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

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

#### October 20, 2024 | Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### 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 St. Cletus Parish

St. Cletus Church

#### St. Cletus School

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#### **Parish Information**

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)

Streamed live: https://www.youtube.com/

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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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#### 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 canticle@stcletusparish.com

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday October 19	Rev. John Lodge Deacon Franco Foti	5 p.m.	† Benjamin Patrick Hyink † David Trzesniewski † Ellen Benrus Nancy Tituaña(Special Intention)	† Peggy Druggan Janet Boyer (Special Intention) Barry Welenc (Birthday)
Sunday October 20	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale † John and Frances Kennedy † Philip Dindia	† Patrick Mahoney For the health of Baby Andrew Sica
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	† Delphine Marciszewski Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)	† Joseph P. Kurcz (Birthday) † Tom Suttie † Teresa Quinones
	Rev. Elmer Romero	10:30 a.m.	† Ralph Kriho & Daughter, Laura † Joanne and Elmer Courtney	† Joseph P. Kurcz (Birthday) Caroline Mhley (Living)
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Esperanza Gutierrez Escobedo † Anthony Frivaletti	† Manuel Martinez
Monday October 21	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Dorothy Dybas	† James Moles
Tuesday October 22	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Fran Wojcik † Jane Wisniewski	† Fran Nikolic
Wednesday October 23	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	† Angela Sass
Thursday October 24	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	For St. Cletus Parishioners	
Friday October 25	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Frank Baggio	† Louis Kadlec † Evelyn Prevenas
Saturday October 26	Rev. Elmer Romero Deacon Franco Foti	5 p.m.	† Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Edward Erdmann † Joseph Bartkowiak	† Regina Condor Janet Boyer (Special Intention) † LaVerne Phillips
Sunday October 27	Rev. Michael Novick Deacon Franco Foti	7:15 a.m.	† Dorothy Dybas † Pauline & Vincent Passardi † Robert Spyrison	† John Madden For the health of Baby Andrew Sica
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	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Henry Scaccia † David Bonbrake † Napoleon Olvera	† Vince Adams Living Members of St Cletus CWC (Living)
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Esperanza Gutierrez Escobedo	

#### Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Caroline Mhley | Diana McHale | Dr. George Schein Claire Caueney | Ann Kuchta | Cynthia Gosse | Denise & Rich Jandura | George & Barb Zykan | June Matasic | Richard Madsen | Asis Gonzalez | Frank Orrico | Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjzau

#### Please remember our dead in your prayers:

- † Angela Dunning , Aunt of Shannon Prischman
- † Wiunifred Weisgerber, Friend of Dolores Rodriguez
- † Paul Rattin, Brother of Eufelia Depasqual

#### A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"The one who is more intimately present to me than I am to myself."

St. Augustine

Dear Friends,

As you start your day, dutifully fulfill your responsibilities, and return home; how often do you pause to ponder and become aware of the presence of God in your life? If you do so, what happens? What is the experience like? Do you share it with anyone?

As members of St. Cletus Parish, every day we are blessed with opportunities to notice, celebrate, and share with one another the real presence of God in our midst. Consider how God makes himself present to us through all the kindness, care, and love that we share and receive. Consider also how God comes and speaks to you any time you are greeted and welcomed with love by our generous and kind ministers as you come to Mass. We are a parish community that delights in radiating the closeness and love of God to all who come to worship him with us. This fills my heart with gratitude, peace, and joy. Thank you.

One of the many parish groups who radiate the closeness and presence of God in our midst are the members of the St. Fiacre Society Ministry. Since 2021 moved by the love of God and St. Cletus, they have kept the parish grounds and gardens always looking warm, welcoming, and beautiful. Last week (October 11 and 12) they successfully removed the Sunpatiens annuals, prepared the flower beds for the fall, and planted the new mums. They welcomed help from 7th and 8th graders from our school. As they worked together enhancing our parish gardens, they were also growing in friendship and fraternity with one another. It was such a joy to see them collaborating and radiating the closeness of the Lord. I would like to offer them my sincere gratitude. In a special way, I offer my wholehearted gratitude to Mary Delaney and Tom Reisel for the continued leadership they offer. They lead with care and love.

On Saturday, October 12th, 2024, we offered an opportunity for members of our families to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass. Over

eighty parishioners received the sacrament. The principal celebrant and homilist was Fr. Ron Kalas who radiates the closeness and love of God to all. Fr. Novick, Fr. Garcia, and I joined Fr. Kalas as concelebrants. After Mass, we all went to the Parish Center for a light lunch and socializing. Everyone had a good taste and experience of the closeness of God. They expressed gratitude and appreciation. On a personal level, I was touched by how the Lord offered us his grace and healing through the celebration of Mass and reception of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Thank you.

I am happy to share with you that this Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024, we will, once again, be hosting the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Leadership Day at our parish. Close to two hundred people that serve and lead our Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be here from early in the morning until 3:00 PM. They will celebrate Mass at 11:00 AM in our beautiful church. Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob will be the celebrant and homilist. I encourage you to consider joining us for Mass. Pastors who have parish schools also have been invited to join us. After Mass, we will have lunch with the principals in the Parish Center. Then, Most Rev. Robert Casey will be leading a conversation with pastors in the Rectory. I am grateful to our Parish/School Staff for their leadership in joining me in hosting this important Archdiocesan event at our parish.

We will conclude the day (10/23) by coming together to pray the rosary at 7:00 PM in our church. I am encouraged by the generosity and leadership of so many, who have been praying and working together for this special moment in the life of our parish. I believe it will be a very good experience of community and prayer. Together we will experience the closeness of God through our Blessed Mother, Virgin Mary. Hope you can join us.

May our experience of the closeness of God in our lives continue to grow.

Fr. Elmer Romero

#### A letter from the Associate Pastor's Desk

Prayer in conversation

Several years ago, I began really getting into journaling, which led to me doing more writing than I ever imagined. It has been great for my prayer life. However, there was a day when I was in a real stretch of writers block. It was very frustrating. Then I thought about one of the seminary professors who always seemed to be able to get my creative juices flowing. So, I called him. "Mikey (that's how he addressed me), how are you?" "I need a subject to write about. I am at a roadblock." He responded "Well, it's interesting you bring this today. You see I have been thinking about how the Blessed Virgin Mother is the ultimate prayer partner." We talked for a little longer, but I really had heard all I needed to hear.

We speak of prayer as being a conversation – one side speaks, one listens, then the other speaks, back and forth. Good conversations can go on for hours at a time. So, when Fr. Larry spoke about the Blessed Mother being the ultimate prayer partner, I loved it. I'll give you some of those writings at a later date. But one of those conversations with Mary revolved around the rosary. With this Wednesday being the evening we are being invited to pray the rosary together, I remember just how good it was to have those conversations. Now don't get me wrong. I was not praying TO Mary, but with her. I was asking for her help in trying to understand more about Jesus' life and how she was His biggest follower.

So I began thinking about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary – The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation of Jesus, and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. And while we are not using these mysteries the Wednesday evening, it was a very intense conversation.

I started, of course, with the Sign of the Cross, the Apostles Creed, the Our Father, the first three Hail Mary's, and the Glory Be. That is how to begin each rosary we pray. Then we move into the mysteries themselves, in essence taking time to reflect on the events for what they are. For this example, I began thinking about the Annunciation. I began asking Mary about the experience. Questions popped in my head about her reaction to Gabriel's appearance, how she wasn't afraid, how she trusted God's messenger at such an early age, and more. Then, she told me to pray that first Our Father. With each subsequent Hail Mary, she reminded me of the experiences, breaking down the experience by highlighting verses for me, finishing the mystery with the Glory Be; and then, onto The Visitation, and so on. It was fascinating.

Do you think you could have a conversation like this someday with Mary? If you have already, please share it. It's a very humbling exercise.

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

#### **Statement by Michel Burns**

Dear friends,

We were blessed to have Deacon Franco Foti as our Operations Director here at St. Cletus. He accepted

a new position to further advance his mission within the Archdiocese of Chicago and finished his tenure with us on October 11, 2024.

Some of his most valuable contributions included but were not limited to our new telephone system with automated answering service, our new school intercom system, our school roof replacement project, our

restructured parish office, and our rebuilt technology network.

I appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with

him as a member of the Parish Finance Council. We still anticipate seeing him around on occasion as he continues to fulfill his duties as a deacon, but until then, wish him all the best.

God bless and thank you, Deacon Franco!

Michael Burns School Board



#### **Parish Life**

Date	Time	Events	Location
Monday, October 21	6 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes	School
Tuesday, October 22	6:30 p.m.	Pilot Alpha (English)	Gallagher Room
Wednesday, October 23	11 a.m.	Mass with Catholic School Leaders of the Archdiocese of Chicago	Church
	1 p.m.	Praying the Rosary	Church
	7 p.m.	Faith Formation: Teen Seekers Praying the Rosary	School
	7 p.m.		Church
Thursday, October 24	4 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7 p.m.	Faith Formation— Confirmation Y1 Commitment Service	Church
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday, October 25	7:00 p.m.	Alpha Piloto (Spanish)	Gallagher Room
Saturday, October 26	9:00 a.m.	Vicariate V Training for Ministers of Care (Spanish)	Gallagher Room
	11:00 a.m	Funeral Mass– Paul Rattin	Church
Sunday, October 27	9 a.m	Faith Formation Classes	School



#### Readings of the week

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/

Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk

12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/

Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk

12:39-48

**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-

19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-

59

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk

13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

(3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5



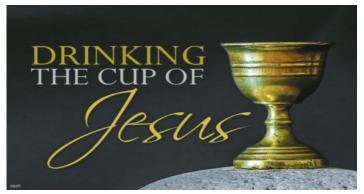
#### **Saints and Special Observances**

**Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World

Mission Sunday

Tuesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time





# World Mission Sunday Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

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Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 20 de octubre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia
Martes, 22 de octubre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia
Cada 12 del mes	7:00 p.m.	Devoción Guadalupana / Guadalupe Devotion	Iglesia

#### **Boletos de Rifa**

El Ministerio Hispano y el Comité Guadalupano estará llevando a cabo una rifa para recaudar fondos para la fiesta de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe. La donación por boleto es de \$5.00. El 50% recaudado de los boletos será el premio mayor, el sorteo será el día 12 de diciembre, 2024 durante la fiesta de la convivencia Guadalupana. No es necesario estar presente para ganar. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano al 708-215-5441.

#### Raffle Tickets

The Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupano Committee will be holding a raffle to raise funds for Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities. The donation per ticket is \$5.00. The 50% collected from the tickets will be the grand prize, the drawing will be held on December 12, 2024 during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Need not be present to win. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry at 708-215-5441

#### **Segunda Colecta**

Estaremos tomando tres colectas para ayudar con los gastos de la Fiesta Guadalupana el día 12 de diciembre, 2024. La primera colecta se llevará a cabo el domingo 27 de octubre, 2024, la segunda será el domingo 10 de noviembre y la tercera será el domingo 1ro. de diciembre. Muchas gracias. Favor de ser generosos.

#### **Second Collection**

We will be holding three second collections during the 12:30 p.m. mass to help with the expenses of the Guadalupana Fiesta on December 12, 2024. The first collection will take place on Sunday, October 27, 2024, the second will be on Sunday, November 10 and the third will be on Sunday, December 1. Thank you very much. If you wish to donate, you can also donate on the parish website or feel free to get in contact with Juanita Avila at javila@stcletusparish.com. We thank you in advance for your generosity,

#### **Intenciones de Misa**

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal (708)352-6209. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana y la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

#### **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a mass intention, please call the main office (708)352-6209 Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested with anticipation, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.





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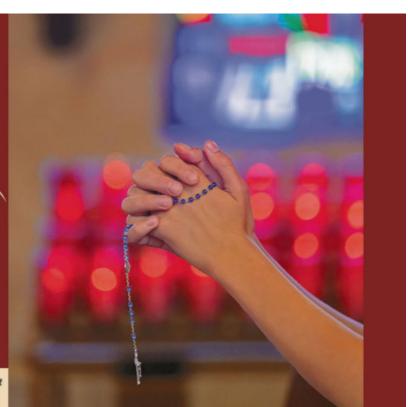


- October 23rd
- 7:00pm

"To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.



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### Join us for the next full-parish Bible study:



To Sign up!











7pm in the Gallagher Room

If you've been wanting to deepen your prayer life but don't know where to start (or you've wanted to start a prayer life but don't know where to begin!), this Bible study is for you!

#### **Book Club**

Come join us on October 8th for a discussion of The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan. This book is a National Book Award Winner. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail book club@stcletusparish.com. For those who like to look ahead, our December book is The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown.



### Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?



- Training will take place on Saturday, November 9th and 16th
- 9:30 am to 11:00 am.
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Please send a photo of a veteran in your life to shodak@stcletusparish.com by October 30th to be included on a special banner for our veterans day mass



And Remember To Join Us For Our Veteran's Day Mass

November 11th at 9:30am

### **Holy Moments**

#### St. Cletus St. Fiacre Society

Thank you to our St. Fiacre Society and all of the volunteers(including members from Pack 83) that helped make our grounds look even more beautiful last weekend! Together, they not only enhanced our outdoor space but also created a welcoming environment for our community. The time, energy, and love they poured into planting reflects the true spirit of our church family.



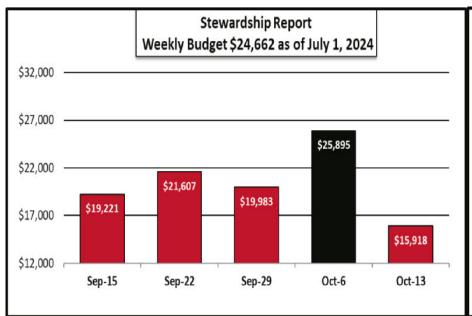


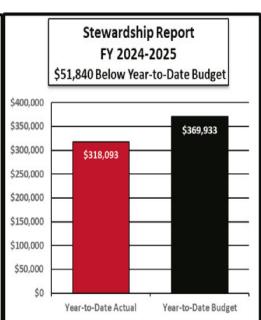


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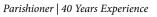
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