

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.**
— ISAIAH 12:3

THOSE WHO CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME ON DECEMBER 4, 2021

Caleb Adame	Damian Hernandez	Madonna Prischman
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Luna Alvarez	Maxwell Jones	Nidia Reyes
Elisa Avila	Bianca Karu	Molly Riberto
Madeline Barba	Grace Keeley	Amabella Rios
Mia Barone	Kateri Kelliher	Amelie Rivadeneira
Keira Benjaminson	Mateo Lagunas	Joseph Rohloff
Khloe Bryerton	Victoria Laplaca	Elise Roussel
Lilliana Burns	Sophia Leon	Charles Rufa
Giovani Cabezas	Dylan Macander	Avery Sassan
Mia Ciabattari	Owen Machalinski	Avery Senyard
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Michael Delsino	Eamon Morelock	Samuel Taylor
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Ellie Grill	Valentin Pasillas	Tommy Whelton
Iker Gutierrez	Kourtney Pedersen	Fischer Willis
Michel Gutierrez Giusti	John Poshek	Stefanya Zaragoza
Bruno Hensel	Jane Potter	

Mass Intentions for December 13 - 19, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
December 13	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Stanley & Julie Nykiel, BC Collins
December 14	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Delphine Marciszewski
December 15	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Elaine Rys, Samuel Colonna, Santos Arandas
December 16	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Evelyn Prevanas, Bernard Van Etten
December 17	8:00am	Fr. Costello	William Winters, Donna Cook
December 18	5:00pm	Fr. Romero	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ed Stec, Daniel Buonamici, Edward Grybas
December 19	7:15am	Fr. Romero	Stacy Baker, Timothy James Murphy, Walter & Ola Maveety, Robert Spyrison
	8:45am	Fr. Costello	Rosemary Gallagher, Dolores Glennon, Anne Marie Nabor, Rasalie Kruse, Josephine Sorrentino
	10:30am	Fr. Baker	Irene and Edward Erdmann, Brian Luzak
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Pedro Garcia

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 - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Nora McKeehan

November - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozdzen, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

October - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti, Patrick Wingert

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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

**MASKS ARE
REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00 p.m. Church
2:30 p.m. Parish Center
4:00 p.m. Church
4:30 p.m. Parish Center
7:00 p.m. Church (Spanish)
10:30 p.m. Church

CHRISTMAS DAY (All Masses in Church)

7:15 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
(No 5:00 p.m. No 12:30 p.m. Spanish)

A complete list of Christmas and Christmas Season Masses can be found on page 9.

There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 24 and January 1.



Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

I hope your Advent is going well.

With the help of your prayers and the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast we celebrate today, I am pleased to announce that on November 22nd, 2021, Silvia Castellanos joined St. Cletus Parish Staff as our new Parish Secretary and on November 29, 2021, James Dion Joined St. Cletus Parish Staff as our new interim Business Manager.

Silvia spent some time serving at the Shrine our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL. She also worked at a 7-11 store for a while. There, she was responsible for maintaining a well-stocked and organized sales floor with the latest merchandise to drive sustained sales revenue. She also provided every customer with comprehensive assistance upon entering the store through merchandise selection and completion of purchases. She is also 100% bilingual (English and Spanish). She is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve at our parish. She is a joyful person. She enjoys interacting with others. She tells me that she loves learning. Last week, I saw Silvia not only answering the phone and assisting those who came to the Parish Center, but also cleaning and reorganizing her office and the storage room. Please stop by the Parish Center to welcome Silvia.

James comes to us from St. John Bosco Parish, Chicago, where he served as the Business Manager for over 18 years. He is an electrical engineer by trade. He brings to our parish a well of experience, knowledge, wisdom, and most of all a willingness to serve. Since November 29, he has been arriving to his office at 5:30 AM. At 8:00 AM he attends daily Mass at our church. After Mass, he goes back to his office to continue with his ministry. I am encouraged by the dedication and witness he is giving me. A few days ago, he said to me, "Father, parishioners are so friendly, kind, and welcoming here." Thank you for offering him a warm welcome. Please continue to hold him in your prayers. I am confident that with the leadership and ministry of James our Parish and its various ministries, is in good hands.

Last Sunday, December 5th, 2021, we hosted our Advent Gathering/Reflection. There were over 100 parishioners who blessed us with their presence. Our special guest speaker, Dr. Paul Hilliard, gave us a wonderful presentation/reflection. His theme was, "Thinking with the Saints: How to Become a Better Catholic." Here are a few notes of what he shared with us.

"The saints help us to imitate Christ." "They point us to Christ." "They are real people with real stories." "They are the pathways to holiness." "They intercede for us." "They teach us how to get to heaven." "They are mirrors of holiness." "Their lives teach us how to get to heaven." "They are awesome." "They keep us honest." "They remind us of our priorities." "They encourage us to use kindness." "They trusted in providence." "They said, 'Yes.'"

Almost at the end of his talk, Dr. Paul gave us the following encouraging words: "If you want to be holy look at the holy people." "Find a companion and a mirror for holiness." "Let the saints trouble you." "Let them walk with you."

Through the intercessions of the saints may we continue to say "Yes" to God in our daily lives. St. Cletus, pray for us!

Fr. Elmer Romero

Pastor

Pastor's Note (continued)

SOME RESOURCES ABOUT THE SAINTS SHARED BY DR. PAUL HILLIARD

- Benedict XVI, Church Fathers and Teacher, Holy Men and Women
- Joan Cruz, *Lay Saints*, various volumes from TAN.
- Joseph Tylenda, *Saints and feasts of the liturgical year* (Washington D.C., 2003)
- Alban Butler, *Lives of the Saints in Lives of the Saints for every day in the year* (Charlotte, 1955)
- Lisa Hendey, *A book of Saints for Catholic Moms* (Notre Dame, IN, 2019)
- BJ Gonzalvo, *Lessons in Leadership from the Saints* (2017)
- Holy Heroes, Glory Stories
- Philip Gallery, *Can you find Saints?* (Franciscan Media, 2003)
- The Saints Chronicles (Sophia Institute Press)
- Upcoming conference, The Saints: Witness for today 2021 <https://www.cardinalstudios.org/the-saints-2021-home/>



Youth Ministry

KAIROS IS BACK!



We welcome all High School Juniors and Seniors to sign up for Kairos 37, which will take place on January 2-4, 2022 at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, IL. Be sure to sign up right away, as we anticipate that demand will be high for our first Kairos retreat since 2020. Please complete the registration form (click here for form) and return it along with your check no later than December 17th to St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th Street, LaGrange, IL 60525. Any questions should be directed to Barb

Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com. The link to sign up can be found on the front page of the parish website, or by going to <https://stcletusparish.com/content/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/K37RetreatRegistration.pdf>

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TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS

We are kicking off a gift card fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse today through December 15th. They have set up a website to purchase gift cards and St. Cletus will receive 10% of the proceeds. Visit shorturl.at/abyCQ to purchase gift cards and support St. Cletus School.



REPRESENTING ST. CLETUS AT THE LA GRANGE HOLIDAY WALK

Thank you to our Cardinals who made us so proud at the Hometown Holiday Walk in downtown LaGrange tonight! Your singing was just beautiful and brought everyone in to the spirit of the season



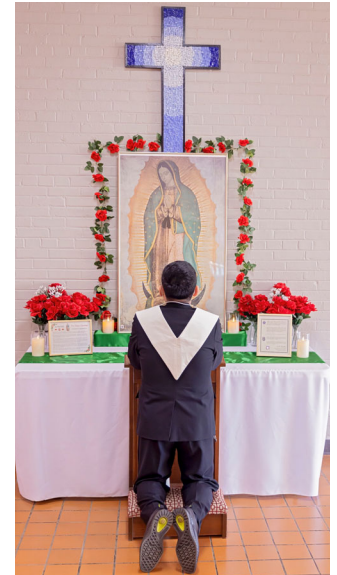
ST. NICHOLAS DAY AT ST. CLETUS

St. Nicholas and his elves stopped by our classrooms today to wish all of our students a happy St. Nick's day!! Students received a treat and were reminded to be kind, work hard, and listen to their teachers! Another fun activity to remind of the love we have, especially during this Advent season.



CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This morning, Fr. Elmer blessed an altar dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her feast day is celebrated on December 12 throughout the world. You are cordially invited to a special Mass in honor of Our Lady on December 13 at 9:30 am. During the liturgy, students will re-enact the apparitions of Our Lady to Juan Diego. We would be honored if you could join our school community to celebrate the Patroness of the Americas.



Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations until the new year.

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

Now on Instagram:
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](#)

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We have so many individuals and groups to thank this time of year! The St. Cletus Holy Name Society, with your help, donated 102 gift cards (\$25 each) towards our Giving Tree efforts!



Jewel-Osco Countryside was able to donate a record number of Thanksgiving dinners. Thank you to all who donated and volunteered this year!

As well as food drives from: Vandercook College of Music, our tri-parish (St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier) Youth Ministry Harvest Sunday, Club Pilates, LTHS Social Action Project, LaGrange Neighbors & Newcomers, Boy Scout Pack #3177 & #83, St. Cletus Pre-K class, and Nazareth Academy!

GIVING TREE UPDATE

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...
December 11 from 12:00-5:00
December 12 from 7:00am-12:30pm
St. Cletus Morrissey Hall
 (Stone Ave. contact free, drive thru drop off)

Please make sure gifts arrive by 12:30 on 12/12, some are delivered immediately.

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

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

MISSION LADIES

These incredible women had their annual distribution recently. They made a few hundred items, ALL FROM SCRATCH! Dolls, footballs, wheelchair bags, hats and gloves...all donated to area organizations, including right here at our food pantry.

Thank you so much for your beautiful and dedicated work!



Ministerio de Justicia Social

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS



Tenemos tantos individuos y grupos que agradecer en esta época del año! La Sociedad del Santo Nombre de San Cleto, con su ayuda donaron 102 tarjetas de regalo (\$25 cada una) para los esfuerzos del Árbol Navideño!

Jewel Osco de Countryside pudo donar un número record de comidas del Día de Acción de Gracias. Y gracias a todos los que donaron y voluntarios de este año!

Asi como la colecta de alimentos de: Vandercook College of music, nuestras tres parroquias (St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier) Youth Ministry Harvest Sunday, Club Pilates, LTHS Social Action Project, LaGrange Neighbors & Newcomers. Boys Scout Pack #3177 & 83, St Cletus Pre-K, y Nazareth Academy!

ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO

Regalos Árbol Navideño (etiquetas moradas) y tarjetas de regalo para comida (sobre blanco) se necesitan de regreso el próximo FIN DE SEMANA. Vea importante información abajo

1. Envolver regalos
 2. Poner en cada regalo el numero de etiqueta y nombre de la persona, para así hacerlo llegar a la persona correcta
 3. Dejar los regalos
- Diciembre 11 de 12:00-5: 00**
Diciembre 12 de 7: 00am- 12:30pm
En el pabellón Morrissey de San Cleto
(Stone Avenida, para guardar sana distancia habrá alguien quien los recoja de su auto)

asegúrese por favor que regalos lleguen de 12: 30 en adelante, el 12 de Diciembre , algunos son entregados inmediatamente

SEÑORAS DE LA MISIÓN

Estas increíbles mujeres tuvieron su distribución anual recientemente . Hicieron unos cientos de artículos. TODO ESTO LO EMEZARON DE CERO Muñecas, pelotas de futbol americano. bolsas para llevar en la silla de ruedas, gorras y guantes.... todo donado a organizaciones de nuestra área, incluyendo aquí en nuestra despensa de comida. Muchas gracias a ustedes por su hermoso y dedicado trabajo

PALABRA DE VIDA



“Oh, santa Josefina Bakhita, ayuda a todos aquellos que están atrapados en la esclavitud; en nombre de ellos, intercede ante Dios para que sean liberados de las cadenas de su cautiverio. Que los que han sido esclavizados por los hombres, que Dios les conceda la libertad.”

USCCB, “Oración a santa Josefina Bakhita”



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JUEVES 6-8PM**

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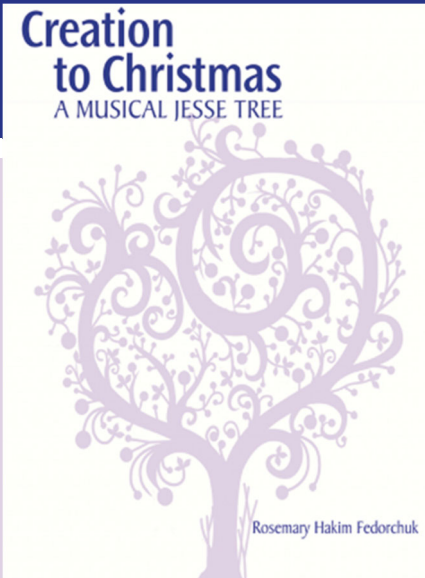
Si tiene preguntas o quiere ser voluntario en nuestro ministerio de Justicia Social contacte a Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com



December 11 & 12		Giving Tree Gifts Due
December 11 & 18	8:30 a.m.	Reconciliation (none on 12/4 or 12/25)
December 12	4:00 p.m.	Bending Towards the Light Concert in Parish Center
December 12	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass followed by Reception in Parish Center
December 13	9:30 a.m.	School Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 14 & 15	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
December 16-22	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
December 18 & 19		Giving Tree Distribution
December 21	9:30 a.m.	Pre-School Christmas celebration
December 22	9:30 a.m.	School Mass

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

Join us December 14 and 15 for the St. Cletus School Musical Performances



All parishioners are invited to attend the performance of "Creation to Christmas: A Musical Jesse Tree" on either Tuesday evening, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday evening, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.* The program is designed to provide a solution for Catholic communities who want to honor the sacred season of Advent while also teaching the true message of Christmas. The evening will highlight the journey of salvation history through the symbolism of the Jesse tree. The music includes thirteen scripture-based songs, including spirituals, that are an important part of American music history. We look forward to celebrating more deeply Jesus' coming in history, mystery and majesty!

***Tuesday's performance will include students in grades 1, 3, 5 & 7**

***Wednesday's performance will include students in grades 2, 4, 6 & 8**

St. Cletus Parish Christmas Mass Schedules

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

(There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 24)

2:00 p.m.	Church	Combined Youth Choirs/Flute
2:30 p.m.	PC-Fr. Clark Hall	Cantor/Piano/Violin
4:00 p.m.	Church	Contemporary Choir/Flute
4:30 p.m.	PC-Fr. Clark Hall	Cantor/Piano/Violin
7:00 p.m.	Church (Spanish)	Hispanic Choir
10:30 p.m.	Church	Chancel Choir/Organ/Piano/Violin

(10:00-10:30pm Christmas Carols prior to Mass)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

7:15 a.m.	Church	Cantor/Piano
8:45 a.m.	Church	Cantor/Organ/Piano/Violin/Trumpet
10:30 a.m.	Church	Chancel Choir/Organ/Piano/Violin/Trumpet

(No 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. No 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass)

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m..
12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

5:00 p.m. Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

(There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, January 1)

9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m..
12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)



Sunday Notes



REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Lucy
 Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
 May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
 for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
 Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
 for the revelation of the glory
 of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
 To him be glory forever!
 Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127



Edward
FINE ARTS SERIES
AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

b e n d i n g **T O W A R D S** *the Light*

a Jazz Nativity

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 4:00 P.M.

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER | 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

We are excited to welcome back to St. Cletus, Bending Towards the Light, a Jazz Nativity. This concert will feature jazz arrangements of traditional Christmas carols along with original compositions tell the story of Mary, Jesus, Joseph, the Angels, the Shepherds, and the three Wise Men in a staged production. Filled with a sense of grace and humor, the cast will include a tap dancing king, a Latin percussion king and a trumpet king, as well as vocal soloists, a vocal jazz quartet, and an eight piece jazz band.



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Ministry & Community News

BOOK DISCUSSION 12/14



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The All-girl Filling Station's Last Reunion** by Fannie Flagg. We will meet on December 14, 2021 at 7 PM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center.

At this gathering we will also select the books to read in the coming months. If there is a book that you would like to read and discuss please come and join in. As always, all are welcome. Questions – call Denise 708.712.8294.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC 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 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 or 708.352.6209.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

What are tax credit scholarships? The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program, “Invest in Kids,” provides a 75 percent Illinois state income tax credit to individuals and corporations that contribute money to a non-profit Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). The SGOs award scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Donors will use money already owed to the state (taxes) and donate it to a needs-based scholarship instead, all while receiving a 75 percent state tax credit.

Need help with the donating process? Please contact us at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617 to speak with the Tax Credit Scholarship Office at the archdiocese.

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Feel free to just paste your text directly into emails like below. I just copy and paste the text into the Canticle.

CCW ADVENT RETREAT P. S.

We received word from the BEDS program that the toiletry items we collected at our retreat on November 20 were greatly appreciated because they arrived before the Christmas rush of donations. Please join us and keep our local BEDS program in your prayers.

WORD OF LIFE



“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB , “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS INVITATION



Saturday, December 18, 2021

9:30am - 12:00pm, registration/social time 9:00am

Reflection by Laurence Freeman, OSB
Founding Teacher and Director
World Community for Christian Meditation

The morning will include periods of meditation
and Lectio Divina

All are welcome

Facemasks required

St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL
Sponsored by the SJC Christian Meditation groups
(wccm-usa.org, wccm.org)

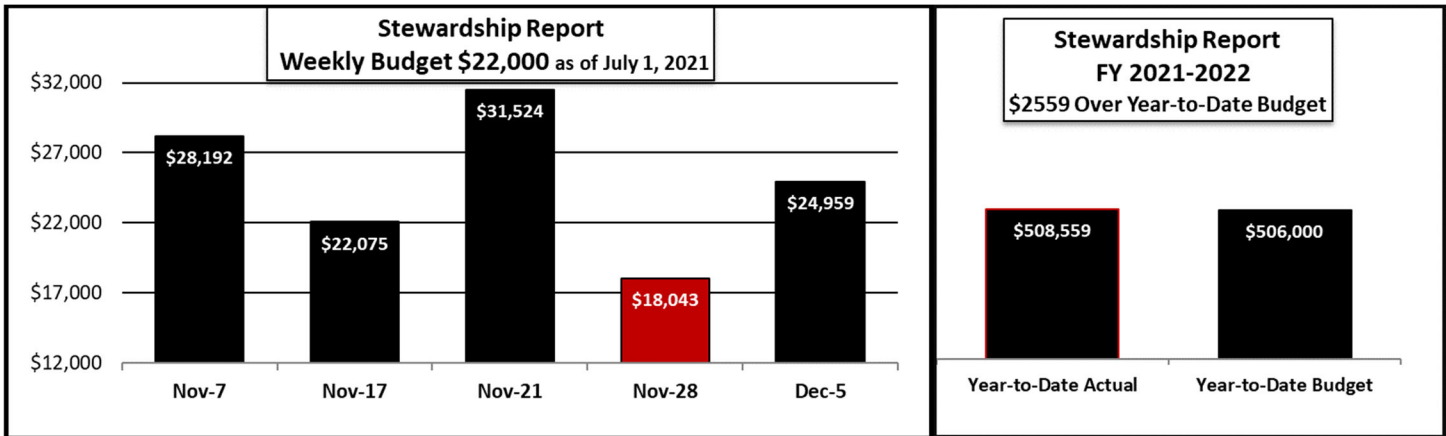
Free will offering appreciated
Reservations requested but not required

Contact: Betsy 708-246-8315 or wccmchgo@gmail.com

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to 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. Please note that there are early submission deadlines during holidays.

Stewardship Report



LEGACY GIFTS FOR OUR PARISH

Jesus told us, “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” So every day, we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others.

St. Cletus Parish and the archdiocese steward your gifts in many ways. Please continue to keep “the least of our brothers” in your prayers, and pray for the wisdom and strength to recognize those needs. One of the ways you can provide support is through a gift from your:

- Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies, or
- Charitable Gift Annuity, which provides you with fixed payments for life and remaining funds will benefit our parish.


For more information, please contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209 or visit giving.archchicago.org/cga.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 12	4:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Church	Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Monday, December 13	9:30am 4:00pm	Church School Music Room	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 14	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	School Rm 201 Parish Center Meeting Room Church	RCIA Book Club School Christmas Musical Performance
Wednesday, December 15	1:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Church Church Parish Center	Rosary Reflection School Christmas Musical Performance Church League Practice
Thursday, December 16	5:00pm 6-8pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Church Parking Lot Church School Music Room	Children’s Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Spanish Ministry Novena Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 17	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Ministry Novena
Saturday, December 18	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Ministry Novena
Sunday, December 19	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Ministry Novena

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 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..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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