, pork chops,...). With the "no meat" abstinence "rule" for Ash Wednesday (and Good Friday), maybe the restaurants that specialize in fish will have the bulk of the business, or maybe Italian fare.

At St. Cletus, this year's Lenten practices will be much of the same traditions we all grew up with – no meat on Fridays, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening, and there will be a Fish Fry sponsored by the Fathers Club. There are a couple of other opportunities to deepen our faith with two Evenings of Prayer and Reflection on February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>. Finally, at our regularly schedule weekend Masses, we will also bring back a couple of traditions I've seen in many parishes.

The first thing to remember is that the Gloria will not be said nor sung during the season (except for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>). The Gloria is suppressed in both penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. It kind of makes little sense to use the prayer in one season that we are preparing for the birth of the great King, and the other season that the grown-up King knows of his impending death. Makes more sense to bring it back for the celebrations of the birth of Jesus and His Resurrection.

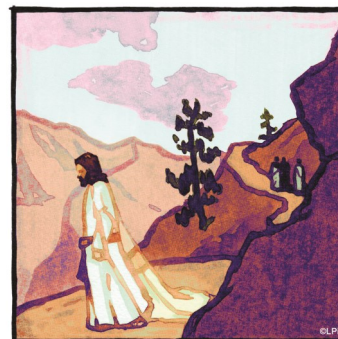
The second change you will notice is that we will be praying the Confiteor as our Penitential Rite, followed by a sung "Kyrie eleison." Taking the opportunity to use the original Greek text at this time of the Mass keeps us a little more on our toes, forcing us to pay closer attention to the Mass. Again, it's not about turning back the clock as many

people might believe and be "turned off" by. It's that sometimes we all get to be too complacent and set in our ways. Adding just a little change once in a while, alerting our minds that we ARE in a special season. And yes, the Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy) is Greek. Other parts of the Mass (when used) are Latin (Sanctus, Agnus Dei,...).

The last of the major changes for the Sunday Masses in Lent is that we will be chanting the Our Father. Again, the prayer is familiar to us, but certainly chanting any prayer raises our minds and hearts to the Father. Imagine – everyone knows the prayer and when we pray it together, it could be one of the most powerful sounds; however, if it's sung, it could really raise the roof. If you don't remember the chant tones for the Our Father, I believe you will pick it up quickly.

Of course, our goal in Lent is to be more aware of our need for changing pieces of our lives with the intent of strengthening our relationship with God. After all, it's only through Jesus that we are fully capable of strengthening that relationship with the Father BECAUSE he became one of us. If we work to get our relationship with Jesus in a better order, then it helps with God the Father. And don't leave out the Holy Spirit. Don't forget to thank Him for the guidance and gift of seeing God in every person on earth.

Peace,  
Fr. Mike



## Sunday Notes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

**Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

**Saturday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin

**Next Sunday:** World Marriage Day



# Confirmation Retreat

This past Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we held our Confirmation Retreat in the Parish Center. The retreat was led by Jenny Krumdriek, an Inspirational Speaker & Confidence Coach for Teens. She has facilitated retreats in many area parishes.

The different activities engaged our young people and the retreat allowed time for quiet prayer in Church with each child receiving a packet with letters from parents and other loved ones. Following the retreat, the children and their families were invited to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass.



## Please Join Us On Ash Wednesday!

# Ash Wednesday

### WORD SERVICES WITH ASHES

- 6:30 a.m. (English)
- 12:00 p.m. (English)
- 3:30 p.m. (English)
- 5:00 p.m. (English)

### MASSES WITH ASHES

- 8:00 a.m.(English)
- 10:00 a.m. School Mass (English)
- 7:00 p.m. (English/Spanish)

**Wednesday, February 14**  
**ALL SERVICES ARE IN THE CHURCH**

*Lent*  
**2024**

## A Note Of Gratitude

Dear Fr Romero,

I wanted to share with you how wonderful and inspiring today's Mass was for our family.

We felt such a strong sense of community from the St Cletus family throughout the Mass. The great attendance by the families and their children and grandchildren made the environment so much more comfortable and welcoming for all members of our family, young and old. We felt warm and encouragement from surrounding families helping keep our wiggly screaming children still and quiet. The children's Choir encouraged participation from our children giving them a sense of belonging. The amazing and dedicated school teachers showed commitment to plant seeds of faith along solid education for future generations. Most importantly, today was an amazing witness for us that St Cletus is a diverse and dynamic community that radiates with love for Jesus as we come to encounter him fully at Mass, and want to share this love with others.

The entrance song title "family of God" best sums up our experience today, and how wonderful would it be if we encourage one another to return every Sunday, and invite others to journey together in building a community of God at St Cletus.

God bless your ministry,

Samer Totonchi, DO FACOS

Loyola Medicine Physician Group

# Blessed



# School News

## OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone that attended our open house last weekend!!! It was a marvelous day!



## JOIN US FOR FAMILY BINGO ON FEBRUARY 9TH!



# Family BINGO! Night



When: February 9th 6:30pm Doors open at 6pm

Where: Parish Center

\$15 per family early bird (rsvp by 2/8)

\$20 per family at the door

(fee gets everyone in your family *one* BINGO card. Additional cards can be purchased for \$5 each)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. Cletus FSA

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# 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

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@St.CletusFoodPantry

### FOOD PANTRY

#### Donation Reminder!

We have seen a recent uptick in donations of items we cannot accept. WE DO NOT ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MEAT, PERISHABLES (including fruits/vegetables), CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD GOODS. Please also be mindful of putting donations in the outside donation bin during freezing temperatures as items can expand and burst. Donation bins are also located in the Church Narthex, for your convenience. If you have any questions about a donations, please do not hesitate to ask first! [foodpantry@stcletusparish.com](mailto:foodpantry@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418. Thank you!

#### 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!

FIND A VOLUNTEER ROLE THAT FITS YOUR INTERESTS AND AVAILABILITY!

Coffee & Refreshments

**FOR THE LOVE OF VOLUNTEERING**

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9-11:30 am

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FAIR**

→ All are welcome. Bring a friend!

HOSTED BY ICP

Interfaith Community Partners

First Presbyterian Church of La Grange  
150 S. Ashland Ave.  
Enter at Elm St. and Catherine Ave.

Join us at our upcoming event, where a multitude of organizations come together under one roof, offering you the perfect opportunity to make a difference in your community. Sip a cup of coffee and explore a diverse range of causes and find the perfect volunteer role that aligns with your passions and skills. Together, let's create a positive impact and build a stronger, more compassionate community.

Participating nonprofits include: CAAEL, Community Support Services, Go Green La Grange, Helping Hand, Hinsdale Humane Society, Interfaith Community Partners, La Grange Area Historical Society, LATTE Theater, Leadershop, Pillars, St Cletus Food Pantry, Scouting, and more!

### AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion clinics. This campaign runs from February 14 – March 21. If you are interested in signing up and participating locally, you can do so here:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/downersgrove>



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



# Join Us February 12th!

*St. Cletus Parish*

PLEASE JOIN US FEBRUARY 12TH AT 6:30PM FOR:

AN EVENING OF ENCOUNTER WITH OUR PARISH STAFF



GATHER WITH US IN OUR PARISH CENTER TO SHARE A MEAL AND GET TO KNOW OUR PARISH STAFF BETTER!

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP



## Reviving Our Faith In God's Eternal Self-Gift

In the Last Supper, Jesus offered his disciples a gift so incredible, so powerful, that it changed not only their lives (and ours) but also the entire cosmic order. This gift makes the eternal God, creator of heaven and earth, available to us humble human beings here in now. It fixes our brokenness, repairing our relationship with the God who wants to be a close Father, not a distant and unknowable force. This is a gift that the Church in Vatican II rightly described as both the *source* and the *summit* of our Christian faith—the Eucharist.

And yet, having received the most important gift ever given, many of us Catholics today struggle to appreciate what the Eucharist means, how it calls us to live as Christians, and the beauty of the sacrament in which we get to share.

It's like we've been invited to dine at a Michelin star restaurant but turn it down because we prefer Firestone tires. We may not even realize what it is we're missing!

The Eucharist is too good, too beautiful, and too true to be overlooked in our faith and daily life as Christians. Recognizing the need to revitalize this foundational aspect of our faith, the US Bishops encourage us to participate in the Eucharistic Revival, a time of revisiting the truth that we partake of Christ's body and blood and get to share in his true presence among us.

You have probably seen the banner next to the tabernacle

reminding us of Christ's real presence. Perhaps you read *This Is My Body* by Bishop Robert Barron, viewed the Eucharistic miracle panels, and attended our Eucharistic adoration in the fall. Our parish's Eucharistic Revival Committee is just getting started, and we invite you to help us revitalize each other's understanding of and devotion to the Eucharist.

**Beginning March 6 and continuing the first Wednesday of each month, we will be hosting The Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in our church.** Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we seek to know Jesus more deeply and receive his awesome gift to us.



# Hispanic Ministry

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

## INTENCIONES DE MISA:

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

## MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

## FORMATION OF THE MINISTRY OF CARE

Thank you to the following people who took the training of Ministry of Care. **Manuel and Margarita Ruiz, Soledad Lopez, Rosamaría Martin, Erasmo and Teresita Zavala, Cuquita Quesada, Lupita Ruvalcaba, Luis and Beronica Martinez, Marbella Martinez, Edith Elizondo, Alicia Cuellar and Lourdes Treviño.** We thank God for their willingness to take Communion to those who are homebound, in nursing homes, or in hospitals. Home/hospital visitation and communion calls. Please contact the Minister of Care office. 708-352-6209

## FORMACIÓN DEL MINISTERIO DE COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS

Gracias a las siguientes personas que tomaron la capacitación para ministros de Comunión a los Enfermos. **Manuel y Margarita Ruiz, Soledad Lopez, Rosamaría Martin, Erasmo y Teresita Zavala, Cuquita Quesada, Lupita Ruvalcaba, Luis y Beronica Martinez, Marbella Martinez, Edith Elizondo, Alicia Cuellar and Lourdes Treviño.** Damos gracias a Dios por su disposición de llevar la Comunión a quienes están confinados en sus hogares, en hogares de ancianos o en hospitales. Visitas domiciliarias/hospitales y llamadas de comunión. Comuníquese con la oficina del ministro de los Enfermos. 708-352-6209





# Ministry News

## BOOK CLUB



Come join us on February 13<sup>th</sup> for our Discussion of *The Celebrants* by Stephen Rawley . We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail [book\\_club@stcletusparish.com](mailto:book_club@stcletusparish.com).

For those who like to look ahead, our April book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

## ST. CLETUS NEEDS YOU!

Proclaiming the Word of God is an important ministry.

If you feel called to share your talents in that capacity,

there will be training for New Lectors February 18th and 25th immediately following 7:15am Mass in the Gallagher Room.

If you are one of our veteran lectors, but would like extra training, you are welcome to attend too.

Please pray about helping. Thank you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

We are pleased with the positive feedback we are getting about Mass intentions online. It has helped us process the multiple requests we receive in the Parish Office. I would like to share a few guidelines to help us better serve you.

Mass intentions may be requested in person and by phone during business hours or 24 hours online.

To ensure Mass intentions are published in the bulletin and read at Mass, they must be requested at least ten days prior to the Sunday of publication.

We kindly ask requesters to limit a Mass intention to one name. However, multiple intentions may be requested at any time.

Thank you for supporting St. Cletus Parish.

Deacon Franco

Operations Director



# Bible Study

A BIBLICAL  
**WALK**  
THROUGH THE  
**MASS**



**We kindly ask participants to donate \$ 30.00 to cover the cost of materials. Donation may be left with the Parish Office or at Bible Study. Thank you**



Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. Come and join us every Tuesday in Lent, starting February 20 at 7pm in the Gallagher Room. Please visit our website or scan this QR code to register. For more information contact **Deacon Franco** at the Parish Office or **Monica Herron** at [monicaherron@gmail.com](mailto:monicaherron@gmail.com).

We kindly ask participants to donate \$ 30.00 to cover the cost of materials, if possible. Thank you!

# Community News

## 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.

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## QUARTERLY RESUME REVIEW

Saturday, February 17, 9-11 am

Join us for a helpful 20-30 minute, one-on-one conversation with an HR, or other search-related professionals. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, in La Grange. Visit us at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org) for additional resources

## ACING THE JOB INTERVIEW WHAT RECRUITERS WANT TO HEAR


Job seekers understand that interviewing successfully is one of the trickiest aspects of the job search process. The call for an interview can come at any time after job seekers have applied to a vast number of job positions. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, Lead Recruitment Consultant at Hirewell, has interviewed countless candidates. She will walk you

through methods to prepare for success in an interview, and let you know how to give the answers that wow the interviewers. Nicole also coaches candidates preparing for interviews and will share her advice and tips on how to prepare for your next interview. Get an insider's advice, and feel confident that you will be the best prepared candidate to land the position you are looking for.

Join us Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 pm in St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs for an interactive session with a very entertaining and informative speaker. This program is open to all and there's no cost to attend. We hope to see you there!

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com> for more resources

## JOYFUL AGAIN

 *If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.*

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at **St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois.** The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

# Preferred Partners



# Thank you!





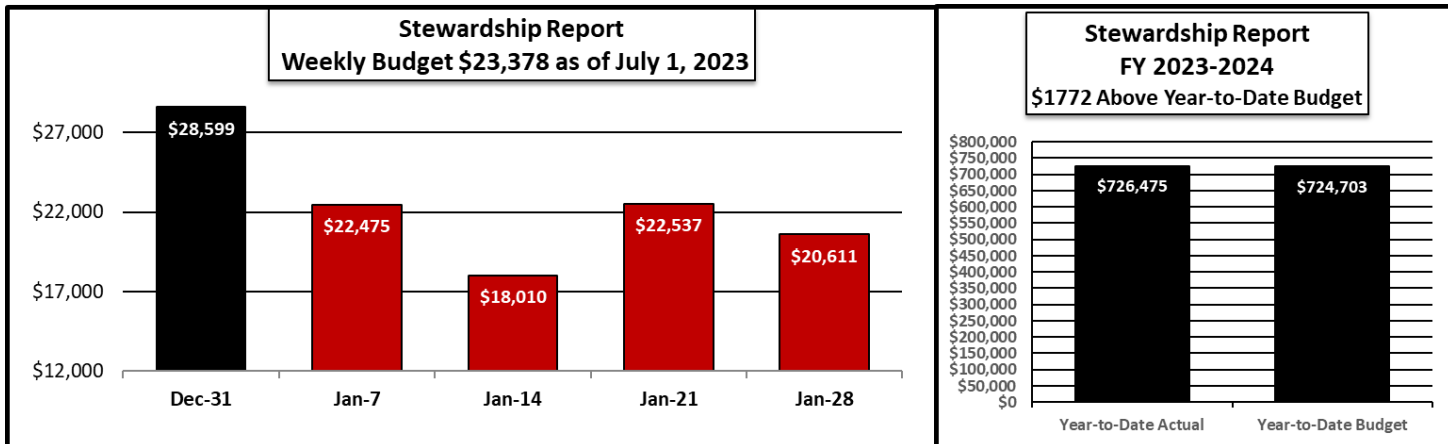
# Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 4	At All Masses	Church	Blessing of the Gushers
Monday, February 5	8-9pm	Parish Center	Girls Church League Basketball
Tuesday, February 6	7pm 7pm 8pm	Church Gallagher Room Parish Center	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- Spanish School Board Meeting Senior Basketball Practice Church League
Wednesday, February 7	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, February 8	4-8pm 8-10pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Team Practices
Friday, February 9	6:30pm	Parish Center	Family Bingo
Saturday, February 10	8pm-12am	Church	Nocturnal Adoration
Sunday, February 11	12am-5am 3pm	Church Parish Center	Nocturnal Adoration Super Bowl Party

# Stewardship Report

## SCHOOL COLLECTION

"The special collection to fund scholarships to help support our St. Cletus school children due to the state of Illinois shutting down the Empower Illinois program raised \$6142.00. A most emphatic thank you to all of you for most your generous support of our school children!!! As of January 31, the fund has received \$7608.00 in donations."



## 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](mailto: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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
School .....(708) 352-4820  
www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

## 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 Sunday .....Closed

## 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.

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

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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.