

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for
the Lord
-Isaiah 49:6b



THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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“COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

Matthew 4:19

Mass Intentions for January 23 - January 29, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
January 23	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie V. Vieceli, Betty Verhoeven, Joe and Kay Klemak
January 24	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Bultas Andrew F. Jr
January 25	8:00am	Fr. Romero	BC and Rip Collins, special intention for Matthew O'Connell
January 26	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Edward Kwak, Lawrence Vieceli
January 27	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 28	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
January 29	7:15am	Fr. Romero	John Duda, David J. Pilarczyk, Geraldine Rincon
	8:45am	Fr. Kalas	Eugene Sorrentino, George and Wanda Kuchta, Mary Chandler
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	Russ Evans, Pamela Rae Karlson
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners

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.

January - Daniel Lacey, Janusz Szczepanski, James Wallace, Bill Gozdecki, Peter Feleice, Matthew O'Connell, Donna Kurcz, Bill Deleshe, Wei Han

December - Marlene Heyes, Patricia Rodey

November -

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

DUELING PIANOS IN THE PARISH CENTER



FRIDAY, FEB. 3

8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

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ANDREW BLENDERMANN

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HEAVY APPETIZERS

FUN GAMES
AND RAFFLES



Hospitality Next Weekend

Following 5pm, 7:15am,
and 8:45am

*Join us at our school OPEN HOUSE
following 10:30am mass
and 12:30pm mass*



Pastor's Note

*“One thing I ask of the Lord;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple,
Psalm 27:4*

Dear Parishioners,

As we grow in our relationship with the Lord, every day we discover that we have a God who loves us deeply. Each day, we learn that He delights sharing his love with us. How blessed we are to have a relationship and belong to such a kind and loving God.

It seems to me that as believers this is something that we are invited to notice and cherish daily, that we are loved by God. This is something that I learned from my parents and then reaffirmed when I entered the seminary to become a priest. Now that I am with you, God continues to share His love with me through your friendship and kindness. He is real. His love is real, too.



Starting today, we are blessed with three wonderful opportunities to be with God and each other. Together as we pray and learn, we will joyfully receive the love that Lord wants us to have. God will share His love with us twice through the life and ministry of deacon Keith Strohm. He is scheduled to be with us today and tomorrow. Today at 2:00 PM he will share his reflection on “Called to be Sons & Daughters” and tomorrow at 7:00 PM, on “Walking the Path of Discipleship.” Deacon Keith is a man of deep faith. He shares his faith and passion for evangelization not only in terms of his knowledge of the faith but above all from his experience of being loved by God. Please keep him and all those who plan to attend in your prayers.

The third opportunity to be with God and each other is our Celebration and Sharing of Holy Moments that will be held this Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, at 7:00 PM in our church. We all are invited to come together and thank the Lord for all the holy moments he gives us daily. Together, we will have an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Lord for the ways he is present in our lives. Personally, I become more aware of the action of the Lord in my life by recognizing His actions and kindness in those around me to whom I am privileged to serve and minister. Perhaps, this is something He wants to do for you. Please keep the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Staff in your prayers. It is thanks to their leadership and counsel that we are hosting “Celebration and Sharing of Holy Moments” for the first time at our parish. I hope you will join us. I am looking forward to it.

**May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen our
desire to receive His love and dwell in His house!**

Fr. Elmer Romero



May you have a blessed week
full of *holy moments*...

Join us January 22nd & 23rd

Save
the
Date

Sunday,
January 22, 2023
2pm
&
Monday,
January 23, 2023
7pm



Author and renowned speaker,
Deacon Keith Strohm

is coming to
St. Cletus Parish Center!
He will share how
much you are loved by our
Heavenly Father in his two talks,
“Called to be Sons & Daughters” (Sunday) *and*
“Walking the Path of Discipleship” (Monday)



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Hispanic Ministry

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



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

DEVOCIÓN GUADALUPANA

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupeana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

GUADALUPE DEVOTION

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate. .

Note From Father Mike

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court (with lots of new faces than 49 years earlier) decided to overturn the decision made in 1973. It was no longer a federal right to abort a child. However, the work of stopping such an abhorrent action – ending another human being’s life on purpose – is not finished. Apparently, that legislation is now in the hands of individual states. So, what do we do now? First and foremost, we cannot stop praying that the Holy Spirit converts the hearts of the men and women who don’t believe that a pregnant woman is carrying a CHILD inside her womb. That means there is a little human being ALIVE inside her womb. And that life begins at the very moment the child is conceived. Even technology can prove that. So, what is the mental block, or the reason for such spiritually, stony hearts?

Well, in our world today, the focus has changed from the child within to the mother carrying the child and HER rights. “Pro-choice” used to mean that the parents of a child had the right to make a choice about whether or not the child is allowed to live. Nowadays, “pro-choice” refers to whether or not a woman has the right to decide whether or not she has to carry out a nine-month pregnancy because she is inconvenienced by an “invader” to her body as if the being were a virus that needed to be “dealt with” or “cured” even though it was partially 95% her choice to take the chance of becoming pregnant in the first place. I’m very aware of the bluntness of that last statement, but that’s how I feel. In many ways, I think the same way about tattoos. Someone walks into a tattoo shop under their own power and with their own free will, and, has someone draw and/or write on their skin, defaces the body (the temple of the Holy Spirit) which God gave them. Yet, a tattoo comes with consequences, particularly ITS

permanence. It’s there forever unless you have it removed by a professional – and from what I understand, **IT’S PAINFUL**. Yet in researching this topic, the only thing the Church recommends regarding tattoos is to keep it something modest, not degrading nor vulgar.

The other topic for this weekend is something Pope Francis asked of his ministers around the world to focus on the importance of Scripture in leading a spiritual life in Christ. St. Paul tells us in his first letter to Timothy that the Word of God is unchained. It’s not something that even the world could contain. In spite of so many people who want to suppress the Word of God, the power of the Holy Spirit drives the Word through the most stubborn of hearts. Some people might try to argue that last phrase “the most stubborn of hearts,” but even the people in Jesus time that were against Him eventually would find His words to be true, even if they didn’t believe. Take the example of the two soldiers who were guarding the tomb of Jesus. They ended up lying about Jesus’ resurrection with the authorities because they were afraid even though they had seen. They were afraid of the authorities, of the event they witnessed, and even of their families and friends because if the Word got out to the public that Jesus rose from the dead, then it would cause a huge uprising amongst the believers. Instead, because of their lie, the Word would be spread gradually and boldly with people choosing to accept it or not.

How are you doing with your reading the Bible? Do you? Do you seek the Word as a resource in your times of joy and pain? There are many questions that arise when we read the Bible. The deepest question ought to be “Do I believe that these are the divinely-inspired Word of God?”

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalms — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
St. Marianne Cope

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Sharing our Graces and Blessings

THANK YOU

Last Sunday marked Karen Ziemba's final mass as music director. Earlier that week our choir held a wonderful and delicious potluck as a farewell party. At the end of 10:30 mass Father Mike, along with the entire congregation, joined in a blessing for Karen. Thank you for being such a blessing to St. Cletus!



BLESSING OF THE NEW GATHER BOOKS

Last Sunday we took a moment at the end of mass to bless our beautiful new Gather Hymnals! Thank you to everyone who put great effort in to making these books possible and to everyone who donated towards the effort!



School News

**JOIN US FOR
OPEN HOUSE**

**JANUARY 29TH
10:30AM-2:30PM**

COME SEE WHY EVERYDAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!




708.352.4820
www.stcletusschool.com

Save the date



**Our next D4D is
January 24th
5-7pm**

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 also have a table inside selling their chocolate chip cookies, 3 for \$1, (cash only) and all cookie proceeds come straight to St. Cletus!

Where: McDonalds
5701 South LaGrange Road, Countryside

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came out to our 21+ trivia night hosted by our FSA! It was a night full of sharing knowledge and FUN!! Congratulations to team "Risky Quizzness" on their win!



TAX CREDIT REMINDER!



There's still time to donate to St. Cletus School through the Tax Credit Scholarship Incentive Program.. For additional donation information please call Empower Illinois for guidance at 1-800-616-7606 or call the St. Cletus School Office at 708-352-4820. Share this information with your relatives and friends. Thanks for supporting St. Cletus School.

Join Us January 25th

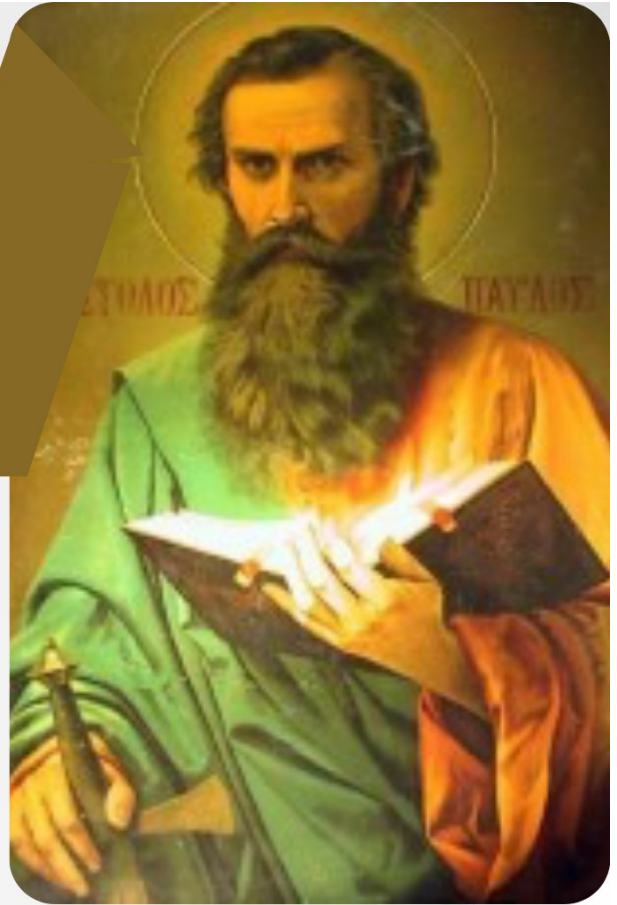

ST. CLETUS PARISH
 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

Celebrating HOLY MOMENTS

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE

Outline

- **Opening Song**
- **The Introductory Rites**
 - Collect
- **The Liturgy of the Word**
 - First Reading: Acts 22: 3-16
 - Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.
 - Gospel: Mark 5:13-16
 - Homily (Brief)
- **Sharing of Holy Moments by five members of our parish (five minutes per person)**
 - Leonard Bertin
 - Rhea Plaia
 - Xavier Polanski
 - Kendall Grant
 - Karen Ziemba
- **Meditation Song**
 - (Parishioners will be invited to come forward and light a candle).
- **Prayer of the Faithful**
 - Pray together The Lord's Prayer
- **Concluding Prayer**
- **Acknowledgements / Thank you!**
- **Blessing and Dismissal**
- **Closing Song**



Wednesday
January 25, 2023

**Join
Us!**

In the
Church

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS
6-8PM**

Wish List:

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

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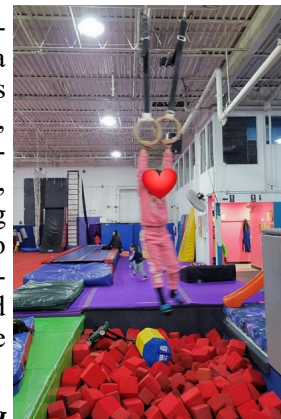
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THANK YOU!

Last weekend we were able to host a wonderful outing for the families seeking asylum that are residing in a nearby shelter. It was a collaborative effort from many generous people and organizations in our community. First, Flying High who donated a private party, plus food and drinks to all 30 children and 23 adults! All of the parents were so engaged and active with the kids; climbing ropes, jumping on trampolines, “swimming” through the foam pit, going through the obstacle bounce house, on and on! This event was also made possible by the generous donation of transportation from Lyons Township via Township Supervisor Christopher Getty and Countryside Mayor Sean McDermott. We are so grateful for the generous and creative support of this community. Thank you!



“Thank you for giving us such an exciting night with family and friends.”

“Thank you for this moment of making us all feel like children again. God multiple everything for you.”

“God bless your work to give us tonight, such a beautiful and creative time for all the children.”

“Blessings for all those people who supported this event. Thank you!”

WELCOME PACKS

St. Cletus Social Concerns has helped to coordinate Welcome Packs for ALL of the families staying at the nearby shelter. In collaboration with D105, St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier, Nazareth Academy, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, we are preparing each family to start their new lives in furnished apartments. At this time, we anticipate these are the final two families we will be doing Welcome Packs for. One family has two 6 year old girls and the other family has 15 and 11 year old girls. A direct link to the Amazon List can be found here: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2PH401V0VJ5F2/guest-view> Thank you so much for your support! We have been blown away with your generous response!



LAGRANGE LIVING MAGAZINE COVER!

Several of you noticed Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, in the recent edition of LaGrange Living Magazine! We love working with other non-profit leaders throughout LaGrange. The photo features many of the members of the LaGrange Area Business Association-Nonprofit Committee. This is such a collaborative and inspiring group of people to be a part of.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



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

Music Ministry

Greetings, Saint Cletus family!



I'm beyond excited to be joining the ranks here as Director of Music Ministries and looking forward to discovering all the great things about this parish while helping to lead you in worship through song. Since being introduced here and there to different aspects of the parish,

I'm finding myself repeatedly in awe of what a vibrant, engaged community this is!

I'm coming to Saint Cletus from Saint Irene in Warrentville, where I served since the fall of 2013. Leaving my Saint Irene family was not the easiest decision, but I'll admit that for much of the past year in my prayer and in my sometimes-seemingly-one-sided conversations with God, I've found myself asking him "where do you want me to be, Lord?" Then one day I randomly received a phone call from someone saying "Hello, my name is Karen Ziemba, I hear good things about you, and I'd like to meet you".

Let's go back to those "sometimes-seemingly-one-sided conversations". Needless to say, perhaps, but I feel like he gave me a pretty clear and solid answer to that question since... here I am!

All of that being said... I can't wait to dive in and see what kind of joyful noise we can make here! I'm very much into "music". By that I mean "all music"... sacred to secular, things written long ago (that one choir member once said "we refer to those as the 'moldy oldies'"") to things written last week. I enjoy finding new takes on existing hymns. I love getting to workshop things with the choir, and I love hearing the choir sing... but even more than that I love hearing *you* sing! When you do, it affirms that those of us up front leading you are doing something right. I'm most definitely interested in hearing what -you- love, what you...less-than-love... and how we in music ministry can better serve you/enhance your ability to worship.

So, by way of introduction... I'm not the biggest fan of talking about myself, so I've decided that rather than giving you a boring resume and saying that I've been a Bears fan

(for better or worse) since I was 10... I'm going to have more fun with it and offer you some trivia. Before that though, let me close for now with: Please, come say hello, call me Ryan (kiddos younger than HS should probably stick to "Mr. R"), be forgiving if I ask your name 2... or 9... times and share what you love about Saint Cletus with me! I look forward to meeting and worshipping with you all!

~Ryan

A little (goofy) trivia:

I'm an east coast guy; I grew up very much in "farm country" near Allentown, PA and have definitely spent my fair share of time with cows.

I have a Bachelor's in Music Performance from Temple university and lived in Philadelphia for seven years.

My Master's degree is from the Manhattan School of Music, and I lived in New York City for eight years.... both degrees are in Viola performance.

My great aunt was the organist at my home church for 60 years (!!!)

I'm an only child. (I promise I've learned to share though, even if it's begrudgingly.)

My "happy places" are mowing the lawn (yes, really) and being up in the mountains (my parents still live about 5 miles from the Appalachian trail... and I still marvel at how flat it is in Illinois)

Dogs over cats, 100%. (I love animals in general, honestly.)

If I'm not smiling, I look angry. If I look angry, it's 99.8% likely that I'm totally happy, I'm just not smiling at the moment! Don't let it fool you.

Vanilla wins over chocolate in the ice cream dept., unless it's "Phish food" ice cream... that stuff is amazing.

Lastly... Had I not gone to music school I would likely have been a surgeon... therefore, I am proof that God *does* have a sense of humor, even in his plans for us!

Ministry News

KAIROS

Registration for Kairos 40 is now open! Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up right away! shorturl.at/pEY15



Registration closes February 1st.

DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading Laine Change by Mary Ann Doornbos We will meet on February 14 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

For those who like to look ahead...

April 11 In the Woods by Tana French

June 13 The Dream Daughter by Diane Chamberlain

As always, all are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294



Ministry News

DON'T MISS OUT- RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW FOR THE FIRST ST. CLETUS SUPER BOWL PARTY!



Sunday, February 12, 2023
St. Cletus Parish Center - Doors open at 3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council and assisted by the St. Cletus Fathers' Club

Reserve your table now to make sure you and your "TEAM" have the best seats in the house for Super Bowl LVII! Stop by and visit the table in the back of church after all masses to reserve your table or purchase your individual ticket for the first St. Cletus Super Bowl Party. Cost is \$20 per table of 6 or \$5 per person and includes pizza and wings. While you're at it, how about purchasing a lucky Super Bowl square? Squares can be purchased for \$10 per square and winners need not be present to win! You can also visit the parish website to reserve your table for this event. Doors open at 3:00 pm Sunday, February 12th in the Parish Center. Enjoy multiple screens set up so you don't miss a minute of the game, commercials or half time show. Pizza and wings will be on hand and feel free to bring game-day munchies to share with your table. Beer, wine, soda and water will be available for

purchase. So, grab your lucky jersey, round up your friends, family, neighbors or come and meet some new friends and join us on Super Bowl Sunday in the St. Cletus Parish Center.

MINISTER OF CARE MEETING

The Minister of Care(MOC) ministry is one which communion is brought to people in the hospital to people confined to their home or to those in a nursing home. It is a wonderful and rewarding ministry that can be done a couple of hours a day, one day a month **or more, if you wish.** It can be done in the morning, afternoon, or evening. It's up to you!

We are looking for mature men or women to come to this meeting. If you are a MOC or would like to find out more about MOC we are meeting in the Parish Center at 7pm on February 1st. For more information or questions, call Jo Ann Martinez at 708-955-2812

Get Involved In Mass!

I have been working with RCIA's (adults who would like to become Catholic) in our cluster this year, and we are talking about how Christian initiation makes the candidate a member of the church and of the parish community. Once they are received into the church, they can fully participate and be a part of our worship. They are very excited about this and are looking forward to being received into the church.

I was thinking about this: new Catholics are important, but how can we make the current members of our community feel a closer part of it? There are lots of ways that not only new Catholics but cradle Catholics can participate fully in the church. Sure, you come to mass (and believe me, we appreciate that), but you can participate more fully in the mass. I would like to invite you to consider being a liturgical minister. We always need lectors, communion ministers, altar servers, greeters and ushers. If you are interested in finding out more about these ministries, of course please contact me. Training will be held at a convenient time and you can be scheduled as frequently or infrequently as you would like.

We also would love to have parishioners bring the gifts forward at every mass, as we did before the pandemic. This is a one-time thing that you can easily do. Single people, couples and families are welcome to do this. If you have made a donation for a mass intention, please consider bringing up the gifts for that mass.

Bringing up gifts is an ancient Christian tradition, dating from the days when Christians worshiped in homes and celebrated with a meal afterward. Food, including the bread and wine for the Eucharist, was brought forward by the community and became a part of the celebration. We recreate this tradition at every mass,

where the community brings forward the bread and wine that become the body and blood of Christ.

Here are some ways that you can offer to bring up the gifts at a particular mass: we have a Signup Genius available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-bring>. If you don't want to use Signup Genius, there is a paper signup sheet in the narthex. Or, you can email me at tnorton@stcletusparish.com. This is a particularly nice way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or as I mentioned, another way to participate in a mass remembering your loved one or special intention. We invite you to pray about becoming more involved in any ministry, and we look forward to hearing from 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vocation Office
750 North Wabash
Ave. Chicago, IL

ENGAGE COMMUNITY

Men and women (single, divorced, widowed or married) 50 yrs old and up looking to connect with people who are willing to share their faith and help build a community of friendship, fun and service.



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 25th when we will be hosting our first event of the year. To begin our journey, we will start with a short video on Prayer and Connection followed by a group discussion and, of course, snacks.

Where: St. Francis Xavier Unity Hall
124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL

When: Wednesday, January 25th

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Unity Hall is located between the church and the school. Enter from the SFX parking lot on Spring Avenue. Unity Hall is between the school building and the church. This is also a great way for new parishioners to meet. We are excited and looking forward to meeting everyone. If interested and have any questions, email Amy at sspagetts@aol.com.

THE WELLS PROGRAM

Embracing Our Inner Wisdom through Art

Saturday, Jan 28, 9am – 12pm

Facilitators: Gillian Romano and Bridget Sperduto

Join us for a winter morning of reflection where you can

pause and listen to the insights of your own inner wisdom as it resonates with the rhythm of the season. Poetry, visual art and music will aid us on our journey. You don't need to be an artist or to have your own supplies!

"The Letter": Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, Feb 6 • 1 - 3pm

repeated Wednesday, Feb 8 • 6:30 - 8:30pm (CT)

Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

This film follows an indigenous leader from the Amazon rainforest, a young climate activist from India, a climate refugee from Senegal, and two

marine biologists who live in Hawaii as they travel from their corners of the world to meet with Pope Francis. Dialogue is central to the Pope's vision for humanity's peace with all creation. Let's watch the film together and engage in conversation on how we can solve our broken

systems and more deeply understand that a better future is in our hands.

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Searching for ways to spread Christ's Love this Valentine's Day?

Desire to connect with the greater Catholic community of Chicago?

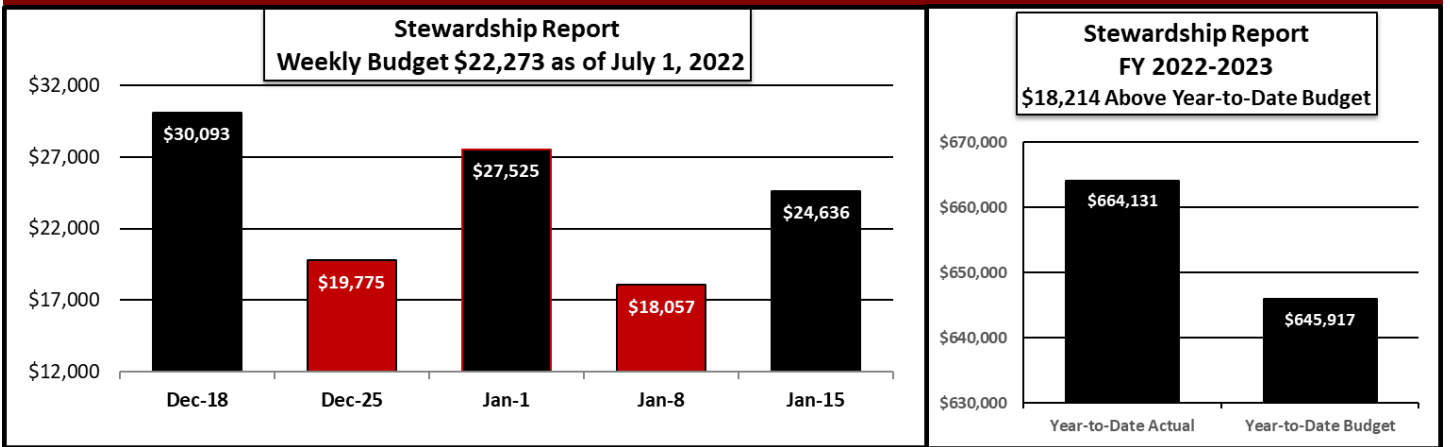
Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00p.m. Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. will be celebrating Mass.

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass to be held Thursday, February 2, 2023 at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.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.

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 22	2pm	Gallagher Room	“Called to be Sons and Daughters” by Deacon Keith Strohm
Monday, January 23	7pm	Gallagher Room	“Walking the Patch of Discipleship”
Tuesday, January 24	5-7pm 8:15-9:45pm	McDonald’s in Countryside Parish Center	Dining 4 Dollars Church League Basketball Practice Grades 10 & 11
Wednesday, January 25	9am-12pm	Gallagher Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, January 26	6-8pm 8:15-9:45pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Practice Grades 10 & 11
Friday, January 27			
Saturday, January 28	8:30-9:15am 6pm	Church Gallagher Room	Confessions Hospitality
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