

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord
who made us.
— Psalm 95:6



RESPECT LIFE MONTH October 2019

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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CHRIST
OUR **HOPE**
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*

Notes from Fr. Bob...

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Imagine a world in which no one had faith in anything. What would it be like? Could such a world function? We seldom reflect on the fact that so much that happens in our lives depends upon our having faith in a whole host of institutions and individuals. If no one had faith in governments, in doctors, in air-line pilots, in spouses, in parents, in friends, in employers, in football teams, and so on, life would simply grind to a halt. Our lives would be characterized by cynicism, despair and anarchy. A world in which no one had faith in anything would be a hell on earth.

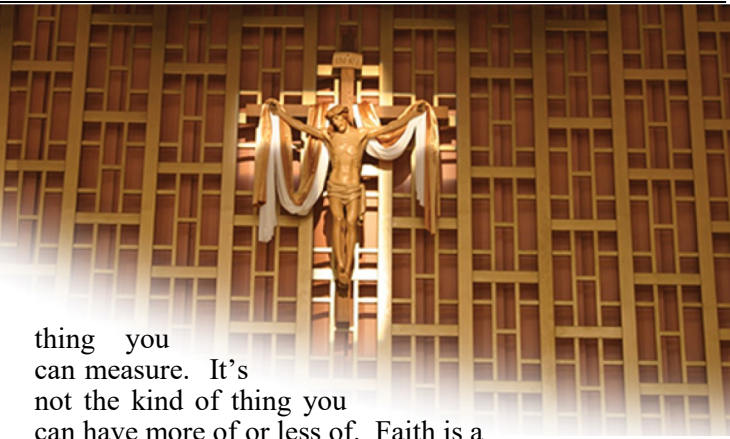
But suppose we narrow the question down a bit and ask: what would a world be like in which no one had religious faith? The answer to that question might seem more problematic. Would it really make all that much difference if no one had any religious faith? Life would still go on, surely? It's just that there'd be no churches, no mosques, no synagogues. But a moment's thought will make us realize that much more would be lacking. There would be no prayer, no worship, no religious ceremonies, no believing communities. There would be no holy books like the Bible, no holy people, no notion of holiness at all. There would be no appreciation of life as a journey, or a search, or a quest; no appreciation of life as a gift. These things are so much part of what we are that a world without religious faith would be a world we would hardly recognize as human.

Strangely we don't often think of faith like that. We think of it as a very private thing: something I have as an individual; something I must preserve; something going on inside me. We also tend to think of it as something a bit precarious, something we could lose if we're not too careful. And so we have a lot of sympathy with the apostles in today's gospel when they make that appeal to Jesus: "Increase our faith".

The Lord's reply seems very odd. We almost get the impression that he thinks faith can be tested by working unlikely wonders. But perhaps we can get a better idea of what Jesus is saying if we take the liberty of inserting one extra word into the first paragraph of the gospel. See what happens when we put in that additional word: "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord laughed and replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.'"

If we put it like that we see immediately that Jesus is not making a profound pronouncement. Still less is he challenging his followers to pepper the sea with trees. He is using exaggeration to make a point and to make the apostles think.


What is the point? Surely that faith is not the kind of



thing you can measure. It's not the kind of thing you can have more of or less of. Faith is a way of being; a way of seeing; a way of journeying. It's not something we have, it's rather something we're caught up in. Of course, there is a private and personal dimension of faith. But essentially we're not isolated individuals who have to grit our teeth and hang on to our faith through thick and thin. We're part of a community of believers; a community who lead a life of faith and support each other in that life of faith. That's one reason we pray at Mass: "Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church."

As followers of Christ everything we do is informed by faith. Faith surrounds us; faith carries us; faith is our way of being. And we manifest our faith in simple and obvious ways: by coming together for Mass, by praying, by celebrating the sacraments, by reaching out to one another in gospel love. It might not seem very spectacular to us. It's certainly got nothing to do with performing amazing feats. But faith really does change the world. A world without religious faith would be an impoverished world, for it would be a world in which the deepest aspirations of the human heart could have no place.

In Faith,



Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

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TO THIS MULBERRY TREE,
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AND PLANTED IN THE SEA,"
AND IT WOULD OBEY YOU.

LUKE 17:6

PARISH CAMPUS UNFORSEEN AND NOT BUDGETED MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECTS IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I will be speaking at all weekend liturgies on October 5th and 6th regarding the unforeseen and unbudgeted repairs totaling almost \$73,000 that needed to be completed during this past month. Please see below the specific items that needed immediate attention and their costs.

EMERGENCY CHURCH PLUMBING REPAIRS and EMERGENCY SCHOOL STORM DRAIN REPAIRS:

Unique Plumbing provided multiple sewer repairs. There were drainage issues which were due to the failure of aging sewer systems. The completed work will be done by Oct. 3rd.

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$51,500.00

UNEXPECTED PARKING LOT REPAIRS:

- 1) Much needed repair of deteriorated asphalt areas- Cost: \$8,742.44
- 2) Crack seal and seal coating of the entire parking lot of 85,790 square feet- Cost: \$10,092.43
- 3) Seal and striping of lot is normally scheduled every two years but due to the needed repairs of deteriorated asphalt we had to seal and restripe this year- Cost: \$2,531.32

TOTAL COST: \$21,366.19

We will be having a second collection on the weekends of Oct. 5th & 6th and Oct. 12th & 13th. Any help you can give the parish to offset these unexpected expenses would be greatly appreciated.

With Great Gratitude and Thanksgiving,



Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor



Mass Intentions for the Week of October 7 - 13, 2019

Day	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Joseph & Kay Klemak, Joseph Vieceli
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Special Intention - Michael J. Baker
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Joseph F. Kurcz, Linda Niemczyk
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Frank Miller, Evelyn Ulfig, Edward Condon, Wayne Kral, Anita Ferreira
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	John E. Toncray, Jim Deslauriers, Ken Kakareka, Milton Persin
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Pat Maley, Anne Smith, Dick Ryan, Mary & John Harmon
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Sylvia Pesut, Special Intention - Linda Kostuba
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Myron Wroblewski, BC Collins, Luczakow Family
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Eleanor Maday, BC Collins, Louise Callaghan
	Visiting Priest	12:30 p.m.	Carlos Lopez, Jaime Camacho-Mariscal

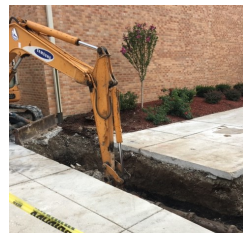
Marriage Banns



Lauren Ward & Sean Sebastian

Leslie Lurz & Sam Granieri

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



October 5-6 and October 12-13, there will be a second collection for St. Cletus Parish to pay for unexpected and unbudgeted maintenance repairs that were needed for the parish and school in September. A letter from Fr. Bob Clark and more information can be found on page 3 of the Canticle.

OCTOBER IS 'RIGHT TO LIFE' MONTH

Once again, as we begin 'Right to Life' month, let us recommit ourselves to the sanctity of God's gift of life from conception to natural death. As God's creation in His own image and likeness, we become the temple of the Holy Spirit from the moment we are conceived in our mother's womb until God calls us home at the moment of our death. We need to recommit our efforts to uphold this beautiful gift of life. Let us prayer for a renewal of respect for life in all its forms during this month dedicated to God's gift of life. - Fr. Bob Clark

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

Mary Szabo
 May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

October - Joan Clark, Shirley Funk, Don King, Rachael Schopp

September - John Duda, Chuck Foerster, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer

August - Frank Colonna, Rochina DeBartolo, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski, Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, Ronald Kruczek, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Patricia Rodey, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman

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

Parish School



★ 2014 ★
BLUE RIBBON
RECIPIENT

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

October 8 Catholic High Schools Night
October 10 School Mass, 6th Grade Bible Blessing

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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GOAL

GET OUT AND LEARN

D4D AT KENNYS NEXT WEEKEND

It's 3 DAYS! Friday - Sunday October 11-13th at Kenny's Irish Pub, 917 W. 55th St. Countryside. Kenny's will donate 30% of proceeds to St. Cletus School!

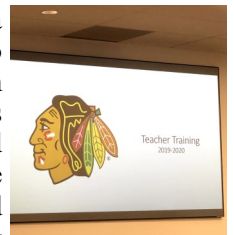
Grab your friends and Family to support St. Cletus while enjoying some great food and drink! Get together with your Fantasy Football league! Mom and Dad's Night out! After work happy hour! After school snacks! Lunch after soccer games!

Please show this flyer on your phone or as a paper copy to your server!

daily specials excluded and will be regular price

BLACKHAWKS G.O.A.L. PROGRAM

Athletic Director and PE teacher, Tina Pryor, applied for and won the Chicago Blackhawks Get Out and Learn (GOAL) program for St. Cletus School. Each school that is selected receives (2) one-hour clinics from the Blackhawks youth hockey staff and P.E. teachers are invited to a training session at the United Center. The schools will keep the equipment used in the clinic. This includes 30 Blackhawks street hockey sticks, 30 hockey balls and two nets.



THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP

Third grade had a wonderful field trip to Isle a la Cache and learned all about the French voyageurs of the 1700s who traveled there and traded supplies and goods with the Potawatomi tribe. The kids all had a great time!

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Baby Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Infant formula
- Laundry detergent
- Cereal
- Canned meals/meats
- Boxed sides (Rice a Roni, Knorr's noodles)
- Oatmeal
- Paper and plastic bags

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:
@StCletusFoodPantry
Now on Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 27th
12:30 Check In
1:15 Walk Begins

The walk begins and ends at First Congregational Church of Western Springs (1106 Chestnut St. Western Springs).

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



GIVING TREE

Registration for this year's Giving Tree Project already began this week! As we approach Christmas, there will be many volunteer opportunities, such as the one featured below, as we prepare for this event. Also, tags will be available for you on the trees in church on November 9-10.

GIVING TREE TAG MAKING

Tuesday, October 15 from 3:00-5:00pm in Room 201 in the Education Building *enter at the school main entrance, door #2*

Volunteers needed to help cut, fold, hole punch, and tie ribbons on Giving Tree tags! Grades 6 and up can come without a parent. Adults are needed too! If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2kKbln1>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

The "Preventing Violence in Our Communities" event has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict on the speakers part.

We will reschedule the event for early 2020. Please stay tuned!

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 right.

You are not alone.

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?
CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Great Insights for the Current/Future Job Market - Mark your calendars now for Thursday, October 17, 7-9 pm. Learn how and why your job requires finding a fit between your skills, experience, education and employer's requirements. Job-hunting research is a key element of a successful search. Developing focused conclusions from a flood of data appears to be needed now more than ever. Our speaker, Tom Kacena, will outline job management techniques he has followed in his own career as an aerospace engineer in the Air Force and after in the private sector as well as in mentoring junior engineers. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. We look forward to welcoming you.

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

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



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

“Although we must cherish, protect, and defend human life year-round, the Catholic Church in the United States sets aside each October as Respect Life Month.

This year’s theme, ‘Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life,’ is particularly suited for our times. While attacks against human life seem to grow ever more numerous and callous, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith.

Jesus asks us to be as leaven in the world, to bring His light to the darkness. Our daily activities take each of us to places only we can go, to people only we will meet. May we allow Christ to renew and strengthen us, that He may work through us in each moment of every day.

Be assured of my prayers for you and for our common efforts to bring about a world in which every life is cherished. And so, together, may we hold fast to Christ, our hope.”

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, of Kansas City in Kansas and Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



September 25-November 3

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. Locations in Downers Grove, Chicago, and Flossmoor. Visit www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

BABY BOTTLE ENVELOPES

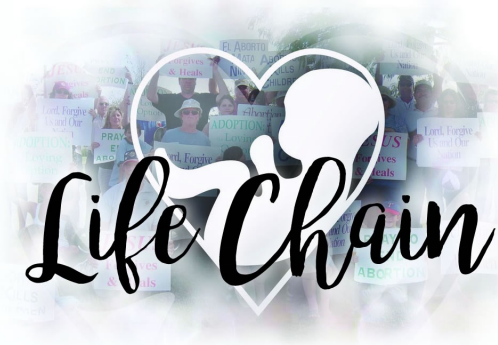


October 12-13 after all Masses

Volunteers are needed to help hand out envelopes at the exits after each Mass. All ages welcome.

Please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2kSGE4g>

LIFE CHAIN



October 6 from 2:30-3:30
Southwest Corner of LaGrange Rd. and Ogden Ave.

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 90 minutes. In 2017, over 1550 cities and towns held Life Chains.

Signs will be provided as well as suggested Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, and scripture verses. We hope you will join us!

WORD OF LIFE



“When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2019-20 Respect Life Reflection
www.respectlife.org/reflection

Religious Education

RE CLASSES ARE UNDERWAY!



St. Cletus Religious Education classes have been in session for a few weeks. We are very excited to have over 450 children coming on Sundays and Mondays to have an encounter with God! We are very blessed to have 45 Adults as Catechists and Aides and over 17 High School students as Aides within classrooms or in our Special Needs Adaptive classes. Our vibrant program gives our children the opportunity to encounter God through scripture, interactive lessons, games, prayer experiences, service experiences, crafts and music.

If you still haven't registered your child for this year, please hurry and register them. Our classes are filling fast! Registration materials can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re/

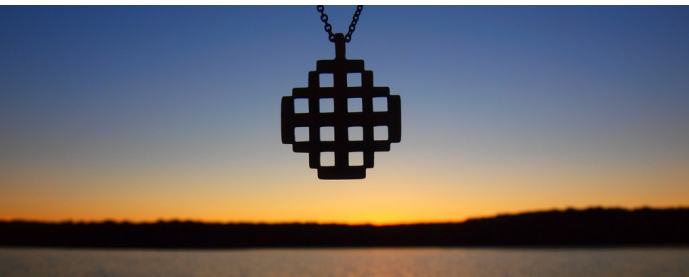
HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct. 5** All 8th Graders (RE and School) attend our Day of the Spirit Confirmation retreat in Morrissey Hall from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6/7** All classes meet, including Special Needs. First Grade families attend with their child for Creation Days Celebration.
- Oct. 13/14** No RE Classes

Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
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Youth Ministry

REGISTER FOR KAIROS 34!



Who:
High School Juniors & Seniors

When:
November 14th – 17th, 2019

What is Kairos? Kairos is a retreat offered to high school juniors and seniors through the combined efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. The retreat is offered three times each calendar year. Kairos is a 4-day retreat that allows teens to build new friendships as well as to deepen current relationships,

and to learn more about themselves and their connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.

How do I register for Kairos? The registration form can be found on our Parish Website, on the Youth Ministry page. Questions should be directed to MaryClaire Zurowski.

CHURCH LEAGUE



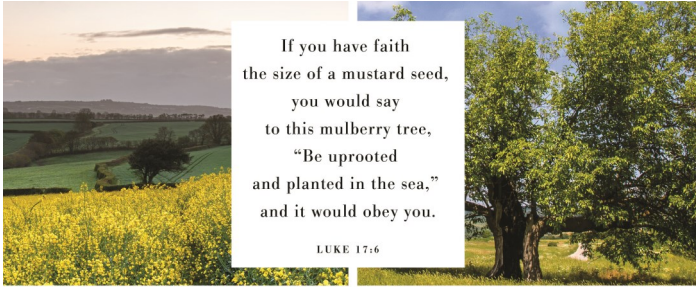
Church League basketball allows high school students to play competitive basketball against other area churches.

Boy's Church League Registration is open, but we need coaches! The boys' season begins in November and ends in February, and the girls' season begins in March and ends in May. Each team needs two coaches who establish full compliance with Protecting God's Children.

If you are interested in helping with this fun ministry, contact MaryClaire Zurowski.

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
mzurowski@stcletusparish.com | 708.215.5419 | youth.stcletusparish.com

Sunday Notes



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LUKE 17:6

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 6, 2019

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A LITTLE FAITH

Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
 Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
 Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
 Lk 17:11-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Respect Life Sunday
 Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
 Tuesday: Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
 begins at sundown
 Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions;
 St. John Leonardi
 Friday: St. John XXIII
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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OPTIMISM

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

—Anonymous

SPEAKING OF GOD

Almost everything said of God is unworthy, for the very reason that it is capable of being said.

—St. Gregory the Great

LIVING A FAITH

'Tis not the dying for a faith that's so hard—every man of every nation has done that—'tis the living up to it that's difficult.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, October 8th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. We will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. For those who want to look ahead, the book for the Dec. 10th meeting is the *Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonsoo Lee. All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

NOTES FROM DEACON STUART

A copy of my homily given last weekend is available on our website, www.stcletusparish.com

Deacon Stuart and Marlene are going on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock, Ireland! We will be praying for the St Cletus community and a number of other intentions we already have. Should you have a particular request please e-mail it to me at sheyes@stcletusparish.com and we'll be sure to add them.

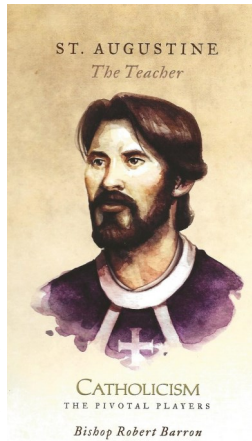
Blessings - Stuart

CREDO

PIVOTAL PLAYERS OCT. 15

You are invited to learn about St. Augustine and why Bishop Barron included him as a Pivotal Player.

St. Augustine, the Teacher, was possibly the best example of how faith changed a person. We will meet Tuesday, October 15 at 7 pm in Fr. Gallagher's room in the Parish Center. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it.



FILM NIGHT FRIDAY NOV. 8

Is Purgatory real? Could the Afterlife require suffering? Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead? This groundbreaking documentary investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives. Don't miss it!

Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 8th at 7pm in the Parish Center, Gallagher Room.



CREDO

(Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

LIVING ROSARY

Come visit your Mother!

Stop by the Living Rosary's table in the Narthex today. We have all things about the Rosary: free rosaries, medals, prayer guides, coloring pages and many other things to help celebrate the Rosary and our Mother Mary.

The St. Cletus Living Rosary is made up of parishioners from near and far; over 100 members commit to praying a particular decade of the rosary each day. This way many entire Rosaries are said each day. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in honoring Mary in a small way each day.

Stop by our table for more information and to take a step toward eternity.

BUILDING SAFETY AND WELLNESS IN THE COMMUNITY: PROMOTING HEALTHY FAMILIES AND CHURCHES

Join us 6:30-8:00pm on Thursday, October 17 at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

All are invited to an evening that will raise awareness, promote discussion, and provide information about safety and wellness within our homes, churches and community. A panel of experts representing police and fire departments, Pillars, and area counseling centers will address questions and concerns from their field of expertise and provide helpful tips and strategies that promote health and safety.

Sponsored by the SJC Domestic Violence Awareness Committee with the support and involvement of neighboring parishes.

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by.

The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service.

Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



Mark your calendars for our next concert: October 27 at 4pm as we welcome flutist Caroline May, who is the La Grange Elementary School District 102 band director. Our very own Kathleen Kress will be joining her and Justin Sisul will accompany this concert. It will be held in St. Cletus Church and admission is free. View the full 2019-20 Season at www.edwardfas.com.

AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2020 TAX FILING SEASON



The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2020 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2020. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April.

This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?

For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or contact St. Cletus parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB GRAY



At the annual Jack Wheeler Golf Classic, Bob Gray was honored as the 2019 Nazareth Academy Fathers Club Person of the Year.

He and his wife Suzanne are long time St. Cletus Parishioners and Parents of four St. Cletus School and Nazareth Academy graduates. Congratulations Bob Gray!

FALL FEST SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

There are a limited number of 2019 Fall Fest shirts still available for purchase. Short Sleeve Grey (\$15): Youth Small, Youth Large, Adult Medium and Adult Large. Long Sleeve Grey (\$18): Adult Small and Adult Medium. Email Elizabeth at egoellner@stcletusparish.com to confirm available sizes. Stop by the Parish Center Office to purchase.

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Community Bulletin Board

CALLING 1974 ST. CLETUS GRADUATES!

This year marks our 45th year since our graduation and the perfect time to get together for a reunion. However, we need help locating our classmates. If you have a son or daughter, brother/sister, or friend that graduated in 1974, please contact Joanne Lattal Clancy at jmlclancy@hotmail.com. We are hoping to have a fall reunion.

JOYFUL AGAIN!



Welcome! All widowed men & women, looking to ease their sense of loss and move into a more joyful part of life, are invited to attend a Joyful Again! retreat/workshop. Fall 2019 Schedule:

Nov. 2 & 3- (Overnight only) Nazareth Retreat Hse, Batavia

Nov 16 & 17- (Overnight only) Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

For more information contact us at 708-354-7211, joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, www.joyfulagain.org.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Join Deacon Rich Voytas (St. John of the Cross) on a spectacular trip to Portugal, Spain, Morocco ~ September 7-18, 2020! Twelve fabulous days visiting: Lisbon, Fatima (including the sight where the Blessed Virgin appeared on May 13, 1917), Barcelona, Costa Del Sol, Madrid and much more! For a complete itinerary and pricing information, contact Deacon Rich at 773.537.8834.

An information meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at St. John of the Cross Parish Center (5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs 60558) ~ 7:00 PM to preview more details on this marvelous trip! All are invited to attend.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Trinity High School will be hosting its first fall Open House: Sunday, October 13th at Noon (last tour leaves at 1PM) and Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30PM (last tour leaves at 7:30PM). Open Houses are the perfect opportunity to visit Trinity and see what life is like as a Trinity Blazer. For more information on upcoming admissions events, go to Trinity's website at www.trinityhs.org/beablazer or contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, at 708.453.8343 | mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org.

Trinity High School 7574 West Division St. River Forest, IL

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Our Fall Programs are out! Please see our website for a full listing and to register: www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048.

Relationship Circle - Sundays, Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, 24, 11 AM – 1 PM. Facilitator: Barbara Clevenger. Using video conversation starters from Parker Palmer or TED Talks, this Sunday reflection group will explore how we are more alike than different when faced with really important questions. Each person has a voice that needs to be heard and we will seek to truly hear it. Suggested offering: \$10-15

What's so Sacred about our Universe? Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Facilitator: Bridget Sperduto. Awaken to the awe and wonder of the unfolding story of creation by

exploring a new world view that ties science and theology together. Gain new insights into the God within all. Deepen in understanding of our role as humans in this critical moment in time, bringing new meaning to your life. Cost: \$60, incl. lunch.

Growing Your Knowing - Thursdays, Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 11 AM – 1 PM. Facilitator: Tim Sperduto. Lay the foundation for the use of your own unique intuitive capacities. Learn basic tools for perceiving, moving, and clearing energy, such as grounding, connecting to one's life force, creating space, and intuitive meditation. Cost: \$125

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network.

HITZEMAN GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which occur the second Tuesday of each month. We know how losing a loved one affects the core of each family. Whether the passing is sudden or after a long battle with illness, each soul has a story. And everyone has their own way of coping with such a loss; sometimes, we don't know how to start finding a way through the fog of emotions and despair. The holidays are times we set aside to celebrate and spend time with family. After the death of a loved one, this time of the year can be very difficult to manage. In this discussion you will learn strategies for coping with grief during the holidays. Hopefully these tips will help you or someone you know who is grieving have a better experience.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Hitzeman Funeral Home 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield

Please R.S.V.P. to info@hitzemanfuneral.com or 708-485-2000. For more info- www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

ST. BARBARA CCW BUNCO

BUNCO PARTY Fundraiser, sponsored by St. Barbara CCW, will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2:30-4:30 pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Ave., Brookfield. Men and women are invited. Advance ticket donation is \$5 for Bunco, prizes, coffee & cake. For tickets, call Dolores at 708-334-2117 or purchase at the door for \$6.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Bourbon Street Blues on October 10 - Catholic Charities South and Southwest Regions invite you to Bourbon Street Blues on Thursday October 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park. Enjoy a buffet and open beer and wine bar while enjoying some of the best blues music in Chicago. The night features music by the Wind Gypsies. \$35 per person, \$40 at the door. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities food pantries and emergency services for our neighbors most in need in the South and Southwest Regions. More info at www.catholiccharities.net/blues or call (708) 333-9239.

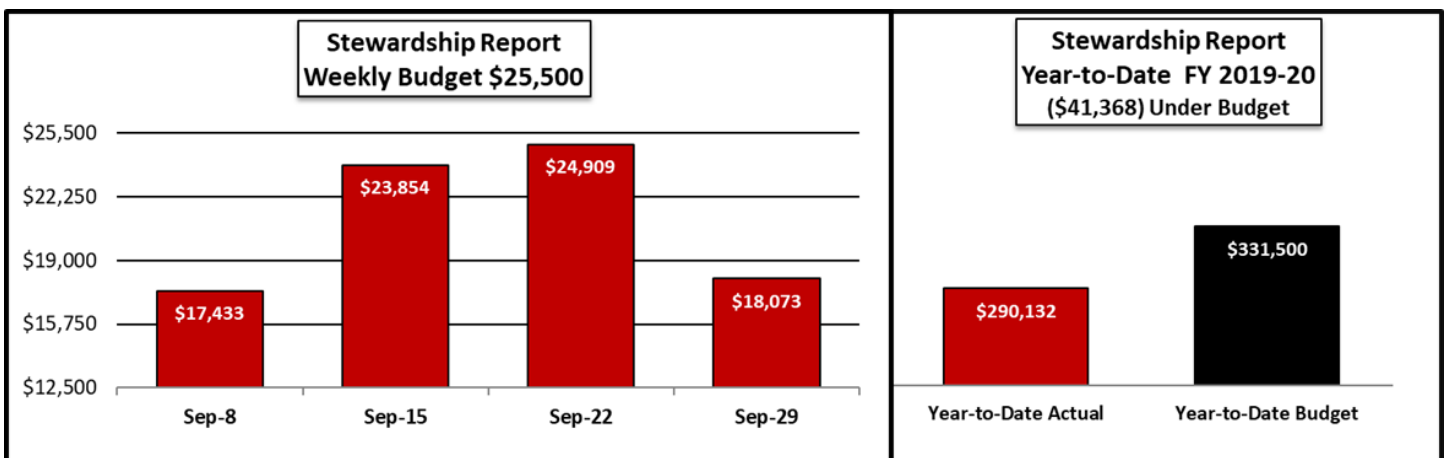
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 6	7:00am 9:15am 2:00pm	Narthex School School Room 200	Living Rosary and Respect Life Committee RE Classes KAIROS Meeting
Monday, October 7	4:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room School Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal RE Classes Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 8	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Gym Morrissey Hall & Rm 213 Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Catholic High School Night First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Spanish Holy Hour Book Club
Wednesday, October 9	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies Baptism Preparation Class
Thursday, October 10	9:30am 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room	School Mass Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 11			
Saturday, October 12	5:00pm	Narthex	Baby Bottle Envelope Distribution
Sunday, October 13	7:00am 10:30am	Narthex Parish Center Mtg Room	Baby Bottle Envelope Distribution Living Rosary

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit www.steletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

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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-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.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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. 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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