

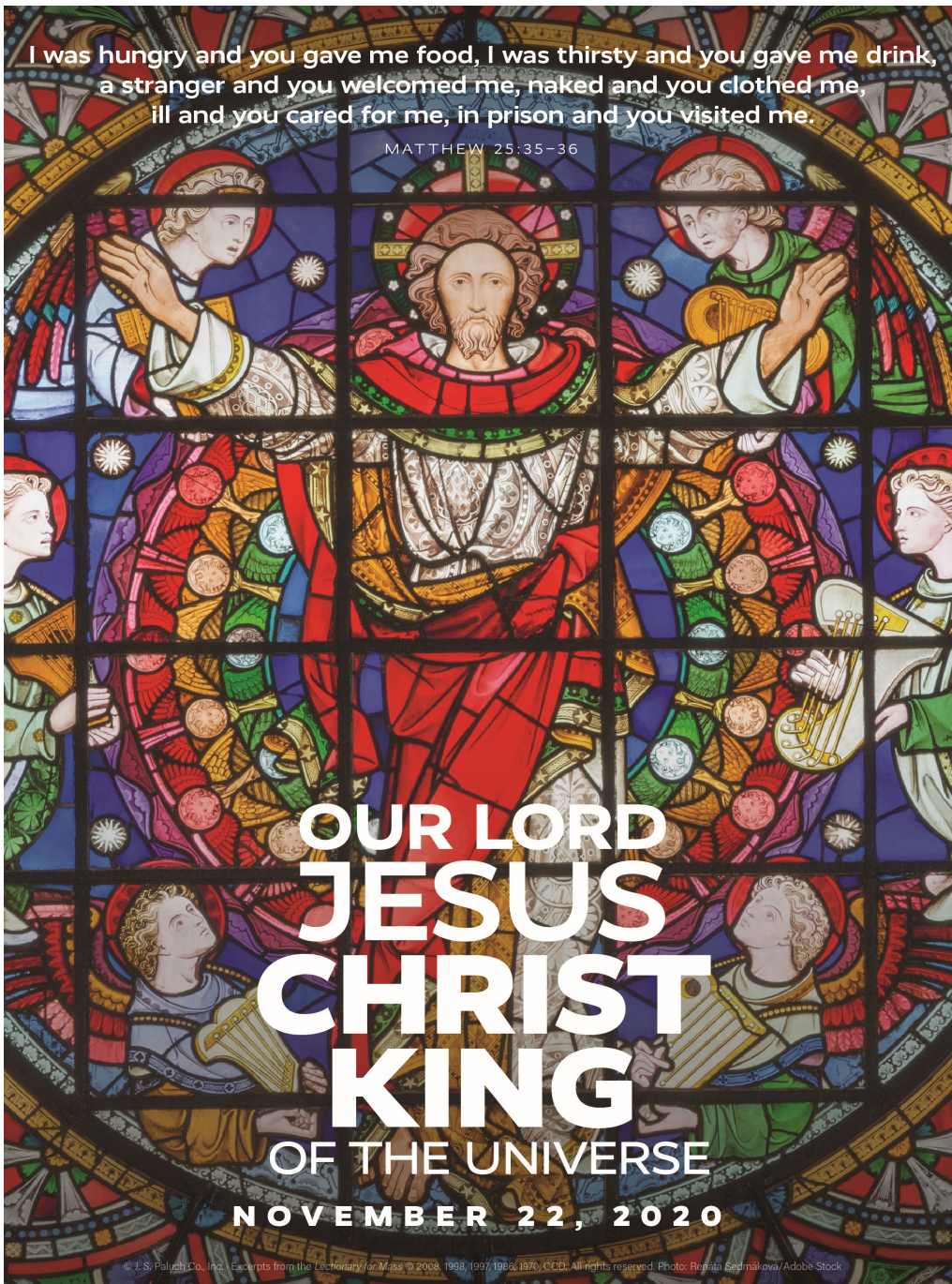
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

...whatever you did for one of
the least brothers of mine,
you did for me.
— MATTHEW 25:40



I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25:35-36



OUR LORD
JESUS
CHRIST
KING
OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for November 23 - 29, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
November 23	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Frank Wojcik
November 24	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Ed Stec, Josephine Kinastowski
November 25	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Kadlec Family
November 26	All Priests	9:00am	John Warman, Eileen Ewell, John Schaller, Jonathan Weidhuner
November 27	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Anthony Perkovich, Rybacki Family
November 28	Fr. Clark	5:00pm	Delphine Marciszewski, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Frank Kondor, Mike Caplice, Jean Hills
November 29	Fr. Gamboa	7:15am	Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, George Duda, Frank Baggio, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney
	Fr. Baker	8:45am	Stacy Baker, Sorrentino and Alfano Families
	Fr. Baker	10:30am	Eleanor Mlot
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

George Popp

Frank Attento

Father of Daniella Bernardo (husband Pasquale),
Grandfather of Giovanni, Giuseppe, Luca and Francesco

May they rest in peace. Amen.

UPDATE TO IN-PERSON OFFERINGS

In light of increased COVID cases in Illinois and out of abundance of caution to protect our parishioners, we have the following modifications to in-person services:

- Saturday communion service is suspended.
- Starting next Tuesday, Nov. 24th, no Tuesday evening Spanish holy hour. Spanish confessions will still take place.
- Starting next Wednesday, Nov 25th, the daily mass will move from in-person to online only.
- Thanksgiving will be recorded and available at 9am on Thanksgiving day.
- Starting this weekend (November 21/22) – Mass attendance is decreased to 50 people per mass. A recording will still be available on our [YouTube channel](#).

All worship opportunities require that you pre-register. The sign up link can be found on our website, www.stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.

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.

November - Patricia Hays, Marilyn Kornau, Peggy McCaffray, Kevin Peck, Patricia Rodey, Laura Terrazino, Patrick Wingert

October - Catherine Cosgrove, Sandra Eckrich, Rosemarie Gallagher, Virginia Kriho, George Popp, Toni Swindall, Vic Swindall

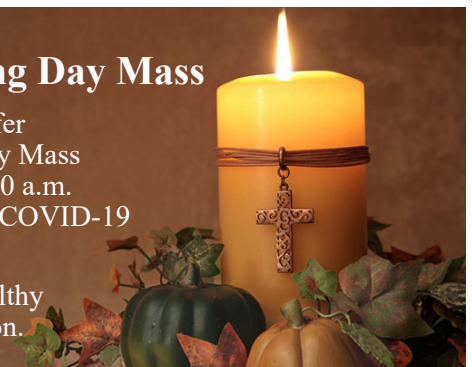
September - Carol Reckwerdt, Baby Vivian Furry, Frank Colonna, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Grace Yamamoto

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass

St. Cletus will offer Thanksgiving Day Mass online only at 9:00 a.m. due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in our area.

Stay safe and healthy this holiday season.



Notes from Fr. Bob...

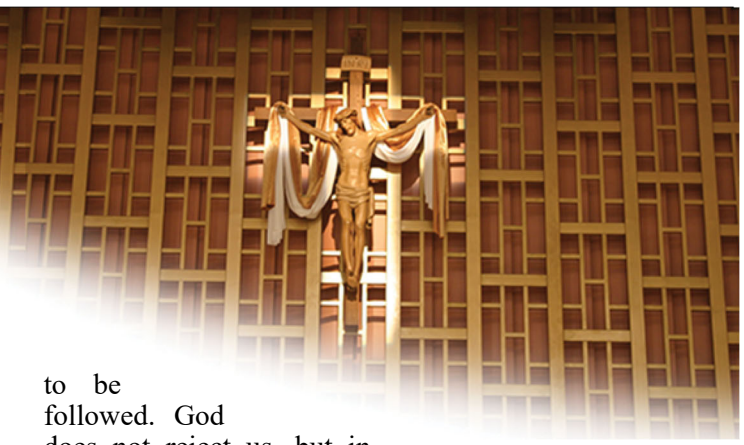
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

At Monasterboice in County Louth, Ireland, the ancient Celtic cross depicts the story of the Last Judgment in graphic terms. Christ is weighing souls in a pair of scales. Those who are found worthy are seated on the right side of Christ with faces towards him, while those who are found unworthy are being prodded away by little devils with pitchforks, their faces looking aghast and facing away from Christ. The stone which has survived the weather of twelve centuries is an early means of teaching the gospel to a people who were illiterate. Only the monks and priests had access to handwritten texts of the gospel. If the cross could speak of the people who had gathered there, name those who had prayed there, witness to the history written in the fields and villages, the history of Christian people would be told.

The story told would be that of the deeds and acts of the love which were done without thinking, often unrecognized and unacknowledged. The heroes of the story would be the unknown of the history books: a woman who nursed a dying neighbor, a man who gave a stranger food and drink one cold November evening, perhaps a woman who hid a priest on the run for being a Catholic in penal times. These moments in history were sudden, brief and quickly past. They are the moments in history when the gospel was lived out.

The gospel highlights the paradox of the Christian life. Christ is met in the most unusual and unknown circumstances of life, and often in the most unlikely and unexpected people. In a world in which style and presentation are very important in advertising and images of beautiful people abound, the gospel reminds us of the anawim, 'the poor', those who can rely only on God because they have nothing and are considered by most others as nothing in the world. They are the people whose history is not written in the history books and whose tombstones, if they could afford a tombstone, are the only reminders of their lives.

Perhaps it is difficult to reconcile the story of the Last Judgment with the mercy and love of God, which is often the focus of preaching today. The feast of Christ the King celebrates God's love and justice. In the first reading, God is presented as a shepherd who cares for each of his sheep. The shepherd seeks each out, knows each by name, strengthens, heals and bandages the wounded. Christ the Good Shepherd deepens this understanding in the story of the shepherd who seeks out the one lost sheep of the hundred in the fold. He carries it home on his shoulders. To this story God's love, we are called to respond and follow in discipleship. The story of the Last Judgment is a reminder that we are called to take responsibility for our lives and that the commandment of love is the invitation



to be followed. God does not reject us, but in freedom, we have the possibility of rejecting God and God's invitation to love. Through our actions, we can determine how God will judge us.

Christ the King presents an image of humble love and service of others. God will know our weakness and need for healing but invites us out of our brokenness to be close to the weakest in society. It is important to recognize one's Achilles' heel in order to be compassionate to others.

At the end of the Church's year and as we prepare for Advent, we are invited to take stock of our lives and recognize the action of God's grace in shepherding us throughout the last year. Can I see the times of darkness or the times when God has healed me? Are there times when God's love, through love of those around me, rescued me from darkness and despair? Do I thank God for this love?

How have I responded to the invitations with which I have been presented in the poor and weak? With gratitude let us thank God for the way we have responded. Perhaps there is also need for repentance for moments of selfishness and carelessness? God who heals can forgive and show mercy which can restore us to new life.

The feast of Christ the King is a celebration of God's love, which extends to the ends of the earth. To recognize God's love is a call for praise and gratitude.

God's Love Always,



Fr. Bob, Pastor

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Corn
- Soup

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



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

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Last week we served **122 households** at food pantry. **Another new record**, breaking one we just set a couple weeks ago.

With COVID-19 cases higher than ever and more people sick, quarantining, and out of work, we know that the need will continue to increase.

Starting on Monday, suburban Cook County and the City of Chicago will be under a 30 day stay-at-home advisory. Because food pantry operations and workers/volunteers have been deemed essential by Governor Pritzker, this will not affect our work.

However, safety is our number one priority and we want to remind all volunteers:

- masks are mandatory
- do not come in if you are experiencing any one symptom of COVID-19
- if you have been in close contact (6 ft. or less for 15 min) with anyone who has tested positive in the last 14 days do NOT come
- if anyone in your house is showing any symptom of COVID-19, do NOT come
- if you are uncomfortable volunteering at this time, we understand. Please delete your sign up so that another volunteer may step in, and simply rejoin us when you feel comfortable.
- take frequent breaks to wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer

This is a very challenging time. We must all do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe. Thanks so much to all of our volunteers who continue to help us serve our neighbors in need.

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree Tags now available!

There are many ways to get tags this year:

PARISH CENTER GYM: Trees will be available Saturdays from 3:00-6:30pm and Sundays from 7:00am-1:00pm. Trees will be spread out and we will provide gloves and sanitizer. Masks required. Trees will be labeled by category so you can easily find what type of tag you are looking for. Shop with Scrip will also be available to purchase Grocery Gift Cards for families as well!



AREA BUSINESSES: We have partnered with a number of area businesses to host a Giving Tree at their locations! You will be able to visit these partner businesses during their normal hours to pick up tags and even support the business by purchasing your gift there! WIN-WIN!

**Look for our Christmas Trees
at area businesses**

Blackberry Market
Fair Game
La Grange Library
(Children's Service Desk)
Peak Running
Vintage Charm
Waterlemon
Whisper Me Home



ONLINE FORM: We have a simple form you can complete to request tags and then we will email you information for tags based on what you requested. All contact free. Visit: shorturl.at/lrKV3



Giving Tree Tag Request

Let us know what type of tag(s) you want, how many, and we will email you Giving Tree tags that match your request! Thank you for your help continuing this important and joyous tradition in a new way this year!

How many gift tags would you like? *

1

2

3

4

5

Other...

EMAIL/PHONE: Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or leave a message at 708.215.5418 and we can get back to you with tag info.

We are looking forward to working creatively to meet the growing need this year. Thank you for your help!

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the Parish Center Gym when the Giving Trees are available. Shifts are about 2 hours long on Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning/afternoon from November 7 -December 6.

Please read the descriptions carefully before signing up. Thank you!
Visit: shorturl.at/ahCH7

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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.

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line - If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the

Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back. Learn more at <https://www.catholiccharities.net>,

WORD OF LIFE



“The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person.”

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St. Cletus School

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FOCUS ON OUR FACULTY

We are so lucky to have such great faculty as part of our special curriculum and that we are able to continue to offer these classes during this very different time in all of our lives. The students truly look forward to these specials and the fun and new experiences they bring in to their education! Our Resource teacher, Mrs. Keane gives endless support and encouragement to families with children that are not traditional learners and those who may just need a little extra help to find their best way to learn. We are so blessed to have these wonderful teachers.



GETTING TO KNOW MR. OCHOA

Mr. Ochoa is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago. He holds a Type 29 Bilingual Educator certification with an endorsement in Spanish, and is a certified Duolingo instructor. He is a certified catechist, lector and Eucharistic minister. Mr. Ochoa organizes the school's Day of the Dead display, the Our Lady of Guadalupe altar & student skit, and several other student life activities. Mr. Ochoa has completed the Genealogy Essentials certification program with a focus on Hispanic genealogy. He is also a member of the Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society in History. In addition to teaching Spanish, Mr. Ochoa was the marketing director and technology coordinator at a previous diocesan school. As the technology coordinator, he oversaw network functionality, would troubleshoot tech issues, maintained the computer lab, and created & updated the school website. At St. Cletus, Mr. Ochoa has stepped into the role of videographer for many school events and activities. Many of the videos can be found on the school's YouTube playlist. Mr. Ochoa is excited to expand on what students previously learned in TLC.



GETTING TO KNOW MISS PRYOR

Tina Pryor has been with St. Cletus team since 2003. She teaches Physical Education and is the Athletic Director. Miss Pryor has a B.A. in Physical Education from Northeastern Illinois University. Miss Pryor maintains a Physical Educator License. She is a certified Catechist and a member of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, and Dance (IAHPERD). Miss Pryor is also certified in Mental Health First Aid for Adults and Young People. She continues participation in various workshops focusing on fitness and games. When she is not teaching she loves to play with her 3 dogs Derry, Guinness, and Shamrock. Also she loves to travel to England to visit family and to Ireland to see where her mom grew up. And finally, going to Disney whenever she can!



GETTING TO KNOW MRS. KEANE

Barb Keane has been a member of the St. Cletus team since the 2005-2006 school year. She has been a member of the parish since 1998. Barb has a B.A. in Elementary Education from St. Mary's University in Winona, MN with a minor in Learning Disabilities and a reading certificate. She has taught first, third and fourth grade in the past. Barb is a certified Catechist. During the summer of 2016 Barb attended an intensive class on dyslexia. She completed her Master of Arts in Reading Education from Concordia University-Chicago in December of 2019 and met all the requirements from the State of Illinois to be a Certified Reading Specialist in February of 2020. In her spare time Barb enjoys traveling, attending live music performances, and spending time with family and friends.



GETTING TO KNOW MS. DEVENO

Gina Deveno has taught in the Archdiocese of Chicago for most of her career. She taught at St. Barbara's School in Brookfield, IL for 18 wonderful years. She attended DePaul University and has continued her education at The Art Institute of Chicago, and at workshops around the world. Her passions are art and science. She is a curious person and loves to learn new things. She has three incredible children and is a St. Cletus parishioner. Go Cardinals!



WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES OF ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

Thank you to our Parish and Parishioners for their faith and support of St. Cletus School. We are blessed to be part of such a caring community! May your Thanksgiving Blessings be Abundant!



ENJOYING FALL

Junior Kindergarten enjoyed the wonderful fall weather and even enjoyed the leaves! The learning fun never ends at St. Cletus.

DISCOVER ST. CLETUS SCHOOL!

Visit our website to learn about all the great things happening at our school. If you know family or friends who are looking for an excellent educational experience for their child, let them know about St. Cletus School – where every day is a great day to be a Cardinal!

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?



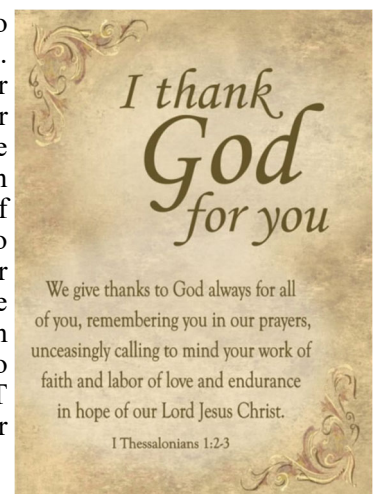
In our November family lessons, we are learning about our friend, Jesus. Our family reflection questions for the lesson plan are What do you think Jesus' friends like about him, and What do you like most about Jesus? Here is a sampling of some of the wisdom from our parish children:

- Jesus' friends liked that he was nice to them and if they ever needed help, they had a friend to count on. We like that Jesus is a good role model, he is kind to everyone and he taught us how to be nice and a good friend to all.
- I think Jesus was a good friend because he helped his friends and others. His friends probably liked that too.
- Jesus' friends liked him because Jesus taught about God and how to spread the Good News about God. I like that I can say prayers to Jesus and that he answers them through his Spirit.
- I think Jesus' friends liked that he was kind and he listened to other people. Jesus was loving, caring and always had their backs. We like that he cares about everyone no matter what. He is always there for us when we need him. He also cares about the world and earth.
- Jesus; friends liked His reliability and patience, and His honesty. I like that he is always willing to forgive us. He is always open to listening to us.
- Jesus' friends liked that he was confident in himself and kept his word because back then people didn't believe him, so his ability to keep saying the truth and never give up was important. I like that Jesus is honest.
- Jesus' friends liked that he was kind and caring. I like that Jesus loves everyone.
- Jesus' friends liked that he could always reassure them that there is a purpose to life and afterlife is nothing to fear. I like that Jesus loved everyone and shared that God loves everyone too.
- I think Jesus' friends liked that he was a good person and that he was the son of God. I like Jesus

because he sacrificed his life for us and that he's here for me when I need him.

- Jesus' friends liked him because he protected them, he loved them and he placed loved higher than his own life. I like Jesus because he is nice and helps family, friends and everyone living now. He cares and protects us.
- I like Jesus because he is caring, helps people and is selfless, he listens to people but also tell their stories and he follows God's rules.
- Jesus' friends liked that he was so holy. We like that he was very caring.
- Jesus' friends liked Him because he was always nice to them. I like he died for us so that our sins can be forgiven.
- I think what Jesus' friends like about him the most, is he is understanding, somebody you can talk to. I like that I can pray and talk to him whenever.
- I think his friends liked him the most because he was a loyal friend and a great person that would put them before himself. I like Jesus because he is always free to talk to.
- I like that Jesus helped people in need. I like Jesus' kind words.
- I think Jesus' friends liked that he was honest, friendly and caring. I like that Jesus always forgives us all.
- We think Jesus' friends would have liked his stories and liked to play together. We like that Jesus is kind, respectful, nice, and a good person.
- Jesus' friends liked him because He loved everybody and shared the Last Supper with them.
- I like Jesus because He made me for my family and tells great stories to teach us.

May we all feel as close to Jesus as these children do. Let's learn from their wisdom to make our relationship with Jesus the number one friendship in our lives! In this season of Giving Thanks, I want to especially thank our amazing parents who have done a phenomenal job in living out their promises to be the first and BEST teacher of the faith to their children.



Other Ministry Notes

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7:00 P.M. December 8th. We will discuss **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng.

For those who like to look ahead: February 9: **Happiness is the Choice You Make** by John Leland.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

RCIA



If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation please join us this year as we begin our next RCIA journey. If you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, please have them join us this year!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. \

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

ADVENT 2020 RESOURCES

Advent begins Sunday, November 29, 2020. Below are some resources recommended by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

The USCCB site offers the blessing of an Advent Wreath: usccb.org/resources/blessing-advent-wreath

And “O Antiphons of Advent”: usccb.org/resources/o-antiphons-advent

Dynamic Catholic: Best Advent Ever

Making 2021 the Best Year of Your Life Starts with Advent! Dynamic Catholic offers a totally free and totally awesome daily video program (sent straight to your email) that will help you prepare for Christmas like never before. For more information visit: dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html

Ignatian Spirituality Resources

Enjoy Ignatian contemplation and reflective resources for

the season of Advent, including video reflections, sign-up for daily e-mail reflections, online Advent calendar, podcasts, Advent examen, and articles: ignatianspirituality.com/advent

Catholic Health Association (CHA)

To help Catholic health care organizations celebrate Advent, CHA has produced a reflection for each week of Advent as well as a Christmas reflection: chausa.org/prayers/advent-reflections

University of Saint Mary of the Lake

Sign-up for their weekly advent reflections from their seminarians at <https://usml.edu/advent-reflections/>

Advent Reflection Books for Adults:

Bishop Barron’s Advent Gospel Reflection Books <https://bishopbarronbooks.com/adventgospelreflectionbooks2020>

Ascension Press – Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/rejoice-advent-meditations-with-the-holy-family>

OSV – Reasons for Hope: Meditations for the Advent Season free ebook <https://reply.osv.com/reasonsforhope>

Seasonal Resources and Ideas for Young People:

Season of Advent Prayers for Each Week https://www.missio.org/assets/resources/advent-xmas/cat2/Advent_Family_Prayer_Service_EN.pdf

Epiphany House Blessing https://www.missio.org/assets/resources/advent-xmas/cat2/Epiphany_Blessing_of_Homes_EN.pdf

2020-2021 MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest <https://info.missio.org/2020entryform>

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

Advent at Home Retreat

Monday, Nov. 30, 7 PM thru Monday, Dec. 14, 8 PM



How is God adventing in your life, in the life of the world, in Planet Earth this year? Are you noticing the new Advent of God? In a retreat designed for busy people, participants commit to pray for one half-hour a day and meet with a spiritual director 5 times for 30 minutes over the two-week retreat. The retreat starts with an opening reflection and ends with a closing session. Cost: \$100. With Pat Bergen, CSJ, among others.

Sunday Notes



THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
 Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
 Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO (1891-1927)

November 23 - Graham Greene's classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico's persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico's workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England's Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an "underground Church" until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: "*Viva el Cristo Rey!—Long Live Christ the King!*"—his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro's martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro's beloved Mexico 52 years later.

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THANKSGIVING

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

—Saint John of Ávila

START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

Sunday Readings

READING 1

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1–2, 2–3, 5–6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING 2

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and

power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31–46

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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Letter from Fr. Bob

BE
OUR
LIGHT

October 28, 2020

Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I hope and pray that you and all your loved ones remain safe and healthy during this very difficult time. The corona virus, as you know, has turned our daily lives upside down over these past several months.

St. Cletus ministries continue to adjust and adapt to today's reality. We remain committed to serving the needs of our parishioners and community, even if the way we minister looks a little different. We continue to feed the hungry through our food pantry by providing curbside service, educating our students in their classroom environments, provide E-Learning for Religious Education students, provide Zoom calls to our choir members, celebrate mass in our beautiful church (as well as virtually), and continue to provide cleaning and sanitizing in all of our buildings.

I write to all of you today to ask for your help to sustain our parish ministries, programs, and operations at the current level. I am sure you have noticed that we are currently not meeting our weekly budgetary goals. I recognize the financial strains that you might be experiencing. I ask that you prayerfully consider any way you may help us to reach our budgetary needs.

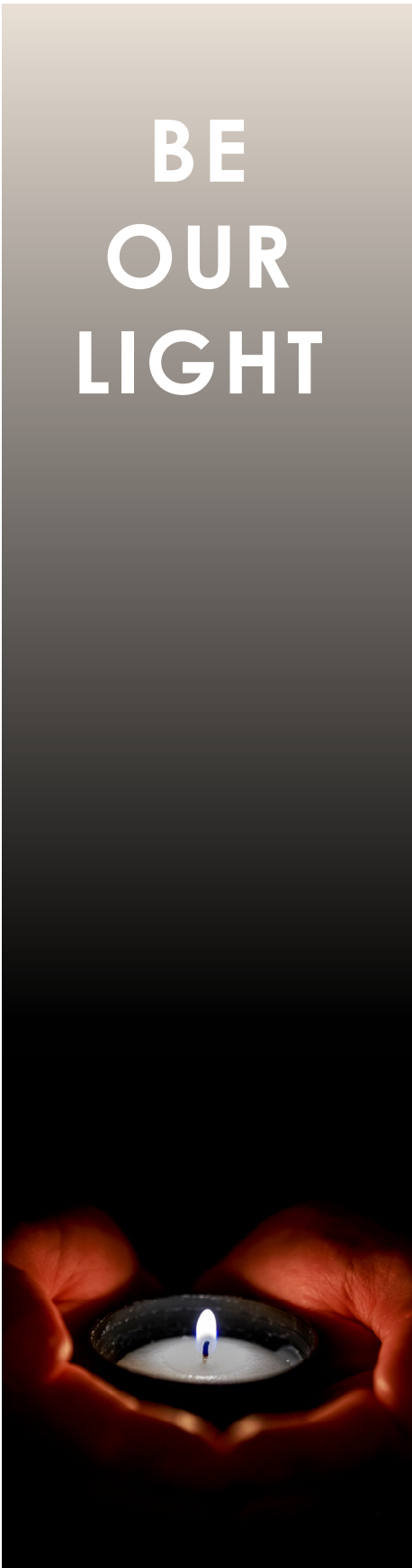
There are many different opportunities to continue to support our parish. We ask each of you to consider being a light for St. Cletus Parish, helping us navigate these tough times. Parishioners should have received in the mail a special envelope to use if you are able to offer some additional financial support. You may also continue to help using your Sunday envelopes, which can be dropped off at mass or in the rectory drop box, sent through mail, or you may choose to donate through our online portal at www.stcletusparish.com.

Also, please consider volunteering. We still need ushers, greeters, and cleaners to continue our liturgical services. If you can help, please email us at reopening@stcletusparish.com. Will you be our light?

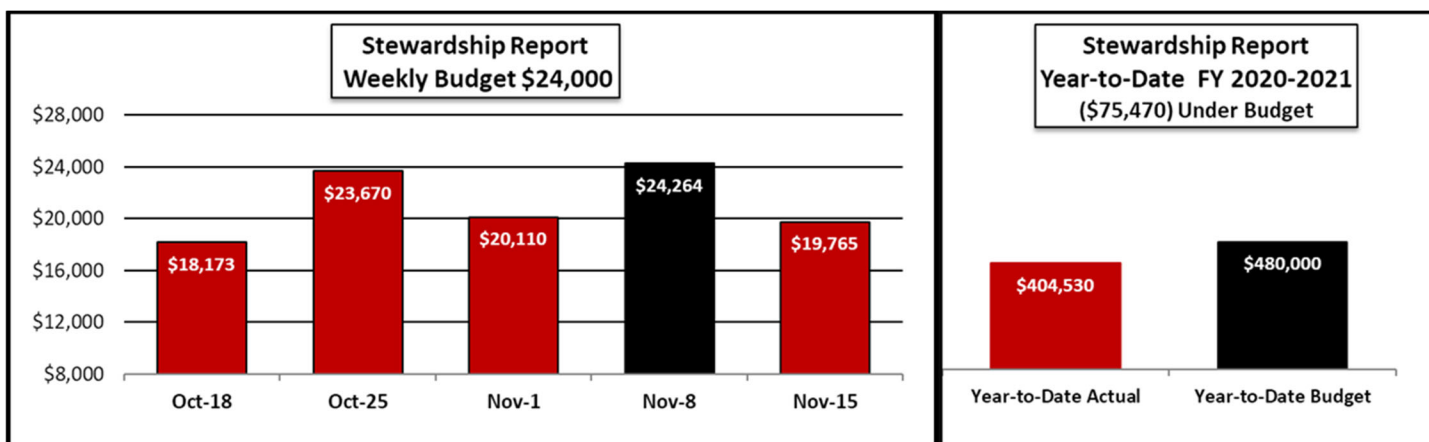
Love, Health, and Blessings,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Stewardship Report



Other Ministry News (Continued)

BECOME A ST. CLETUS REOPENING TEAM VOLUNTEER

Every time the doors of our church are open, GREETERS, (led by Colleen Hagen), those confirming reservations and checking people need to be present. USHERS will also need to be present to assist people with being seated, receiving communion and being dismissed safely following each service.

Our CLEANING TEAM, (led by Tom Reisel and Mary Delaney) arrives after each service to wipe down and disinfect the pews, kneelers and other areas of the church used during the service.

Before each service and after each service, our SETUP / SACRISTANS TEAM (led by Mary Sue Kegl) prepare the church and vessels as required for the particular service. At the conclusion of each service, this team cleans and disinfects the sanctuary and all books vessels and furniture used for the service.

All of these volunteers are here to make your visit, your return to church as easy, prayerful and as safe as possible; but WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Each Mass, baptism, funeral, confession, and prayer service requires many more volunteers than pre-Covid days. As the parish adds more masses and services and allows for more attendees at these services, the number of volunteers needed has increased.

Please consider becoming a volunteer.

TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL REOPENING@STCLETUSPARISH.COM

NAZARETH ACADEMY INVITES 8TH GRADERS TO TEST AT NAZARETH ACADEMY ON DECEMBER 5, 2020

Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at approximately 11:30 a.m. Pre-Registration is Required. More information and Registration can be found at nazarethacademy.com.

While parents are not allowed to accompany their students, they may register for an in-person or virtual informational session on our website.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!


Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at 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

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.

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.
 Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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

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