

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



In the face of my darkness, you are light. In the face of my mortality, you are life.  
- St. Gregory of Narek



## We Hope You Will Gather With Us This Lenten Season



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00pm(Saturday) ,7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm(English/Spanish)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00am-Living Stations of the Cross(Spanish)  
3:00pm-The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (English)  
7:00pm-The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Spanish)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

10:00am-Easter Basket Blessing  
7:30pm-The Solemn Vigil Mass (English/Spanish)

Easter Sunday

7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish)



# Mass Intentions for February 26 - March 3 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
February 26	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Danielle Schultz
February 27	8:00am	Fr. Novick	St. Cletus Parishioners
February 28	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	BC and Rip Collins, Michael Pizzuto, Alice Vonesh, Joseph Krug, Phyllis Prevenas, Joyce Hodson
February 29	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Margaret Tunney
March 1	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Louie Marasovic, Nan and Bob Rettig
March 2	5:00pm	Fr. Kalas	Henry Pleszka, Diane Madsen, Thacher Taft(Special intention), Rafael Parra, Deacon James Sheil(Special Intention)
March 3	7:15am	Fr. Novick	Julia Kopacz, Elizabeth and Margaret Pirman
	8:45am	Fr. Kalas	Rose Haddad, Jennette Cunliffe, Virginia Herlihy, Therese Herdzina, Angelina Zelinski
	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Stacy Baker, John Baker, Louis Berger, Sammy Colonna, Francis Clark
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Jose Juan Martinez Mendoza, Vicente Jaramillo

**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 -**

**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.*

ST. CLETUS PARISH  
600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL 60525

## MASS FOR THE *Anointing* OF THE SICK

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 6, 2024

10:00AM

Register  
Now

## Save the Date for 21+ CASH BINGO March 8th

BYOB & Snacks!

Doors Open at 6:30pm  
Games Start at 7pm

\$25 Per Person

Includes entry and 9 games per sheet cards  
\$3 for additional sheets  
\$2 for dabbers

Sponsored by our Father's Club

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Benefiting our spring musical!!!

## Pastor's Note

*"Because you acted as you did  
in not withholding from your beloved son,  
I will bless you abundantly  
and make your descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore."  
Gen 22:16b-17a*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Lent. The living Word of God that will be proclaimed to us this weekend is engaging, thought provoking, and worthy of further reflection. I am glued to the first reading. I love the way God engaged and interacted with Abraham. God wanted to fully know the heart of Abraham. He wanted to know if Abraham was willing to offer in sacrifice his only son. God was delighted to know that Abraham truly loved the Lord with his whole heart and soul.

How is God engaging and interacting with you? What is he saying to you? Do you have a sense that he wants to know your heart? Are you open to grow in a new and fresh relationship with the Lord? Can you name one or two things that he is asking you to bring to his attention? As you pray with today's readings, I encourage you to engage the Lord with faith, openness, and joy.

How is God engaging and interacting with us at the Parish level? With gratitude and joy, I want to make you aware of some special moments where I sensed and felt the presence of God among us.

Ash Wednesday was filled with the presence, love, and mercy of God. Over two thousand people of faith came to pray and receive their ashes at our parish. All the prayer opportunities we offered (7) were well attended. It was a day of coming back, prayer, love, and encouragement. It was also a day of reconnecting and refreshing our belonging to the Lord and our parish family. My heart felt recharged, loved, and revitalized. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to all for their prayer, service, ministry, and leadership.

Our Evening of Encounter with Our Parish Staff went well. We held this encounter on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the Parish Center. After sharing a meal, we spent some time in prayer. Then, we had the opportunity to learn directly more about each staff member not only about what they do for us but also about their education and the passion they have for service and ministry. After each staff member completed their sharing, we had a conversation heart to heart. I was encouraged by what was expressed and shared. We concluded our encounter by turning to the Lord and asking him to continue to guide and bless our parish, staff, school, and our city. I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended our encounter and to our wonderful parish staff.

Below you will find comments that I received from two our staff.

***"I consider myself fortunate to work at this place, with so many talented people and caring parishioners."***

***"The Evening of Encounter with our Parish Staff provided us with a wonderful opportunity to get to know each of our parish staff members better by learning about their academic credentials and experiences they bring to their ministry."***

Please be aware that every Friday at 7:00 PM we get together to pray the Stations of the Cross in our beautiful church. Last Friday (2/16) was our first one. There were over 20 people that came. We took a moment of silence, prayed the Stations of the Cross reflectively, walked together, knelt, and sang. We felt we were walking with Jesus. I encourage you to join us.

Join me in praying and asking the Lord to bless our hearts and everything that we do at our parish. As he engages and interacts with us, may our hearts be willing to fully cooperate with him.

Fr. Elmer Romero



# Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

## ASH WEDNESDAY-A DAY OF BLESSINGS!

Parishioners of St Cletus

Lent came upon us rather quickly this year. Yet all the seven services on Ash Wednesday were well attended, over 300 at each one! I was very taken by the enthusiasm and prayerfulness that was a part of each service and pleased to be with you on that day. We had a prayerful beginning to this special time leading up to the celebration of death and resurrection of Jesus which is at the heart of our faith.

May we continue the journey together keeping each other in prayer.

**Fr Ron Kalas**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ash Wednesday has been and will always be one day in the Liturgical Calendar that amazes me. Surprisingly, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, many people make an effort to receive the ashes in church. If you were present at the noon service, you heard my homily about this day that marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes are a symbol or an outward sign of our intention to change. The visible sign of the cross on our foreheads indicates that we know we are human, sometimes fail, and need to make adjustments in our lives to be fully in communion with the Lord. The Church, influenced by the Holy Spirit, established the period of Lent in the IV century at the first Council of Nicea. The early Church intended to facilitate a period when all the faithful would reflect and experience conversion through fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. Of course, conversion is an ongoing process, and we do not have to wait for Lent to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Mk 1:3). Any time we feel we are drifting away from the Lord is a good time to begin this process.

Let the ashes still be visible, not by the mark of the cross that has already faded, but by the words and actions that bring us closer to one another and our Lord. Have a happy Lent!

**Deacon Franco**

## Sunday Notes & More

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

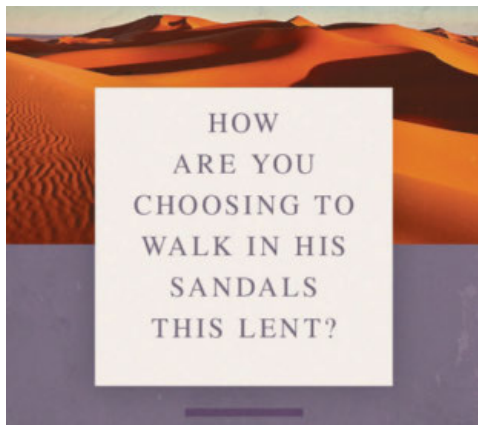
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Tuesday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church



### A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

Fr. Romero,

First, I want to thank you and Fr. Mike for welcoming us into your parish. Losing our beloved St. Joseph Parish and school was heartbreaking. It was not only my parish, but I had the pleasure of working there 31 yrs.

As much as I loved it there, St. Cletus is a whole new chapter in my life. Not only do I feel God's presence in church but through the people as well. The warmth, compassion, and friendliness are wonderful.

I go to Sunday Mass, leave, and keep thinking how I cannot wait till Sunday again.

My faith has grown even stronger. I was 14 when I chose to become catholic. My mom always talked about Jesus to me. My father was catholic and use to tell me stories about school, Mass, etc.

Then came the movie The Song of Bernadette. Oh, how that drew me closer to God, Jesus, and our heavenly mother.

I finally found a new home in St. Cletus. I am so happy I joined choir. As time goes on, I would like to do more.

Thank you, Father, again for making all of us from St. Joseph feel so very welcomed. May our heavenly Mother and Jesus watch over you.

**God Bless You, Kimberly Lewis**

*Blessed*

### LENTEN CHALLENGE:

This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.



# Bible Study



Join fellow parishioners young and old **every Tuesday during lent at 7pm**, 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 Mass!

For more information contact **Deacon Franco** at the Parish Office or **Monica Herron** at [monicaherron@gmail.com](mailto:monicaherron@gmail.com).

Please, register by scanning the code above or by calling the Parish Office. We kindly ask participants to donate \$30.00 to cover the cost of materials, if possible. Thank you!



**Scan Here**

23 Parishioners joined us for our first evening of Bible study on February 20th. We would love for even more to join in! Please consider attending our next study on February 27th at 7pm in the Gallagher Room



**Tickets Are On Sale After All Masses!**

# ST. CLETUS PARISH

3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry

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



**St. Cletus School**

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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**SAINT CLETUS FATHERS CLUB**

Friday March 15th

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

**Adults: \$20.00 in advance/  
\$25 at the door**

**12 & Under: \$10.00 in advance/  
\$15 at the door**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW AFTER MASS!**  
**CASH, CHECK & DEBIT ACCEPTED**



## Lenten Reflection

We are told that Lent is penitential, and it is, but we should also consider that Lent is baptismal. My outlook on Lent changed when I began working with RCIA candidates some years ago. One of my fellow catechists told the group, “Lent is all about you, if you pay attention.” What she meant was: Lent is not a forty-day long Passion (we do that just fine during Holy Week). If you look, the mass prayers and the readings have many baptismal references. Baptism is what brings us to God. (At my mother’s funeral, the presider said the most comforting thing ever to the assembly: “we know she is in heaven by virtue of her baptism.”) The Lenten references to baptism keep us hopeful and grounded in our certainty that we belong to God, and I would invite you to listen for them as we continue on our journey.

In Lent, the RCIA catechumens and candidates enter what is called the “Period of Purification and Enlightenment.” In a perfect process, we stop hammering on catechesis now and allow the participants to reflect on their personal journey to the sacraments as Lent goes on. We present them to the local bishop (we’ll do this next Sunday, at the Cathedral) and vouch that they are ready to be received into the church. The following three Sundays, the RCIA participants participate in special rites called “scrutinies,” where they will stand in front of the congregation and be prayed for. The purpose of the scrutinies is for the Holy Spirit to heal anything in them that is weak, and bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. (“Scrutiny” sounds very negative, and it is definitely NOT the assembly that is doing the scrutinizing. But it really means that the Holy Spirit looks into their hearts and helps the participants to become better people.) The three scrutinies happen on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. By then, the candidates and catechumens should be prepared and ready to join us as we continue our own journeys.

The ways that we can support ourselves and our participants who want to become Catholic include our Lenten praxes of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. “Praxis” is a fancy word for something we do as part of our faith, and is almost like a “practice.” But during Lent we engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to help us get closer to God. I was just taught to consider them in the order I just had there, but this year I am noticing that commentators are putting them in various orders. This just says to me that all three praxes are equally important.

I wanted to talk a little about prayer this week (we’ll talk about the other praxes in upcoming weeks). Prayer is simply a way to get closer to God, and Lent might be a time to concentrate on our prayer life. We have lots and lots of prayer opportunities at St. Cletus, including our regular Rosary at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays (this goes on year round); Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, presented by various parish organizations; and starting in March we will offer a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We plan to offer this on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., hosted by a different parish organization. We already offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through our Hispanic Ministry at various times—since Adoration is mostly silent, you don’t have to speak Spanish to be together with our parish family. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

After Easter, we plan to offer Visio Divina again. This is a form of prayer with images taken from the Bible, where we look at the images of a particular Scripture passage and reflect on them, which illuminates the whole passage. Watch this space for more details!

My favorite form of prayer is by myself. I used to pray the liturgy of the hours every day, after I got my son off to school. This is a way of getting more familiar with the Psalms, and my particular psalter has readings from the Church Fathers as well as scripture. I would almost always have a phrase from morning prayer that would come back to me through the day and give me something to think about. I can also recommend the website [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie), which has daily prayers and reflections that you can do from your desk (takes ten minutes). We’re never too busy to pray!

Join us for Lenten activities, or take time to yourself for Lenten praxes. But get yourself ready for the great Easter celebration!

**Tina Norton, Pastoral Associate**



# 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

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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

#### 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!

### OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.



### MISSION LADIES

The Mission Ladies are in need of white eyelet fabric to make Baptismal Bibs. If you have any to donate, it can be placed in the church food pantry donation bin or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you!



### WORD OF LIFE



"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen*

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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





# School News

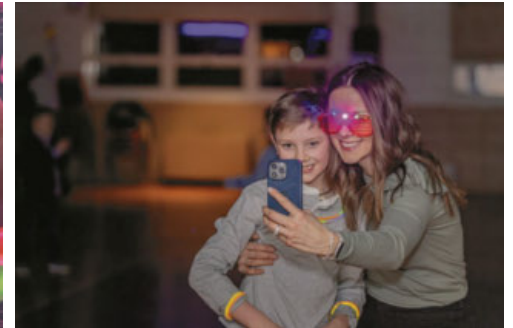
## CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADERS!

Our 8th grade girls recently had their final home basketball game of their St. Cletus career! We are so proud of them and hope they hold on to all the wonderful memories they made here at St. Cletus!



## 'SON PLUS ONE' GLOW DANCE

Thank you to our FSA for hosting our first "Son plus One" glow dance!! As you can see from the photos everyone had a GLOWTASTIC time together!



## VALENTINES DAY IN CARDINAL COUNTRY

We had a lot of happy hearts around here for Valentine's Day! All grade levels enjoyed special parties planned by their FSA room representatives! We know our students appreciate all the hard work our volunteers put in to planning such fun days for them!



# Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
27 de febrero, 2024	7:00 p.m.	<b>Adoración al Santísimo</b> Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Iglesia</b> Church
25 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. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	<b>Adoración Nocturna</b> Night Adoration	<b>Iglesia</b> Church



### 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 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.

### RETIRO CUARESIMAL

El sábado 16 de marzo, 2024 de 9:00 am a 2:00 pm. Se llevará a cabo un retiro cuaresmal aquí en la Parroquia de San Cleto. El tema será **¿COMO VIVO LA EUCHARISTIA DURANTE LA CUARESMA?** Los invitados a participar en este retiro en donde estaremos reflexionando sobre la Eucaristía. Las formas de registración se encuentran a la entrada de la Iglesia. Para más información se pueden comunicar con Juanita Avila a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441

### LENT RETREAT

On Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **A Spanish Lent retreat** will be held here at St. Cletus Parish. The topic will be **HOW DO I LIVE THE EUCHARIST DURING LENT?** Everyone is invited to participate in this retreat where we will be reflecting on the Eucharist. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the Church. For more information you can contact Juanita Avila at the Hispanic Ministry office. 708-215-5441

# Faith Formation News

We are coming to the end of our journey for our Confirmation Class. Their journey has included study, prayer, and service and they are ready to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

On Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. our young people from our School and Faith Formation Program will be confirmed by Bishop Turley. Please pray for them that the Holy Spirit bless and encourage them to continue to grow in their Faith.

**A reminder to Faith Formation Families: Classes will be in session this weekend and next weekend; March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

We wish to give a SHOUT OUT to our St. Cletus Girls' Basketball Team, (made up of mostly freshman), competed for the LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP on Saturday evening February 25<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing the results were unknown. We will report the results next week.





# Ministry News

## LENDING LIBRARY HAS BEEN MOVED

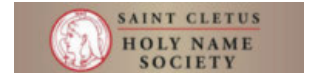
The lending library cart has moved to the Crucifix alcove in the narthex. Due to the nature of the space, it is more difficult to access one side of the cart now. Therefore, CREDO will change out the visible side of the cart on or around the first of each month with almost all fresh books and media that have not been available for check-out for some time. The only exceptions will be that seasonal materials for Advent and Lent will stay out for the duration of the season. We have also been displaying materials on the Eucharist during the Eucharistic Revival and some of them have been highly used and so may stay out longer. The children’s books will be reduced to half of a shelf but still be on the bottom.

Thank you for your continued donations to the lending library. You keep it updated and fresh. Please continue to leave donations in the basket. If the basket is full, since it is a smaller basket now, please leave materials on the floor next to the basket. CREDO will be conducting an inventory soon. If you have had a book or DVD checked out for over four months please return it, unless it is a yearly devotional, so that we know that item is not missing, and so that others may use it. Thank you again for your support.

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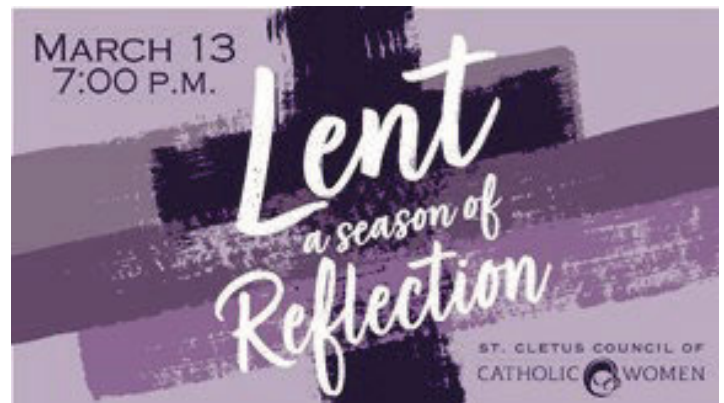
## HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

The Holy Name Society will be meeting on March 1st at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Gallagher room. We welcome any men of the parish to join us as new members. In addition, Dr. Jim Hagen will give a presentation on the greatest, most notable, and weirdest treatments for all types of health conditions and ailments.



## CCW MEETING

Wednesday, March 13 meeting, 7pm: A Lenten Evening of Reflection and Prayer. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Colleen Hagen our Spirituality Director will lead us in a Lenten evening of reflection and prayer.



# Please Join Us March 6th

## Solemn Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

» March 6th

» 7:00pm in Church

Come to this hour of adoration because we want you to encounter Jesus.

Your heart is made for Him and will be restless until it knows Him.





# Save The Date & Community News

## Come and experience the gift of God's boundless mercy.



Monday, March 11th, 2024  
7:00 PM  
St. Cletus Parish  
600 W. 55th St.  
La Grange, IL 60525



Monday, March 18, 2024  
7:00 PM  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
124 N. Spring Ave.  
La Grange, IL 60525

# Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED LAGRANGE/WESTERN SPRINGS UNIT INVITES YOU...

"Bear with One Another in Love," on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Advent Christian Church of the Highlands, 1525 Plainfield Road, LaGrange Highlands.

This World Day of Prayer celebration will feature guest speaker Jennifer N. Eseed, JD, who will offer comments on the topic "Perspectives from a Palestinian Christian Woman." Under the direction of Church Women United International, this program was written, during the initial COVID outbreak, by the Christian women of Palestine who call us to connect with the homeland of Jesus. The content is especially pertinent in view of the conflict currently affecting the nations in the Middle East.

The morning will include 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Celebration, and conclude with optional dutch-treat luncheon at a selected area restaurant. Reservations are not required; all are welcome.



For more information contact:  
708-710-0644 or email: [cwulgws@gmail.com](mailto:cwulgws@gmail.com)

## Preferred Partners



# Thank you!

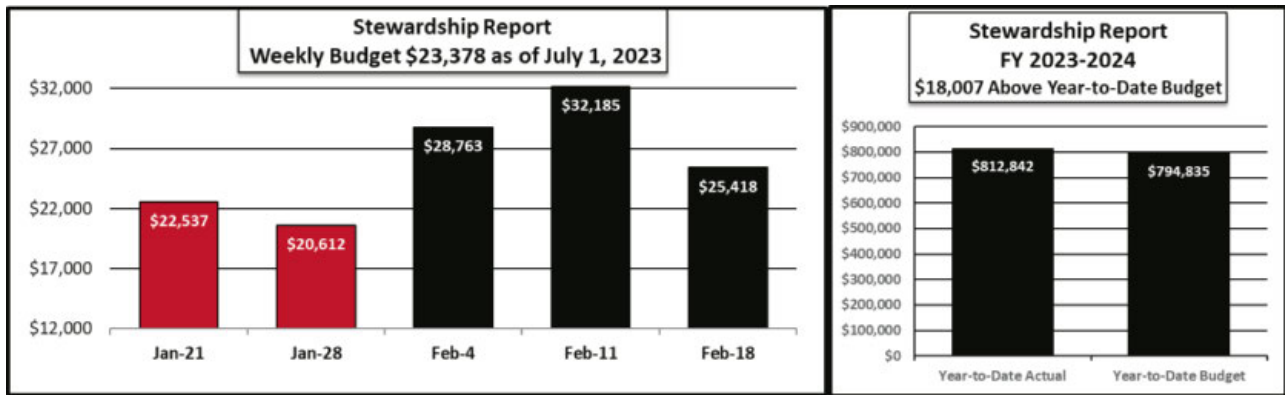


## Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 25	10:30am	Church	Family Mass
Monday, February 26	7-9pm 8-9pm	Gallagher Room Parish Center	<b>CREDO</b> Chosen Discussion Group Church League Girls Basketball Practice
Tuesday, February 27	8am 7pm 7pm 8pm	Church Gallagher Room Church Parish Center	Mass With School Children Bible Study Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish Senior Basketball Practice Church League
Wednesday, February 28	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 7-8:15pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Church Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary Sacristan Training School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, February 29	4-8pm 8-10pm	Food Pantry Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Church League Basketball Team Practices
Friday, March 1	7pm 7-8pm 8-9pm	Gallagher Room Church Parish Center	No School Holy Name Society Meeting Stations of the Cross Frosh/Soph Church league practice
Saturday, March 2			
Sunday, March 3			

## Stewardship Report

The collection for Ash Wednesday was \$7,681.56. Thank you for your generosity!



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2023 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [jdion@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jdion@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
School .....(708) 352-4820  
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## 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.

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## 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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Tina Norton, *Pastoral Associate* (708) 215-5412  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF (708) 352-2383

Lawrence Manetti, *Director of Faith Formation for Children*  
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### PARISH OFFICE STAFF (708) 352-6209

Jim Dion, *Business Manager*  
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## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Elmer Romero  
Chairperson..... Bob Wasik

### LIAISONS

FSA President .....Joleen Kirchens  
Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement

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

### Vision Statement

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