

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted.**

— PSALM 80:15–16



The Visitation
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4TH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 20 - 26, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
December 20	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Mike Thuma, BC Collins
December 21	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Zaczek Family, Special Intention - Laura Brooks
December 22	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
December 23	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Delphine Marciszewski, Frank Treski, Edmund Pilarski, Vivian Pilarski, Ed Stec, Edward Pilarski
December 24	2:00pm	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
	2:30pm	Fr. Baker	
	4:00pm	Fr. Costello	
	4:30pm	Fr. Romero	
	7:00pm	Fr. Romero	
December 25	10:30pm	All Priests	St. Cletus Parishioners
	7:15am	Fr. Baker	
	8:45am	Fr. Costello	
December 26	10:30am	Fr. Romero	Stacy Baker, Richard Gomez, George Duda, Maria & Jan Wisniewski, Patrick Mahoney, John & Frances Kennedy Delphine Marciszewski, Rosalie Kruse Nancy Davis, Chester & Anne Koziol, Percy & Anne Hamilton, Phil Hodak, Jim Martin, Eugene Koziol, Norma Hamilton St. Cletus Parishioners
	8:45am	Fr. Baker	
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	
	12:30pm	Fr. Hays	

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.

December - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan

November - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

October - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti, Patrick Wingert

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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

**MASKS ARE
REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

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

Nelly Slymon
Mother of Amira Ballin

May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

The St. Cletus Parish Office has new office hours:
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

The St. Cletus Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 12/23 and Friday 12/24 .

St. Cletus Parish Christmas Mass Schedules

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

(There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 24)

2:00 p.m.	Church	Combined Youth Choirs/Flute
2:30 p.m.	PC-Fr. Clark Hall	Cantor/Piano/Violin
4:00 p.m.	Church	Contemporary Choir/Flute
4:30 p.m.	PC-Fr. Clark Hall	Cantor/Piano/Violin
7:00 p.m.	Church (Spanish)	Hispanic Choir
10:30 p.m.	Church	Chancel Choir/Organ/Piano/Violin

(10:00-10:30pm Christmas Carols prior to Mass)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

7:15 a.m.	Church	Cantor/Piano
8:45 a.m.	Church	Cantor/Organ/Piano/Violin/Trumpet
10:30 a.m.	Church	Chancel Choir/Organ/Piano/Violin/Trumpet

(No 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. No 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass)

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m..
12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

5:00 p.m. Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

(There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, January 1)

9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m..
12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)





Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Like the women and men religious shown here, thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to helping others. Across the US, generations of Catholics gratefully recall their ministry in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and works of mercy. Most older religious served for little pay. Today, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Please give at your local parish.

To donate by mail:

National Religious Retirement Office

3211 Fourth Street NE

Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

retiredreligious.org

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Letter from Fr. Ken Baker

My dear friends,

We have all heard the expression, “All good things must come to an end.” And so it is that I wanted you to know that I will be leaving St. Cletus next month.

This decision has not been an easy one, as I have been in my assignment here longer than any of my previous assignments. I'm in my 10th year... an unusual happenstance for an associate pastor. I know this seems sudden, but you all know that my last several years have included health issues for the closest members of my family, in particular, my sister; and then a year ago, after being her caregiver throughout the pandemic, the loss of my beloved mother. And so, after much prayer, and consultation with the Archdiocese, now is the best time for me to make a change in assignments.

I've done my best to help in the transition of welcoming Father Elmer and Father Dan, and making a move now will allow me a bit of time to discern with the Archdiocese, my next assignment. Because that has not been finalized, I cannot tell you where or what that will be just yet. What I can tell you is that I have not been asked to leave, that I am not being removed, that I am not in a relationship, that I am not leaving here in an ambulance, that I am not going off to build a theater, and I am not headed to Broadway... though if you are on my mailing list or would like to be, you might get invited to hear me sing some place! But, my dear friends, it is time for me to move. And so over these next few weeks, we will begin to say our goodbyes.

To that end, we'll have a farewell celebration that will begin with the 5pm mass here in church, followed by a formal reception in the Parish Center immediately following, on Saturday, January 15th. Then on Sunday, January 16th, in the Parish Center, I'll also have the chance to say goodbye to you following each of the Sunday masses.

Farewells are never easy... and knowing me, I am bound to be emotional. And so let us promise to pray for one another, and like so many other moments we've shared over these years, let us make our way through this moment... together.

Thank you, and know that I love you very much.

Peace,

Fr. Ken

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations until the new year.

Follow us on Facebook:
[@StCletusFoodPantry](#)

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

There will be no Food Pantry distribution on Thursdays, December 23 & 30.

LTHS Social Action Project helped us with the Harvest collection from St John of the Cross/St. Cletus/St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry. These awesome volunteers helped us unload, organize, check dates, box up, and move a few thousand donations in record time. THANK YOU!



GIVING TREE

This weekend we will be distributing the Christmas gifts, meat, and grocery gift cards to our local recipients.

A HUGE thank you to our volunteers last weekend! We had over 100 different volunteers move and organize (literally) over a thousand gifts donated by generous St. Cletus families and community members! A special thanks to Nazareth Academy that filled 81 tags! A new record.

Thank you for your continuing generosity to those in our community.

MISSION LADIES

These incredible women had their annual distribution recently. They made a few hundred items, ALL FROM SCRATCH! Dolls, footballs, wheelchair bags, hats and gloves...all donated to area organizations, including right here at our food pantry.

Thank you so much for your beautiful and dedicated work!



WORD OF LIFE

10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/support-her.

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

Your support may be the only support she receives.

It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she "deserves" to show happiness; reassure her it's okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.”

Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting”

Ministerio de Justicia Social

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Estaremos Cerrado de despensa de alimentos 23 de Diciembre y 30 de Diciembre.

LTHS Proyecto Acción Social nos ayudaron con la Colección de Cosecha de St. John of the Cross/ St. Cletus /St. Francis Xavier Ministerio Juvenil. Estos voluntarios impresionantes, nos ayudaron a descargar, organizar, revisar fechas, empacar y mover unas miles de donaciones en tiempo record. GRACIAS!

ÁRBOL NAVIDEÑO

Este fin de semana estaremos distribuyendo los regalos de Navidad, carne y tarjetas de regalo para comida para los recipientes locales.

ENORMES gracias a nuestros voluntarios del fin de la semana pasada! Tuvimos más de 100 diferentes voluntarios que movieron y organizaron(literalmente) más de 1000 regalos que fueron donados por familias muy generosas de San Cleto y miembros de la comunidad! Agradecimiento especial a la Academia de Nazareth que llenaron unos 81

Muchas gracias por su continua generosidad para esas personas en nuestra comunidad.

SEÑORAS DE LA MISIÓN

Estas increíbles mujeres tuvieron su distribución anual recientemente. Hicieron unos cientos de artículos. TODO ESTO LO EMEZARON DE CERO Muñecas, pelotas de futbol americano. bolsas para llevar en la silla de ruedas, gorras y guantes.... todo donado a organizaciones de nuestra área, incluyendo aquí en nuestra despensa de comida. Muchas gracias a ustedes por su hermoso y dedicado trabajo

PALABRA DE VIDA

“Tal vez una de tus amigas haya quedado embarazada inesperadamente. Como alguien que ha pasado por eso, te animo a que apoyes a tu amiga en su nueva senda de ser madre”.
Entérate de diez consejos en es.respectlife.org/support-her.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

“10 Maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado”

10 maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado

Lee la versión completa en es.respectlife.org/support-her.

Como madre que tuvo su primer bebé cuando era universitaria, sé que un embarazo inesperado a veces genera temor, vergüenza y dudas. Tal vez una de tus amigas haya quedado embarazada inesperadamente. Te animo a apoyarla en su nueva senda de ser madre. No te preocupes si no encuentras las palabras más acertadas. Hazle saber que puede contar contigo, y pregúntale cómo puedes ayudarla. Apóyala organizando ayuda práctica. Puede que tu amiga sienta que no “merece” mostrar felicidad; asegúrale que está bien (y es bueno) ser feliz. Tu apoyo puede ser el único que ella reciba. Puedes marcar la diferencia en su vida. ¿Lo harás?

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DEPÓSITO DE COMIDA DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETO

JUEVES 6-8PM

Muchas gracias por sus generosas donaciones! Teneos la bendición de tener muchas, muchas campañas de recolección de alimentos, que se están haciendo ahora mismo para apoyar la despensa de comida. Por favor considere guardar las donaciones de comida hasta el próximo año.

Siganos en Facebook:
[@StCletusFoodPantry](https://www.facebook.com/StCletusFoodPantry)

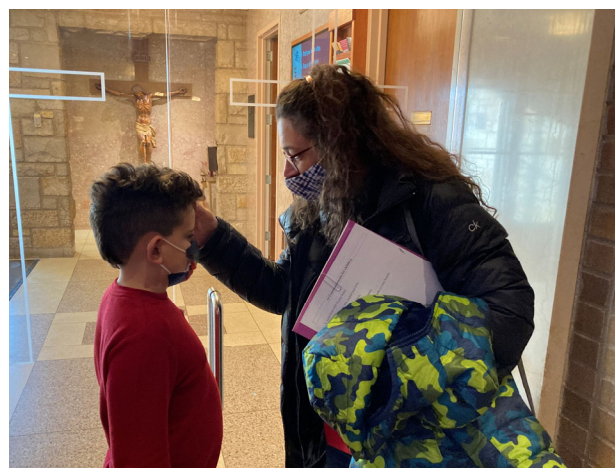
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Religious Education

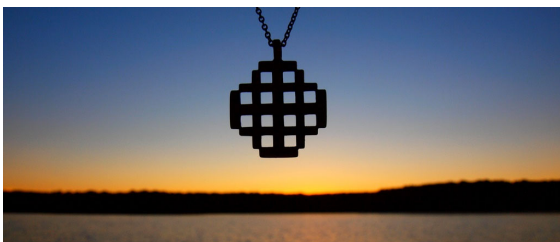
HAPPY 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

During this fourth week of Advent, we are reminded of the love and joy that a child feels as Christmas comes near. Joy has been abounding in the Religious Education program this year. We have had wonderful sacramental moments with our 7th Grade Commitment Ceremony, Day of the Spirit retreat, Sponsor Meeting, and First Reconciliation. Our children have been gathering for special events to learn more about their faith and encounter Christ through games, music, activities and service. Our Special Needs classes will be sharing in the excitement with the annual presentation of their Christmas Pageant today in class. What a gift they are to our program! Please enjoy some photos from our First Reconciliation on December 4th!



Youth Ministry

KAIROS IS BACK!



We welcome all High School Juniors and Seniors to sign up for Kairos 37, which will take place on January 2-4, 2022 at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, IL. Be sure to sign up right away, as we anticipate that demand will be high for our first Kairos retreat since 2020. Please complete the registration form (click here for form) and return it along with your check no later than December 17th to St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th Street, LaGrange, IL 60525. Any questions should be directed to Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com. The link to sign up

can be found on the front page of the parish website, or by going to <https://stcletusparish.com/content/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/K37RetreatRegistration.pdf>

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OUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

St. Cletus School has 7 beautiful, prayerful statues around our campus. Students take the time during Advent season to walk and pray at each statue. Half day Pre-K enjoyed a moment at the festive Christmas trees too. Such a faith filled experience to be enjoyed anytime of the year!



BAND CONCERT

Such a beautiful scene to have live music back in our Parish Center provided by our Cadet and Concert bands! Thank you so much to Mr. Enns for all of his hard work he puts in with our students every week! We are so lucky to have you!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Get Ready to Donate on Dec. 1! Illinois Letter ID Drive

You can support Catholic education by donating to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program! If you are a new donor, who would love to take advantage of a tax credit but don't know where to start, we can help you get started and take advantage of the 2-for-1 Matching Gift Program.

By following the step-by-step instructions below, you can initiate your donation by first applying for your Illinois Letter ID. Obtaining a Letter ID is the first step. Once your request is received by the state, it takes about a week to receive your Letter ID via the USPS.

Be ready on Dec. 1 to take advantage of the 2-for-1 matching opportunity! Your support will help provide access to a high quality, faith-based education for thousands of Illinois students.

Step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your Letter ID can be found by going to schools.archchicago.org/donating-to-a-tax-credit-scholarship and selecting "Begin the Process."

"YOUR GENEROSITY HAS PUT MY ENTIRE FAMILY AND I AT EASE KNOWING THAT MY SON IS GETTING THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE."

—Parent, St. John Berchmans School

Ready to get your Letter ID?
Visit mytax.illinois.gov today to start!

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Hotline at 312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org. You can also visit archchicago.org/tcs for more information.

Request your Letter ID in 3 easy steps

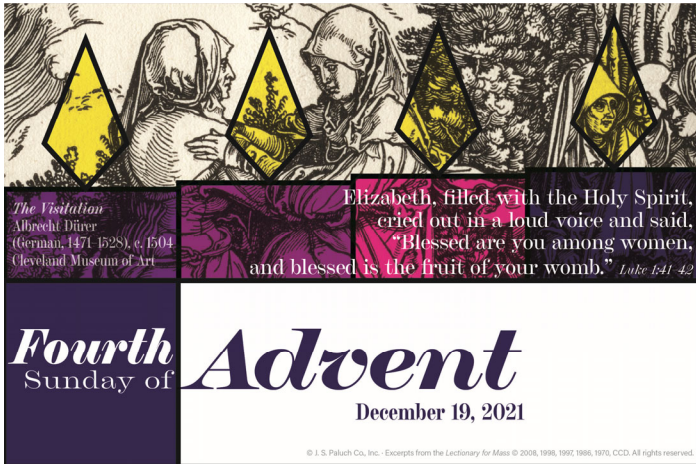
If you are a first-time donor, here is what you need to know about the first step of the donation process. If you have not activated an account with the Illinois Department of Revenue, you need to request a **Letter ID**.

- Step 1**
Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to REQUEST LETTER ID
 - If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
 - If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the "Individuals" box on the left.
 - Step 2**
Click on "Request a Letter ID."
 - Step 3**
Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:
 - IL-PIN
 - Most recent adjusted gross income
 - IL driver's license number
 - IL state identification number
- Click "Submit" and enter; confirm your email address; then click "OK" to submit and receive your confirmation.

You will receive your Letter ID in the mail at the address on your last year's tax return within 7-10 business days. Call 312.534.2617 or email investinkids@archchicago.org with questions.

Once you've received your Letter ID, wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation when the 2-for-1 Matching Program begins. Please view bit.ly/DonationSteps2021 to find detailed instructions on how to continue with your donation after Dec. 1. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to select a specific school to support tax credit scholarship donations.

Sunday Notes



AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
 Thursday: St. John of Kanty
 Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
 Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

LIGHT

All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle.

—Anonymous

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.

—St. Peter Chrysologus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
 your grace into our hearts,
 that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
 was made known by the message of an Angel,
 may by his Passion and Cross
 be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
 Who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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LOVE NOW

Let those love now
 who never lov'd before;
 let those who always lov'd
 now love the more.

—Anonymous

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento



VALOR

Hay un espíritu de valor en nuestras lecturas de hoy. En una época de injusticia y amenaza de invasión, el profeta Miqueas valientemente anuncia que el Dios del insignificante Israel hará surgir a un líder de un lugar tan remoto como Belén, y este líder traerá justicia y paz a todo el mundo. En el Evangelio, Isabel y María, mujeres marginadas, celebran osadamente que sus hijos serán instrumentos de Dios y que cambiarán al mundo. Sabremos que este valor está enraizado en la confianza de Dios. El autor de la carta a los hebreos describe la obediencia fiel de Jesús. A María se le muestra como el ejemplo de la confianza fiel en Dios. Esta es la forma en que a menudo Dios parece obrar, en las personas ordinarias y marginadas de nuestro mundo. Aquellos que parecen débiles han aprendido a confiar en la fuerza de Dios. Ellos tienen el valor de convertirse en instrumentos de la paz y justicia de Dios.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miqueas 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Oh Dios, restáuranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Al hacer Cristo la voluntad del Padre, es decir, al ofrecerse él mismo, hemos sido consagrados (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
 Martes: San Pedro Canisio; Comienza el Invierno
 Jueves: San Juan de Kanty
 Viernes: La Vigilia de Navidad
 Sábado: La Natividad del Señor

LUZ

Toda la oscuridad del mundo no puede apagar la luz de una pequeña vela.

—Anónimo

NATURALEZA RESTAURADA

Cristo nació para que por su nacimiento nuestra naturaleza sea restaurada.

—San Pedro Crisólogo

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
 Martes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
 Miércoles: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
 Jueves: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
 Viernes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
 Sábado: **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Domingo: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 84 (83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Te pedimos, Señor, que infundas tu gracia en nuestros corazones, para que, habiendo conocido, por el anuncio del ángel, la encarnación de tu Hijo, lleguemos, por medio de su pasión y de su cruz, a la gloria de la resurrección. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer para que otras personas conozcan la Encarnación de Cristo?

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AMAR AHORA

Que amen ahora quienes nunca antes amaron; que los que siempre amaron amen aún más ahora.

—Anónimo

Ministry & Community News

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Thursday, Jan 6, 7—8 PM Facilitators: Kathy Sherman CSJ, Well Staff

On this feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of God’s presence and profound love among us. In gratitude for who you are we will be offering this program of music and expressions of thanksgiving as a gift to you. Please join us for this free gathering.

REVISITING AND EXTENDING *BRIDGING THE DIVIDES, TENDING THE GAP* CONFERENCE

Five Tuesdays, Jan 11—Feb 8, 12:30—2 PM Facilitators: Pat Bergen CSJ, Leslie Ritter-Jenkins

Do the divisions in this country cause your heart to ache, your blood pressure to rise, or leave you feeling helpless? Did you attend our *Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gaps* Conference and want to enter more deeply into the content of our presenters? Did you miss the event, but are drawn to experience some part of it? All are welcome to join! \$15/session.

FLOURISHING: JOURNEYING INTO WHOLENESS WITH POETS IN THEIR WISDOM YEARS

One-day Retreat, Saturday, Jan 15, 8AM—2 PM Facilitator: Mark S. Burrows

This retreat draws on poems that invite us to live into a healthier wholeness and cultivate the deep longings of our hearts. Together we will explore the wisdom found in the later poems of Mary Oliver, Stanley Kunitz, Denise Levertov, William Stafford, and W. S. Merwin, among others. \$60.

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. Please note that there are early submission deadlines during the holidays.

2021 ADVENT

2021 Advent Worship Opportunities

“PREPARING THE WAY”

December 16-22	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
December 18 & 19		Giving Tree Distribution
December 21	9:30 a.m.	Pre-School Christmas celebration
December 22	9:30 a.m.	School Mass

As always St. Cletus Parish offers week day 8:00 a.m. Masses Monday - Friday.

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to early printing of the Canticle, the December 12, 2021 Giving Report will be published in the December 26 Canticle.

PLANNED GIVING REQUEST FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

“I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Cletus Parish located in La Grange, Illinois. However, if St. Cletus ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new *parish or parishes* erected in its stead.”

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209 or contact *Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago* at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

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 stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards.

If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209.

SUPPORT ST. CLETUS WITH AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We hope you will choose St. Cletus Church. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.




Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 19	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
Monday, December 20	4:00pm 7:00pm	School Music Room Church	Junior Choir Rehearsal Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
Tuesday, December 21	9:30am 7:00pm	Church Church	Pre-School Christmas Celebration Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
Wednesday, December 22	9:30am 7:00pm	Church Church	School Mass Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
Thursday, December 23	7:30pm	School Music Room	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 24			
Saturday, December 25			
Sunday, December 26			

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 thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday Closed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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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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