

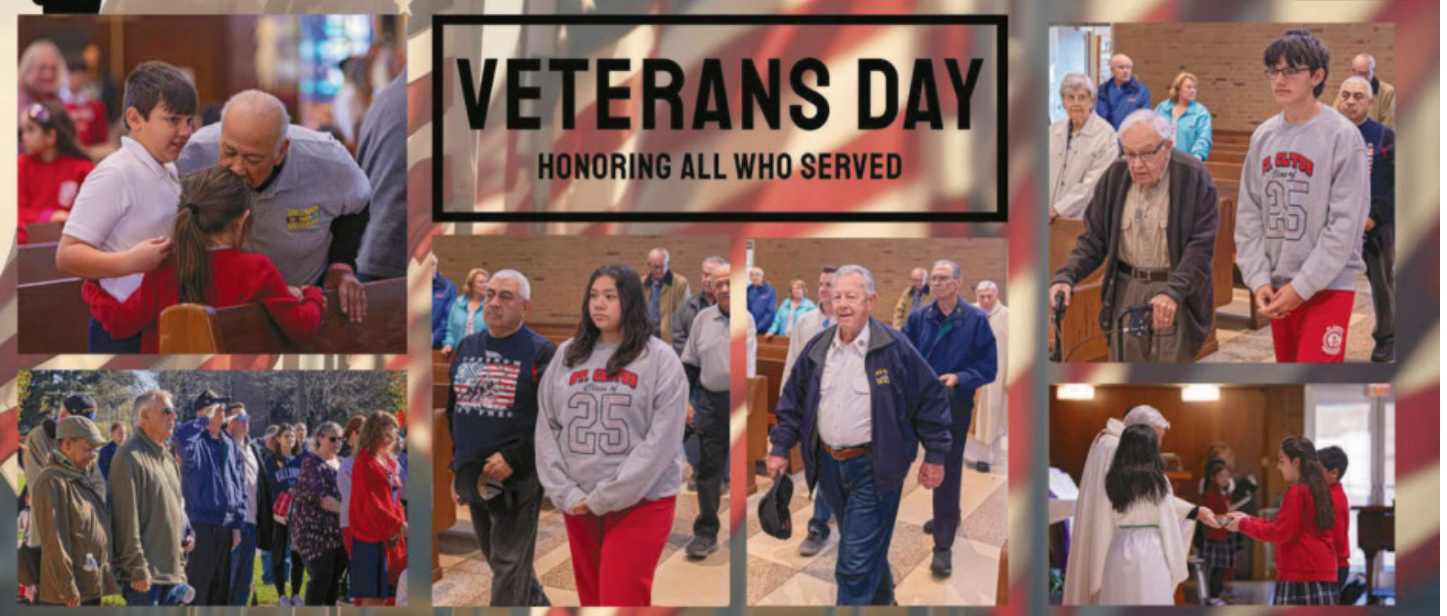
# St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ  
Through Worship, Education and Service

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



November 17, 2024 | Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary



## Mission and Vision Statement

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Mt 28:19-20

### Parish Office

(708) 352-6209  
Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



[stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com)



St. Cletus Parish



St. Cletus Church

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### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)  
Streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/@stcletusparish/streams>  
7:15 a.m. (English)  
8:45 a.m. (English)  
10:30 a.m. (English)  
12:30 p.m. (Español)

### **Confessions**

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

### **Baptisms / Bautizos**

Contact the parish office  
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### **Religious Education For Children Educación Religiosa Para Niños**

Contact / Comuníquese con  
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### **O.C.I.A**

Contact the parish office.

### **Weddings**

Please contact the parish office 6  
months prior to the wedding date.

### **Quinceañeras y Presentaciones**

Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al  
(708) 215 - 5441.

### **Funerals**

Contact the parish office.

### **Parish Canticle**

For any request, please email  
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## Mass Intentions

Saturday November 16	Rev. John Lodge	5 p.m.	† Benedict Dybas † Ellen Benrus	† James Chiostri † Gregory Trauth Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday November 17	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† Benedict Dybas † Joseph and Lillian Selip † Delmar Miccuci	† Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† Phyllis Prevenas † Janice Krey † Amelia Garcia † Eugene Hickey	† Irene Nelsen † Sorrentino & Alfano Family † Denis Rahilly
	Rev. Michael Novick	10:30 a.m.	† Sophie Scaccia † Brian Luczak † James Moles	† Caroline Mhley † Theresa and Henry John Romanowski
	Rev. Elmer Romero	12:30 p.m.	† Deacon Mario A. Avila	† Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
Monday November 18	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Virginia Brooks	
Tuesday November 19	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	For the Health of Dolores Wisniewski (Living)	† Joseph Vais Emma Kriho (Birthday)
Wednesday November 20	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† BC & Rip Collins	† Mary Ellen Phillips
Thursday November 21	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	Aileen Carlson (Special Intention) † Margarita Ibanez Martinez	Adali Verdin (Birthday) † Sam Giacinto
Friday November 22	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic	
Saturday November 23	Rev. Alexander Garcia	5 p.m.	† John Nisbet † Irene Erdmann † Ellen Benrus	Janet Boyer (Special Intention) Mary Welenc (Birthday)
Sunday November 24	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† John and Frances Kennedy † Patrick Mahoney	† Robert Spyrison † Julia Kopacz
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8:45 a.m.	† Mary Jane Walsh † Jim and Gerry Condon	Health blessings for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Anthony Perkovich † Ralph Kriho & Daughter, Laura	† C. Rodger Brown † Donald Kotrba † Dolores Delaney
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Francisco Medina † Gustavo Gutierrez Pedraza	Juan Ramon Hernandez (Birthday) † Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio

### Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Cynthia Gosse | Denise & Rich Jandura | George & Barb Zykan | June Matasic | Richard Madsen | Asis Gonzalez | Frank Orrico | Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjau | Debbie Coté | Vincent Austrevich

### Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Wiunifred Weisgerber, Friend of Dolores Rodriguez



## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

**"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,  
and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."**

Matthew 7:16

Dear Friends,

Since the beginning of human civilization, we have been blessed to be guided and influenced by men and women who are wise. They shine in our midst, like light. They do that a little bit even now. Look at the eyes of a saints like Mother Teresa or St. Francis of Assisi or of your favorite saint. That light does not come up from the earth; it comes down from the heavens.

Our parish family is also blessed with many wise men and women. We see them shining, like light in our midst. We see their lights shining brightly through their witness, joy, and fidelity to the Lord. We experience their light when they foster community, friendship, and harmony. When we see them serving, praying, and leading with the heart of Jesus Christ, we are influenced by their light. Their shining light fills our hearts with wonder, gratitude, and joy. We give thanks to the Lord for them.

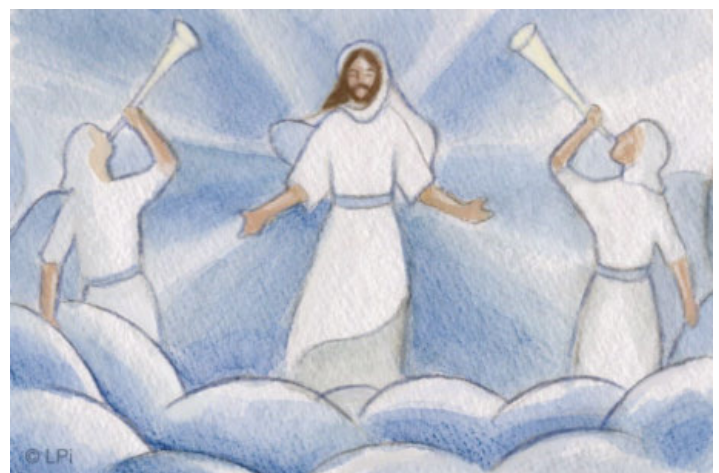
With the generosity and kindness of those who love to share their lights with others, on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, we invited our children from Faith Formation to join us at our 10:30 AM Mass. They want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation as they grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. They attended Mass accompanied by their families and catechists. After Communion, they were invited to approach the altar to receive a special blessing. I felt that they knew that something different and special was taking place. God was drawing them closer to his heart. I also noticed that everyone in the pews was praying for them. It was a special moment of grace for all. I would like to acknowledge and thank our leaders and parents for allowing us to be part of something special. Join me in holding them in prayer.

As mentioned before, our parish is blessed to have a prayerful, insightful, and committed Parish Pastoral and Finance Council. Their main purpose is to pray, discern, and help the pastor to keep St. Cletus a special place where we all grow in friendship with the Lord and one another. I enjoy praying and discerning God's will with them for our parish community. The effect of their shining light fills my heart and spirit with the desire to praise, love, and serve God and you.

Today, I am happy to let you know that Mrs. Elaine Adams Kennedy, David Smith, and John Hodak have joined the Parish Pastoral Council, and Mr. Bill Murdoch has joined the Parish Finance Council. They are active members of our parish and they have a genuine love for the Lord and the St. Cletus family. They want to see St. Cletus shining its light near and far. I am grateful for their generous response in accepting my invitation. I look forward to praying, discerning, and serving with them. Please hold each of them in prayer.

This weekend and always we pray and thank the Lord for touching our hearts through the life, witness, and influence of the shining lights of those around us.

Fr. Elmer Romero



## A Letter from the Associate Pastor's Desk

Many parishes offer Bible Studies for adults. Many parishes have other faith formation opportunities for adults. It's probably one of the most popular "complaints" I have heard from adults over my 23 years of ministry "Why didn't anyone teach us that?" I think that is one of the blessings that we have here at St. Cletus. We have offered "Evenings of Prayer and Reflection" with many visiting priests and other professionals. Last Lent, there was a four-week biblical walk through the Mass. Last night (November 4th), we embarked on another formation opportunity for adults entitled "When You Pray."

So many people have mentioned to me in recent years that they don't know how to pray or how to come back to God if they have recently felt distant from Him. Some of those people are educated professionals, but they simply feel like their prayers are inadequate. When I arrived at the first session last night, I was hope-filled to see some new faces who were not at the previous Bible Study last Lent. It filled my heart to know that prayer IS important to people and that they want to learn more.

Something that struck me in the video being used to help the discussion at the tables was that we all need to come to the realization that anything that moves you to say thank you to God, or help me, or whatever the situation, just calling on God with a sincere heart is the beginning of creating a prayer life. It could be the first 5-10 minutes of the day to devote to God, speaking to Him and listening to Him. And it might be that your prayers are anchored by the "formal" prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary, the Rosary, or other noted devotions. However, something I have certainly

experienced is that when I need to re-ground my own prayer life, I return to those devotional prayers which leads me to concentrate a little more about what I need to tell God AND to listen to his voice – his response.

That is faith. Faith is our response to God's invitation to follow Him.

I didn't actually count the number of attendees last night, but there were approximately 18-22 people from different age groups, ethnicities, and levels of education. Everyone seemed very engaged in the video piece. There was a part of the video that had a religious sister who gave practical recommendations for anyone who is trying to connect or reconnect with God. For me, carving out a specific time to pray every day is one of the most important recommendations she made. When we were in the seminary, as you might expect, the daily time we were to be attending and praying Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (some say it is the church's prayer book) was 7:30am. At most it was about 20 minutes officially to start with and it took time to learn, but it became a part of my everyday existence. Then breakfast and off to classes. Evening Prayer was at 5pm, then off to dinner.

Set time aside to concentrate. Use the Bible. Don't just read on and on, but take time to think about what stirs in your heart as you are going along.

The next session is this Monday, the 11th at 7pm in the Gallagher Room. Hope to see you there.

Fr. Mike

*“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.” — Mk 13:26-27*

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## Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, November 18	7:00 p. m.	Bible Study	Gallagher Room
Tuesday, November 19	6:30 p.m.	Pilot Alpha (English)	Gallagher Room
Wednesday, November 20	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mission Ladies Food Pantry Cookie Collection St. Cletus Living Rosary	Gallagher Room Parish Center Church
Thursday, November 21	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Cookie Collection Food Pantry Distribution Kids Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Parish Center Food Pantry Music Room Music Room
Friday, November 22	7:00 p.m.	Alpha Piloto (Spanish)	Gallagher Room
Saturday, November 23	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Distribution Giving Tree Gift Card Sales	Food Pantry Church Narthex
Sunday, November 24	1:00 p.m. All Masses	Thanksgiving Distribution Giving Tree Gift Card Sales	Food Pantry Church Narthex

### Readings of the week

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32  
**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40  
**Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin  
**Thursday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Friday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr  
**Saturday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

*Join us on Thanksgiving, November 28th*

**9:00AM**

*Mass will be in English and Spanish*

All parishioners, family, and friends are welcome to gather with us for Mass and celebrate all we have to be thankful for.

## Misa de Acción de Gracias

*El 28 de noviembre, Día de Acción de Gracias,*

*a las 9.00 AM.*

*La Misa sera bilingüe*

Todos los feligreses, familiares y amigos son bienvenidos a celebrar con nosotros la misa y todo lo que tenemos que agradecer.



JOIN THE ST. CLETUS  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN & FSA FOR OUR

*HO HO Holiday*  
*Breakfast*  
*with*  
**Santa**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**7:45<sup>AM</sup> - 1:00<sup>PM</sup>**

**ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER**  
**\$5 PER PERSON**



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be hosting the annual **HOHO Holiday Breakfast** on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, from **7:45 AM to 1:00 PM**. Entry fee is still only \$5! Volunteers from the CCW and FSA will turn the Parish Center into a holiday wonderland as you enjoy a Continental Breakfast, a visit with Santa (photo op for you as well), the always popular Cake Walk for all ages, Children's craft area, the Holy Family display where you are invited to "drop a wish" for Baby Jesus, and finally, back by popular demand, the Christmas Vintage/New Ornament Sales table which will directly benefit the CCW's St. Cletus Scholarship Fund. Bring your family, friends and neighbors...there is something for everyone! Donations of baked goods/prizes for the Cake Walk may be dropped off on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, between 3 and 6 PM. Questions? Call Pat at 630-330-1884 or Karen at 708-710-0644 or email: [ccw@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ccw@stcletusparish.com)

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# CCHD 2024 COLLECTION



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TO DONATE

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to bring good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, bring new sight to the blind and set the downtrodden free.

Please support the second collection in your parish on November 23 – 24. Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or to donate, please visit [CCHDchicago.org](http://CCHDchicago.org).

# School News

## Classroom Elections!

Our Dual Language Preschoolers as well as our Kindergartners recently had elections of their own! DLI voted on Goldfish VS. Fruit Snacks with Goldfish coming out on top! Kindergarten voted on Duck VS. Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown won in a landslide!



## All Conference



Congratulations to 8th grader Savannah Jones  
In being named All Conference Volleyball Athlete!

## November Dining 4 Dollars November 26th!

**Corner Bakery Cafe La Grange!**  
Eat to Support St. Cletus School

❤️ 25% Donate Back

Use Promo code 659  
In-Cafe or at [cornerbakerycafe.com](http://cornerbakerycafe.com)  
before checkout.

Tuesday, November 26th  
7:30 AM - 7:30 PM

39 N La Grange Rd,  
La Grange

The complex block features a dark background with white text and icons. At the top, it announces a dining promotion at Corner Bakery Cafe La Grange. Below the text is a photograph of various food items: two burritos, a large sandwich, a bowl of salad, and a drink. At the bottom, there are three circular icons: a ticket, a calendar, and the cafe's logo. Text below the icons provides details about the promo code, the date and time of the event, and the location.



## Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 17 de Noviembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español	Iglesia
Martes, 19 de Noviembre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna <i>Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration</i>	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia
Cada 12 del mes	7:00 p.m.	Devoción Guadalupeana / Guadalupe Devotion	Iglesia

# Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration in Honor of the Virgin Mary

### Gracias a la Junta Directiva del Comité Guadalupe.

Gracias al comité por su voluntad de servir en este ministerio.

Presidenta: Lupita Rodríguez

Vicepresidenta: Angélica Cansino

Secretarias:

Berónica Martínez y Marbella Marín

Tesoreros: Erasmo Zavala & Rubén Ramírez.

### Thank you to the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe Committee.

Thank you to the committee for your willingness to serve in this ministry.

President: Lupita Rodríguez

Vice President: Angelica Cansino

Secretaries:

Berónica Martínez & Marbella Marín

Treasurers: Erasmo Zavala & Rubén Ramírez.

### Segunda Colecta

Estaremos tomando una colecta más para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupeana durante la misa de 12:30 p.m.

### 1 de Diciembre

También puede donar en línea, escaneando el código QR.

### Novena Guadalupeana

3 al 11 de Diciembre a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia

### Rifa

\$5 por boleto

El 50% de las recaudaciones será el premio mayor. El sorteo será el 12 de diciembre durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupeana. (No es necesario estar presente para ganar.)

### Celebración Guadalupeana

El 12 de Diciembre de 5 a.m. en la Iglesia



### Second Collection

We will be having one more collection to help with the expenses of the Guadalupeana Fiesta during the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

### December 1

You can also donate online by scanning the QR code.

### Novena Guadalupeana

December 3rd to the 11th at 7 p.m. in the Church

### Raffle

\$5 per ticket

50% of the proceeds will become the grand prize. The raffle will be held on December 12 during the Guadalupeana celebration (It is not necessary to be present to win).

### Guadalupeana Celebration

On December 12 at 5 a.m. in the Church

## Social Concerns



### St. Cletus Food Pantry

Thursdays  
4-8 p.m.

#### Wish List:

- Jelly
- Diapers
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Hand Soap
- Boxed Potatoes
- Crackers, cookies, snacks

Follow us on

#### Facebook:

@StCletusFoodPantry

#### Instagram:

@St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer  
Kendall Grant  
(708)215-5418  
kgrant@stcletusparish.com

We continue to be humbled by your generous support of this ministry. All of you have experienced the increased cost of groceries and other necessities. Many of you know the pain, panic and stress of having experienced a personal and/or financial crisis. **Our St. Cletus Social Concerns and St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVDP) work collaboratively to help people in our area with financial assistance.** Your support makes this happen.

This year, **we have experienced an increase in requests for financial assistance. In just one week, we received requests for over \$10,000.** We chose to help with about \$8,000 of the requests. Below are a few examples of recent requests. Please note, these are overly simplistic and intentionally brief examples to give an idea of the type of requests we receive:

1. Single mom of four with two autistic children. Two months behind on rent. Working part time, and receives disability and child support income. Missed work to stay home with the kids while Strep Throat and the Flu cycled through everyone and had to miss school, therefore her income was less. Owes \$3,053.
2. Twenty seven year old single man out of work due to car accident and surgery. Expected to go back in December. Put off surgery for six months to make as much money as he could to save up for expenses but has fallen short. Is a contract worker and wasn't eligible for unemployment or disability. Looking for help with one month rent. Owes \$1,100.
3. Senior citizen experienced flooding in her mobile home. The floor rotted all the way through and there was mold throughout the room. Insurance would not cover repairs. Only income is Social Security. \$1,550 for repairs.

In addition to the increase in requests for financial assistance, we have seen an increase in those attending the food pantry. We recently surpassed our **largest day ever, serving 170 households in one day.**

**Our biggest priority and request for help right now is Giving Tree!**

#### **Here is how you can help:**

1. **Giving Tree Tags:** We have 45 more families enrolled in Giving Tree this year than last year. That is about **180 more tags** than in 2023. Since Thanksgiving is late this year, we also have one less week with the Giving Trees in Church. **We need your help with tags!**

- This year, we are offering a **new online tag sign up.** This will help us expand our reach to those outside the St. Cletus

Parish community. You

can share this link with other friends and family that may not attend our parish or be familiar with our program. You can share on social media too!



- Please note, tags on the trees in the Narthex will still be available!
- **Grocery gift cards** will be available for sale after Masses this weekend and November 23-24.





## Social Concerns

1. **Holiday Volunteers:** We have over 100 volunteer slots to fill between Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions! Please visit [www.stcletusfoodpantry.com/givingtree](http://www.stcletusfoodpantry.com/givingtree) to view and sign up for holiday volunteer opportunities.



2. **Cookies for Thanksgiving:** Make 2-3 dozen of your favorite nut-free cookies for our thanksgiving distribution. Drop Off at: St. Cletus Parish Center on November 20 & 21 between 9:00-5:00. We will share these with clients Thanksgiving kits.

*Thank you all for your deep and long standing commitment to serve others. We continue to expand and serve because of all the ways you step in to help your neighbors. Thank you!*

## An Evening of Prayer and Reflection

◆ *St. Francis and the Gift of Incarnation* ◆

December 4th, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

*Hospitality  
to follow*

*Special Guest Speaker:  
Friar Mario L. Serrano,  
OFM Conv.*



*St. Cletus Parish*  
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## Una Noche de Oracion y Reflexion

◆ *San Francisco y el Regalo de la Encarnación* ◆

3 de diciembre, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

*Habra  
convivio  
despues de la  
charla*

*Ponente Invitado:  
Fray Mario L. Serrano,  
OFC Conv.*



*St. Cletus Parish*  
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## Visits to the St. Cletus School Students During the National Vocation Week Awareness

November 3 thru 9 was the national vocation week awareness. Fr. Mike, the principal Greg and I, Fr. Alex, took this opportunity to visit the students in our Parish school to share to them the story or our own vocation. We shared with them how the Lord called us to follow him. It was an awesome and extraordinary opportunity to renew the happiness of having been chosen by the Lord to serve and follow him. I felt the goodness, kindness, generosity, the extraordinary environment and faith of the students, teachers and staff; they were so attentive, respectful and open to welcome us.

While I was speaking to them about my life and my vocation, I sensed a feeling of renewal, it was as if the Lord was renewing within me the desire to keep serving him with love, faithfulness and happiness. We encourage them to open their hearts to listen to



the voice of God speaking deep in their hearts calling them to be the best version of themselves, which means to be holy. Finally, we let them know that the most special and meaningful present they can give to us are their prayers. Therefore, I would like to invite you to pray for the wellbeing of Pope Francis and Cardinal Cupich; for the perseverance of priests, deacons, all women and men in consecrated life; for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for loving and faithful couples for the

sacrament of marriage, so that we can be blessed with an abundance of holy Christian families where vocations can flourish.

Fr. Alex Garcia

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## WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?



November 29, 2024, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Inviting young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13–20.

Parents and priests are also invited to this annual event hosted at Mundelein Seminary.

**Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.**

**November 29, 2024** University of St. Mary of the Lake  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mundelein, IL

Please register by November 28.

For further information contact Katie Hazen at [khazen@archchicago.org](mailto:khazen@archchicago.org)



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## WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?



29 de noviembre de 2024, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Se invita a los hombres jóvenes en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, de 13 a 20 años.

Los padres y sacerdotes también están invitados a este evento anual presentado en el Seminario Mundelein.

**Ven y aprende más sobre el sacerdocio y tu vocación.**

**29 de noviembre de 2024** Universidad de Santa María de Lago  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mundelein, IL

Por favor insíbete antes del 28 de noviembre.

Para más información comunícate con Katie Hazen en [khazen@archchicago.org](mailto:khazen@archchicago.org)





**Please find below text from letters from Cardinal Cupich to several faith communities where Father William Killeen served regarding his reinstatement to ministry.**

Last year, I wrote to you about Reverend William Killeen [retired]. The Archdiocese had received an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor while Father Killeen was assigned to St. Patricia Parish more than 40 years ago. In keeping with our child protection policies, the allegation was reported to civil authorities and the person making the allegation was offered the services of our Victim Assistance Ministry. Father Killeen cooperated with my direction to remain out of ministry while the allegation was investigated.

The Archdiocese Independent Review Board met this week to evaluate the results of the investigation. They determined that there is not a reasonable cause to believe Father Killeen sexually abused a minor. In addition, the Board recommended that Father Killeen be returned to ministry and that the file be closed. After prayerful consideration, I have accepted their recommendations and restored Father Killeen's faculties to minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The welfare of the children entrusted to our care is our paramount consideration. Consequently, we take seriously all allegations of sexual misconduct. It is to the credit of our priests that they support our child protection policies. They understand that only by applying a meticulous and impartial process to all allegations can we remain committed to our work of assisting survivors and, with the help of independent advisors, thoroughly evaluate all allegations.

At the same time, I am committed to restoring the good name of those so accused if the case is unsubstantiated. To that end, I publicly affirm that Father Killeen is a priest in good standing and express sincere appreciation for his many years of service to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This period away from ministry has been challenging for him. He deserves our respect and gratitude and I hope you will join me in thanking him for his long-standing dedication.

In closing, I encourage anyone who believes they have been abused by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee to come forward. You will be received with respect and compassion. To report abuse please refer to the Archdiocesan website at [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mons. Card. Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago



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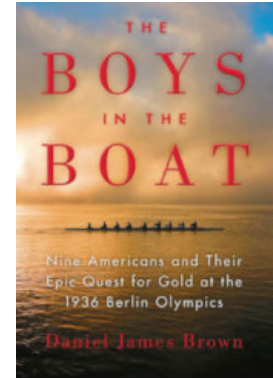
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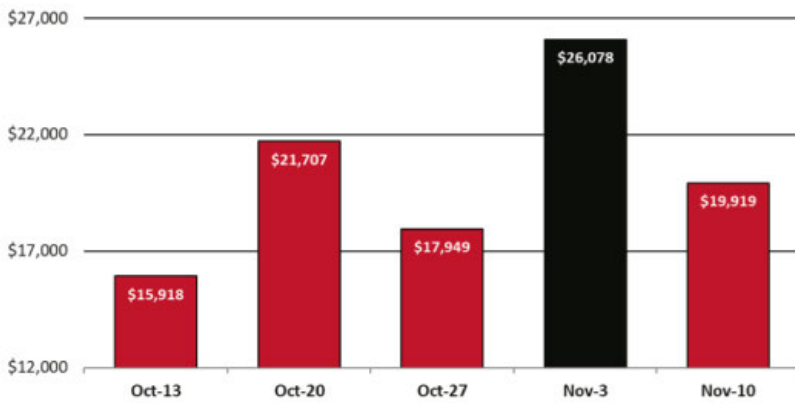
## Book Club

Come join us on December 10th for a discussion of *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. 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).

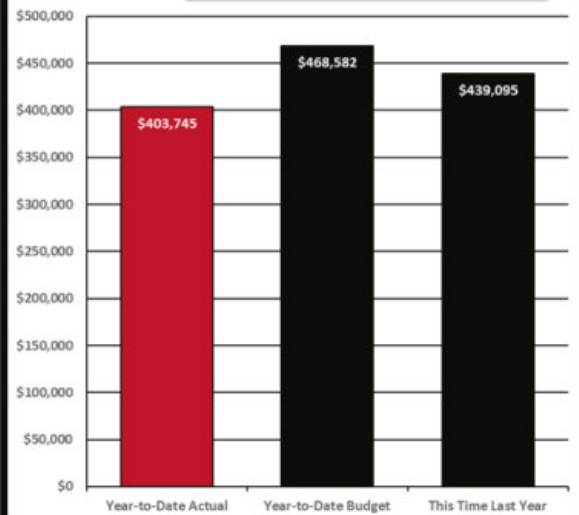
For those who like to look ahead, our February book is *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs.



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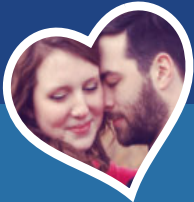
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