

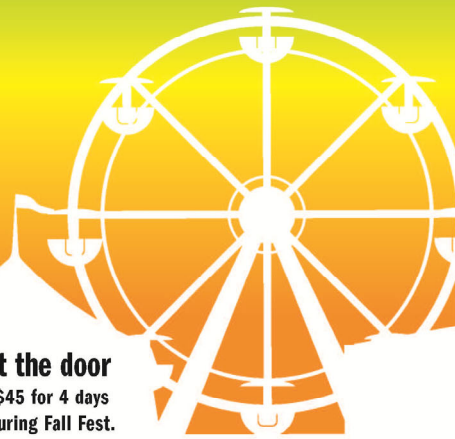
SAINT CLETUS PARISH

FALL FEST

SEPT. 7-10

MEGAPASS
UNLIMITED RIDES
VALID ALL 4 DAYS

\$45 until 9/4/17 **\$55** at the door
Purchase online by midnight Sept. 4th at \$45 for 4 days
of unlimited rides. MEGAPASS will be \$55 during Fall Fest.



FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BEER TENT

FOOD VENDORS

CARNIVAL

CASH RAFFLE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

5-10pm Carnival Rides
6pm The Mid-Knights
7-10pm Kickin' Jimmy



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

5-11pm Carnival Rides
5pm Rhyan Komsthoeft
6-8pm Bingo
7-10pm Infinity



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

12-11pm Carnival Rides
12pm Ashenco
1pm 40 Hz
1-3pm Bingo
2pm St. Cletus Kids
Got Talent Performance
4pm The Outfit
5pm The Millennials
6-8pm Bingo
\$500 Jackpot Bingo Game
(subject to min./max # of cards sold)
7-10pm Hillbilly Rockstarz



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

First Responders Mass



11am 1st Responders Mass
12-9pm Carnival Rides
12:30pm Ken Baker & Cletones
2-4pm Bingo
4pm Professional Development
6-9pm Maggie Speaks
7:30pm Grand Raffle Drawing



Mass Intentions for the Week of September 4 - September 10, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Patricia Concannon Madison, Betty Travnicek, Special Intention - Robert Stafford
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Patricia Meehan
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John Zumpano
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Ray & Joni Pietrzak, Joan & Gerald Clarke, Betty Niwa
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Francis & Josephine Murphy, Msgr. Richard O'Donnell, Scott Parisi
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Kim Zwolinski
	Fr. Clark	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Naponiello, Daniel E. Moore, Tom Kosik, Edward Hrozenjak, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Marilyn Shanahan
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Alex Kunsarvich, William Schafer, John Zumpano, George Duda, Josephine Felice, Special Intention - Sally & John Baker
	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Edward Nickiel, Marilyn Matesevac, Loretta Olech
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Alfred Mozdzen, Bernie & Carol Hennessy, Joe & Beth Salvitti, John Lynch, Freida Guide, Lou Guide
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	TBD	12:30 p.m.	Lilia Fanny Rodriguez



Marriage Banns

Caroline Kennedy & Matthew Butler

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

Lois Lavin

May she rest in peace. Amen.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED SEPT. 4

In observance of Labor Day all facilities will be closed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, September 4.

PARKING NOTICES

Beginning Tuesday, September 5th there will be limited parking due to the St. Cletus Fall Fest Carnival. Please see page 9 of the Canticle for complete details.

Also, on Tuesday, September 12th and Thursday, September 14th half of the parking lot will be re-sealed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Please welcome Fr. Stephen Ashomah who will speak about Catholic missions this weekend. There will be a second collection.

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

Maria Elena Serrano

August

Carol Wittowski

July

Ann Smith-Walls, Frank Colonna, Diane O'Rourke, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Catherine Troyner, Frank Colonna, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Fernando Cabral, Gerda E. Dorzo, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Peter May, Frank Niwa, Bonnie Boerste, Emily Devine, Dan Haske, John Duda, Susan Star, Ernie and Katarina Dufner

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

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Notes from Fr. Bob...

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus knows that when we really understand the meaning of our own life, we are saved. We see ourselves as we really are, and appreciate who and what God really is. This so transforms us that we grow in communion with God, through life, through death, and for ever.

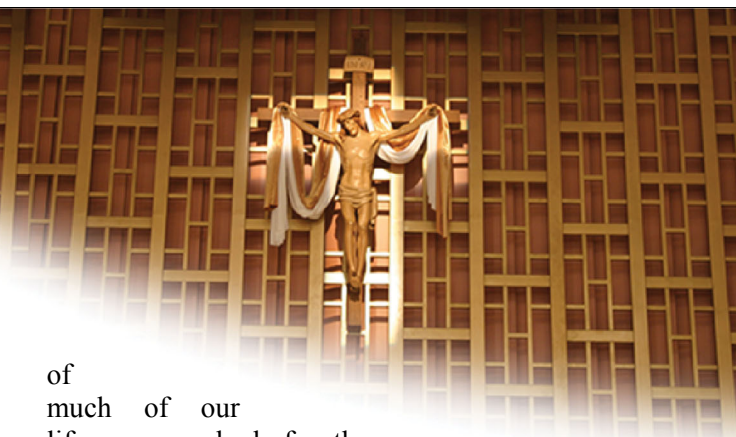
Into each and every mundane situation, Jesus brings poetry. He constantly looks behind events for the meaning of those events, teaching all who will listen the eternal significance of every action and word. Today he explains how he is destined to suffer and die, and how he will rise from the dead. When Peter looks merely at the facts, Jesus points to their meaning. To overlook or ignore their meaning is to betray him. Jesus then situates the life of each disciple in relation to his own: each person must renounce self and follow him. And here is the poetry: in renouncing self and following Christ, the disciple saves his or her life. This is the meaning of our life: an offering we make to Christ, which Christ blesses and returns. Today's other readings reinforce the message.

The prophet Jeremiah bemoans his fate as he suffers ridicule for his calling. We could imagine he is full of regret, that he wishes he had taken another path in life. But his language gives away what he really feels. He uses the language of the seducer and the seduced. Even when he determines to ignore the Lord, he feels a burning fire in his heart. He is aflame with love of God. This, in spite of all external evidence, is the true meaning of his life. This is the poetry of his existence. In this he finds healing and wholeness.

St. Paul follows a related theme as he exhorts the Romans to contemplate God's mercy and give themselves in worship. We learn from him that to ponder God, to offer ourselves to God and to praise God is to be drawn into communion with God and so to be saved. We find ourselves more and more in tune with God, and strangers to the lesser values we may find around us. We discover the poetry of our own life, its meaning; and in so doing we do what is good, acceptable and perfect before the Lord.

In the light of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we begin to understand all he teaches us. We see more clearly the meaning of his life and so the meaning of our own life. We too may suffer, we too will die, but just as certainly, we will rise with him.

When we ponder the ordinary, everyday, mundane nature



of much of our life, we can look for the poetry that gives it meaning. We know that our suffering and death are not meaningless, but have meaning in God. So what we do does matter, has eternal significance. We can endure so much more if we feel our endurance has meaning. We can achieve so much more if we are confident there is a meaning to what we achieve. Our faith encourages us. Our faith motivates us. Our faith makes us strong.

So let us turn around the warning of Jesus, where he says, "What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?" In giving ourselves over to the truth of our life, that we are Disciples of Christ, we gain the whole world. And now we understand what our life really means, we will give it away to God, freely. And God will return it to us, safeguarded and perfected. We will enjoy life with God for ever.

LABOR DAY 2017

On this Labor Day weekend we thank God for His presence in our lives and our labor. May he continue to walk with us throughout our daily tasks and may we produce much fruit as a result of our daily labor. We ask God to bless all of those who labor each day and to give courage and strength to those who are currently seeking employment. May all our individual gifts and talents be used in our daily labor for the honor and glory of our God.

Fathers Ken, Lorenzo, and I wish each of you and your families a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend.

Blessings and Peace Always,

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School

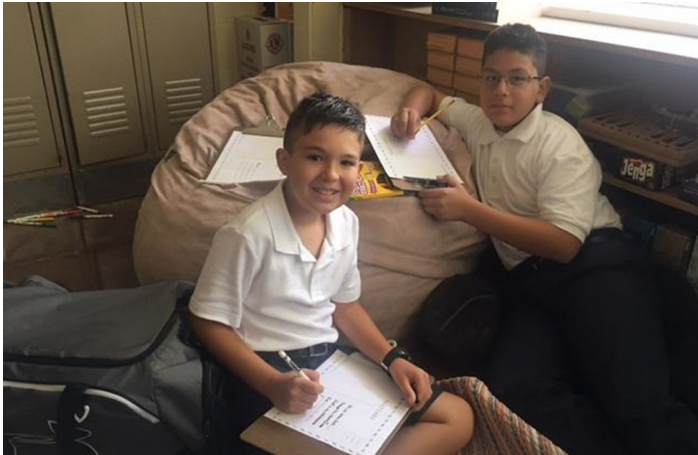


DATES TO REMEMBER

St. Cletus Fall Fest September 7-10
 St. Cletus Homecoming September 16
 Choose Kindness 5K October 21

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Tom Chinske, Principal **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**
 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
 tchinske@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



Collaboration, comfort, and learning!

There are many school programs that play a part in the success of St. Cletus students. As part of our Junior High program, students in grades 5th-8th are part of our 1:1 device initiative which uses Chromebooks and other school resources. The instructional model includes teacher instruction with digital support and collaborative learning, reaching all the diverse learning styles in the classroom.



Are you ready for some football?

Another St. Cletus Cardinals football season is upon us and everyone is ready to cheer. Be sure to check the school website and find a game to cheer our team on. Home games are played at Nazareth Academy with the big Homecoming Game played on September 16th.

New faces in our school



Kimberly Paluch is new to the St. Cletus team this year. She is teaching second grade in Room 110. She graduated from Bradley University in May of 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. She maintains a Professional Educator License with endorsements in middle school education, language arts, and mathematics.



Mathias Paul is excited to start his first year teaching at St. Cletus School. He is the seventh grade homeroom teacher and junior high science teacher. Mr. Paul is a local, growing up in Hinsdale, and still resides there. He received his Masters in Teaching from National Louis University and his undergrad from Arizona State University where he received his Bachelors in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Environmental Geography & History with a Sustainability Minor.

September Prayer

Good and gracious God,
 You made us in Your image
 to be the light of the world.

As we look forward to this day,
 we remember Jesus, our brother and teacher,
 who will walk with us everywhere we go,
 encourage us, protect us, and guide us
 in the way of peace.

Bless us in the name of the Father and the
 Son and the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

Sunday Notes

FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Labor Day
 Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: St. Peter Claver

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

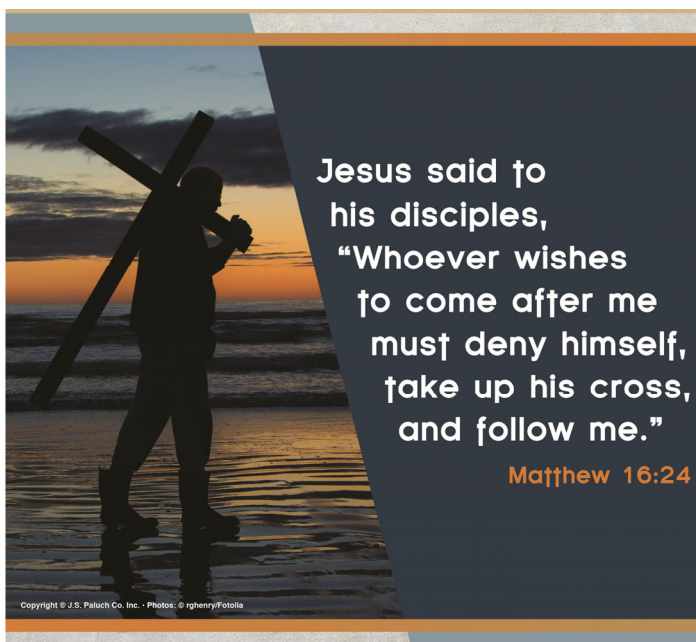
Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HARD-EARNED LUCK

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

— Thomas Jefferson



Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Cereal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Pinto Beans
- Juice
- \$10 Jewel Cards

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.

Please note that the Saint Cletus Food Pantry can only accept food items. We can not accept clothing or other household items.



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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Many thanks to the student and adult volunteers who gave so generously of their time this summer to help set up for distribution, as well as to the awesome group of volunteers from CSA Fraternal Life Lodge Brookfield, #475. Their strong presence and cheerful attitude this summer at our monthly distributions was greatly appreciated!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence this group may be very helpful.

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence

Please contact Kendall Grant by emailing kgrant@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5418 for more information.

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



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

THANK YOU

Labor Day is traditionally the day to honor workers in the U.S. and more recently to unofficially mark the end of summer. What a most fitting time to celebrate those workers in our Social Concerns Ministry, who dedicate so many volunteer hours to “labor” for God’s kingdom all year long, even during the long, hot summer. Whether you serve on the Social Concerns Commission, volunteer your service for the Food Pantry, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Giving Tree, Interfaith Career Network (Employment Ministry), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Interfaith Community Partners, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry, other special outreaches, or provide fruits of your “labor” by offering financial support, food for our Pantry, or gifts for our Advent Giving Tree outreach, a heartfelt thank you for being models of faith in action! May you and your loved ones have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Interfaith Community Partners is hosting its 15th Annual Fall Benefit on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 7pm-10pm at Capri Banquets in Countryside. Entertainment includes The Nick Pontarelli Band playing favorites from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Frankie Valli, and more! Join us for an evening of music, friendship, and philanthropy. If you would like to purchase tickets and to learn more about ICP, please call 708-354-9328 or visit our website at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org. Ticket price is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent auction, and paddle raise. Cash bar for other cocktails. For more information or if you would like to donate, sponsor, or volunteer please call our office.

GCED HUNGER WALK



32ND
HUNGER
WALK

Join us on September 16th for the 32nd Annual Hunger Walk.

Greater Chicago Food Depository
4100 West Ann Lurie Place
Chicago, IL 60632

Providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community

September 16, 2017
Jackson Park

Visit <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk>

CROP WALK



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.
Sunday, October 15th

St. Cletus Parish is one of six local food pantries that will receive a share of 25% of the total funds raised. Canned goods for the food pantries will be collected at the beginning of the walk before a brief send-off service.

First Congregational Church, 100 6th Ave. La Grange, IL
October 15, 2017

Registration: 12:30 p.m., Walk: 1:15 p.m.

Walk Distance: 3 miles

Website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

St. Vincent's Orphanage Mass and Reception – September 24

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago Maternity/Adoption Department is hosting a Mass and Reception on Sunday, September 24 for adopted persons who were placed from St. Vincent's Orphanage in Chicago. Come and help us celebrate Catholic Charities "Century of Hope" and 100 years of Adoption and Maternity services. Registration is required. For details, please contact Lisa Francis at (312) 655-7093 or lholmes@catholiccharities.net.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities



Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for volunteers to serve throughout our more than 150 locations helping improve the lives of the people we

serve. For more info www.volunteerbridge.com, email volunteer@catholiccharities.net, or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7 pm

New Room – New Entrance

Saint Cletus Parish Center

FATHER GALLAGHER

MEETING ROOM #1

(the first room as you walk into the Parish Center)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN CEMETERY IN HILLSIDE

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the fifth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 59 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 9, 2017 – 2 pm

Where: Queen of Heaven Cemetery –1400 Wolf Road at Roosevelt, Hillside

Special Guest: His Excellency Bishop Joseph Perry

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

More info:

Call Wayne or Marianne Hamilton

(708) 525-7458

St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

WORD OF LIFE

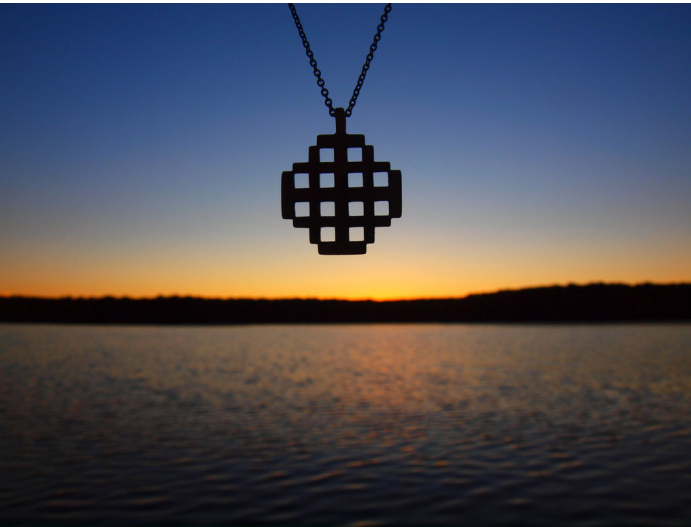
"The sufferings caused by chronic or terminal illness... cry out for our compassion, a word whose root meaning is to 'suffer with' another person. True compassion alleviates suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. It does not put lethal drugs in their hands and abandon them."



— USCCB, "To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Assisted Suicide," © 2011, <https://goo.gl/BVQ3dE>

Youth Ministry

KAIROS 27 REGISTRATION OPEN!



Kairos 27 will take place November 2-5, 2017. This is a joint youth ministry opportunity with St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our parishes come together to support this peer ministry in action. This experience is open to high school juniors and seniors.

The retreat will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay in turning in your registration! The application will be available as of September 5th. Parishioners have the first opportunity to register from September 5-11. After September 11th, we will open registration to the broader community.

ENCOUNTER REGISTRATION CONTINUES



Now that school has started, it is time to think about how you can fit reflection and rejuvenation into your routine! As plans take shape for the upcoming school year, consider joining Encounter. In the midst of busy schedules and heavy workloads, it can be even more important to take time to stop and reflect about God's role in your life and to share these experiences with others. Encounter small groups will meet monthly to take some time to reconnect with other teens from St. Cletus and to take a look at how life looks through the eyes of faith. Small groups will also have opportunities to join up monthly in prayer or service. Register today with the forms on the website! Community service opportunities will be included!

CHURCH LEAGUE COACHES NEEDED:



Church League basketball allows high school students to play competitive basketball against other area churches. Registration for boys' teams typically begins in early October. So far, we only have one of eight coaches needed. 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 Elizabeth. Registration for players begins in late September. Registration for teams may not open until coach positions are filled!

NCYC: NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE



Every other year, Catholic young people and their chaperones come together to pray, to learn, and to grow in their faith. In addition to opportunities to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and penance, National Catholic Youth Conference participants attend general and breakout sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and engage in service to others. Crossroads will be bringing a contingent of teenagers to NCYC in Indianapolis, November 16-19. Contact Katie Hayes (khayes@stjohnofthecross.org) or Katie Nicholson (knicholson@stjohnofthecross.org) at SJC Parish for details!

For more information about
St. Cletus Youth Ministry Programs:
Elizabeth Tomasek, Youth Ministry
etomasek@stcletusparish.com
(708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

Fall Fest Updates

PARKING ALERT BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH



CHURCH PARKING DURING THE WEEK OF OUR ST. CLETUS FALL FEST TUESDAY, SEPT. 5TH THRU SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue and the parish back field.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue and the parish back field.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue and the parish back field.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th Street and the parish back field.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th Street and the parish back field. Parking for Confession at 4:15 and 5:00pm Mass is limited to the parish back field.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10: Parking for ALL masses is limited to the parish back field.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make our Parish Fall Fest a great success.

RAFFLE WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS
JOANNE MARTINEZ
OUR 3RD \$100 EARLY BIRD WINNER!

NEXT DRAWING:
SEPTEMBER 3RD
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

LUCKY LEAF
RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES AND IN THE RECTORY.
\$20 PER TICKET -OR- 6 FOR \$100

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS INVITATION



Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 10th for mass outside on the Fall Fest Stage.

St. Cletus Parish invites everyone to join us as we give thanks and prayers to all active and retired police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

SPORTS FANS ALERT

Be sure to stop by the St. Vincent DePaul Silent Auction table at the St. Cletus Fall Fest to bid on a variety of sports items including a Jake Arrieta signed Jersey, a Jonathan Toews signed hockey puck, an Avasail Garcia signed jersey along with other items for your bidding pleasure. All proceeds benefit St. Cletus SVDP group that helps the needy in our community.

Thanks for your support.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!



We need your help to make our 4th Annual Fall Fest a success! Please sign up to volunteer to help after weekend masses and Sept. 7-10 during the Fall Fest event using the Signupgenius links which can be found on our website, www.stcletusfallfest.com. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer and chair committees for our Fall Fest!

CARNIVAL MEGAPASSES - \$45 UNLIMITED RIDES ALL 4 DAYS OF THE FEST



Be sure to get your kids a carnival megapass. These wristbands are \$45 for 4 days of unlimited carnival rides. Prices go up after Tuesday, September 4th so be sure to order yours online or in the fall fest tent today!

BINGO!

We've expanded the BINGO at this year's Fall Fest. The new schedule will be:

Friday 6-8 p.m.

Saturday 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Sunday 2-4 p.m.



Saturday don't miss the Grand Prize Bingo game for your chance to win \$500. There will be a minimum number of cards that must be sold for this game and a maximum number of cards available.

We hope you'll join us and invite your friends for some Bingo fun at this year's Fall Fest.

Other Ministry Notes

CCW MTG. 9/12



NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, September 12th, 7 p.m.

Program: Fun, Fall, Fashions includes refreshments, free raffle and other surprises. Fashions by Chico's whose theme is "Style Your Way" includes St. Cletus models.

Don't miss this fun night in the new Parish Center! All ladies are invited to join us.

RCIA



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS**

Journey of Faith

**BEGINS TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

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 at (708) 352-6209 ext. 205

THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS PRAYER



"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster, and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ushers – Ministers of Hospitality

Lectors – Proclaimers of the Word

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – Assist with the distribution of the Eucharist

Altar Servers – Assist the priest at Mass

Learn more about serving in any of these roles. Schedules and training are flexible.

Call Paulette Bolton – 708 215-5422 or e-mail pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

ST. CLETUS CHOOSE KINDNESS 5K RUN

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Saturday, October 21, 2017

CHOOSE

100 Yard Dash: 7:45 a.m. Open to children age 7 and under.



1 Mile Run: Immediately following 100 Yard Dash. Open to children age 11 and under.

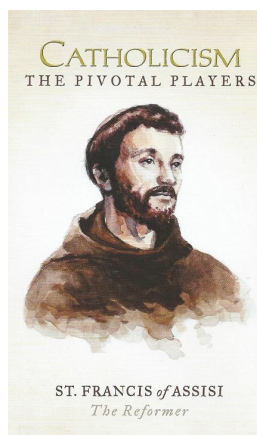
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5K Run/Walk: 8:15 a.m. Race open to all runners and walkers.

Race starts and ends on Waiola Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets. For more information and to register please visit www.stcletusschool.com.

\$15 entry fee for each race before October 19; \$20 after. Includes a t-shirt to the first 300 registrants.

CREDO - PIVOTAL PLAYERS



Bishop Robert Barron has a new DVD series, Pivotal Players, which looks at the Catholic Church's most influential people. They include St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Catherine of Siena. The CREDO committee will be hosting the program on Wednesday nights, once a month. The first will be on St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building. Please use the side doors of the

school next to the church. There is no charge to attend, nor will there be registration.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

Save the Date

Saturday, October 21, 2017

6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

Details to follow soon!



COME SING WITH US!

The St. Cletus Music Ministry is so blessed to offer so many opportunities to those who enjoy using their God-given musical talents! We invite you to join one of our choirs; no previous experience or music-reading skill required – only a desire to sing praise to the Lord!

Our Chancel Choir sings regularly at the 9:30 a.m. mass; rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. each Thursday. This group focuses more on traditional hymns and classic choral pieces; our first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 14th.

Our Contemporary Choir sings approximately two times per month at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. mass; rehearsals are held immediately prior to the mass at 4:00 p.m. with occasional additional rehearsals as needed. This group, with singers, drums and flute, focuses on a more contemporary sound. First Mass/rehearsal will be on Saturday, September 16th.

Our Teen Choir sings approximately twice per month at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. mass with an occasional appearance at the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday morning. Rehearsals are at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday; a schedule with additional rehearsal times will be published shortly. High school students will enjoy singing more contemporary music; additional instrumentalists would also be welcomed. First mass will be Saturday, September 23rd.

Our Youth Choirs...are open to all boys and girls, grades 3rd through 8th, attending either a public school or St. Cletus School. These choirs generally sing at the Sunday, 11:00 a.m. mass approximately one-two times per month and also participate with the other adult choirs in several special masses throughout the year. Parents are requested to schedule other activities around choir rehearsals times/masses however registration/participation is open throughout the year to accommodate other seasonal teams. Registration forms for the two Youth Choirs will be distributed through St. Cletus School and Religious Education Ministry; registration forms and schedules will also be posted on the parish website. All registrations should be returned to the Rectory or School no later than Tuesday, September 12th.

Junior Choir is open to students in grades 5 through 8.

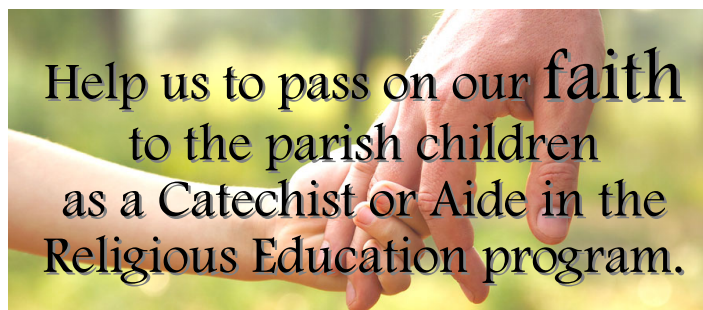
Rehearsals are held on Monday, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our first rehearsal will be on Monday, September 18th; our first mass will be on Sunday, October 1st.

Children's Choir is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held on Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 14th; our first mass will be on Sunday, October 1st.

Our Good Shepherd Choir is part of the St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry. This choir provides music for funerals, memorial services and the annual evening mass in November for those families, who have within the past year, experienced the loss of a loved one. This choir sings on an "as needed" basis, frequently on fairly short notice. Participants are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to the mass; additional rehearsals (2-3 per year) are on an as needed basis. Funerals are typically scheduled for either 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday. Volunteers do NOT have to be available every day of the week. All that is required is a servant's heart and the willingness to attend whenever possible.

If you are interested in attending a rehearsal, joining a particular choir or just want to know more about our music ministry, please contact: Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries: kziemba@stcletusparish.com or call 708-215-5423 or 708-710-0644. Please, come sing with us! "To sing is to pray twice." -- St. Augustine

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please answer the call to be a Catechist or Aide in our Religious Education program. We especially need teachers and Aides for our young Early Childhood Program, which meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

If you are in High School, and are looking for service hours, volunteering as an Aide in RE is a great way to do that while sharing your faith and having a lot of fun! We have openings in Early Childhood, Special Needs, or in Grades 1-4.

Please contact Barb Campbell at (708) 352-2383 or bcampbell@stcletusparish.com to find out more about volunteering!

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN

Joyful Again! Program for Widowed Men and Women



Need help moving on to the life God now sees for you as a single person? Attend our workshop/retreat and see the possibilities.

October 28 & 29, 2017 - Batavia

November 11 & 12, 2017- Lemont

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. Incls. overnight and meals. Space limited – register early.

Ph: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 708-354-7211

email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

www.joyfulagain.org (short video on website)

MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL



Come and join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Summer Blessings, Fr. Lorenzo

NAZARETH ACADEMY HOSTS COFFEE & CONVERSATION DATES



Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. Guests will be treated to a light breakfast, informal conversation and a tour of the school. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 10 a.m.

Enter through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Parents are welcome on the following dates: Wednesday, September 13, Wednesday, October 4, and Wednesday, November 15. Registration is required. Please visit nazarethacademy.com and click "Admissions" or contact Kristen Stojetz at kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com or 708.387.8505.

BELLARMINE JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE



The Spiritual Exercises: "Who am I? Where am I going? How do I get there?" September 22-24, 2017 with Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men. 420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261 • www.JesuitRetreat.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on October 6-8, 2017 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. For information on applying, please go to wwme-chicagoland.org

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Morning of Meditation and Contemplative Mass

Laying Aside Your Thoughts:

The Gift of the Present Moment

Presenter/Celebrant Fr. Kevin Maksym

Saturday, Sept. 16 9am-Noon, Hospitality at 8:30am.

Free will offering accepted. Reservations requested 708-246-5108 or mary105105@gmail.com

St. John of the Cross Parish Center 5005 Wolf Rd.
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THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

A NOTE FROM THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER AND JOSEPH'S CORNER GIFT SHOP

We begin our fall 2017 semester in our new home in the three-story ministry building located on the east side of our campus just north of the Chapel. Our new entrance faces Nazareth Academy High School. Look for the balconies. Underneath you will find the new entrance. The parking lot is in front of the chapel and wraps around the east side of the building. Of course parking is still available on the ring road. We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up:

Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You!, an 8-week workshop of discovery on how to live out of our unique loving nature, Wednesdays 1-3PM, Sept. 6 – October 25.

Dream Workshop, an evening designed to teach some simple steps to begin making sense of your nighttime images, Thursday, Sept. 7, 7-8:30PM

Practicing Peace, an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets twice a month for three months, beginning Monday, Sept. 11, 11-noon.

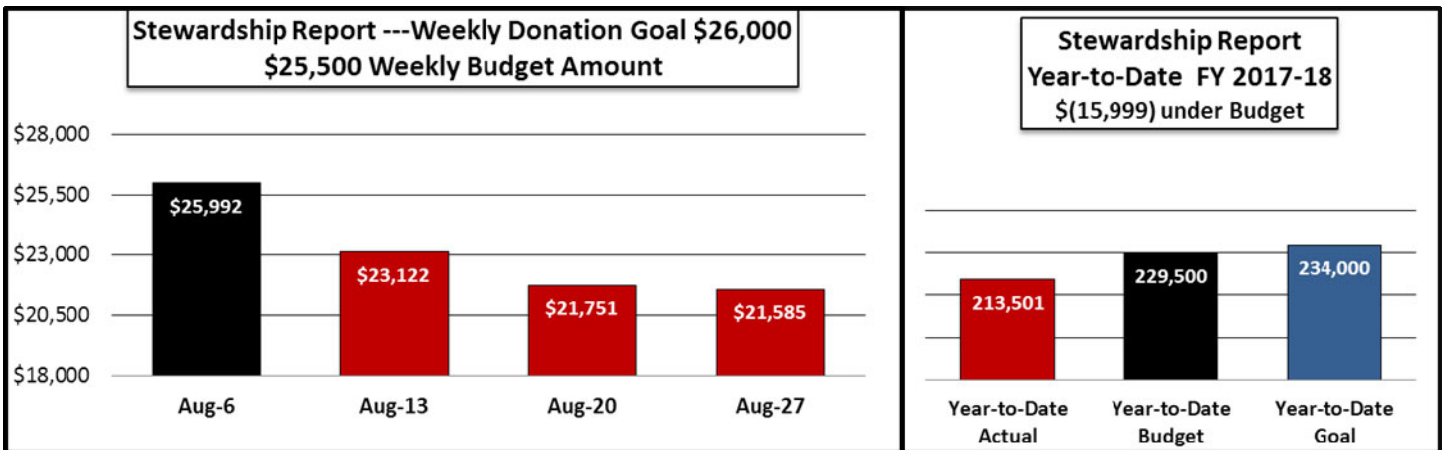
Please check our website www.csjthewell.org for further details.



Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 3	After Masses	Narthex	Welcome Committee
Monday, September 4	8:00am		Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, September 5	7:00pm	School Music Room	Cantor Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 6			
Thursday, September 7	5-10pm		St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Friday, September 8	5-11pm		St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Saturday, September 9	12-11pm		St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Sunday, September 10	12-9pm		St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Holy Hour first Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hispanic Adoration continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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