

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The earth shall be filled with  
the knowledge of the Lord  
as water covers the sea.  
-Isaiah 11:9



## WE CONGRATULATE THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME ON NOVEMBER 19TH 2022

Charlotte Alexa  
Sam Baltrusaitis  
Shane Barnicle  
Julian Becerril  
Luke Birrueta  
Liam Bresnahan  
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Dominic Budde  
Olivia Calderon  
Molly Callahan  
Emily Camacho  
Gianna Campos  
Kassandra Castillejo  
Emilia Cepek  
Abigail Ciraulo  
Nola Cooper  
Emma Corbett  
James Cotter  
Beverly Courtright  
Olivia Crouchelli  
Brayden Croucher  
Brayden Dalcamo  
Anthony Delsino  
Eleanor DiOrio  
Felicity Esposito  
Milan Djurdjevic  
Thomas Duhig  
Myles Ebsen  
Nora Episcopo  
Nora Farnsworth  
Kiera Farrelly  
Martin Fegan  
Nicholas Ferrera  
Isabella Fulgencio  
Connor Garbe  
Leonardo Garcia  
Magali Garcia

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Joaquin Geringer  
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Lindsey Guerra – Mondragon  
Vivian Halmon  
Rhea Hamilton  
Henry Hernandez  
Noelle Hernandez  
Olivia Horne  
Marlowe Ibarra  
Zoe Ibarra  
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Richard Kopacz  
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Tyler Louvar  
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Luke McNichols  
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Airla Molina  
Anna Monczynski  
Matthew Murray  
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Finley Myers  
Grant Myers  
Thomas Napleton  
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Lilly Nash

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Sean O'Farrell  
Mitchell Phair  
Ella Percival  
Jonathan Placher  
Cora Prischman  
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Drew Rice  
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Sarahi Rodea – Ponce  
James Roussel  
Callie Ruprecht  
Quinn Sand  
Edward Sandrick  
Danna Saucedo  
Anthony Schaffer  
Maria Schumacher  
Emma Serritella  
Eila Sloan  
Peri Smith  
Reagan Solis  
Audrey Strozak  
Jack Sullivan  
Jack Szcapaniak  
Nathan Tapalla  
Eleanor Terrado  
Benjamin Ticknor  
Michael Torres  
Vito Vari  
Samantha Velazquez  
Mariana Villarreal  
Michael Voytas  
Edward Yunker  
Bruce Zavala

# Mass Intentions for December 5-December 11, 2022

Day	Fr. Name	Time	Intentions
December 5	Fr. Romero	8:00am	St. Cletus Purgatorial Society
December 6	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Bill and Rosemary Blytch and Family
December 7	Fr. Romero	8:00am	BC and Rip Collins, Joseph Vieceli, Joe and Kay Klemak, John Jacobs
December 7 Vigil mass	Fr. Romero	7pm	John and Cheryl Fisherkeller
December 8 <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Fr. Novick	8:00am	Charles Schwerha
December 9	Fr. Romero	8:00am	Nick Brezezniak
December 10	Fr. Novick	5:00pm	Special Intentions of CCW members, Daniel Klepczarek, Joseph Barthowiak, Lydia Danielewicz, Dale Fisher
December 11	Fr. Novick	7:15am	Richard Gomez, Jack Drogasz, John Duda
	Fr. Romero	8:45am	James Jasinski, Father Raymond Klees
	Fr. Novick	10:30am	John Jacobs, Ann and Felix Zaczek, Susan Gierhahn
	Fr. Hays	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**Anna Kostka**  
Wife of Allan Kostka

**Gerald Horn**  
Father of James(Jim) Horn

**Jerome Matuch Sr.**  
Father of Jerome Matuch Jr. And Theresa Matuch

**Stanley Wager**  
Father of Mary Wager

May they rest in peace....

**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.*

**December** - Marlene Heyes

**November** - Daniel Lacey

**October** - Joanne Jungels, Judah Leo Hartl , Matthew O'Connell

**ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...**

**Mia Deveno**  
Daughter of Philip and Nina Deveno



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**Gabriel Inacio DaSilva**  
Son of Julio DaSilva and Stephani Sexton

**Vivian Faye Diaz**  
Daughter of Vanessa Diaz

**Eliza Felicity Rashid**  
Daughter of David Rashid and Nicole Mueller

**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

## Marriage Banns

**Mary Demonte and Justin Missbrenner**

## Pastor's Note

*“A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God.  
You make yourself available to Him.  
You set aside personal preference and self-interest,  
and for one moment  
you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do,”  
Matthew Kelly.*

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent, I am thrilled to share with you a few holy moments that I have received. Please ask the Lord to join you as you read them.

**“I’ve had 10 major surgeries in my lifetime, making me aware of how fragile life is, so my daily Holy Moment happens every morning as my feet don’t touch the ground to get out of bed until I thank God for waking me up.”**

**“I have witnessed and experienced so many great losses in my life. The greatest loss was the absence of God in my life. My pivotal holy moment was my realization of that fact leading to my surrender to God and gratitude for His love and forgiveness. “Lord here am I. Use me!”**

**“Every day that I wake up is a blessing, but one special Holy Moment that I truly enjoy, is looking forward to put up our Christmas tree and nativity scene each year. We have been doing this for so many years, but each year is so special and unique. It is beautiful to see my daughters so excited and happy to do this together as a family. I can really feel the presence of God in these beautiful moments”.**

**“When St. Cletus put the call out for volunteers in June 2020 to reopen after being shut down for COVID, I felt the immediate need and desire to do anything I could to help make that happen. I didn’t care what they needed me to do-I just knew I needed to be there. I knew that God was calling me there, so I went. Almost three years later, that decision has led me to many new experiences and the joy of meeting and working with some of the most wonderful people.”**

**“My holy moments occur every day whenever I see and feel God’s loving arms wrapped around me leading and guiding me. I talk to God throughout the day thanking Him for His presence in my life and for His abundant blessings.”**

**“Our holy moment is every morning when we walk out the door, get in the car and sit there for a few seconds to look back at our home and all that we have and continue to accomplish. We realize that all that we have is because of God. We say, “thank you Jesus for all your blessings,” make the sign of the cross and head out. Always aware of His presence and never forgetting to give thanks.”**

**“After many years of searching and stumbling in the dark, to come back to the joy and the Light of the Catholic Church.”**

**“Several years ago, I had finished Mass one Sunday morning. Everyone had left the church except one man. He seemed spiritually down. Drawn by the Holy Spirit, I went to him to find out if he was okay. He tersely responded “Fine” and I was on my way. The following week, he sought me out to apologize for his attitude the week before. It turned out to be the beginning of a marvelous friendship, and it really took a simple moment – a holy moment.”**

**Fr. Michael Novick**

**“Being and praying with you and together growing in friendship with Jesus Christ is my holy moment.”**

**Fr. Elmer Romero**

I am so appreciative of your openness and willingness to journey together as a parish community this season of Advent and for allowing the Lord to touch our hearts through the work of Matthew Kelly. Please continue to enjoy reading Holy Moments and email us your own holy moments at [shodak@stcletusparish.com](mailto:shodak@stcletusparish.com)

May our holy moments draw us closer to the Lord during this season of Advent!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

# Note From Father Mike

## ADVENT WEEK 2 LITURGICAL YEAR 2023

This time of the year is very special for me, as I annually remember my seminary class trip to the Holy Land. We had left on November 30, 1999, and didn't return to the United States until Valentine's Day 2000. It really was the trip of a lifetime. I am not the best person to travel practically anywhere that isn't home as I tend to get sick – home-sick for the most part, but car-sick, air-sick, and sea-sick are just very difficult for me. The people that invented the motion-sickness drug Dramamine have made lots of money off of me over the years. I should have bought stock in their parent company!

The Holy Land is also a vary special place for me in terms of my ethnic make-up. In fact, I have an uncle who moved his family over to Israel in 1974. While his family has split up in various directions over the years, he remains there with newer cousins too. In January 2000, I was the first of our family to see my uncle and meet his newer family members since he moved there. We had spoken with him on special occasions in previous years, but to reunite on "foreign soil" was something I would have never guessed I would do. It was really neat to meet two of the three cousins I had only heard about from my grandmother who would keep in better contact than anyone else in the family.

But the goodness of the Holy Land runs deeper than my classmates or family members. My class was lucky to say the least. All of the fighting and mob-scenes we might see on the evening news was not-existent. Being at the turn of

the century, Israel was preparing for the arrival of a special guest in March 2000 – Pope John Paul II. His visit was going to be historic. Therefore, by all rights, there was a kind of cease-fire understanding between the Israelis and the Palestinians (both sides claim to be the owners of the combined land of the two countries). There may have been a few gunshots here and there heard off in the distance, but they were negligible. There might actually be more gun violence in Chicago nowadays (I'm kidding, of course).

Walking around the streets and towns Jesus graced was a powerful piece. It was obviously the primary reason the seminary began that pilgrimage semester just one year before my class went. While some people would say that being in the Holy Land during our Chicago winter months couldn't have been too hard, the weather was NOT always warm. Winter made its presence known. Yes, we had the creature comforts that Jesus didn't have in His day, but we were there. Very few Christians can say that. My classmates and I still talk about some of those experiences. But the trip was very unique to each of us – no person's experience was exactly the same. We may have all traveled to the same places, but I guarantee it was different for each of us.

Peace,  
Fr. Mike

# Join Us For Christmas!

## 2022 Christmas Mass Schedule

### Saturday December 24th

- 2:00pm Church Father Elmer Romero
- 2:30pm Parish Center Father Michael Novick
- 4:00pm Church Most Rev. Robert Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- 4:30pm Parish Center Father Ron Kalas
- 7:00pm Church Father Elmer Romero  
(spanish)
- 10:30pm Church Father Michael Novick and Father Elmer Romero

### Sunday December 25th

- 7:15am Church Father Michael Novick
- 8:45am Church Father Elmer Romero
- 10:30am Church Father Michael Novick
- 12:30pm Church Father Elmer Romero





# Sharing Our Holy Moments

## A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our Thanksgiving morning mass! It was truly a beautiful sight to see so many of you and your families join us! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our altar look especially beautiful! Thank you also to our adult and children's choirs who provided wonderful music as always, our lectors, gushers, and our abundance of altar servers! **We are truly blessed!**





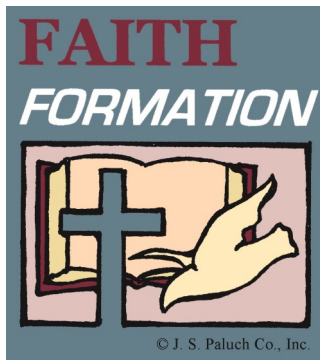
## Faith Formation News And Sunday Notes

### UPDATE

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with your family.

A reminder for parents, we will be having class this weekend and next before we take an extended break for the Christmas Holidays.

Did you know the Faith Formation Office sends out a weekly newsletter? If you would like to read it - it can be accessed on our parish website under Faith Formation.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

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

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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;

## End Of Sunday Dispensation

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In so many ways—large and small—the pandemic has upended our lives together. Families and, in a special way, young people, have faced distressing struggles. The pandemic made our connections with one another challenging and difficult. Exactly in that moment when we truly needed supportive relationships with one another, we found ourselves separated. Sadly, this included the relationships and connections that we have in and through the Church.

We did our best to move forward and many parishes offered on-line Sunday Masses, and went even further and established prayer lines and reached out to those in need. The TV Mass that I celebrated helped to keep us connected as a community of faith in Chicagoland. So many of you have told me how healing and comforting those Masses have been.

In the meanwhile, we are in a new moment. With vaccinations and boosters, restrictions on public gatherings have eased up. Many people feel more comfortable returning to Church. Yet, we know there are some elderly and immunocompromised persons who are still not ready to return. And they should not return. These vulnerable brothers and sisters have an excusing cause for being absent and for this reason I will continue the TV Mass on ABC for the present time. But for the rest of us, I have decided, in consultation

with my advisors, to lift the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass as we begin a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27.

My hope is that the First Sunday of Advent will provide us with a fresh start to take up again our life together as a community of faith that gathers to worship God. I have asked our pastors to begin the Masses on November 26-27 with the traditional lighting of the Advent wreath. After the homily your pastor will lead the community in a renewal of baptismal promises, acknowledging that we owe our obligation to participate in Sunday Mass to God but also to each other. Our common profession of faith and of our desire to turn away from sin, will be concluded by a sprinkling rite with the waters of baptism.

Let this occasion of our renewal of faith and life, which we all so much want, provide us with a fresh start as we recommit ourselves to worship God and to be supportive of each other week after week as we gather around the Table of the Lord to be nourished and renewed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Cardinal Blase J. Cupich**

# School News

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



## TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

### Fund a Child's Future



**Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children's future! Take advantage for a limited time of a 1-for-1 matching gift.**

The Illinois **Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program** awarded scholarships to more than 11,000 students since it was created five years ago.

You can decrease what you owe the state at tax time and potentially increase your refund, all while helping low-income students afford an invaluable Catholic education at an archdiocesan school of their choice.

**For a limited time, between Dec. 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, you can take advantage of a 1-for-1 Matching Program that will double the impact of your gift! Some limitations apply.**

**A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock or credit card.**

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

**The Garcia family makes \$50,000/year and pays \$2,475 in Illinois state income taxes.**

<b>Family Income \$50,000/year</b>	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>
Illinois state taxes at 4.95%	\$2,475	\$2,475
Invest in Kids donation	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>
Tax credit	\$375	\$2,475
Total taxes paid to Illinois (after credit)	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Cost of donation to family after credit	\$125	\$825
<b>1-for-1 Matching Program doubles the impact of your donation</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>

Each option provides a credit to the family; however, **Option B** completely eliminates the family's tax burden and provides over \$6,000 in scholarships for students to attend a Catholic school of their choice.

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at **312.534.2617** or **tcs@archchicago.org**, or visit **archchicago.org/tcs**.

## Hispanic Ministry News

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
6 de diciembre, 2022	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia</b> Church
4 de diciembre, 2022	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Iglesia</b> Church
<b>Segundo Sábado de cada mes</b> Second Saturday of each month	<b>8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.</b> 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	<b>Adoración Nocturna</b> Night Adoration	<b>Iglesia</b> Church
<b>Sábados</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Confesiones</b>	<b>Iglesia</b>



### 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 Guadalupe 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.

### BOLETOS DE RIFA

El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupeño estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para la fiesta Guadalupeña. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 20% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el día 12 de diciembre, 2022 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeña. No es necesario estar presente para ganar **El sábado 26 y domingo 27 de noviembre, 2022 estaremos vendiendo boletos de la rifa después de las Misas. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.**

### RAFFLE TICKETS

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupeño Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for the Guadalupean festivities. The donation per ticket is \$5.00. The 20% collected from the tickets will be the grand prize, the drawing will be held on December 12, 2022 during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Need not be present to win. **On Saturday, November 26 and Sunday November 27, 2022 we will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441**

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place from December 2nd to December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Please make plans to attend this novena to Our Blessed Mother of Guadalupe. After the rosary we will share hospitality (sweet bread and champurrado). Everyone is invited.

If there are any families who would like to pray the rosary, and host that evenings hospitality, please speak to Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441.

### NOVENA GUADALUPANA

La Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevará a cabo del 2 al 10 de diciembre de 2022 a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Favor de hacer planes para acompañarnos a rezar esta novena a Nuestra Santísima Madre María de Guadalupe. Después del rosario compartiremos pan dulce y champurrado. Todos están invitados.

Si hay algunas familias a las que les gustaría rezar el rosario y ser anfitriones de la hospitalidad de esa noche, favor de hablar con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441.



# Social Concerns Ministry



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

**Wish List:**

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

Please note, our donation bin is now located past the flagpole, near door 4.

Follow us on Facebook:  
[@StCletusFoodPantry](#)

Instagram:  
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](#)  
**\*\*Please remember, we do not accept donations of clothing or household goods, fresh/frozen meat, or perishables. If you have a question about a donation, please check first! Thanks!**

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

## GIVING TREE

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*Giving Tree Gifts Due!*



Saturday, December 10 from 12-5pm  
Sunday, December 11 from 7am-12:30pm

pull your car up to the drop off lane on Stone Ave.  
volunteers will unload your gifts



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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

## GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)



## 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 \$25,000 in gift cards. We are more than halfway there!!!** There are two ways to participate in this effort this year:

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> These funds will be applied directly to the gift cards. We will take care of the rest!

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! THANK YOU!

## Gather Hymnal Project Thank You



**GATHER**  
FOURTH EDITION

Thank you to all those who supported our new Gather hymnal project by purchasing a hymnal in memory or in honor of someone or merely making a donation toward

the expense.\* More than 100 individuals/ families came forward; their names appear below; many wished to remain anonymous.

In addition to the new gray Gather 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Books, we also have new United in Christ/Unidos En Cristo misalettes and music books now in beautiful new burgundy vinyl binders.

We were blessed to receive both sets of books just in time for Advent and it took many volunteers to make that happen.

Thanks to:

Staff that helped unload the trucks with the new Gather books

The crew that assembled the vinyl books. That was accomplished in about 2.5 hours. Thanks to maintenance for taking them over to the church.

Then there were those volunteers who “stuck” the book plates and the “Family of God” words on to the covers of

Gather; that took another 2.5 hours. They even transported these books over to the church! (see picture)

Then a big thank you to the 17+ jr. high students, 2 high school students and 3 adults who worked to empty the pews of the old books and put the new ones in, all in time for 5 p.m. Mass last Saturday.

**IT WAS A REAL TEAM EFFORT!** Thanks to everyone: **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!** We’ll all look forward to exploring the new books!

\*There are still books available should you like to donate one or more in memory or in honor of someone. Please contact Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries, [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com) or call 708-215-5423. Cost is \$25.



## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED...

Larry and Carol Anders  
Anonymous (22 families)  
The Anders, Bechtold, Brousil, and Reichler Families  
Yvonne Baggio  
Mrs. Nancy Bartkowiak  
Richard Bartz  
The Berger Family  
Leonard G. Berlin  
Carl and Kathy Boyer  
Rod Bradford  
Maureen Coakley  
Linda and Enrico Demonte  
Nick and Geri Gargano  
Liz Garske  
Barbara Gleespan  
James and Nicole Gorman  
Suzanne and Robert Gray  
Jim and Colleen Hagen  
Diane Seifert Hill  
Geri and Al Hinton  
The Johannes Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kakareka  
Joanne G. Kasang  
Virginia Klepczarek

Camille Koch  
Peggy Kondor  
Patricia Ann  
Ann and Edward Kuchta  
Richard Kurland  
The Edward J. Kwak Family  
Kathryn and Rick Lange  
LoBello Family  
Linda and Gary Lofgren  
Joan Magee  
Michael J. Marek  
Jim Matthews  
Mary McTigue  
Ann and Joseph Nabor  
Lis, Michael and Daniel  
The Nodus Family  
Marty and Robbie Oshea  
Deborah and George Pach  
Mary Pirman  
The Pisone Family  
Joanna and Xavier Polanski  
The Provan Family  
Theresa  
Cynthia and Stephen Romanowski  
Charles Schiller

The Shields Family  
Bob and Carol Biesadecki  
John Slauson  
Francia M. Smith  
Townsend Family  
Sandra "Geema" Tybor  
Michelle Vandriessche-Soltys  
John and Lois Wagner  
Rhea Wehrmeister-Plaia  
Bill Wettstein  
Barbara Kesman Weyrick  
Alice Williams  
Donna Wojciak  
Mark and Carol Wojtulewicz Family  
Janet Wolf  
Bruce and Teresa Wulff  
Daniel Wulff  
Matt and Jen Wulff  
Ted and Celina Zalas  
Karen and Ron Ziemba  
Kathy Zydek



# Ministry News

## SIGN UP OPPORTUNITY!


Effective now, members of the congregation will be bringing up the bread and wine at our weekend masses. The gifts will be placed on the table at the break and at the offertory (while the collection is being taken) you will just need to go to the table and bring the gifts forward to Father when he is ready. Families and single people are invited to sign up for our weekend masses. If you would like to sign up to do this, there is a Signup Genius available at

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

## ADVENT NEWS

Families, couples, and single people are invited to be in the entrance procession and light the candles on the Advent wreath during the weekend masses of Advent! Please sign up at the link below:

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

We look forward to having you join us in our Advent celebrations! 

## ST. CLETUS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY (A CREDO MINISTRY)

Enroll your deceased loved ones and join us in prayer for the holy souls.

Special intentions for December anniversaries will be remembered at Mass on Monday, December 5th.



Information pamphlet and enrollment forms can be found in the narthex or visit: [www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety](http://www.stcletusparish.com/purgatorialsociety)

## ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Please join us for the next Ed Ward Fine Arts Series concert - Bending Towards the Light, a jazz nativity, on Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center. This is a beautiful telling of the traditional story of the advent of Christ in the world, filled with shepherds, angels, the tap dancing king, latin percussion king and the trumpet king. The cast and band will be conducted by Justin Sisul, and will include Bobby Lewis, Leandro Lopez Varady, Stewart Miller, Bob Rummage, Geraldo D'Oliviera, Kirk Garrison, Ken Jandes, Tim Coffman, Nico Rubio, Daniel Riley, Dan MacDonald, Gayle Bisesi, Kecia Waldschmidt, Emma Bolam, and others. Admission is free.

*Join Us in Celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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**Vigil Mass December 7th:**  
7:00pm - St Cletus

**December 8th:**  
8:00am - St. Cletus  
8:30am - St. Francis Xavier  
9:00am - St. John of the Cross  
7:00pm - St. Francis Xavier  
7:00pm - St. John of the Cross



# Community News

## BOOK DISCUSSION

For the next book discussion we are reading **The Thursday Murder Club (book one)** by Richard Osman. We will meet on December 13 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.



For those who like to look ahead...

February 14: **Laine Change** by Mary Ann Doornbos

As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

## DEALING WITH LOSS AND THE HOLIDAYS

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and need support dealing with the holidays this workshop is for you. Learn about the process and stages of loss, how to plan for what you can do and learn ways to cope with the loss. Join us for a free workshop at St. Cletus on December 6, 2022 at 7:00pm led by Karen Rose Schultz LCSW, who is a licensed clinical social worker with many years of experience running grief groups. She specializes in bereavement. Have hope for the future and get through the holidays! Call Karen to register (708) 352-6587. Everyone is welcome!

## 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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## LOOKING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Join ours.

The **Engage Community** is for middle-age people, 50 and up (single, divorced, widowed or married) to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Potential upcoming events are movies and discussion, game/social nights and group service opportunities.

Volunteers needed with some event planning experience to help launch Engage.

If interested, email Amy at [sspagetts@aol.com](mailto:sspagetts@aol.com).

## INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNER DRIVERS NEEDED

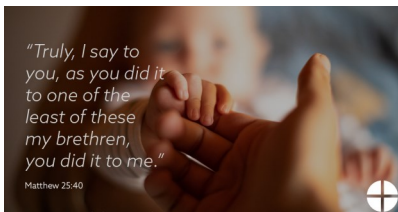
ICP drivers are everyday superheroes, providing safe, accompanied transportation for local older adults who can no longer drive themselves to the doctor, grocery store, pharmacy, church, and other life-enhancing errands.

By volunteering just a few hours a month, you'll make an immediate impact in your local community by bringing much-needed assistance, security, and kind companionship to older adults. We provide all training and offer VERY flexible volunteer hours where you select the rides you take so it works for your life and schedule!

To learn more or request a volunteer application, visit our volunteer webpage <https://interfaithcommunitypartners.org/volunteering/>

or contact our office at 708-354-9328 or [CoordinatorICP@gmail.com](mailto:CoordinatorICP@gmail.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.” \*Excerpt from Evangelium vitae, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

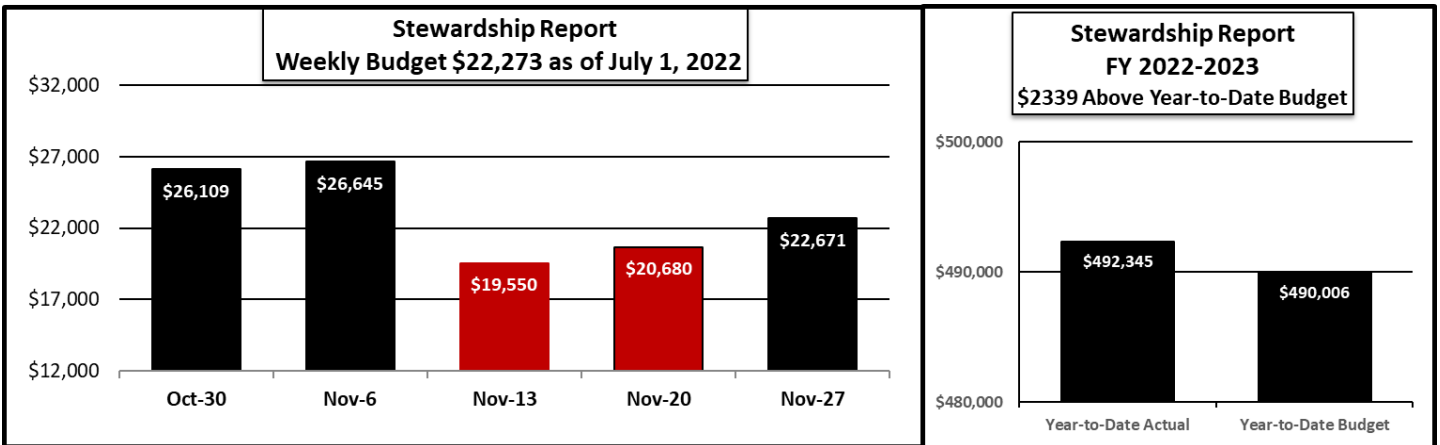
If you are experiencing problems, especially abuse, in your relationship, talk to a professional counselor. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. Chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate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



## Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 4	8am-2pm	Parish Center	Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast
Monday, December 5	7pm	Church	Novena To Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, December 6	8am 7pm	Church Church	Mass With Parish School Students Novena To Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday, December 7	7pm	Gallagher Room	Novena To Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, December 8	6-8pm 7pm	Food Pantry Church	Food Pantry Distribution Novena To Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday, December 9	7pm	Church	Novena To Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday, December 10	7pm 8-11:45pm	Church Church	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe Hispanic Saturday Adoration
Sunday, December 11	4pm	Parish Center	Ed Ward Fine Art Series Jazz Nativity Performance

## Stewardship Report



### 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](http://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](mailto:jdion@stcletusparish.com) or 708.352.6209.



### 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 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

*Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.*

Monday thru Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

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

## WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office .... (708) 352-6209

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Elmer Romero, Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Novick, Associate Pastor**  
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Jennifer Senyard

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Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## 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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