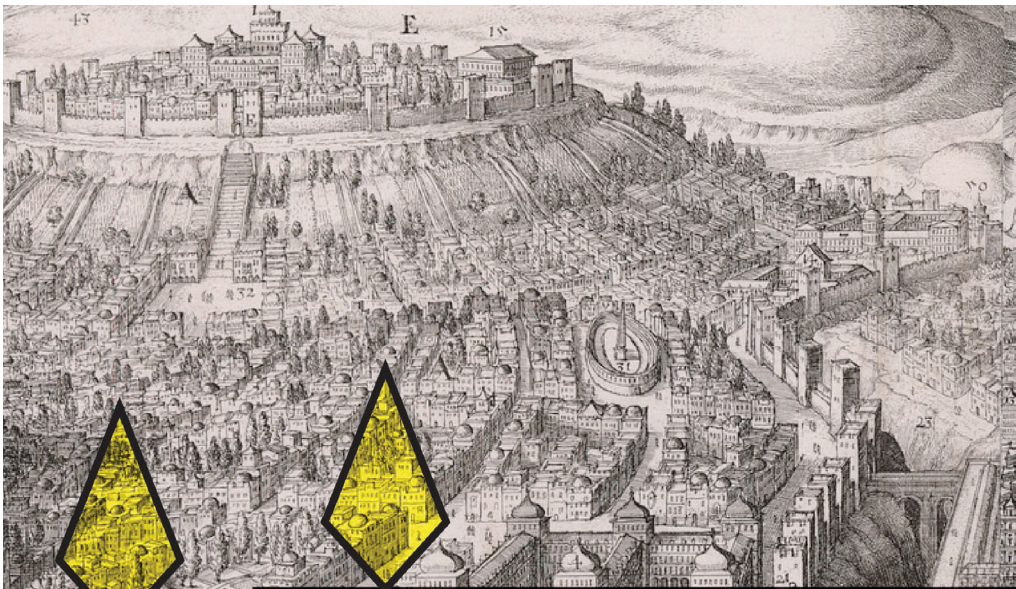


ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

God has commanded that every
lofty mountain be made low.
— BARUCH 5:7



Prospect of Jerusalem
Wenceslaus Hollar
(Bohemian, 1607-1677)
1660
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

DEC
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2ND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

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Mass Intentions for December 6 - 12, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
December 6	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
December 7	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Mark Hanson, Joseph Viecele St. Cletus Parishioners
December 8	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Wojcik, Rosemary McTigue, Sr. Noreen George
December 9	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Special Intention - Sally Baker
December 10	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Delphine Marciszewski, Louie & Sylvia Pesut, Mary Belle Mcyntre, Jim Cavanaugh
December 11	5:00pm	Fr. Baker	Special Intention of CCW Members, BC Collins
December 12	7:15am	Fr. Baker	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, John & Frances Kennedy
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	Dan Bieschke, Martyl Reinsdorf, Patrick Padden, Tom Hanna
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	Deacon Mario A. Avila, Salvador Garcia
	7:00pm	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.

November - Steve Hubona, Gerda E. Dorso

October - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

September - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti, Patrick Wingert

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

PREPARING THE WAY - ADVENT

There are Little Blue Books available in the narthex. Spend a few quiet moments each day with your Little Blue Book that offers reflections on Scripture, prayer and "doable" actions as we journey to be watchful and attentive to Jesus' presence in our lives and prepared to celebrate his holy coming.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A Vigil Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 p.m. Church
2:30 p.m. Parish Center
4:00 p.m. Church
4:30 p.m. Parish Center
7:00 p.m. Church (Spanish)
10:30 p.m. Church

CHRISTMAS DAY (All Masses in Church)

7:15 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
(No 5:00 or Spanish)

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

December 26 7:15, 8:45, 10:30, 12:30
Feast of the Holy Family
December 31 5:00 p.m. *Not a Holy Day of Obligation*
January 1 9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
January 1 5:00 p.m. The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2 7:15, 8:45, 10:30, 12:30

Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

Today (Sunday) at 3:00 PM we will host our 2021 Advent Gathering/Reflection in our beautiful Church. Please be aware that the inspiration to host this gathering comes from you. Back on September 13, 2021, when we held the "Sharing Our Hopes and Dreams," many of you expressed a desire to grow in your spiritual life, knowledge of your faith, and fraternity. I believe today God is offering us such an opportunity. Plus, we are blessed to have Paul Hilliard, PhD as our special guest speaker. I am confident that you will find his reflection to be helpful, encouraging, and insightful. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for making plans to be with us at our Advent Gathering/Reflection this afternoon.

May we all have a blessed Advent!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Sunday Notes

A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Nicholas

Tuesday: St. Ambrose;
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Juan Diego

Friday: Our Lady of Loreto

Saturday: St. Damasus I

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God,
 may no earthly undertaking hinder those
 who set out in haste to meet your Son,
 but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
 gain us admittance to his company.
 Who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

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St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

FROM PAT MCLAMORE CO-CHAIR OF THE SCCW ADVENT RETREAT:

The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women's recent Advent retreat was a wonderful collaboration of faith filled ideas that came together physically and spiritually on Saturday, November 20 in the Parish Center. We started planning this event in light of the cancellation of our Lenten Retreat in 2019 during the lockdown. So in August, with new large group meeting guidelines we felt we would finally get a chance to gather together in preparation for Advent instead of Lent. Besides, we were welcoming a new pastor, Fr. Elmer Romero, and what better way to get us all acquainted.

I had attended other women's Advent reflection days and they also featured a charity component, so I called our Social Concerns Chairman, Kendal Grant, for some direction and she suggested I contact the local BEDS program, which provides for the homeless. I did and they suggested that we collect regular size (not travel size) toiletries for their clients. At the end of the Retreat, we collected, put together and delivered 130 bags of toiletries for men, women and children. Our attendees were thoughtful and generous, indeed.

We also wanted our retreat to reflect the Advent season, so my co-chair, Ann Kuchta, glue gun in hand, created some beautiful Advent wreaths to set the mood at our tables.

We met with Fr. Elmer to discuss our focus of the retreat which was, "Walking to Bethlehem with Thanksgiving and Wonder." At the retreat Fr. Elmer brought us to that closer walk with Christ and with fellow travelers on the way to Bethlehem. He got our ladies to participate in the discussion, and the result was a genuine feeling of community for the 58 attendees at our Retreat.

We also wanted to include some music during the retreat and I found a beautiful video that focused on Mary leading us to Jesus and the Father. You can access it on YouTube, "Senora del Camino."

Jason's Deli in Oak Brook was our choice for luncheon sandwiches and they provide a discount and free delivery for church groups.

We also wanted to leave our participants with some small gifts, so we passed out Advent calendars (purchased at The Catholic Shoppe in Downers Grove.) Also, our CCW President donated some inspirational books that we were able to give away at the Retreat.

Throughout the planning stages of the Retreat, we (CCW Board members) prayed for our leaders, any newcomers, those secretly hurting, spiritual openness, a sense of community and organizational details. One simply cannot plan any parish event without covering it in prayer from top to bottom. Of course, always expect some bumps in the road. The Lord was there to smooth those bumps for me with the words of Isaiah 41-10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

FROM A CCW MEMBER:

I recently attended the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women's Advent Retreat. Many thanks to Ann, Pat, Karen and all who were involved in the planning of this retreat. The retreat was well organized and prepared the way for an advent season filled with prayer and thanksgiving. During the retreat we meditated, prayed, met new people, and filled bags with necessary items which were then given to the local BEDS residents. Thank you, CCW, for getting us started on a more peaceful, prayerful, reflective advent season.—Camille

FROM THE CCW BOARD:

Many thanks to all who participated in the event, those who were able to attend and those who donated items and monies. We are grateful to Fr. Elmer who was our speaker. Appreciation is also extended toward the parish staff, especially Chris Wagner, Debbie Lestarczyk, Kendal Grant, and those who set up and took down the gym. This outpouring of generosity from the participants and the abundance of toiletries left at the church harkened back an old phrase, "St. Cletus is a Special Parish." A final acknowledgement to the CCW board who made the day run smoothly.—Ann



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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our 3rd graders put together such a beautiful Thanksgiving prayer service this morning! We are so proud of them for all the hard work they put in to it! Thank you for your wonderful reminders to always GIVE THANKS!



TREE TRIMMING

Thank you to all of our Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts for coming out this afternoon to decorate our Christmas trees, which were generously donated by Fullers Car Wash Countryside!



THANKSGIVING FUN

Mrs. Mahr's and Mrs. Firestone's Kindergarten classrooms joined together today in Morrissey Hall to have a Thanksgiving celebration of blessings with friends. We enjoyed friendship fruit salad, a thanksgiving mix, a movie and enjoyed sharing our blessings with one another.



READERS CHOICE - FINEST GRADE SCHOOL

St. Cletus School is so proud to be named Suburban Life's 2021 Readers Choice FINEST GRADE SCHOOL in COOK COUNTY for 2021! It IS a GREAT Day to Be A Cardinal every day at our fabulous school!



Religious Education

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.

God and teach us about God's love, mercy and forgiveness. We can prepare our hearts by sharing with people in need. We can get ready by showing kindness to others. We can also prepare our hearts through prayer. You can start preparing your heart for Christmas by praying this prayer together as a family: Dear God, We thank you for this special time of waiting and preparation. Help us to prepare our homes and most especially our hearts to welcome Jesus this Christmas and every day.

Amen.

A REMINDER ABOUT UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS:

Saturday, December 11th Advent Service Day Event in the Parish Center

- 9-10 a.m. Kindergarten, First and Eighth Grade attend
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Second and Seventh Grade attend
- 12-1 p.m. Third and Sixth Grade attend
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Fourth and Fifth Grade attend

Sunday, December 12th in the Parish Center

- 9-10:30 a.m. Special Needs Confirmation class
- 11-12:15 p.m. RCIA for Children and Teens

Sunday, December 19th in the Parish Center

- 9-10:30 a.m. Special Needs Christmas Pageant
- 11-12:15 p.m. RCIA for Children and Teens

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

This week is our second week in Advent. The week that we light the PEACE Candle on our Advent wreaths. Advent is a time of waiting. It is also a time of preparation or getting ready for Christmas. During Advent, we prepare our Church, our homes and our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Our Art and Environment committee, headed by Fr. Ken Baker has been very busy getting the Church and outdoors ready for Christmas, haven't they? We thank Fr. Ken and our amazing Maintenance Staff for all of their hard work! The Advent wreath this week has two purple candles lit. They represent Hope and Peace. During Advent, we prepare our beautiful Church for Christmas.

We also get our homes ready for Christmas, don't we? Sometime during Advent, many people will set up and decorate a Christmas tree. If you drive around town after dark, you can already see lots of pretty Christmas lights shining brightly. During Advent, we prepare our homes for Christmas.

The most important preparations we need to make during Advent is getting our hearts ready to welcome Jesus. How do we prepare our hearts? We sing special songs during Advent. Listen to the words of the songs that are sung during Mass, and you'll see that they speak of hope and promise and Jesus coming into the world. We hear Scripture stories that tell us about God's promises to send the world a Savior – someone who will show the way to

Youth Ministry

ALL TEEN GATHERING DECEMBER 5

ALL TEEN NIGHT



Our next All Teen Gathering:

Sunday, December 5
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Don't forget to join us **TONIGHT** for our **ALL TEEN NIGHT!** It will take place from **6-7:30PM** in the **St. John of the Cross Parish Center**. Join us for Chipotle and our Christmas Party as we participate in our service projects our Teen Leadership Council has selected for us: Making Ornaments and Cookies in a Jar! Please

reserve your spot at this fun gathering by signing up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-allteen>

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 6

Are you starting to stress out about Finals coming in a couple of weeks? Learn how to handle it all by coming to our special program tomorrow night: Stress Less!

Stress Less: Resilience for Success

Monday, December 6 from 7:00 - 8:00pm
St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Teenagers are experiencing stress at higher levels for many different reasons: school, friendships, family relationships, and extracurricular activities just to name a few. This presentation seeks to teach high school students how to identify causes of stress, develop stress management techniques, and learn mindfulness practices. Mindfulness not only reduces stress and anxiety in individuals, but leads to better school performance and overall well-being. Our goal is to teach students how to reduce stress and practice good mental health behaviors.

We will also be making stress balls to take home. The bonus is that we will be providing fun desserts for our teens ... remember that desserts is stressed spelled backwards! We hope our high school teens will join us for a fun evening!

Our speaker is coming from NAMI, and is an expert on the subject of teen stress. Grab a friend and join us for a worthwhile study break!

We ask that you sign up on the sign up genius link so that we can ensure we have enough delicious desserts! Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-stress> All are welcome!



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December 3-11	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Ministry Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 5	3:00 p.m.	Advent Reflection Service, Speaker – Dr. Paul Hilliard
December 7	7:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8	8:00 a.m.	Feast Day Mass of the Immaculate Conception
December 8	1:00 p.m.	Rosary Recitation
December 11	1:30-3 p.m.	Reconciliation at St. John of the Cross for all 3 neighboring parishes (SFX,SJC,SC)
December 11 & 12		Giving Tree Gifts Due
December 11 & 18	8:30 a.m.	Reconciliation (none on 12/4 or 12/25)
December 12	4:00 p.m.	Bending Towards the Light Concert in Parish Center
December 12	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass followed by Reception in Parish Center
December 13	9:30 a.m.	School Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 14 & 15	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
December 16-22	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
December 18 & 19		Giving Tree Distribution
December 21	9:30 a.m.	Pre-School Christmas celebration
December 22	9:30 a.m.	School Mass

As always St. Cletus Parish offers week day 8:00 a.m. Masses Monday - Friday.

ST. CLETUS PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE-CHURCH

2:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

10:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE - PC

2:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH

7:15 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

(No 5:00 or Spanish)

2021 Advent Gathering & Reflection



“Thinking with the Saints” Reflections on how to become a better Catholic

Special Guest Speaker
Paul C. Hilliard, Ph.D.



Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Department of Church History; Director of Doctor of Ministry Program at University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary.

Dr. Hilliard received his B.A. in History with Concentrations in Classics, Medieval and Renaissance Studies from the University of Dallas. He received his Masters in Philosophy in Medieval History from University of Cambridge. Additionally, he received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Cambridge. Dr. Hilliard is a member of the American Historical Association, American Catholic Historical Association, Ecclesiastical History Society, International Society of Anglo-Saxonists, Medieval Academy of America, and Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages

Gather at St. Cletus Catholic Church as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of our Lord and Savior in the Nativity of Jesus! Come together to share the joy of the season in shared song, prayer, and reflection followed by fellowship and light refreshments in the Parish Center.

December 5, 2021, 3-5 p.m.
600 W 55th St., La Grange, IL 60525



St. Cletus Parish

Spreading The Good News Through
Worship, Service, And Education

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

Most needed at this time:

- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- 2-3 lb rice
- Pasta sauce
- Crackers

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, it will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Nazareth Academy collected a TON of donations at their recent Thanksgiving Food Drive. So much, in fact, that they had to get a truck to help deliver 660 bags of food to area pantries, including ours!



Some of the basketball team met us very early on a Saturday morning to unload the delivery. Thank you!

GIVING TREE UPDATE

Giving tree gifts (purple tags) and grocery gift cards (white envelopes) are due back NEXT WEEKEND. Please see important information below:



1. Wrap gifts
2. Label each gift with the tag # and person's name so we get it to the correct person!
3. Drop off gifts...
December 11 from 12:00-5:00
December 12 from 7:00am-12:30pm
St. Cletus Morrissey Hall
 (Stone Ave. contact free, drive thru drop off)

Please make sure gifts arrive by 12:30 on 12/12, some are delivered immediately.

WE STILL NEED HELP WITH GROCERY GIFT CARDS!

Each year we provide each family with a grocery gift card, based on the size of their household, ranging from \$25-\$100. **This year we need to raise \$24,000 in gift cards. We are more than halfway there!!!** There are two ways to participate in this effort this year:

1. If you would like to make a donation to this effort you can do so here. Please write "giving tree" in the memo. <https://www.givecentral.org/location/305/event/22074> All contact free. These funds will be applied directly to the gift cards. We will take care of the rest!
2. You can purchase gift card(s) to WALMART OR JEWEL for \$25 and bring it to the St. Cletus Parish Center or church collection basket. Please put ATTN: KENDALL GRANT GIVING TREE so we get it to the right spot!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

View slots, availability, age requirements, FAQs, and more at: www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree. For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418, kgrant@stcletusparish.com

WORD OF LIFE



"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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Ministerio de Justicia Social

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS



La academia Nazareth recaudo toneladas de donaciones en su reciente colecta de comida para el día de acción de Gracias. En realidad fue tanta, que tuvieron que rentar un camión para repartir 660 bolsas de comida a las despensas del área, incluyendo la nuestra!

Algunos del equipo de balón cesto nos encontraron muy temprano el Sábado en la mañana para descargar lo que nos iban a dar. Muchas Gracias!

ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO

Regalos Árbol Navideño (etiquetas moradas) y tarjetas de regalo para comida (sobre blanco) se necesitan de regreso el próximo FIN DE SEMANA. Vea importante información abajo

1. Envolver regalos
2. Poner en cada regalo el numero de etiqueta y nombre de la persona, para así hacerlo llegar a la persona correcta
3. Dejar los regalos

Diciembre 11 de 12:00-5: 00

Diciembre 12 de 7: 00am- 12:30pm

En el pabellón Morrissey de San Cleto

(Stone Avenida, para guardar sana distancia habrá alguien quien los recoja de su auto)

asegúrese por favor que regalos lleguen de 12: 30 en adelante, el 12 de Diciembre , algunos son entregados inmediatamente

TODAVÍA SE NECESITA AYUDA CON TARJETAS DE REGALO PARA COMIDA

Cada año nosotros proveemos a cada familia, con una tarjeta de regalo para comida desde \$25.00- \$100.00

Este año necesitamos recaudar \$24,000 en tarjetas de regalo, estamos a mas de la mitad de esto!!!! Hay dos maneras de participar este año en nuestro esfuerzo:

1. Si quiere hacer una donación para este programa, puede hacerlo aquí. Escribir Árbol Navideño en el memo. [https:// www.give central.org / location/305/event/22074](https://www.givecentral.org/location/305/event/22074) Todo es libre de contacto. Estos fondos serán aplicados directamente para tarjetas de regalo de comida. Nosotros nos encargaremos del resto!
2. Puedes comprar tarjeta(s) en WALMART o JEWEL por \$25.00 y traerlas al Centro Pastoral de San Cleto o depositarlas en la canasta de la colecta. Por favor ponerle ATT: KENDALL GRANT ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO, para ponerlo en el lugar correcto! MUCHAS GRACIAS!

OPORTUNIDADES PARA VOLUNTARIOS DE ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO

Espacios para voluntarios están ahora disponibles para el Árbol Navideño, fines de semana de colección y distribución , ver los espacios disponibles, requerimiento de edad y más, en el stcletusparish.com/givingtree. Respuestas a las preguntas frecuentemente hechas, pueden ser encontradas en la página de la parroquia: www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree.



DEPÓSITO DE COMIDA DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETO JUEVES 6-8PM

Lista de deseos para la Despensa de Aliment:

- . Fruta enlatada
- . Carne enlatada
- . 2-3 libras de arroz
- . Salsa para pasta
- . Galletas saladas

Para los que gustan donar alimentos, pueden dejar sus donaciones en el contenedor que se encuentra enfrente de la puerta de la recotoria.

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Si tiene preguntas o quiere ser voluntario en nuestro ministerio de Justicia Social contacte a Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

Ministry & Community News

SUPPORT TROOP 19 ON 12/6

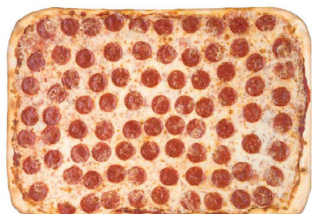


Mention this flyer when ordering at the location below and **50% of your purchase will benefit:**

Scouts BSA Troop 19

December 6th, 2021
5:00pm-9:00pm

Nonna's Good Life Location:
42 S La Grange Road, La Grange IL
www.Nonnasgoodlife.pizza



Flyer must be presented when ordering.
Not valid with any Gift Card or Coupon.
MOVING FORWARD BY GIVING BACK.

BOOK DISCUSSION 12/14



For the next book discussion, we are reading The All-girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg. We will meet on December 14, 2021 at 7 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

At this gathering we will also select the books to read in the coming months. If there is a book that you would like to read and discuss please come and join in. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise 708.712.8294.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE 12/11

Please join us at St. John of the Cross on Saturday, December 11 from 1:30-3 p.m. for a Reconciliation Service for all 3 neighboring parishes (SFX,SJC,SC). St. John of the Cross is located at 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs, IL.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

What are tax credit scholarships? The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program, "Invest in Kids," provides a 75 percent Illinois state income tax credit to individuals and corporations that contribute money to a non-profit Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). The SGOs award scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Donors will use money already owed to the state (taxes) and donate it to a needs-based scholarship instead, all while receiving a 75 percent state tax credit.

Need help with the donating process? Please contact us at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617 to speak with the Tax Credit Scholarship Office at the archdiocese.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication

ED WARD FINE ARTS CONCERT 12/12

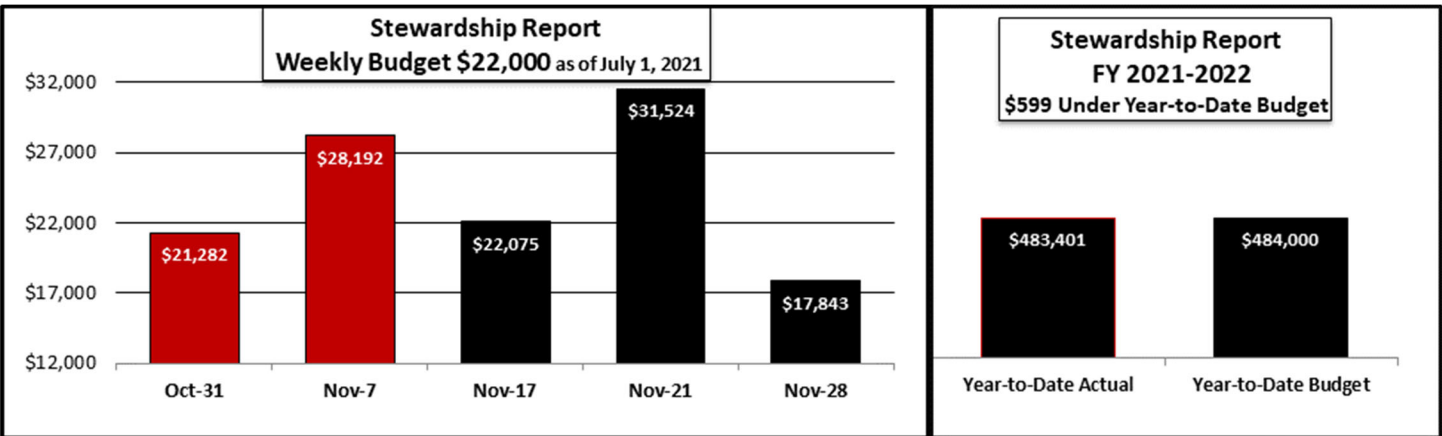
We are delighted to bring this amazing group of musicians back to St. Cletus for holiday concert the whole family will enjoy.

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TOWARDS
the Light
a Jazz Nativity

SUNDAY, DEC. 12
4:00 P.M.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

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Stewardship Report



PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE CHURCH THAT PAYS YOU BACK

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a great way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life—benefitting you today and our parish in the future. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.


For more information, please contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209 or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga. To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 5	3:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church	Advent Reflection with Dr. Paul Hillard Spanish Ministry Novena
Monday, December 6	4:00pm 7:00pm	School Music Room Church	Junior Choir Rehearsal Spanish Holy Hour
Tuesday, December 7	7:00pm	Church	Vigil Mass
Wednesday, December 8	8:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church Church	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Rosary Reflection Feast of the Immaculate Conception Spanish Mass
Thursday, December 9	5:00pm 6-8pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Church Parking Lot Church School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Spanish Ministry Novena Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 10	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Ministry Novena
Saturday, December 11	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Ministry Novena
Sunday, December 12	4:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Church	Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

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

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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.

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