



# Fall Fest 2024

September 5th-8th

We Are Excited to Announce Our 2024 Headliners!



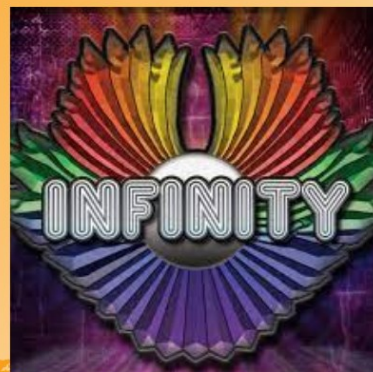
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9/08 @ 7pm

## Mass Intentions for February 12 - February 18 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
February 12	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Mary Prendergast
February 13	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Terry Keogh, Michael G. Crouchelli, Myles Glen Burtelson
February 14	8:00am	Fr. Novick	BC and Rip Collins, Robert Kruse Sr., Natalie Nicoletti, Aileen Carlson (Special Intention), Leandra Chvatal
February 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Gale Wroblewski, Frank Baggio
February 16	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie Marasovic, Frank Wojcik, Paul L. Budvitis, Jennette Cunliffe
February 17	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Fred Grosskopf, Daniel Klepczarek, James Chiostrri, Arline Graczyk, Diane Madsen
February 18	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Julia Kopacz
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Paul Edmund Pilarski, Virginia Herlihy
	10:30am	Fr. Lodge	John Baker, Stacy Baker, Armida Morales, Dario Morales, Louis Berger
	12:30pm	Fr. Plovanych	Vicente Jaramillo, Por las benditas almas del purgatorio, Rafael Soto

### 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.

**February - Debra Goldman**

**January - Mary Ann Bamberger, Eugene Bastedo**

**December - Mary Lue Buchler**

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

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

**Boris Anisi**

Father of Linda Brooks

**Mario Faldani**

Father of Tom Faldani

**Pam Kieszkowski**

**Robert Zupanciz**

Father of Veronica Bissias

May they rest in peace....

### JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT 3PM IN THE PARISH CENTER!

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**THIS SUNDAY IN THE PARISH CENTER!**

**DOORS OPEN AT 3PM**  
**TICKETS ARE \$10**

\*FUN INCLUDES: PINATAS, GAMES, PIZZA, WINGS, DESSERT AND LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!

## Pastor's Note

*"Do everything for the glory of God."*  
1 Cor 10:31.

Dear Friends,

We are gently reminded by Saint Paul to do everything for the glory of God. How does one do this?

As members of the of the Archdiocese of Chicago, this weekend we are invited to respond with generous heart to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. It is through your gift that our shepherd, Cardinal Cupich, continues to provide pastoral care and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world. The impact and influence of your contribution is real and touches the hearts and lives of so many people. In advance I sincerely thank you for your continued generosity and kindness.

Last weekend we took the time to acknowledge, thank, and pray for our brothers and sisters who kindly greet and welcome us as we come to Mass. They are so generous with their time. They arrive early to Mass. They greet one another before they start their ministry. They are attentive to the needs of those who come to Mass. They gladly offer extra help when needed. When Mass is concluded, they do a quick look of the entire church to make sure that it is ready for the next Mass. They do all these things with care, joy, and love. We are blessed by their presence and ministry. Please join me in holding them in prayer.

Today is our long-awaited St. Cletus Super Bowl Party. It will take place in the Parish Center. Doors will be open at 3:00 PM. Good food and entertainment awaits for us. Last year, we all had a great time together. I am confident that this time it will be even better. I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of our Parish Pastoral Council for organizing and hosting this family event for us all. It is thanks to their generosity, initiatives, and counsel that we are able to foster community at our parish. I feel blessed to work, learn, and discern God's will for our parish with them. Please hold them in prayer.

Tomorrow, Monday, February 12, is our "Evening of Encounter with Our Parish Staff." It will be in the Parish Center. We will start by sharing a meal together at 6:30 PM. Then, after praying together, we will have the opportunity to hear and get to know in a more personal way those who serve us as members of the Parish Staff. We are also planning to have a conversation heart to heart with them. We will conclude with the Lord's Prayer. Thank you in advance for your participation.

This Wednesday, February 14, 2024, is Ash Wednesday. As you can see from our Ash Wednesday Schedule, our parish is offering multiple opportunities throughout the day for you to come, pray, and receive your ashes. Please share the schedule with your family, neighbors, and friends. I look forward to praying, receiving ashes, and journeying with you in this holy season of Lent that the Lord in his goodness is offering us.

I am delighted to let you know that we will be offering "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" during the season of Lent. The first session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 PM. All sessions (five) will take place in the Gallagher Room. Monica Herron has graciously accepted my invitation to offer leadership for this important endeavor. She is a lifelong Catholic, La Grange resident, and member of our parish for the past two years. She loves Jesus and has been active in every parish she has belonged to whether it's teaching religious ed, planning events for young adults, volunteering at the food pantry, or serving on Parish Pastoral Council. Currently she works in health care at Laurie Children's Hospital and teaches physician assistants at Northwestern's medical school. She is also a member of our newly formed "Eucharistic Revival Committee." After prayer, please consider attending this wonderful opportunity the Lord is giving us.

Each day the Lord gives us plenty of opportunities to do everything for the glory of God. This is becoming easier for me as I am able to collaborate with so many generous, gifted, and caring people. They are the ones that teach me about doing anything and everything for the glory of God. With their words, life, and witness they do this for me. Thank you.

May the Lord inspire us to focus on others each day.

Fr. Elmer Romero



## Note From Father Mike

### Silence

Brothers and sisters, this may seem to be a contradictory statement from me, but I was with some friends the other night and the subject of church came up. Something one of them said really hit me “It’s amazing how much people get so antsy when the priest sits for a few moments of silence. It could be maybe 15-30 seconds worth of silence, but there are so many people who start looking at their watches. **DON’T PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THEY MIGHT ONLY GET THOSE FEW SECONDS OF SILENCE IN A WHOLE WEEK?**”

I say that it’s a contradictory statement coming from me because I tend to feel like I want music in the background of my day even if I’m reading. It is, indeed, a distraction. I don’t tend to turn off my car radio unless absolutely necessary for my soul. However, if things are too silent, for example, while reading, I fall asleep very easily. Still, over time I have learned the value of silence too.

When I was a little boy at home, I went to bed in a somewhat of a noisy house as I would be in bed well before my parents who would stay up to watch the news. The house (my mom still lives there) isn’t very large. So, sound travels and it doesn’t have to travel far to reach my room. After that, however, there was no noise once the TV went off. Nowadays, I need one of those “white noise” machines just to help me in falling asleep, not pure silence. Yet, I have learned the value of silence.

When I am in a rut, I go over to the church to find space and quiet time with God. And don’t get me wrong. I don’t always keep my prayer time silent. I often need to go to the church to spout

off some steam too if someone pushes the right button – I just try to be sure that the microphones in the church are off and no one else is around so that it IS between me and God. I had to learn that one the hard way as the sound system at St. George in Tinley Park (my first assignment) was left on a couple of times and the people in the office could hear me. Oops!

Those times of spouting off in the church are getting to be more and more rare for me. Silence is something my body and soul have learned how important it is.

During the upcoming Lent season, Fr. Elmer and I are seeking to be more conscious of practicing some silence after the homily and after communion. We hope those extra minutes will be time that isn’t only for our benefit, but that you take advantage of it with us while contemplating God’s word and receiving strength from the Food of the Ages.

Have a blessed Lent and eat lots of pachke this Tuesday. Ash Wednesday is this week.

Fr. Mike



## Sunday Notes

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

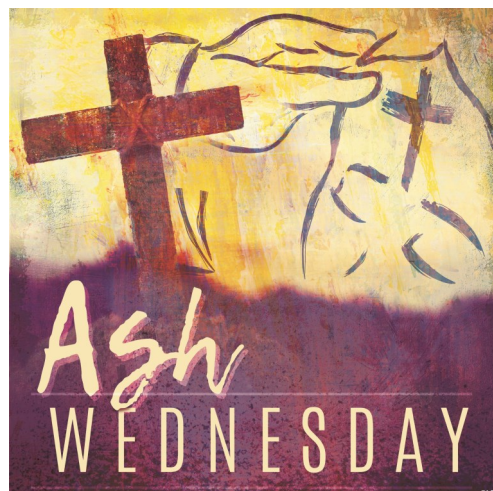
**Next Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Valentine’s Day

**Saturday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent



# Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

## BLESSING OUR GUSHERS

We are so blessed to have so many parishioners as part of our “gushers” ministry. We took a moment at the end of each mass last weekend to acknowledge, bless, and thank them for being part of such an important ministry at our parish.



### Join Us This Monday!

 *St. Cletus Parish*

**PLEASE JOIN US FEBRUARY 12TH AT 6:30PM FOR:**

**AN EVENING OF ENCOUNTER WITH OUR PARISH STAFF**



**GATHER WITH US IN OUR PARISH CENTER TO SHARE A MEAL AND GET TO KNOW OUR PARISH STAFF BETTER!**

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP**





## Please Join Us This Wednesday!

# Ash Wednesday

### WORD SERVICES WITH ASHES

6:30 a.m. (English)

12:00 p.m. (English)

3:30 p.m. (English)

5:00 p.m. (English)

### MASSES WITH ASHES

8:00 a.m.(English)

10:00 a.m. School Mass (English)

7:00 p.m. (English/Spanish)

**Wednesday, February 14**  
**ALL SERVICES ARE IN THE CHURCH**

*Lent*  
**2024**

## Bible Study

A BIBLICAL  
**WALK**  
THROUGH THE  
**MASS**



**We kindly ask participants to donate \$ 30.00 to cover the cost of materials. Donation may be left with the Parish Office or at Bible Study. Thank you**

### A Parish-wide Study Program

Join fellow parishioners young and old **every Tuesday during Lent at 7 pm**, as we explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and discover what it all means and why it matters.

Don't just give up something this Lent—**get something** more out of the Mass!

For more information contact **Deacon Franco** at the Parish Office or **Monica Herron** at monicaherron@gmail.com. Please, register by scanning the code on the right or by calling the Parish Office.

We kindly ask participants to donate \$ 30.00 to cover the cost of materials, if possible. Thank you!



## Lector Training



# ST. CLETUS NEEDS YOU!

Proclaiming the Word of God is an important ministry.

If you feel called to share your talents in that capacity,

there will be training for New Lectors February 18th and 25th immediately following 7:15am Mass in the Gallagher Room. If you are one of our veteran lectors, but would like extra training, you are welcome to attend too.

Please pray about helping. Thank you!



## Altar Server Training

# Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?

Training Sessions Offered:

**2/17 10-11:30am**

**2/24 10-11:30am**

*in church*

**Lent is a very busy time and we would love to add additional altar servers on to our schedule!**

**"ALTAR SERVERS ARE CALLED TO BE YOUNG FRIENDS OF JESUS." -SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II**



# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS  
4-8PM

Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Detergent and soap
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on Facebook:

@StCletusFoodPantry

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

### Donation Reminder!

We have seen a recent uptick in donations of items we cannot accept. WE DO NOT ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MEAT, PERISHABLES (including fruits/vegetables), CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD GOODS. Please also be mindful of putting donations in the outside donation bin during freezing temperatures as items can expand and burst. Donation bins are also located in the Church Narthex, for your convenience. If you have any questions about a donations, please do not hesitate to ask first! [foodpantry@stcletusparish.com](mailto:foodpantry@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418. Thank you!

### Gift Cards for Easter

We are currently seeking donations of \$25 gift cards to Jewel or Walmart. Donations can be dropped in the weekly collection basket or at the Parish Center (please do not put gift cards in the donations bins). Or you can make an online donation to the food pantry. Please write (gift cards) in the memo/notes.

Each year, during the month of Easter, we distribute \$25 gift cards to Jewel/Walmart to each household. Thank you for your support!

Join us at our upcoming event, where a multitude of organizations come together under one roof, offering you the perfect opportunity to make a difference in your community. Sip a cup of coffee and explore a diverse range of causes and find the perfect volunteer role that aligns with your passions and skills. Together, let's create a positive impact and build a stronger, more compassionate community.

FIND A VOLUNTEER ROLE THAT FITS YOUR INTERESTS AND AVAILABILITY!

Coffee & Refreshments

**FOR THE LOVE OF VOLUNTEERING**

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 9-11:30 am

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FAIR**

→ All are welcome. Bring a friend!

HOSTED BY ICP

First Presbyterian Church of La Grange  
150 S. Ashland Ave.  
Enter at Elm St. and Catherine Ave.

Interfaith Community Partners

Participating nonprofits include: CAAEL, Community Support Services, Go Green La Grange, Helping Hand, Hinsdale Humane Society, Interfaith Community Partners, La Grange Area Historical Society, LATTE Theater, Leadership, Pillars, St Cletus Food Pantry, Scouting, and more!

## LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl after all Ash Wednesday services. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## QUARTERLY RESUME REVIEW

Saturday, February 17, 9-11 am

Join us for a helpful 20-30 minute, one-on-one conversation with an HR, or other search-related professionals. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, in La Grange. Visit us at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org) for additional resources

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

## RESUME REVIEW

Saturday, February 17 from 9:00-11:00  
St. Cletus Parish Center: 700 W 55th St. La Grange



# School News

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Another fantastic Catholic Schools week is in the books! It was week full of fun themed days, treats, and ended with our annual RED AND WHITE GAME! It's always something we look forward to here in cardinal country!! As is tradition, our 8th graders decorated their shirts in preparation for the big game!! It's always fun to see what they come up with!



## OUR STUDENTS ARE "SOUP-ER"

As part of catholic schools week this year our students were asked to bring in a soup can donation for our food pantry. Thank you to our student council for organizing this endeavor!



## SNOWBALL DANCE

On February 2nd some of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders came out to dance the night away at our Snowball dance!! It was a great night!



## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT DINING 4 DOLLARS NIGHT!



Come out to McDonald's in Countryside on February 22nd from 5-7pm and 20% of your purchase will come back to St. Cletus! Our FSA will be donating the proceeds from this event to our spring production of Highschool Musical Jr.! Fundraiser is for dine-in, pick up, or drive-thru!



# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
13 de febrero, 2024	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia</b> Church
11 de febrero 2024	12:30 p.m.	<b>Misa en Español</b> Spanish Mass	<b>Iglesia</b> Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia 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.

first rehearsal. We will be meeting every Thursday of Lent from 7 to 8pm. The Living Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, march 29, at 10:00 am. For more information, contact Juanita Avila 708-215-5441

### VIA CRUCIS VIVIENTE

Comenzaremos a planificar el Vía Crucis Viviente. Si les gustaría participar pueden unirse a nosotros el jueves. 15 de febrero de 2024 a las 7:00 pm., en la iglesia para el primer ensayo. Nos reuniremos todos los jueves de Cuaresma de 7 a 8 pm. El Vía Crucis Viviente se llevará a cabo el Viernes Santo, 29 de marzo, a las 10:00 am. Para más información, se pueden comunicar con Juanita Ávila 708-215-5441.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will begin planning the Living Stations of the Cross. If you would like to participate you can join us on Thursday. February 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the church for the



# Reflection

## **Eucharistic Revival: Don't Take it for Granted!**

If you're anything like me, you may find yourself taking things for granted that upon closer inspection are really quite extraordinary. Take, for example, many of the liberties and luxuries that we enjoy as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Americans. I sometimes grumble when I'm forced to commute downtown for work, or when my online shopping delivery takes longer than 24 hours. We are quick to recalibrate our expectations and slow to marvel at the blessings we have.

A similar thing happens with the Eucharist. We make our First Communion in second grade, then receive communion each Sunday, often without pausing to reflect on how incredible it all is.

We are receiving the all-powerful, eternal, transcendent God as food...here in La Grange in 2024. As with all true mysteries, it is beyond comprehension.

There's no cosmic requirement that the God of all creation must call us his children (not just creatures). And yet He does. There's no obligation that He repair our brokenness caused by sin and offer us eternal life. And yet Christ entered into our humanity and died for us. There's no mandate that God offer the Eucharist as His true presence among us, sustaining us with grace amid our daily lives.

Pause to reflect on how extraordinary the Eucharist is as you're returning to your pew after communion or driving home from Mass. Don't take it for granted.



# Ministry News

## BOOK CLUB



Come join us on February 13<sup>th</sup> for our Discussion of *The Celebrants* by Stephen Rawley . We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail [book\\_club@stcletusparish.com](mailto:book_club@stcletusparish.com).

For those who like to look ahead, our April book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

## CONSIDER PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR LENT

Mary was with Jesus every step of the way through His life. Praying the Mysteries of the Rosary is a perfect way to join her during this Season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross. There are so many ways to do this:



Join us in church at 1:00 each Wednesday. Pray with others as we send up our prayers and petitions to heaven.

Say the Rosary from home on Monday evenings at 7, when the Living Rosary prays for peace in the world.

Volunteer to say one decade from home each day as a member of St. Cletus' Living Rosary. Call Mary Lu at 630-430-3338 to commit to a decade of your choice. This is a simple but very moving way to grow in your prayer life

and place your heart in Mary's hands. Say the Rosary each day of Lent, whenever you can. Think about each Mystery, what Mary and Jesus were feeling and how it impacts your life. Put your worries in her hands. Stepping out of your busy life to give a half hour each day to God and Mary costs nothing, but opens your heart and mind to a fuller appreciation of the Love of God and Mary's pure devotion, thereby strengthening your own spiritual life.

Try it and see where Mary leads you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We are pleased with the positive feedback we are getting about Mass intentions online. It has helped us process the multiple requests we receive in the Parish Office. I would like to share a few guidelines to help us better serve you.

Mass intentions may be requested in person and by phone during business hours or 24 hours online.

To ensure Mass intentions are published in the bulletin and read at Mass, they must be requested at least ten days prior to the Sunday of publication.

We kindly ask requesters to limit a Mass intention to one name. However, multiple intentions may be requested at any time.

Thank you for supporting St. Cletus Parish.

Deacon Franco

Operations Director



# Annual Catholic Appeal

You are invited to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Together at the table." If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).



# Community News

## TROOP 19 SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER



Boy Scout Troop 19 is selling a variety of annual plants and hanging baskets!!! Pick-up will be in early May at the American Legion in La Grange.

Link to order: <https://go.noblevalleywreathsale.com/troop19spring/> or scan QR Code

Please select St. Cletus Parish as the "participant" at checkout.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL FISH FRY!

**ST. CLETUS PARISH**  
3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Benefiting  
*St. Cletus Parish*  
Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ Through Worship, Education and Service

*St. Cletus School*  
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

Save the Date

Friday March 15th

Seatings: 4:30PM, 5:30PM, 6:30PM, 7:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS SOON!

Sponsored By  
SAINT CLETUS FATHER'S CLUB

## Preferred Partners



Thank you!



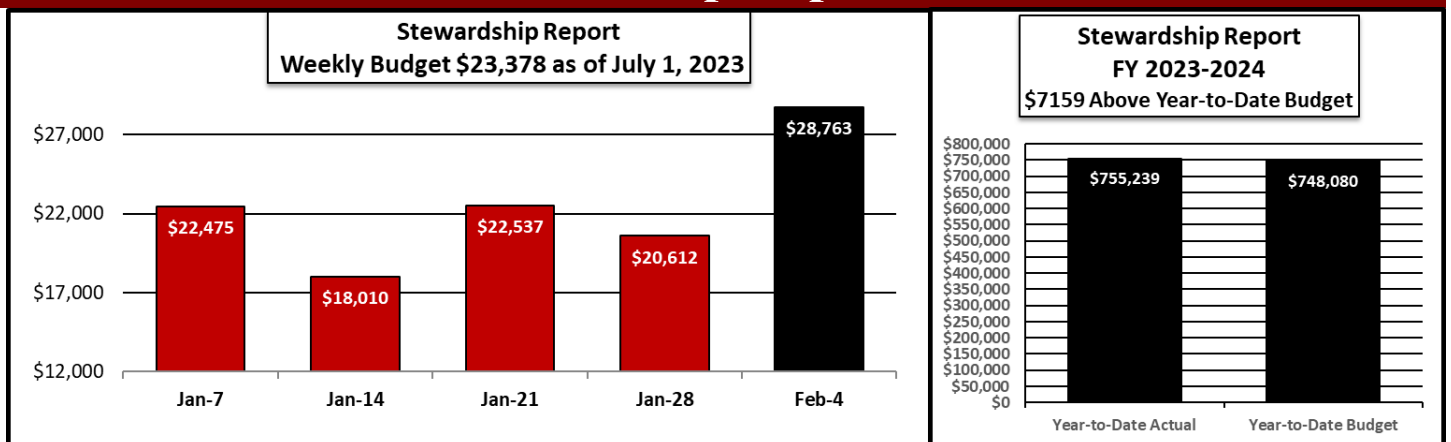
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## Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 11	12am-5am 2pm	Church Parish Center	Nocturnal Adoration Super Bowl Party
Monday, February 12	6:30pm 7pm	Parish Center Church	An Evening of Encounter With Parish Staff Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary-Spanish
Tuesday, February 13	10am 7pm 7pm 8pm	Gallagher Room Church Gallagher Room Parish Center	Book Club Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- Spanish CCW Board Meeting Senior Basketball Practice Church League
Wednesday, February 14	10am 9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 8-10pm	Church Gallagher Room Church Parish Center	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day Mass w/ School Children Mission Ladies Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, February 15	4-8pm 8-10pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Team Practices
Friday, February 16	7-8pm 8-9pm	Church Parish Center	Stations of the Cross Frosh/Soph Church league practice
Saturday, February 17	7-8pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Sunday, February 18	After 7:15am mass		Lectors Training

## Stewardship Report



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Father Romero,

Mid-winter blessings!

On behalf of the retired religious of the Archdiocese and of the United States, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Cletus parish for your generous contribution of \$9,910.46 (ck #31239) toward the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Your parish gift continues to make it possible for religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who served the People of God through years of dedicated service.

Please be assured of the prayers of all religious, both retired and active, asking God's continued blessings upon your parish throughout the 2024 New Year.

**Gratefully, Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B. Retirement Fund for Religious Coordinator**

# 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*  
Deacon Franco Foti, *Operations Director*  
Rev. Michael Novick, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*  
Mr. Ramón Cazales, *Deacon*  
Rev. Robert Clark, *Pastor Emeritus*

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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.