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who is to come, the almighty."  
REVELATION 1:8



#### UPCOMING ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Nov. 28	5:00 p.m.	Taizé Prayer Service
Dec. 1 & 8	1:00 p.m.	Rosary Recitation
Dec. 3-11	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Ministry Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 5	3:00 p.m.	Advent Reflection Speaker – Dr. Paul Hilliard
Dec. 7	7:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8	8:00 a.m.	Feast Day Mass of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 11	1:30-3 p.m.	Reconciliation at St. John of the Cross
Dec. 11 & 12		Giving Tree Gifts Due
Dec. 11 & 18	8:30 a.m.	Reconciliation (none on 12/4 or 12/25)
Dec. 12	4:00 p.m.	Bending Towards the Light Concert in Parish Center
Dec. 12	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass followed by Reception in Parish Center
Dec. 13	9:30 a.m.	School Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
November 21, 2021

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## Mass Intentions for November 22 - 28, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
November 22	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Frank Wojcik, Lena England, Ed Burke Sr.
November 23	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joseph Saban Family, Chester & Anne Koziol
November 24	8:00am	Fr. Baker	BC Collins, Francisco Medina, Special Intention - Ed & Sue Stec
November 25	8:00am	All Priests	Robert Olszewski, Doretta Mucha, Marguerite Keating, Rose Uding, Kadlec Family
November 26	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Jonathan Weidhuner
November 27	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Louie Pesut, Frank Kondor, Daniel Buonamici, Rybacki Family, Irene & Edward Erdmann
	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, George Duda, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney
November 28	8:45am	Fr. Baker	Delphine Marciszewski, Frank K. Treski, Ann Marie Nabor
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	Ricardo Zuniga & Natalia Temblador

### **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.

### **COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins.

Please use the envelopes in the pews and place them in the collection baskets during offertory. There will only be one collection. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### **JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

#### **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

*Join us Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.*

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate a bi-lingual Mass at St. Cletus on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m.



## Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

Our Tuesday's weekly School Mass is going well. Praying and celebrating Mass with our students, staff, faculty, administrators, and parishioners every Tuesday is a blessing. Seeing how our students, guided by their teachers, arrive to church and to their respective pews is uplifting. As soon as they enter our church, they walk together prayerfully observing silence. When they get to their pew they kneel, make the sign of the cross, and proceed to be seated. Many of them as they wait for Mass to start, take the time to pray while kneeling. The impression that they give with their witness, behavior, and participation in Mass is that they attend Mass with joy.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Principal, Gregory Porod, for the way he continues to offer leadership at our school. Personally, I am so glad that we get the opportunity to pray and celebrate Mass every Tuesday with our school children and parishioners. It has been and continues to be such a great experience since the first week we started.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to our Assistant Principal, Christy Schafer, school staff, Faculty, Fr. Dan Costello, Fr. Ken Baker, and our entire parish staff for their participation and support with our weekly School Mass.

Two weeks ago, at the end of our weekly School Mass, I met and had a wonderful conversation with Mrs. Adriana Manzano who has her daughter at our school. I was moved when she told me that she comes to Mass every Tuesday to pray and support her daughter. I was also encouraged when she told me that her daughter loves coming to our school.

Bellow you will find a beautiful testimonial she wrote that I share with you. Please read it prayerfully and then offer a prayer for our teachers, staff, and Administrators.

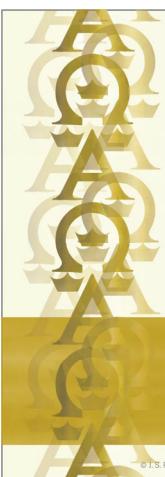
*We are so blessed to have found such an amazing school as St. Cletus. Raising our daughter in a Catholic environment was very important to us in choosing a school. We wanted an education that focused on enhancing her Catholic faith. Our experience at St. Cletus has been all positive. Everyone from the principal, teachers, school staff, and families have been kind, friendly, and supportive. We are delighted to know our daughter enjoys going to school and loves all her teachers and classes. She talks about learning positive messages about God and being kind, caring, and respectful towards others. As parents, we feel joy in hearing her talk about her faith so openly, we love the opportunity she receives to attend weekly mass and seeing the staff praise and encourage children for their God-like behavior by receiving Cardinal proud stickers. We are grateful to be part of such a wonderful Catholic school community.*

- Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Manzano

I pray and ask the Lord to show us how to collaborate more effectively with Him.

Fr. Elmer Romero  
Pastor

# Sunday Readings



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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 21, 2021

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### READING I

*Dn 7:13-14*

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5*

#### R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

#### R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

#### R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

#### R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

### READING II

*Rv 1:5-8*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

### ALLELUIA

*Mk 11:9, 10***R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

*Jn 18:33b-37*

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?

Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.

What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.

If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting

to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

# Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo



"Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega",  
dice el Señor Dios,  
"el que es, el que era  
y el que ha de venir,  
el todopoderoso".  
APOCALIPSIS 1:8

## SEGUNDA LECTURA

*Apoc 1, 5-8*

Hermanos míos: Gracia y paz a ustedes, de parte de Jesucristo, el testigo fiel, el primogénito de los muertos, el soberano de los reyes de la tierra; aquel que nos amó y nos purificó de nuestros pecados con su sangre y ha hecho de nosotros un reino de sacerdotes para su Dios y Padre. A él la gloria y el poder por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Miren: él viene entre las nubes, y todos lo verán, aun aquellos que lo traspasaron. Todos los pueblos de la tierra harán duelo por su causa.

"Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, dice el Señor Dios, el que es, el que era y el que ha de venir, el todopoderoso".

## ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO

*Mc 11, 9. 10*

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor!  
¡Bendito el reino que llega, el reino de nuestro padre David!

**R. Aleluya.**

## EVANGELIO

*Jn 18, 33-37*

En aquel tiempo, preguntó Pilato a Jesús: "¿Eres tú el rey de los judíos?" Jesús le contestó: "¿Eso lo preguntas por tu cuenta o te lo han dicho otros?" Pilato le respondió: "¿Acaso soy yo judío? Tu pueblo y los sumos sacerdotes te han entregado a mí. ¿Qué es lo que has hecho?" Jesús le contestó: "Mi Reino no es de este mundo. Si mi Reino fuera de este mundo, mis servidores habrían luchado para que no cayera yo en manos de los judíos. Pero mi Reino no es de aquí".

Pilato le dijo: "¿Conque tú eres rey?" Jesús le contestó: "Tú lo has dicho. Soy rey. Yo nací y vine al mundo para ser testigo de la verdad. Todo el que es de la verdad, escucha mi voz".

## PRIMERA LECTURA

*Dn 7, 13-14*

Yo, Daniel, tuve una visión nocturna:  
Vi a alguien semejante a un hijo de hombre,  
que venía entre las nubes del cielo.  
Avanzó hacia el anciano de muchos siglos  
y fue introducido a su presencia.  
Entonces recibió la soberanía, la gloria y el reino.  
Y todos los pueblos y naciones  
de todas las lenguas lo servían.  
Su poder nunca se acabará, porque es un poder eterno,  
y su reino jamás será destruido.

## SALMO RESPONSORIAL

*Salmo 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5*

**R. Señor, tú eres nuestro rey.**

Tú eres, Señor, el rey de todos los reyes.  
Estás revestido de poder y majestad.

**R. Señor, tú eres nuestro rey.**

Tú mantienes el orbe y no vacila.  
Eres eterno, y para siempre está firme tu trono.

**R. Señor, tú eres nuestro rey.**

Muy dignas de confianza son tus leyes  
y desde hoy y para siempre, Señor,  
la santidad adorna tu templo.

**R. Señor, tú eres nuestro rey.**

# Religious Education



Today is the feast day of Christ the King! It is the last Sunday of our liturgical year (next week we start a new year with the first Sunday in Advent!). Since our liturgical year revolves around the life of Jesus, it is fitting that we use the last Sunday to hail our Lord as the King of all creation.

When we see a fancy gold crown adorned with precious stones, we think of Kings and Queens, Knights and Princesses! Since today is the feast day of Christ the King, we celebrate Jesus as the King of everything. However, when you think about Jesus do you see a shiny gold crown? Instead, we think about Jesus with the crown of thorns on his head on Good Friday. Good Friday was not really a great day for Jesus, was it? He was arrested, yelled at and hurt, and then things just got worse. The story of Good Friday is not exactly the glorious kind of day that we are used to reading about in storybooks in a “king” story.

Palm Sunday might be more like what we expect of a “king” story. People lining the street and cheering for the Lord, while putting palm branches and cloaks on the ground in front of him. However, Jesus was riding on a donkey. Not a big powerful horse that you might imagine in a “king” story.

Remember on Holy Thursday that Jesus, our King, got down on his knees to wash the feet of his disciples. That is not a Kingly thing to do! The disciples should have been washing Jesus’ feet!

All of this is to help us understand that Jesus is not the kind of King that we typically think of. He rides on a donkey, he washes other people’s feet, and he wears a very painful crown of thorns. His kingdom is not what we imagine either. In Jesus’ kingdom, the special people are those who serve others. The important things in Jesus’ kingdom are not wealth and power, but love and mercy. In that kingdom, Jesus is the perfect King! Jesus is even the King over death. He died on Good Friday, but was raised to life again on Easter Sunday! On this Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate the Kingdom of God, and the eternal promise of mercy and love for us all.

## CONFIRMATION UPDATES



Today our teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend Mass with their Sponsors.

Please keep them in your prayers over the next few months as they continue their faith journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION



The children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will come to the Parish Center at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for a Parent/Child retreat, followed by the reception of the sacrament for the children in the Church from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Parents will be receiving additional information on this in the coming week via email from Barb Campbell.

# St. Cletus School

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## ROBOTICS AT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL



Our 8th grade students have been working in small groups to assemble solar powered robots during Technology class. Through this activity, they are developing important skills such as problem solving, attention to detail, patience, and debugging.

## 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!

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## INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Get Ready to Donate on Dec. 1!

## Illinois Letter ID Drive

You can support Catholic education by donating to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program! If you are a new donor, who would love to take advantage of a tax credit but don't know where to start, we can help you get started and take advantage of the 2-for-1 Matching Gift Program.

By following the step-by-step instructions below, you can initiate your donation by first applying for your Illinois Letter ID. Obtaining a Letter ID is the first step. Once your request is received by the state, it takes about a week to receive your Letter ID via the USPS.

Be ready on Dec. 1 to take advantage of the 2-for-1 matching opportunity! Your support will help provide access to a high quality, faith-based education for thousands of Illinois students.

Step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your Letter ID can be found by going to [schools.archchicago.org/donating-to-a-tax-credit-scholarship](http://schools.archchicago.org/donating-to-a-tax-credit-scholarship) and selecting "Begin the Process."

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HAS PUT MY  
ENTIRE FAMILY  
AND I AT EASE  
KNOWING  
THAT MY SON  
IS GETTING  
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EDUCATION  
POSSIBLE."

—Parent, St. John Berchmans School

Ready to get your Letter ID?

Visit [mytax.illinois.gov](http://mytax.illinois.gov) today to start!

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Hotline at **312-534-2617** or [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org). You can also visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) for more information.

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## TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

# Request your Letter ID in 3 easy steps

If you are a first-time donor, here is what you need to know about the first step of the donation process. If you have not activated an account with the Illinois Department of Revenue, you need to request a **Letter ID**.

### Step 1

Log on to [mytax.illinois.gov](http://mytax.illinois.gov) to REQUEST LETTER ID

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the "Individuals" box on the left.

### Step 2

Click on "Request a Letter ID."

### Step 3

Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
  - Most recent adjusted gross income
  - IL driver's license number
  - IL state identification number
- Click "Submit" and enter; confirm your email address; then click "OK" to submit and receive your confirmation.

You will receive your Letter ID in the mail at the address on your last year's tax return within 7–10 business days. Call 312.534.2617 or email [investinkids@archchicago.org](mailto:investinkids@archchicago.org) with questions.

Once you've received your Letter ID, wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation when the 2-for-1 Matching Program begins. Please view [bit.ly/DonationSteps2021](http://bit.ly/DonationSteps2021) to find detailed instructions on how to continue with your donation after Dec. 1. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to select a specific school to support tax credit scholarship donations.

## Youth Ministry

**JOIN US ON DECEMBER 6**

### Stress Less: Resilience for Success

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!



### ALL TEEN GATHERING DECEMBER 5



Our next All Teen Gathering: **Sunday, December 5 ALL TEEN NIGHT 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 here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-allteen>

### DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR KRINGLES!



**Kringle Pick Up is Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-3 p.m. in the Parish Center!**

Thank you for your support of our Teens who will be serving others on our Mission Trip next June! We are truly grateful for all of your financial support!

## 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:  
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Pears fresh from parishioner Bill Wettstein's pear tree! We were able to share them at a recent food pantry distribution night. Thank you, Bill!



### GIVING TREE UPDATE

Giving Tree Tags are NOW AVAILABLE! This is the last weekend that Shop with Scrip will be available in the Narthex to purchase grocery gift cards.



There are many ways to get tags this year:

- **Church Narthex:** Trees will be available before and after Masses in the Church Narthex. Trees will be labeled by category so you can easily find what type of tag you are looking for.
- **Online Form:** We have a simple form you can complete to request tags and then we will email you information for tags based on what you requested. All contact free. Visit: shorturl.at/cwLU1
- **Email/Phone:** Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or leave a message at 708.215.5418 and we can get back to you with tag information.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer slots are now available for our Giving Tree collection and distribution weekends. View slots, availability, age requirements, FAQs, and more at: [www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree](http://www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree)



For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418, kgrant@stcletusparish.com

### WORD OF LIFE



"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person."

Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis humanae* (Declaration on Religious Freedom), 2.  
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### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

In its core document, Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty, the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty "urge[d] that the Solemnity of Christ the King—a feast born out of resistance to totalitarian incursions against religious liberty—be a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad." Let us pray fervently that we will help others encounter anew Christ, our King, bringing the Gospel to the margins of society, that all might bear witness to Him before others.

# Ministerio de Justicia Social

## ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS



Peras frescas de un árbol del parroquiano Bill Wettstein's, pudimos compartirlas la noche de distribución de despensa de alimentos. Gracias, Bill

## ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO



Etiquetas del árbol navideño están AHORA DISPONIBLES! Este es el último fin de semana que "Comprar con SCRIP" estarán disponibles para comprar en el Nártex las tarjetas de regalo de comestibles

- **Nártex de la Iglesia:** arboles estarán antes y después de cada Misa en Nártex de la Iglesia, los arboles estarán con etiqueta por categoría, para que usted fácilmente pueda encontrar la etiqueta que busca
- **En Línea:** Tenemos una forma simple que puede llenar y pedir etiquetas y se las mandaremos por correo electrónico, basado en lo que usted haya pedido. Todo libre de contacto. Visite : [shorturl.at/cwLU1](http://shorturl.at/cwLU1)
- **Correo Electrónico/Teléfono:** Puede mandar un correo electrónico a [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) o deje un mensaje en el 708 215 5418 y regresaremos la llamada con la información de la etiqueta

## 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](http://stcletusparish.com/givingtree)

Respuestas a las preguntas frecuentemente hechas, pueden ser encontradas en la página de la parroquia : [www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree](http://www.stcletusparish.com/givingtree).

## PALABRA DE VIDA

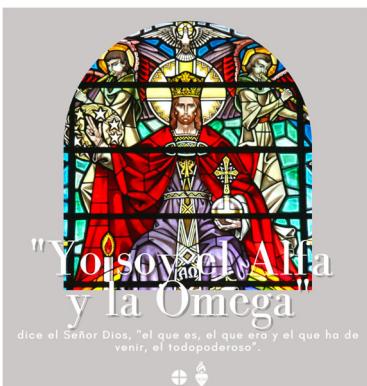


"El derecho a la libertad religiosa está realmente fundado en la dignidad misma de la persona humana".

Papa Pablo VI, *Dignitatis humanae* (Declaración sobre la libertad religiosa), 2.

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## SOLEMNIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

La Iglesia celebra la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey el 21 de noviembre de 2021.

En esta fiesta de Cristo Rey y siempre, que todos reconozcamos a Dios como el autor de la vida y le demos gracias por Su invaluable don.



## DEPÓSITO DE COMIDA DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETO

JUEVES 6-8PM

### Lista de deseos para la Despensa de Alimento:

- . 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.

Siganos en Facebook:  
[@StCletusFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/StCletusFoodPantry)

Siganos en Instagram:  
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](https://www.instagram.com/St.CletusFoodPantry)

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

# Ministry & Community News

## TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE 11/28 AT 5PM



### PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD!

No fighting for a place in line or haggling over a price or circling the parking lot for a vacant opening.

Mark your calendar: *Sunday*-Nov.28 at 5pm for 45 minutes of peace and calm-filled moments to renew your heart for the miracle of Christmas.

Ample parking - beautiful music - words of hope and joyful anticipation of Emmanuel-God-with-us

#### WHAT IS TAIZE?

Today, ecumenical services “in the spirit of Taize” are held around the world. As the Taize community explain the service: “This is meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.”

As people gather quietly in church, they pick up a worship aid and a candle. A few lit candles are surrounded by a few icons, symbols of the faith. People sit during the first few songs and then all stand and a few people (often children) come forward to light their candles which, in turn, they light the congregations’ candles.

When all candles are lit, an Alleluia is sung and Scripture is read. A song follows and each person comes to the front and places their candles in the pots provided. When all have presented their candles, all sit in silent prayer for about 10 minutes. A time for sung prayers for our brothers and sisters near and far, follows, concluded by the Our Father.

A final hymn is sung and all are invited to share a sign of peace.

## 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.

## BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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

## SUPPORT TROOP 19 ON 12/6



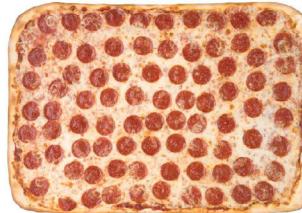
Mention this flyer when ordering at the location below and

**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](http://www.Nonnasgoodlife.pizza)**



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

## 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.

b e n d i n g       **ED WARD**  
T O W A R D S      FINE ARTS SERIES  
the Light      AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

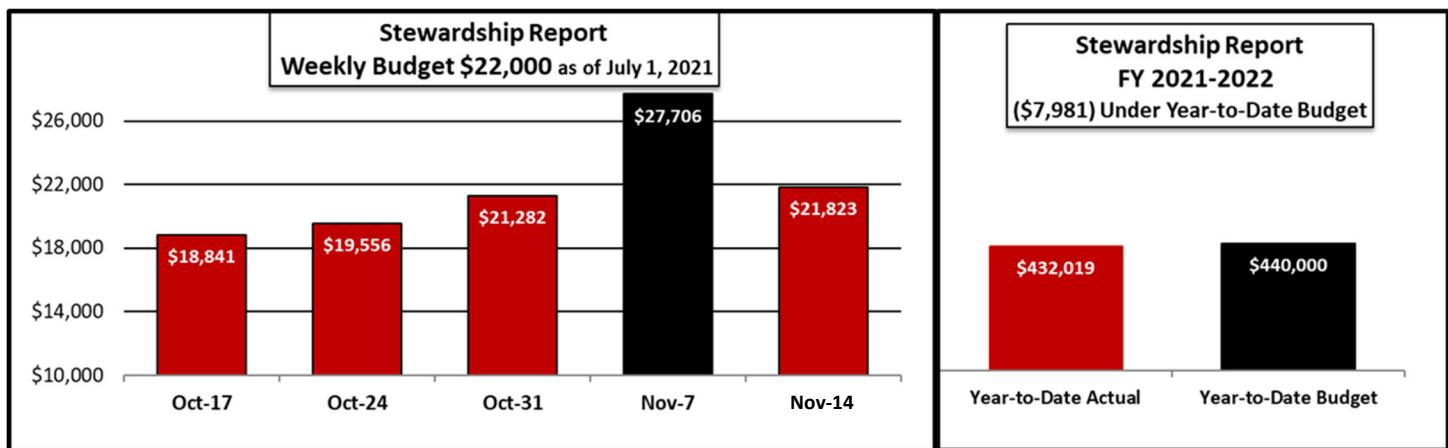
a Jazz Nativity

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

FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
[WWW.EDWARDFAS.COM](http://WWW.EDWARDFAS.COM)



## Stewardship Report



### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? Visit [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708-352-6209.

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PRIESTS

(1 John 3:1)

*Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and [such] we are.*

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God’s children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests’ Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests’ Health and Retirement at 708.449.8026. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit [prmaa.org](http://prmaa.org).

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 21	7:15am 9:30am	Narthex Morrissey Hall	Shop with Scrip and Giving Trees Confirmation Sponsor Meeting after 8:45am Mass
Monday, November 22			
Tuesday, November 23	9:30am 7:00pm	Church Church	School Prayer Service Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, November 24			Facilities Closed
Thursday, November 25	8:00am	Church	Bi-lingual Thanksgiving Mass (Facilities Closed)
Friday, November 26			Facilities Closed
Saturday, November 27			
Sunday, November 28	5:00pm	Church	Taizé Prayer Service

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## **CONTACT US**

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

## **PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

## **MASSES**

Saturday Evening .....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday .....	7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
Weekdays .....	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

## **STAFF**

### **PARISH STAFF**

**Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Dan Costello, Associate Pastor**  
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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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