

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
-Isaiah 49:6b



January 15 2023

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time



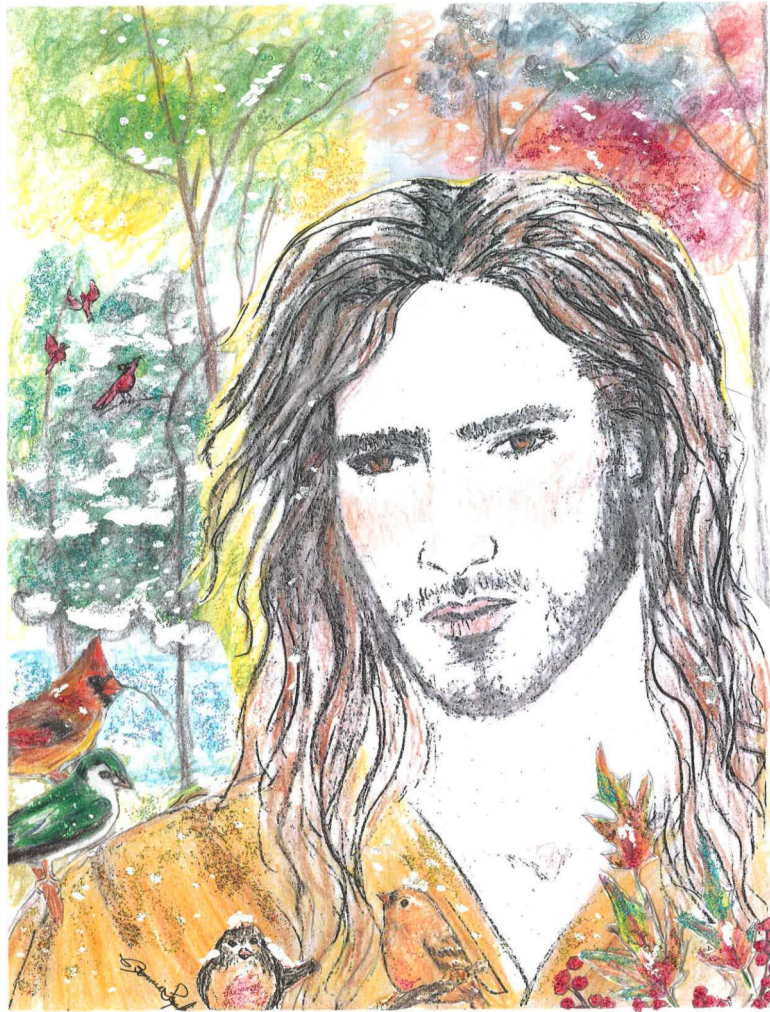
WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34



Thank you to John and Bon Scepkowski for this beautiful drawing

Mass Intentions for January 16 - January 22, 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
January 16	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Delphine Marciszewki, Joseph Vieceli
January 17	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus School Children
January 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Baggio, Delphine Marciszewski, BC and Rip Collins
January 19	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Thomas Birks
January 20	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louis V. Vieceli
January 21	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Ed Gunkel, John McCarthy
January 22	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Robert Spyrison, John Duda
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	John Killarney, Brid O'Connor
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	Patty Sue Murphy, Tom Peck
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Karina Jaramillo

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

December - Marlene Heyes, Patricia Rodey

November -

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes

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

David Pilarczyk
Husband of Nancy Pilarczyk

Lorraine M. Czachor
Mother of Melanie Feldges

Edward(Joe) Delaloye
Father of Mary Ann Delaloye

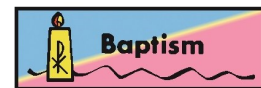
Richard Krakora

Dolores Cabrera

May they rest in peace....

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Gorge Armani Palomares Jr.
Son of Gorge Palomares and Sandra Nunez



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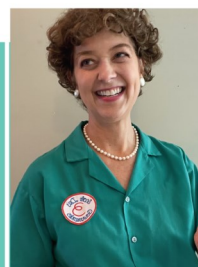
Jose Palomares
Son of Gorge Palomares and Sandra Nunez

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

JOIN US JANUARY 18TH

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Join us for a Living History Portrayal by Leslie Goddard as JULIA CHILD



January 18th | 7 p.m.



In the 1960s, thousands tuned in every week to watch Julia Child demonstrate the art of French cooking on television. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. brings the iconic French Chef to life in this portrayal, where Child discusses everything from her relationship with her husband Paul Child to the mishaps of cooking on television. Bon Appetit!

All ladies are invited. There will be a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Pastor's Note

*"I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth,"*

Isaiah 49:6

Dear Parishioners,

Trusting that the Lord continues to share his grace and blesses our efforts to grow in relationship with His Son Jesus Christ and each other, I share with you a few important updates.



First, our beloved Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries at St. Cletus Parish, is retiring effective January 15, 2023. She became our full-time Director of Music Ministries in May of 2017. Since then, she served and shared her gifts, and talents with love, passion, joy, and dedication. Thanks to Karen's leadership, faith, and care, our liturgies were enhanced and well celebrated. On a personal level, I enjoyed working, consulting, and collaborating with Karen. Her energy, faith, and care gave me joy and connected me with the Lord who is the source of who we are and the way we serve him. Karen will be greatly missed by all of us. On behalf of all of you, I would like to offer to Karen Ziemba our deepest and heartfelt gratitude for the way she shared her strengths with us as our Director of Music Ministries. We wish her well.

Second, I am happy to announce to you that Ryan Rump is our new full-time Director of Music Ministries, effective Sunday, January 15, 2023. Ryan is a gifted and talented human being and musician. He has excellent people skills. He is open, flexible, and intentionally seeks input. He adheres to and promotes the teachings of the Catholic Church. He is eager to share his gifts and talents with all of us as our new Director of Music Ministries. During this period of transition, I ask you kindly to keep him, Karen Ziemba, and all the members of the different wonderful choirs that our parish is blessed with in your prayers. Please join me in welcoming Ryan to our parish.



Third, I am pleased to let you know that preparation for the Celebration and Sharing of Holy Moments at our parish on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, at 7:00 PM is going great. We are planning to have three to five members of our parish community to share from the ambo their holy moments with us. Next weekend, we will share more details about it with you. Please mark your calendar and know that I am looking forward to it since together we will offer and bring to the Lord the holy moments he has given us.

Fourth, below I share with you another beautiful holy moment that we have received. Enjoy it.

"We had friends over at our house--a friend, his fiancé, and the friend's parents. During their visit, we had talked a little bit about their engagement. Before they left, God inspired me to give them some advice, since I had experience of more than 40 years of very happy marriage. I told them three things. The first was that to avoid divorce, they had to both decide that divorce is not acceptable. With that agreement, they would instead learn how to work things out. The second was that as a married couple, they needed to make all decisions jointly--they had to choose what was best for the team. The third was to always save time for dating--having fun together, just the two of them, so that the things that brought them together would continue to strengthen their marriage. I was not sure what they thought of my advice. When I finished, they surprised me by both hugging me and thanking me for the advice."

Finally, let us continue to keep each other in prayer and allow the Lord to make us a light to all those to whom He wants to reach out.

Fr. Elmer Romero

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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Note From Father Mike

“Called to be holy”

While St. Paul uses this phrase in the opening to the First Letter to the Corinthians, it applies to all of us. From the day the waters of baptism touch our heads, holiness is our goal. Since the last weekend in November, we’ve been reading Matthew Kelly’s book *Holy Moments*. We’ve been asked by Fr. Elmer to consider not only noticing the holy moments that happen to us in our everyday living, but to share them with others. Yet, I question, would someone who isn’t baptized know what it means to be holy and therefore understand what a holy moment IS? The simple response is a resounding “yes!”

Every human being has an innate understanding of something larger than themselves, it’s just that we name those things differently from culture to culture, ethnicity to ethnicity, religion to religion. Even ancient civilizations have had concepts of the “divine” or “other-worldly.” Take, for example, the ancient Greek culture. They were polytheistic. We know about the myths of their gods, especially like Zeus, Hera, Ares, Athena, Aphrodite, Poseidon, and Hades. These tended to be the most prominent gods, but not the only ones by any stretch. There were gods for just about anything under the sun, Zeus being the “god-in-charge.” Peoples from other parts of the world had similar, polytheistic “structures.” But when there was a situation that arose, a particular god was called upon depending on the situation. In my view, those would have been precursors to holy moments.

In Chapter 17 of the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul addresses the ancient Greeks in “praising” them for being so religious. However, he points out to them a particular altar (something where sacrifices could be made to any other their gods in the temples dedicated to each) but there is no

name on the altar, only the inscription “To an Unknown God.” I think this was one of St. Paul’s more brilliant lessons. Instead of saying “for sacrifices and situations that we haven’t experienced as yet, or other things we cannot explain,” Paul gives the Greeks something much larger than they could name. This god was much larger and more important than even Zeus. How could that be? If everything in the world had a way to be explained, but someone built an altar with such a vague inscription, then the unexplained had to be larger than Zeus.

The great theologian St. Anselm described the all-surpassing nature of God pretty accurately, speaking of him as “that than which nothing greater can be conceived.” Probably the greatest concept that man can see is the universe. However, someone or something created it. That can even take us way back to Moses’ experience at the burning bush. Moses asks God His name, and God responds “I AM.” In other words, everything exists **BECAUSE** I exist. Still, even that explanation is insufficient to explain God. It’s just a help for us to begin to understand how God remains active in the world. The same can be said for holy moments. They are times when we are filled with a sense of true, immense, and profound goodness – frequently inexplicably occurring, but raising our souls to something larger than ourselves.

Be holy.

Fr. Mike

Sunday Notes

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalms — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes

Join Us January 25th



Celebrating HOLY MOMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

WHERE?
We will meet in the Church

ST. CLETUS PARISH

600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

School News

PBIS ASSEMBLY

We are officially back in full swing following our Christmas break! Last Wednesday we had our first PBIS assembly of 2023! As you can see, the students had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs!



8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Our boys basketball teams had their final home game of the year last week. This meant of course that it was our 8th graders final home basketball game at St. Cletus! They were recognized, along with their parents, before the start of their game!



NEW BANNER!

You may have noticed, as you arrived at mass today, that we have a brand new banner on 55th street promoting our wonderful school!



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.

Hispanic Ministry News

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
17 de enero, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
15 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. .
nosotros, y sean parte de nuestra familia y amigos.

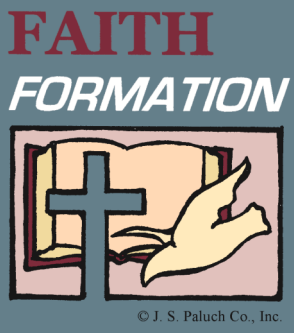
THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the people who made possible the Epiphany celebration last Sunday. We had an amazing time. We all enjoyed the food and desserts. Thank you so much to the families who prepared the aguinaldos and donated the piñatas. Thank you all.

¡GRACIAS!

Agradecemos a todas las personas que hicieron posible la celebración de la Epifanía el domingo pasado. Pasamos un tiempo increíble. Todos disfrutamos la comida y los postres. Muchas gracias a las familias que prepararon los aguinaldos y donaron las piñatas. Muchas gracias a todos.

Faith Formation News



The Second Semester of our Faith Formation Program begins with classes on **Sunday, January 22nd**. We look forward to welcoming our children and catechists back for what promises to be an exciting completion of our year.

On next Saturday, January 21st our Confirmation class will be participating in our Confirmation Retreat. The theme of our day is *Discipleship* and we are very happy to have as our main speakers Ms. Elizabeth White the Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Chicago and Mr. Rick Moreno the Parish Vitality Coordinator for our vicariate.

I ask you this week to pray for our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation as they spend time in the retreat. May this time deepen their commitment to the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church, and our community.

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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THANK YOU!

This was just one day of deliveries! Thank you to everyone who has helped support families seeking asylum as they transition from emergency shelter to housing. Welcome Packs help provide families with most items they will need in a new home (bedding, cookware, towels, on and on). Your response has been incredible! As of the time of this writing, the St. Cletus community has cleared Welcome Pack wish lists for three families. We are working with other local groups to take on other families as well. Thank you!



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Leverage LinkedIn: Automate Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, January 19 from 7-9 pm and start off your New Year with a new job search strategy! Ever heard about how great LinkedIn is for a job search but uncertain about how it adds value? Feel like there's a hidden job market, but aren't sure how to find it? Our presenter, Nicole Magats, is a Recruitment Consultant at Hirewell.

She will walk you through:

- how to set up your LinkedIn profile
- what sections you need to fill out
- how to stand out in a crowd of other candidates on LinkedIn

Learn secrets from an executive recruiter on how to power your career to new heights via LinkedIn. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org> for additional resources.

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Archdiocesan Overnight Vigil for Life

In person or live stream on Thursday, January 19 to Friday, January 20 from 7:00pm-7:00am at the St. John Paul II Newman Center Chapel at UIC (700 S Morgan St. Chicago, IL 60607). In conjunction with the USCCB Pro-life Secretariat, Bishop Bartosic, along with other bishops and priests from around the Archdiocese of Chicago, will lead a holy hour for life for 12 hours from the UIC Newman Center Chapel, and they need your help! Can you come and join them in prayer for an hour onsite? Participation is especially needed throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning. If you can't come in person, you can join virtually through the QR code provided. This national prayer event will join the nation in solidarity for the hope of changing hearts and minds to build a culture of life and leads up to the morning of the National March for Life. To commit to a holy hour time, contact Julie Saunders-Franklin at 773.388.8760.



SCAN TO JOIN
LIVESTREAM

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

Music Ministry

“There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens” Ecclesiastes 3:1

I always knew that it was a Holy Moment when, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, in the summer of 2007, I departed the St. John of the Cross music ministry, which had been my home since 1985. Our beloved Justin Sisul immediately reached out to me and asked me to come to St. Cletus. After a few more “asks” I showed up for occasional appearances and then in 2009 became an official part-time regular member of the Music Ministry. (What you may not know is that I played the 1991 Christmas Eve “Family Mass” here at St. Cletus with Penny Michor! Now that’s a blast from the past!) I became the official accompanist for the Chancel Choir, covered many extra masses; in September of 2010 I took over the Youth Choirs and then became your full-time Director of Music Ministries in May of 2017.

For many months now I have been consulting with that same Holy Spirit regarding my future as a Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Music Director, Staff Member, Womens’ Advocate, very involved Parishioner...just to mention a few of the “hats” that I wear. My love for the people of St. Cletus has compelled me to continue at a pace that has taken a toll on my health and for many months I have prayed that a qualified Music Director replacement would appear.

And so on November 6th, in a quite unexpected manner, the name of Ryan Rump surfaced. I followed up on the lead and came to know this talented young man. I learned he was proficient in viola, organ, piano, voice, and choir directing. His personality seemed as well to be a good fit for our parish. At the same time, I started speaking to Fr. Elmer about him, I also invited Ryan to do a “guest appearance” at a Chancel Choir rehearsal. And then the following weekend he played the organ and directed one of the choral pieces at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Chancel Choir was taken with his knowledge of vocal techniques and directing abilities.

Early on I also invited Ryan to an Ed Ward Fine Arts Series board meeting so Justin Sisul could ask him a few questions. At the end of the evening, Justin stated that should Ryan eventually get the position, he/Justin would be willing to offer his help as needed.

The Holy Spirit kept encouraging me to include him in other ways so that he could meet more of our music ministers. In early December he was invited to our

annual Chancel Choir Christmas get-together. He was introduced to the Hispanic Ministry at the Guadalupe Mass on December 12th; he was again the organist for that Mass. This also allowed him to work with four more instrumentalists that are regulars at St. Cletus. All these Holy Moment encounters allowed us to get to know him and vice versa. The Holy Spirit even brought Pope Emeritus Benedict’s Mass to St. Cletus which allowed Ryan to be at the organ one more time, and to meet Bishop Birmingham, who, by the way, knew since early December that I had great expectations that Ryan was the answer to my prayers. This past weekend Ryan had the opportunity to socialize with the Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass, Contemporary Choir. It was at this gathering that he started sharing his vision and dreams for the music ministry at St. Cletus.

This cannot be a totally human decision, it must be from the Holy Spirit because it is certainly not without a heavy heart, and after many prayerful moments, that I will be stepping away, effective January 15th, from the position of Director of Music Ministries. I have so enjoyed working with all of the many wonderfully talented volunteers in the St. Cletus music ministries. And as for the Youth Choirs – I’m like their grandmother! And many have gone so far as to say that to me. I love them all so much and am so proud of all their accomplishments.

At the beginning of this article I mentioned “many hats” and Fr. Elmer, the Holy Spirit and I are still looking at ways which I will still be involved in our parish. So I ask for your prayers for our new Director of Music Ministries, Ryan Rump; for all the music ministers as they transition under the new leadership; for our parish, as we continue to experience new enthusiasm, new growth, new Holy Moments; and for me, as I, guided by the Holy Spirit, figure out what my life is going to look like as I begin this new chapter.

Looking forward to simply sitting (and singing) with you all in the pews! May God bless us all.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart,

Karen Ziemba

Former Director of Music Ministries

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.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT MASS!

We would love to have people (families, couples or single people) bringing forward the bread and wine at weekend masses, and we hope you will consider doing so. This is a great way to celebrate a visit to St. Cletus by a family member, or as part of a mass you have made an offering for, in honor of someone in your family. Or, if you would just like to help with our worship, you are most welcome. We have a Signup Genius for this available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA4A923ABFC1-bring>

Or, if you are not comfortable using Signup Genius, please call our Pastoral Associate, Tina Norton, at the Parish Office, or email her at tnorton@stcletusparish.com, and she will sign you up. Thanks and happy new year!

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

MINISTER OF CARE MEETING

The Minister of Care(MOC) ministry 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(age 25 or more) 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

SAVE THE DATE



Bears- out! Packers- out! Tom Brady- not yet out, but there is still time!

All that's left to do now is to sit back, relax and enjoy the half-time show, funny commercials, good food and good times with friends and family... and maybe some football. So, grab your friends, family or come alone and meet some new friends and join us Sunday, February 12th, 2023, in the Parish Center for the first St. Cletus Super Bowl Party.

Reserve your table now! Pizza and wings will be on hand and beer, wine, soda and water will be available for purchase. Feel free to bring game-day munchies to share with your table! We'll also have a 50/50 raffle, surprises for the kids and many other Super Bowl Sunday traditions.

So don't stress about cleaning the house for a party, worry if the cable will go out at the last minute or dread the awful post-party clean up, come hang out with us and enjoy Superbowl LVII!

Cost is \$20 per table of 6 or \$5 per person and includes pizza and wings. Doors open at 3:00 pm and there will be multiple screens set up to enjoy the game!

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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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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

Retreat for Pastoral Associates and Adult Faith Educators: Transforming Your Life in Light of Laudato Si' Action Platform
Monday, Jan 23, 7pm through Weds, Jan 25, 12 pm

Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ

The Splendid Communion of Christ, Humanity and All of Creation is inviting us into a transformation of our lives. Pope Francis, aware of this sacred calling wrote a Letter to People of All Faiths (Laudato Si') inviting us to the care of our common home. Five years later with urgency he invites the global community of all faiths to action. Join in contemplating the call, discover yourself drawn into action and find your whole life being transformed. Cost: \$200 Overnight, \$150 Commuter/Zoom

Religious Leaders: Caring for Life in Light of Laudato Si'

Tuesday, Jan 31, 8:30am - 3pm
Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ

Gather with your staff and other religious leaders of all faiths to discover the "Why" of Pope Francis's letter, the urgency of the call to people of all faiths and the response of the global community to this letter. The intimate connection between Christ, humanity and creation reveals the importance of this invitation to realizing the Reign of God. Be the influence your faith community is awaiting. Join the global movement making a difference for the sake of creating a future full of hope starting now! Cost: \$50 (Hybrid)

CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR SINGLES

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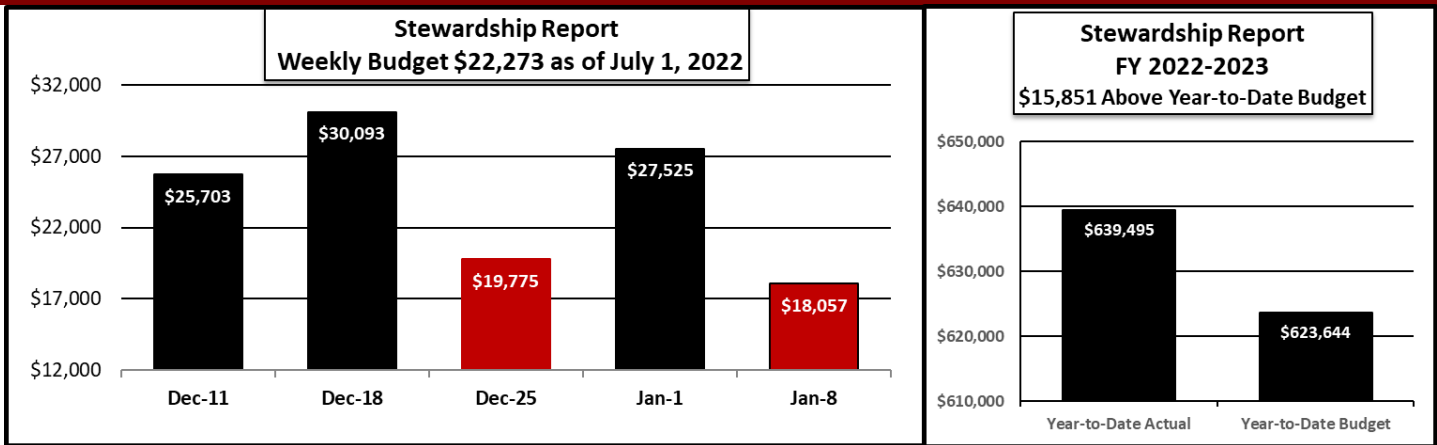
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Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 15			
Monday, January 16			
Tuesday, January 17	8:15-9:45pm	Parish Center	Church League Basketball Practice Grades 10 & 11
Wednesday, January 18	8:30am-9am 9am-12pm 7-9:30pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Gallagher Room	Breakfast w/ Parishioners Mission Ladies CCW Meeting
Thursday, January 19	6-8pm 8:15-9:45pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Practice Grades 10 & 11
Friday, January 20			
Saturday, January 21	8:30-9:15am	Church	Confessions
Sunday, January 22	2pm	Gallagher Room	“Called to be Sons and Daughters” by Deacon Keith Strohm

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 2022 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.

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Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
..... 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

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Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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