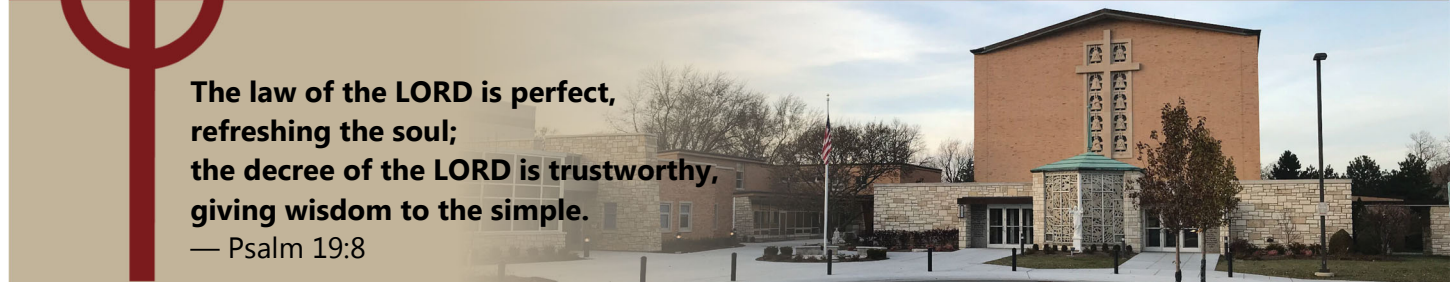
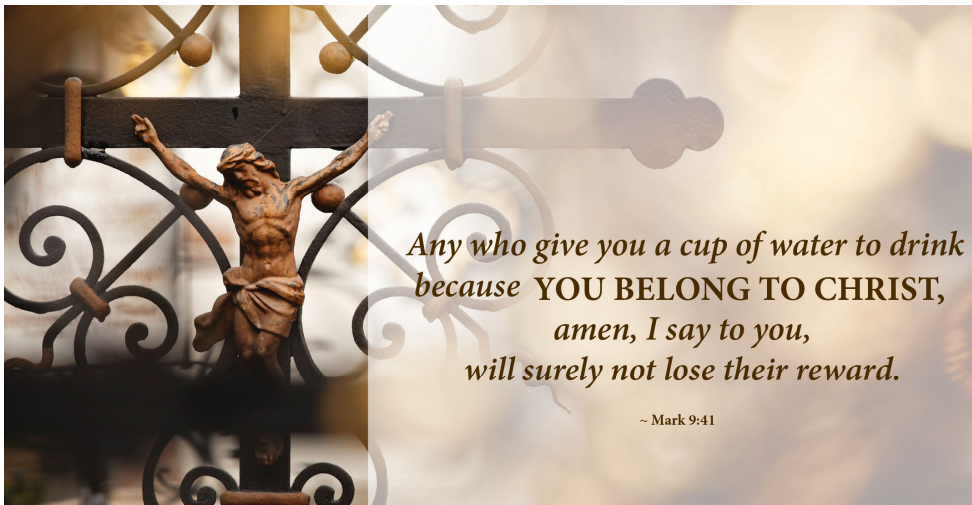


Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8



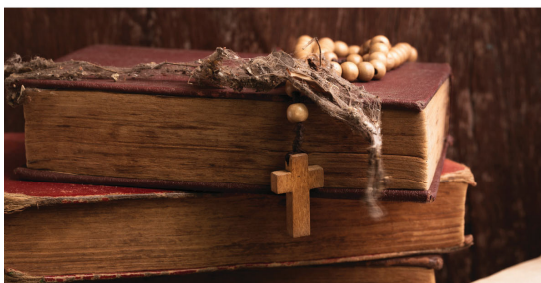
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of October 1 - October 7, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Adam & Marie Pietrzak
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Jim Smilor
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Alice Mae Thomas
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Nathaniel F. Taber, Frank Baggio, Dr. Francisco Randin
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Jim Smilor, William Chadwick
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bill Reichmann, Amparo Cahue, Special Intention - Leticia Cahue Ken Kakareka, John Zumpano, Barbara Gaetano, Bill Magee, George A. Popp
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, John & Patrick Kennedy Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stacy Baker Clemencia Arenas, Joe & Carole Stuart Gene Kennedy, Brian McGahey Armando Almazan

Marriage Banns



Brooke Pieczara & Daniel Rowe

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.

September - Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna, Maureen Finnerty, Marty Gleason

August - Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul De Rivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello

July - Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Rachael Schopp, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein, Christine DeMaria, Daniella DeRivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Dan Gibbons, Tom Hansen, George Hess, Kay Hogue, Kathryn McCord, Rosa Nilles, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Frank Pastrana, Patricia Rodey, Kathleen Russell, Lucy Schoenecker, Carol Witkowski

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

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

Tomislav Lisnic
Father of Violet McCartney

Cecilia Brocken
Sister of Dorothy Kwak

Amado Collazo Colon
Father of Sonia Gonzalez

May they rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS



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Sara Hodak*

Our annual Pet Blessing will be on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi near his statue, between the church and the parish center, on Thursday, Oct. 4th at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The house of Judah Ben Hur was noble and wealthy. It sat in the heart of Jerusalem, at the center of Jewish life. Even though they were ruled by Rome, this Jewish family knew what it was to have pride and privilege. They were well born and well off.

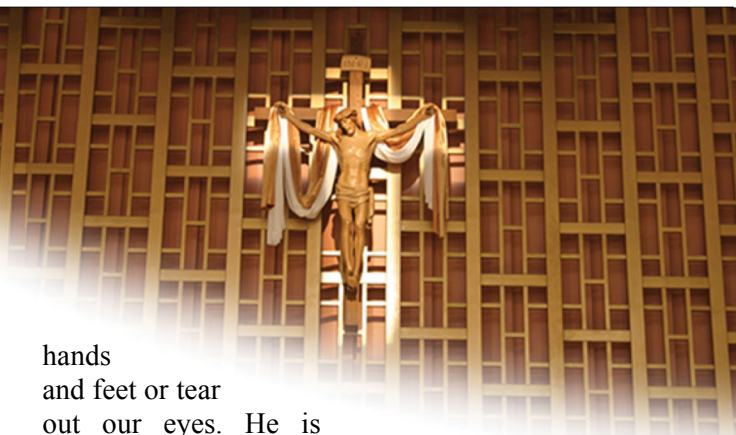
However, through a series of misfortunes and calamities, the house of Judah Ben Hur collapses. His mother and his sister were sent to the dungeons, where they eventually contract the disease of leprosy. Judah himself – played in the famous film by Charlton Heston – is condemned to serve as a slave in the Roman galleys. Chained to fellow prisoners, Ben Hur is forced to march to his doom. On the way they stop for a rest in a village, and a local man, quiet and strong, comes to give a cup of cold water to the tired and exhausted prisoner. Ben Hur looks up to see who is being kind to him and finds himself gazing into the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth. This moment stays with him forever. He will never forget the kindness, the cup of water, or the face of the man who gave it to him.

Years later, when Ben Hur is restored to life and honor and position, he returns to Jerusalem and to his old family house. One day a noisy procession passes in the street as a man is jostled and pushed along to his public execution, carrying a cross. Filled with compassion for the prisoner, so condemned, Ben Hur moved forward to help and lift the fallen man. Their eyes meet, and once again Judah Ben Hur is looking into the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth. The helper has become the victim.

As Jesus passes on his way to Calvary, his shadow falls across two leper women in that crowd, the mother and sister of Judah Ben Hur, and they healed of their disease.

In this powerful scene we see played out the words of Jesus, ‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink, she/he will most certainly not lose her/his reward.’ The presence of Christ is a healing presence. The kindness of Ben Hur in running to help a fallen man is rewarded immediately in the healing of his family.

This drama plays out for us an everlasting truth. Every good deed, even the least, will be remembered and rewarded. God is faithful, and God is generous. Equally, every deed, every wrongdoing, even the least, will also be remembered and must be answered for. And because the Lord loves us, he warns us. Get rid of evil in your life NOW. Don’t wait until it too late, until it gets a hold of you. It is vivid and demanding language that Jesus uses, but we know that he is not literally telling us to cut off our



hands
and feet or tear
out our eyes. He is
telling us to CUT OUT the things
which give scandal to others and hinder them on their
journey.

Life is a great drama, and it is a story of good and evil. The struggle for joy and happiness, the tragedies of sorrow and sin, are played out everyday, everywhere. This is no pointless tale, told by an idiot, signifying nothing. It is the story of God’s love for you and me and everyone. It is the story of our journey through life.

In our television age, we watch so many stories unfolding all around us, stories of war and violence; we tend to forget that we are IN these stories. They are our stories. What happens to the people who share this world and this time with us is part of my story.

As people pass by ‘in my village’ it is possible for me to give them a cup of water to help them on their way. With that cup comes the kindness, the care, the comfort, and the companionship we all seek in this life. We have riches to give to each other.

As people fall under the crosses they carry, I can reach down to help them. Looking into their eyes I may see the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth.

And who knows, the shadows of other people’s gentle presence in my own life may bring healing to me, and restore my heart and my house.

Then we will not lose the reward.

In the shadow of God,



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**



St. Cletus School
ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Dear St. Cletus Parishioner,

In 2008, we launched our school tagline, “**FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE,**” which clearly articulates the mission of Catholic education. St. Cletus School focuses on educating students in our Catholic **faith** while providing an excellent academic education within a **family**-centered community. The goals are to prepare our children for their **future** as well as to grow our future Catholic leaders. While these goals are very clear, the financial means to achieve these goals are not as secure.

For this school year, it costs nearly \$6,530 to educate one child at St. Cletus. Family tuition and fees only cover \$6,048 toward this amount. Our Annual Fund Drive helps fill the gap between these two costs. The goal for the Annual Fund this year is \$45,000 with target participation as follows:

- 100% of school families participate
- 50% of alumni families participate
- 100% of staff participate
- 50% of parishioners participate

Active support and participation by school families, staff and parishioners demonstrate the strong commitment we all have to St. Cletus School. We are very grateful for the continued support St. Cletus Parish and parishioners provide our school.

Please consider giving—no matter the amount. Even small contributions make a difference! Please complete and return the enclosed pledge form, or you may donate on-line on our school webpage. Please remember that your contribution is 100% tax-deductible. Feel free to check with your employer to see if they offer a matching gift program.

Thank you for your past and present support and also for the part that you have played in making our school the vibrant and treasured institution that it continues to be today!

To learn more about the Annual Fund, visit <http://annualfund.stcletusschool.com>.

In faith,

Tom Chinske
Principal

Christy Schaefer
Assistant Principal





St. Cletus School
ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

- Yes, I will participate in the Annual Fund as:
- St. Cletus Society (\$4,000 – above)
 - Benefactors Circle (\$2,000 -3,999)
 - Holy Family Circle (\$1,000 – 1,999)
 - Red Circle (\$500 – 999)
 - White Circle (\$100 – 499)
 - Cardinal Pride Club (up to \$99)
 - Alumni ‘Give Five’ Participant
 - I wish to remain anonymous in all publications

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
(Please list name as you would like printed in the annual giving report)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

Please check all that apply:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty/Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumnus/Class of _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current School Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent of Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Alumni | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

PAYMENT INFORMATION *(Make checks payable to St. Cletus School Annual Fund)*

- Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
- I plan to pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid as follows:
 Quarterly Payments of \$ _____ in 4 payments
 Semiannual Payments of \$ _____ in 2 payments
 Other: _____
- My Company matches gifts. Enclosed is my form.

Thank You for supporting the St. Cletus School Annual Fund Drive.
This form can be returned in a collection basket at Mass or mailed back to
St. Cletus School – 700 West 55th Street – La Grange, IL 60525.
St. Cletus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Every gift matters... Every gift helps a child

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Cereal
- Canned Meals (canned chicken, chili, ravioli, etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned fruit

Donations can be dropped off before or after Masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).

Follow us on Facebook:
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Now on Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry



ARE YOU IN AN
UNHEALTHY
RELATIONSHIP
OR ARE YOU
AFRAID IN YOUR
OWN HOME?

CALL THE
24-HOUR PHONE
FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

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

CROP WALK SUNDAY OCTOBER 21ST

Please mark your calendars and gather with friends, family, and neighbors to join in the annual La Grange area CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) on Sunday, October 21. The walk begins and ends at Presbyterian Church of Western Springs (5250 Wolf Rd.).

Our food pantry benefits directly from this walk, receiving canned goods and a generous check. Please help us make this year's CROP Walk successful! Online registration and donation info can be found at: crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH SPEAKER OCT. 9TH

Denise's Story

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00PM

St. Cletus Parish Center 600 W. 55th St. La Grange

This event will focus on the problem of domestic violence in our community. Together, we will view a short video on domestic violence, hear the personal journey of Denise, a survivor, share in a Q&A, and learn what we can do to help others in this struggle. Sponsored by the Domestic Violence Ministries of St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross, and St. Francis Xavier.

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box to the left. **You are not alone.***



GIVING TREE

Registration for this year's Giving Tree Project begins on October 2. As we approach Christmas, there will be many volunteer opportunities, such as the one featured above, as we prepare for this event. Also, tags will be available for you on the trees in church on November 10-11. We will be making some changes to the program this year so please watch the Canticle and the parish website for further details!

Volunteer Opportunity - Volunteers needed to help assemble the tags for this year's Giving Tree Project. This is a great service opportunity for all ages, from junior high on up to older adults. We will be working on **Tuesday, October 16, in Room 213 in the Education building, from 3:15-5:30pm.** Enter the building at the apple door/#2.

WORD OF LIFE



“The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End,”

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 3

Tuesday, October 2, 7-9 pm...the ability to articulate and tell your story is one of the most critical elements of a job search. This week co-facilitator, Dennis Hamilton, will help you craft the all important "Elevator Speech". Time will be allowed to practice your personal elevator speech with fellow attendees.

Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 4

Tuesday, October 9, 7-9 pm...this week co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will discuss the fundamentals of networking and provide tips on job hunting after "50". In addition, co-facilitator, Susan Sedler, will recommend a plan for developing your personal career strategy. Time will also be devoted to practicing your Elevator Speech.

Please join us at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. There is no cost for attending the Boot Camp and everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most of this training. Meetings will be in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. To register online or more info: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

Beginning Again: A Taste of Julia Cameron's "It's Never Too Late to Begin Again"

Wednesdays October 10, 17, 24 7-9 PM - Are you ready to begin your "second act?" Discover creativity and meaning at midlife and beyond. Facilitator Carol Hohle will help us engage with Morning Pages, Artists' Dates, and other creative exercises. Cost: \$75 or \$25 per session.

Finding Jesus Among Muslims: Book Discussion with Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min.

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, Oct 11 & 18, Nov 1 & 15 - Want to explore the Catholic Church's understanding of Muslims and interfaith dialogue? Come join the presentations of Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min., and group discussion of a great little book *Finding Jesus Among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me A Better Catholic* by Jordan Denari Duffner. You may attend any or all of the sessions. Cost: Optional free will offering, and buying the book, on your own through Amazon, or pickup through Sr. Mary Jo (\$19 includes shipping/tax).

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Interfaith Community Partners invites you to join them at Brew Moon on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the MAX. ICP has been chosen as one of the charities that the 2018 Brew Moon event will benefit. Get your tickets at brewmoonfest.com and use the promocode GREATBEER.

The mission of Interfaith Community Partners is to help older adults and people with disabilities live independently in our community. Our primary service is to provide assisted transportation. More info at <http://interfaithcommunitypartners.org>



Respect Life Month
October 2018

Life Chain
Sunday, October 7th
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Ogden at LaGrange Rd

What really is "The Life Chain"?

It is that spectacular event that annually draws the attention of hundreds of thousands of Americans. The concept is simple, the effect stunning. People of all ages and faiths stand reverently in silent prayer, for one hour along a major street or highway, holding signs that proclaim the importance of human life.

Always held the first Sunday in October, *The Life Chain* is a visual statement by the Christian community that it supports the sanctity of human life. Uniform signs (no graphic depictions) are provided for participants, so the overall impression is one of solidarity in belief and purpose.

Please come and join us for one prayerful hour next Sunday, October 7th from 2:30-3:30pm on Ogden Ave. at LaGrange Rd. More information at LifeChain.net or contact Kendall Grant.

Other Ministry News

RCIA BEGINS OCTOBER 9TH

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA: COME AND SEE

BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's adult faith formation program which invites adults who have never been baptized, who have been baptized Catholic but not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) or who have been baptized in another faith and wish to become Catholic, to explore their journey of faith in the life of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA gives people on a faith journey an opportunity to "come and see" not only what the Catholic Church and a life of faith in it is all about, but also an opportunity to explore how the Lord may be calling them into his life in a more complete way.

If you are interested in more information or know someone who is or would like to participate in the RCIA, please contact Fr. Ken for participation and registration requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION CONTACT FR. KEN AT (708) 352-6209 ext. 205

A NOTE FROM DEACON STUART



Dear Parish Family,

Every year, the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago come together to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. We do this with a dinner and a fundraising event, which will take place on October 7th.

Monies raised at the St. Francis Dinner support the following activities: several charities that serve the poorest and most marginalized (orphans, the mentally ill, the homeless, and the recovering), continuing theological and ministerial education for deacons and wives, a mutual aid fund for deacons in need, and operating funds for the Diaconate Council.

This year, I am asking if you'd be interested in purchasing a booklet of 6 raffle tickets for \$25. The first prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 winner, with two \$100 winners, and six \$50 winners.

If you'd be interested in taking a chance (winner need not be present!) and purchasing a book, see directions below.

We are a nonprofit organization and all donations qualify as a charitable donation.

Thank you for your support of the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Marlene and I truly are blessed to be part of St. Cletus.

Thank you again! God bless you all!
Deacon Stuart

TO BUY THE TICKETS PLEASE WRITE A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "DIACONATE COUNCIL" AND SUPPLY THE NUMBER OF RETURN ADDRESS LABELS IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED FOR MY ATTENTION. I WILL AFFIX THE LABELS ENTER THE STUBS IN THE RAFFLE AND LEAVE THE TICKETS AT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

PREPARE TO CELEBRATE MARY AS OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY NEXT WEEK!



Stop by the Living Rosary table in the narthex today to prepare for Mary's Feast day on October 7th! Mary is our Mother, our Hope, our Consolation.

Be sure you have your Rosary ready and then join us on October 7th in the Parish Center at 12:10 to pray the entire Rosary in her Honor. What better way to demonstrate our love and trust in our heavenly mother, sharing our petitions for our church, our families and our parish. Will you join us?

JOIN THE LIVING ROSARY

The Living Rosary is always looking for new members to pray one assigned decade of the rosary at their convenience each day. The other mysteries are said by fellow Living Rosary members and together nine entire rosaries are said each day. Your mystery takes on a deeper, fuller meaning as you pray it each day.

Ask us about joining the Living Rosary at our table. We are recruiting people to say the Luminous Mysteries so come and take this step closer toward Our Mother in Heaven.

JOIN ST. CLETUS YOUTH MINISTRY

Teens – looking to give back and get involved in your parish community? Look no further!



What is St. Cletus Youth Ministry?

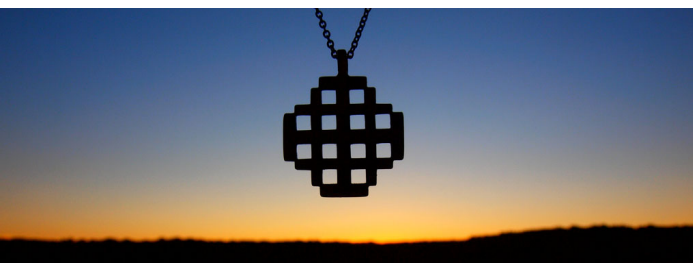
This ministry is provided solely for High School students, in order to help cultivate the faith of our parish teens, and walk with them on their faith journey.

We provide opportunities for:

- Faith-Sharing (Freshman Experience, Sophomore-Senior faith-sharing groups, retreats)
- Service (service projects, mission trips)
- Community (Church League, Teen Advisory Board)

Looking to get involved? Have ideas? Want to learn more? Contact MaryClaire Zurowski.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS, REGISTER FOR KAIROS 31!



Kairos is a retreat offered for high school juniors and seniors seeking a weekend to unplug from their day-to-day life and engage in an unforgettable weekend of community and faith-sharing.

Kairos 31 will take place October 25-28th.

Applications can be found on the Parish Website. Please contact MaryClaire Zurowski with questions.

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
mzurowski@stcletusparish.com

Follow us on Instagram! @stcletus.youthministry

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POT LUCK

**Saturday
October 13th**

6:00 p.m.

**St. Cletus
Parish Center**



Singles, couples, families with children, ALL are invited to attend this event being sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women.

We will provide a main dish but we'd like you to bring your favorite dish (to serve 8-10 people) and join us for an evening of good food and friendship. You won't want to miss this informal & fun gathering to acquaint and re-acquaint yourself with fellow parishioners.

We'd like to know how many to plan for and also make sure we'll have a well-rounded meal, so we are asking you to RSVP. Cards will be available soon for you to fill out with your name, number attending, type of dish, and ingredients to place in the box in the usher's room or at the back of church.

You can also reserve your spot or volunteer to work at the event or make a donation toward the event by calling Donna at 708-246-5509 or emailing us at ccw@stcletusparish.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

FLU SHOTS OCTOBER 7TH



Flu season is here and Osco Pharmacy will hold a flu clinic in Morrissey Hall on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 7:30am to 12:30pm so feel free to stop in before or after mass to get your flu

shot. Medicare part B covers the vaccine at no charge. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available if you are not up to date on this immunization. As an incentive a 10% Jewel grocery coupon will be given to everybody who receives immunization. For more information stop by Osco drug across the street and speak with Presley.

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. Thank you!

Other Ministry News (continued)

SCHOOL "FUN"RAISER OCT. 19-22



30% of all purchases at Kenny's from October 19-22 will go towards St. Cletus School Programs. Flier (required) can be found on the school website www.stcletusschool.com.

RE CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Please be careful on Sundays and Mondays around the St. Cletus Campus as we have hundreds of amazing children attending classes. Please be especially vigilant in the Parking lot and on 54th Street. Keep in mind that there is no parking on 54th Street on Sunday mornings during class times (8:45 – 11 a.m.) and Monday evenings (5:15-7:45 p.m.). Thank you for keeping our children safe!

FALL FEST T SHIRTS



We still have shirts from the fest available for purchase in the parish center office.



2018 Grey Short Sleeve shirts are \$15, White Short Sleeve shirts are \$6. A limited number of vintage 2017 shirts are also available - \$5 Grey Short Sleeve and \$1 White Short Sleeve.



Stop by the parish center 9am-5pm Monday through Saturday or Sunday 8am-12:30pm. We accept cash or check.

CHOOSE KINDNESS 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH



100 Yard Dash - 8:00 a.m. Open to children age 7 and under. Race starts at the corner of Stone Avenue and 54th Street. Medals will be awarded to all children who participate.

5K Run/Walk - The 5K will begin following the completion of the 100 yard dash. The course is certified by the USATF. Strollers and dogs are welcome. Medals will be awarded to the top two female and male finishers age 14 and younger and the top two female and male finishers age 15 and older.

Online registration available until October 3. You also can register in-person during packet pick up on October 5 or on race day in the Parish Center from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. \$15 entry fee when you register online before October 3. \$20 entry fee after October 3. T-shirt included to the first 200 registrants.

Race bibs and t-shirts will be available for pick-up in the Parish Center on October 5 from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on race day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

More info: <https://stcletusschool.com/fundraising/5k/>

QUEEN OF HEARTS 50/50 RAFFLE

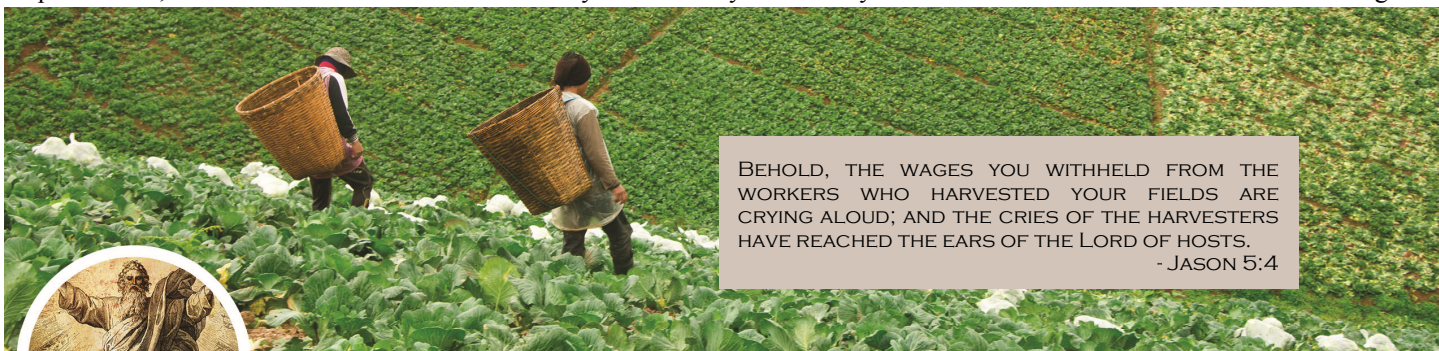
The pot is now over \$11,000. Buy tickets any time at Kenny's Irish Pub and join us each Monday at 7pm for the drawing.

5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare

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BEHOLD, THE WAGES YOU WITHHELD FROM THE WORKERS WHO HARVESTED YOUR FIELDS ARE CRYING ALOUD; AND THE CRIES OF THE HARVESTERS HAVE REACHED THE EARS OF THE LORD OF HOSTS.
- JASON 5:4

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NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones,": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that He was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 Tuesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Thursday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Friday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education had been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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KNOW THE ANGELS

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.

—St. Francis de Sales

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



Widowed? Sorting out life's changes? Confused, wondering what is next? What is God's plan for me now?

Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women:

Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia

Nov 17 & 18 - Our Lady of the Angels Retreat House, Lemont

To register call: 708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video). Register early, space is limited.

HODGKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Behind the Curtain:

An Insider's Look at the Financial Aid Process

FREE SEMINAR for Parents of High School Students on Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 from 6:30-8:00pm

Hodgkins Public Library, 6500 Wenz Ave. Hodgkins, IL 60525

Registration Required – Space Limited. Call 708-579-1844.

ST. HUGH'S FEST

Halfway to Hugh International Fest - Join us in Keating Hall for a delicious "Trip Around the World" on October 6th. Doors open at 5pm, Dinner served at 5:30pm. St. Hugh's Parish 4346 Prescott Ave. Lyons, IL

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Open House - Sunday, October 14, Tours start at noon.

Science Event - Thursday, October 25, 4PM-5:45PM for 7th and 8th grade girls

Trinity High School, 7574 W Division River Forest, IL 60305 trinityhs.org/beablazer

NAZARETH ACADEMY

Open House - Sunday, October 21 & Monday, October 22

Prospective students and families are encouraged to learn MORE about what Nazareth Academy offers students at an Open House. Visit on Sunday, October 21, between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., with presentations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., or Monday, October 22, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., with a presentation starting at 7 p.m.

Nazareth Academy, 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park, IL. nazarethacademy.com | Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505.

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of

each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings.

After the death of a loved one we can experience a wide range of emotions. To help us manage, by default, we generally rely on family and friends. While family and friends are important, they may not always be equipped to provide what you need. This is when other resources available to grievers can be valuable. In this discussion group, we will talk about what some of these resources are.

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by Oct. 5 to 708-485-2000 or info@hitzemanfuneral.com. Refreshments will follow. For more info visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Join us on October 21st at 4pm for a performance that will capture some of the highlights of each of our past Fine Arts Series concerts and will feature an impressive chorus of St. Cletus Choir members and other local choristers, accompanied by full orchestra. A reception for Justin Sisul, celebrating his many years of service to St. Cletus Parish and the Fine Arts Series, will follow the concert. More information about the series can be found at www.edwardfas.com.

Sunday
October 21st
4:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Church
600 W. 55th St.
La Grange, IL

of Music and Memories
a fine arts series retrospective

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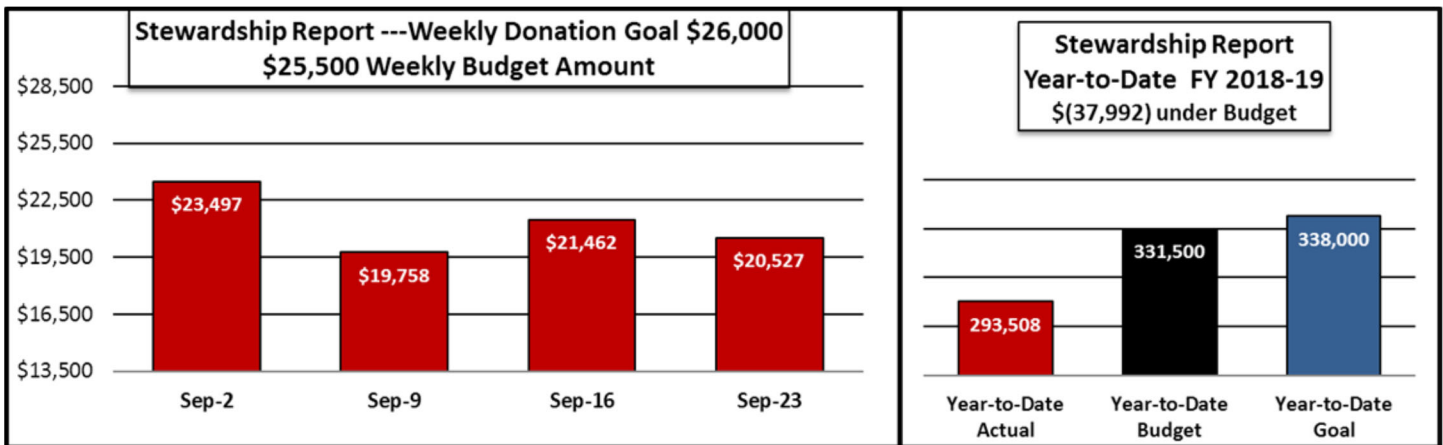
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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 30	7:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Narthex Parish Center Mtg Room School Music Room	Rosary Tables KAIROS Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal
Monday, October 1	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 2	7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Church	KAIROS Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, October 3	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, October 4	4:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Front Lawn School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room	Blessing of Pets Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 5	3-6:30pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room	Choose Kindness 5K Packet Pick Up Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, October 6	7:00am 5:00pm	Parish Grounds Narthex	Choose Kindness 5K Respect Life & SVDP Tables
Sunday, October 7	7:00am 7:00pm	Narthex School Music Room	Respect Life & SVDP Tables Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal
Monday, October 8	8:00am		All Facilities Closed after 8am Mass

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT




ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Donate Online *Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!* Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MASSES

Saturday Evening.....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekdays.....	Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
Evening before Holy Day	7:00 p.m.
Holy Day.....	6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday.....	4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
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BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

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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