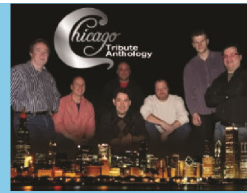


4 DAY FEST SEPT. 10-13

SAINT CLETUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



**THURSDAY
SEPT. 10TH
7PM**



**FRIDAY
SEPT. 11TH
7PM**



**SATURDAY
SEPT. 12TH
7PM**



**SUNDAY
SEPT. 13TH
6PM**

MEGAPASS
UNLIMITED RIDES
VALID ALL 4 DAYS

\$45 in advance
\$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.

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS AT ST. CLETUS

Please join us for a special mass at this year's parish fall fest. We will honor First Responders at this outdoor mass beginning at 11am on Sunday, September 13th. We will give thanks and prayers to police officers, firefighters, medical staff, and others who respond to emergencies.

St. Cletus Parish welcomes everyone to join us in remembering it is important to take care of each other and the community and thank those who tirelessly serve our community to keep us safe.



ST. CLETUS PARISH
600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH AT 11:00 AM

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Mass Intentions for the Week of August 17 – August 23, 2015

Day	Presider Subject to change	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Theresa Diane
Tuesday	TBD	8:00 a.m.	Henry Maday
Wednesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Eleanor Haskins
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Edward Slowik, Erik Geyer, Barbara Fisher Family, Joseph & Kay Klemak
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Georgia Popp, Charles & Florence Straka, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Geraldine Norbut, John Joyce
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Frank Magdziarz, Josephine Felice Mary Clare O'Connell Lee Gibbs, Mary Jostes, Shirley Hullinger, 58th Wedding Anniversary of Geri & Al Hinton, Catherine Mlot, Frances Klimcke, Marilyn Cummings. Dale Fisher, Jean Petricig Beloved Deceased Parishioners



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
 Lynn Stewart, Donna Styrsky,
 Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman,
 Mary Lestarczyk, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger,
 Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco,
 Alexandra DeRivera, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman,
 Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges,
 Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly,
 Peter D. Rivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque,
 Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon,
 Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Pauline Passardi,
 Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann
 Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, Dave McCoy, LaVerne
 Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold,
 Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka,
 Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton,
 Emily Devine, John Duda, George Duda,
 Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners
 who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable
 to attend Mass.

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND - AUGUST 15/16 SECOND COLLECTION

Fr. Bruzily, OSFS, will speak on the good works of the
 Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Missions this weekend.

Please be generous and help them spread the Good
 News.

***Please pray for those who have
 died and their families...***



Rev. Raymond J. Gerrity,
 uncle of Arlene Gerrity

John E. Rak,
 husband of Kathy

**May they rest in peace.
 Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab,
 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;
 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
 Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2015***

A woman was accepted as a new member of a local association of Catholic women. Her situation was unusual, because the rules of the association required that only Catholic women who were regular church-goers could be accepted as members. For most of her adult life she had been a nominal Catholic but was now searching for some purpose in her life. Having heard of this group she applied for membership. The association had been in existence for a very long time and had never been known to deviate from the rules. But her application was timely, because this group of women had just been involved in a program of parish renewal, which had transformed their faith. During that time each one had experienced the reality of God's love. Now their vision of church was different as they discovered a new unity in their ranks. Now, more than ever, they sensed the presence of the Lord in their parish and in their association. They were convinced that their faith and their love as a group would draw this woman, their sister, into full involvement with God and his church. Within months their confidence was vindicated as she joyfully celebrated with them at the altar of God and continued to grow in faith. In receiving the Lord in the Eucharist she had a deep sense of homecoming.

John's Gospel shows that very early in the Church's existence the followers of Jesus held the profound belief that in the Eucharist they received the body and blood of the Lord. For this reason they were often accused of cannibalism by their enemies. It was the sort of accusation that comes easily from those who do not believe and who do not understand. But of course they were not cannibals. John's Gospel focuses closely on Jesus' own insistence upon the physical reality of the gift. What Jesus offers for the life of the world is real food and real drink. Jesus was truly present in the mysterious celebration under the appearances of bread and wine. For the contemporaries of Jesus this teaching was shocking and offensive. By the time John's Gospel was written even some Christians were finding the teaching difficult. The evangelist records the teaching of Jesus in a clear and emphatic manner to remove all doubt about this vital Christian belief and practice. The teaching is uncompromising. It presents us with the sheer physical reality of the gift which brings us union with God and with one another. It changes us.

When we celebrate the Eucharist we commit ourselves to one another in our parish community. During the Eucharistic celebration we gladly receive the body and blood of the Lord. We call this moment Holy Communion. Communion is not something we receive, rather it is something we do and experience. We enter into Holy Communion with Jesus and with one another. It is a great tragedy if our reception of the Eucharist becomes nothing more than mere routine or habit. To receive this great gift of the Lord without reflecting on the purpose or direction of our lives hurts us spiritually. When we celebrate the Eucharist we consent fully to our vocation, which is to follow Jesus Christ without conditions. We give him permission to lead us where he will and to shape our community in the manner he desires. The Eucharist gives us courage to do this. At the Eucharist the Lord calls together a rich mixture of characters and personalities. He loves us in our individuality and calls us into unity. The real food that is Jesus nourishes our unity and makes it possible for us to serve the world into which he sends us. It is for good reason, therefore, that the Church calls the Eucharist the bond of unity. We have true unity only when we can accept the wonderful uniqueness of each member of the Church. The Lord does not want us all looking the same and sounding the same. Our diversity enriches the Church. Our many gifts and abilities help bring about God's rule on earth. In the power of the Eucharist we are called to make a personal commitment to unity in the community of the Church. True unity requires our free consent. Through his own freely given consent the Lord Jesus pours himself out for us in this Eucharist. We respond to his love by committing ourselves to his mission of peace on earth.

With Eucharistic Unity and Love,

Father Bob

Pastor

WHY BE A CATECHIST?

The best way to learn is to teach.

The resources and materials you will be exposed to will refresh and expand your knowledge of the Church. More than likely, you will discover that you learn more than you ever expected.

Your faith will come alive.

Spending time helping others “fix their gaze on Jesus” means your gaze is turned on Him as well. You will see how being a catechist brings you joy!

You become an active participant in one of the essential areas of a Church community.

The laity are uniquely entrusted with the role of working in union with their priests to bring the message of faith to full bloom among diverse parish environments and beyond.

You assist in bringing Christ to others.

A catechist meets a person in their faith journey and walks with them.

You practice stewardship.

By donating your time and services on behalf of others, you demonstrate, in a concrete way, the importance of Christ in your life.

You show your own family that you value the faith.

Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your children, grandchildren, siblings, and family members that you put a high priority on religious education.

You become a role model.

As a catechist, you get to be a model and trusted adult to young people in your community.

If you are interested, and would like to volunteer, please call the religious education office at (708) 352-2383 or email pbolton@stcletusparish.com or Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com. Thank you.

Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis/Faith Formation

Exciting things are happening in the St. Cletus Religious Education Office!



We are going to begin a **new Special Needs class** at St. Cletus RE for children with different abilities, developmental disabilities, or cognitive developmental delays. The classes will provide our children with Catechesis and Sacramental preparation using adaptive methods and materials.

If you are interested in registering your child for this new program, please contact the RE Office at (708) 352-2383 or email Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

Based on this new addition to our class offerings, ***we are looking for Adult or High School volunteers who are talented, have compassion, and are passionate about supporting children with Special Needs.*** We will provide training and lesson plans for all classes. If you are interested in helping us in this new ministry, please contact Barb Campbell at (708) 352-2383 or bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

REGISTRATION EDUCATION REMINDER

- Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com under the Religious Education tab, or in the RE Office or Rectory.
- We currently offer classes for children in Grades 1-8, as well as for children in Preschool (3-years) – Kindergarten. This year we are also beginning a Special Needs program for children in Grades 1-8.
- Please keep in mind that Sacramental Preparation is a two-year process. This applies to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (1st and 2nd Grades) as well as Confirmation (7th and 8th Grades).
- We offer classes on Sunday mornings (9:15-10:45) and Monday evenings (6-7:30) for children in Grades 1-6. Early childhood classes meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Grades 7-8 meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45.
- If you are new to our program, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please contact the RE Office at (708) 352-2383 with any questions you may have. Don't delay – register today!

Paulette Bolton

Director of Parish Catechesis/Faith Formation

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS**

RCIA: COME AND SEE

BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

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

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

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

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



*St. Cletus Parish
Welcomes...*

Miguel Ángel Guadalupe,
son of Anastacio Guadalupe & Cynthia Tena

Madeleine Naomi Hernández,
daughter of Paulino Hernández & Griselda Chaparro

Josué Gabriel Ramirez,
son of Jorge Josué Ramirez & Guicela Piñón Perea

Camila Salas,
daughter of Oscar Salas & Paola Cortes

Alexa Sánchez,
daughter of Antonio Sánchez & Verónica Alcántara

Nicole Sánchez,
daughter of Antonio Sánchez & Verónica Alcántara
*to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.*

MORNING OF MEDITATION

Christian Meditation - How does it help us grow?

A DVD presentation by Lawrence Freeman, OSB, spiritual Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Fr. Laurence explains the significance of Christian Meditation to the prayer life of the Christian, and describes the stages and fruits of the contemplative Journey.

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Hospitality: 8:30 a.m.

Meditation: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs

ALL ARE INVITED: Those who meditate, and those who want to learn to meditate.

Free will offering accepted.

Registration requested but not required contact
mary105105@gmail.com or (708) 246-5108.

WORD OF LIFE

It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed

Deut. 31:8 NABRE 2

SAINT CLETUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



SEPT. 10-13

2015 FALL FEST SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$10000 DIAMOND SPONSOR (1 AVAILABLE)

- Overall Sponsorship of 2015 St. Cletus Parish Fall Festival on banners, signage, etc. Please contact us for details.

\$5000 - \$9999 PLATINUM SPONSOR

- Sponsorship of our Main Stage area, Beer Tent, Children's Area, Bingo or other agreed upon Fall Fest Area (based upon availability) on banners and other signage in Fest Area
- Logo on all promotional materials, flyers and website
- Business tagged as a sponsor in numerous updates promoting the Festival on our active school and parish Facebook pages
- Four Carnival Mega Pass wristbands
- All other benefits of the Gold Sponsorship (below)

\$3000 - \$4999 GOLD SPONSOR

- Your organization's name and logo prominently displayed on event flyers that will be distributed in the La Grange and surrounding areas prior to and during the Festival
- A full-year listing of your organization as a "Preferred Provider" in our parish bulletin which is viewed by more than 2,000 Parishioners and community members
- Logo on all promotional materials, flyers and website
- Name on Recognition Banner
- Name and Logo listed on Fall Fest Shirt and website
- Two Fall Fest Shirts
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

\$1000 - \$2999 SILVER SPONSOR

- A full-year listing of your organization as a "Preferred Provider" in our parish bulletin which is viewed by more than 2,000 Parishioners and community members
- Logo on promotional materials, flyers and website
- Name on Recognition Banner
- Name and logo listed on Fall Festival Shirt
- Two Fall Fest Shirts
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

\$500 - \$999 BRONZE SPONSOR

- Name on recognition banner at Fall Festival
- Name listed (no logo) on the Fall Festival Shirt
- Two Fall Fest Shirts
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

\$250 - \$499 CARDINAL SPONSOR

- Name on recognition banner at Fall Festival
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

If making an In-Kind Donation, please indicate the approximate value of your donation for purposes of sponsor recognition. Food Vendors interested in this exciting event email fallfest@stcletusparish.com

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Please return sponsorship forms by August 21st to allow sufficient set up time for recognition. Make checks payable to St. Cletus. Email logos to: fallfest@stcletusparish.com. Direct inquires to the rectory 708-352-6209.

Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation (\$): _____



St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest T-Shirts Order Form

Fall Fest will be held September 10-13th. Show your spirit with these great T-shirts! To ensure you get your shirt before the event, forms should be turned in by Thursday, August 27. If you have any questions email Elizabeth at lizgoellner@yahoo.com.



Official Event T-Shirt
(with Sponsors on Back)
WHITE SHORT SLEEVE
ONLY \$6!



PLEASE NOTE:

Back of White Event Shirts
Feature Sponsor Names

Blue Fall Fest T-shirts
have a blank back

All shirts are approved
as St. Cletus School
Gym Uniform Shirts only
for 2015-16 school year

OTHER FALL FEST SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

COMFORT COLORS SOFT COTTON SHIRTS IN BLUE DENIM W/ BLANK BACK



Blue Long Sleeve - \$17



Blue Short Sleeve - \$15
(Youth Sizes - \$12)



Blue Women's Fit - \$15

EVENT SHIRTS

(Orders must be received by Thursday 8/27 in the Parish Rectory, limited quantities will be for sale at the event.)

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL	A3XL	TOTAL
Youth & Adult Event White Short Sleeve \$6												
Adult Blue Regular Short Sleeve \$15												
Youth Blue Regular Short Sleeve \$12												
Adult Blue Women's Fit Short Sleeve \$15												
Adult Blue Long Sleeve \$17												

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Total Quantity: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to St. Cletus

For St. Cletus School Families Only:

Child's Name to send shirt home: _____

Room #: _____

SAINT CLETUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

BASKET RAFFLE

We are looking for items for this year's Basket Raffle!

- Tickets for sporting or theater events
- Themed baskets of items such as sporting goods, specialty clothing, jewelry, spas, toys, tools, etc.
- Donations of a stay at a lake house, cottage, or second home
- Gift certificates, gift cards, or monetary donations



If you have items to donate please bring them to the parish rectory during business hours.



WWW.STCLETUSFALLFEST.COM



GRAND PRIZE \$5,000
SECOND PRIZE \$2,500
THIRD PRIZE \$1,000
RUNNERS UP - 10 \$100 WINNERS

\$20
PER TICKET
3 FOR \$50
6 FOR \$100

5 EARLY BIRD
DRAWINGS FOR
\$100 EACH
NEXT DRAWING
AUGUST 16TH

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR FIRST
EARLY BIRD
RAFFLE WINNER

DIANE
BURKE



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE RECTORY &
AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB



The next book is

The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd

We will meet to discuss it on

Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m.

(Room 98 In the Education Building)

ST. CLETUS WEDDING MINISTRY



The St. Cletus Wedding Ministry cordially invites all parishioners, male and female, to join this ministry. We work in teams assisting the parish staff with wedding rehearsals and wedding day facilitation. Wedding ministers help to organize and run the wedding rehearsals, usually held the day before. On the wedding day, ministers are responsible for setting up the Sacristy, organizing the Bridal party and making sure that all things are running smoothly and on time. The ministers pick the wedding dates to fit their schedules. For more information, please contact Bobbie Kallal at (708) 352-6209.

St. Cletus Youth Ministry

PAINTERS AND ARTISTS NEEDED! If you like to be creative or have an interest in painting and/or design, we need your ideas and your skills! The Youth Ministry office will be undergoing a makeover, and we want your input. If you are interested, contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com to learn more.

CALLING ALL ADULTS!! Youth Ministry is looking for adults who are interested in growing in faith while helping teens grow in theirs. As we prepare to resume small faith-sharing groups, adults are needed to help lead groups to meet monthly throughout the school year. Please contact Elizabeth Tomasek to learn more!! etomasek@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419

TEEN MASS AND BONFIRE SEPTEMBER 27!

To kick off our Fall, come to a teen mass at 6:00 p.m. outside to be followed by a bonfire and s'mores! Come to pray and hang out with other teens from St. Cletus! Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in helping to plan this event and others, come to an Advisory Meeting on August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the YM room!

Elizabeth Tomasek
Youth Ministry

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Come to the Career Resource Center on August 19

The CRC is a volunteer staffed resource where job seekers receive assistance with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation and electronic job search skills including LinkedIn...a powerful tool that will help energize your job search. These services are available at no cost on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the First Baptist Church of La Grange, 20 N. Ashland Avenue (across from the west side of the La Grange Post Office). No appointment is needed. Just ring the doorbell at the Ashland Avenue Office entrance; we're here to help you.

EMPLOYERS — HELP ICN ASSIST LOCAL JOB SEEKERS

We have many tools to assist job seekers but we really need your assistance to provide us with open positions. If you are a hiring manager or aware of a job opportunity in your company, please send the information to jobs@interfaithcareernetwork.org. Any and all postings are welcome. ICN job seekers are at all stages of their career, in every industry, with a broad spectrum of education and experience. All job postings will be communicated to over 400-members of the ICN Yahoo group. Ideally it will be a WIN/WIN for your company and a qualified job seeker in our community. If you have any questions or for additional information you can contact Judy Kennedy (jkennedy1333@ameritech.net) at (708) 352-8943 or Tom Rohan (tom_rohan@yahoo.com) at (708) 772-4231. Lastly, to learn more about ICN visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



INVITATION

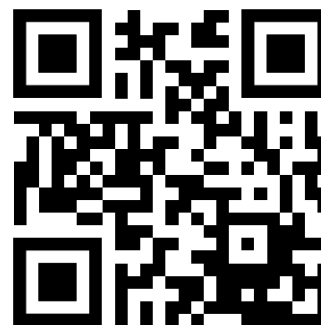
The Lord is looking for some folks who would like to share their gifts by proclaiming the Word of God or offering the Eucharist at Mass as a liturgical minister. Scheduling is flexible as you state your Mass time and date preferences.

Training will be offered Monday, August 24, in church for those wishing to become:

Eucharistic Ministers: 6:30-7:45 p.m. and
Lectors: 7:45-8:15 p.m..

Please give Paulette Bolton a call if you have any questions or wish to accept the invitation: (708) 352-2383.

“VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.”



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is truly a group effort—a labor of love-- as was demonstrated so clearly in the August 13 monthly distribution. We received donations—monetary, food, both non-perishable and produce, and school supplies—to ready us for over 200 families. Many hours were donated by the men and women who carried over goods from the food bins; sorted and checked dates; shelved items; packed bags of groceries; shopped locally and at the Greater Chicago Food Depository for groceries to supplement donations; sorted and bagged produce; carried over bags and extras, including school supplies, from the rectory to set up the church narthex for distribution; registered and greeted client families with a smile and kind words; helped families choose their extras, pre-packed bags, and school supplies for families with children; assisted clients in carrying their groceries to their cars; cleaned up after distribution.

I have often heard this comment: “There is sure a lot of hard physical work involved. Why do volunteers do it so cheerfully and faithfully?” I believe the answer is simple... because it is what Jesus asks of us. They take to heart the words of Jesus: “whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.” Bountiful thanks to all of you! Your efforts truly make a difference in the lives of many in our community, who continue to struggle financially.

UPDATE!

- Our most urgent needs include **dry pinto beans, boxed potatoes, canned peaches/pears/pineapple, assorted pasta noodles, powdered/canned milk, cereal, crackers, jello/pudding mixes, assorted canned beans, toilet paper and paper towels**
- Please drop off your donations in the designated bins in the Church narthex.
- Thank you and please keep our food pantry families in your prayers.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH MINISTRY: EDUCATING OURSELVES

RELIGION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE¹

A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops

The Church Responds to Domestic Violence

- Religion can be either a resource or a roadblock for battered women. As a resource, it encourages women to resist mistreatment. As a roadblock, its misinterpretation can contribute to the victim's self-blame and suffering and to the abuser's rationalizations.
- Abused women often say, "I can't leave this relationship. The Bible says it would be wrong." Abusive men often say, "The Bible says my wife should be submissive to me." They take the biblical text and distort it to support their right to batter.
- The church condemns the use of the Bible to support abusive behavior in any form. A correct reading of Scripture leads people to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love. Beginning with Genesis, Scripture teaches that women and men are created in God's image. Jesus himself always respected the human dignity of women.
- Men who abuse can take Scripture out of context to justify their behavior, but Scripture refers to the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ. Husbands should love their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church.
- Men who batter may also cite Scripture to insist that their victims forgive them. Forgiveness, however, does not mean forgetting the abuse or pretending that it did not happen. Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. Rather, forgiveness means that the victim decides to let go of the experience and move on with greater insight and conviction not to tolerate abuse of any kind again.

Continued

- An abused woman may see her suffering as just punishment for a past deed for which she feels guilty. She may try to explain suffering by saying that it is "God's will" or "part of God's plan for my life" or "God's way of teaching me a lesson." However, God is a kind, merciful, and loving God. Jesus went out of his way to help suffering women. God promises to be present to us in our suffering, even when it is unjust.
- The church emphasizes that no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage. Some abused women believe that church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship. They may hesitate to seek a separation or divorce and fear that they cannot re-marry in the Church. Violence and abuse, not divorce, break up a marriage.

First Responders: Priests, Deacons, and Lay Ministers

Church ministers have three goals, in the following order:

- Safety for the victim and children
- Accountability for the abuser
- Restoration of the relationship (if possible), or mourning over the loss of the relationship.

Church ministers are also encouraged to see themselves as "first responders" who:

- Listen to and believe the victim's story,
- Help her to assess the danger to herself and her children, and
- Refer her to counseling and other specialized services.

In dealing with people who abuse, church ministers need to hold them accountable for their behavior. They can support the abusive person as he seeks counseling to change his abusive behavior. Couple counseling is not appropriate and can endanger the victim's safety.

¹"When I Call For Help" A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

Church ministers should become familiar with and follow the reporting requirements of their state. Many professionals who deal with vulnerable people are required to report suspected crimes, which may include domestic abuse.



HONORING WWII VETERANS

Do you know a World War II veteran who has not yet received his or her well-earned "day of honor" in Washington, D.C.? If so, now's the time to act! Honor Flight Chicago provides America's most senior heroes with free trips to our nation's capital for an unforgettable day of remembrance and appreciation. To date, the 501c3 not-for-profit has flown more than 5,700 Chicago-area WWII veterans to visit the National World War II Memorial built in their honor. But these aging heroes are becoming increasingly difficult to reach without the encouragement of family and friends. Please visit honorflightchicago.org or call (773) 227-VETS (8387) for more information and a veteran application. We all know that freedom isn't free. But this day of gratitude is.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

St. Cletus CREDO Ministry invites you to join us on a pilgrimage

Our parish Continuing Religious Education Opportunities (CREDO) ministry is sponsoring a day trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill and Cedar Creek Winery, Cedarburg, WI

10:00 - 1:30 - Rosary, Mass, Shrine Presentation & Lunch

2:00 - 4:30 - Leisure time in Cedarburg

4:30 - 6:00 - Cedar Creek Winery - wine and cheese tasting and winery tours



Date: Saturday, August 29, 2015

Depart from St. Cletus at 7:15 a.m.

Return to St. Cletus by 8:00 p.m .

Registration and payment due no later than Friday, August 21.
Drop off registration and payment at the rectory.



Price: \$50 per person (includes snacks & beverages on bus, lunch and gratuities, handicap accessible deluxe motor coach equipped with restroom). Checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds. Please drop off the bottom portion of this form with payment to the rectory: Registration is capped at 50.

Any questions should be directed to Cathy Caplice at (708) 269-9689 or email her at catholic.adventurestc@gmail.com

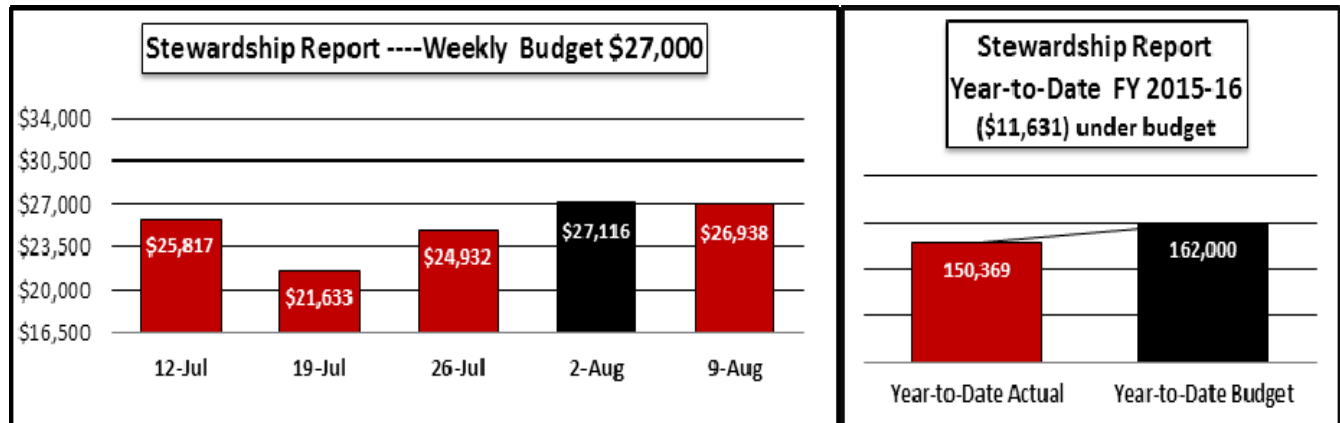
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Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____



“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...” (Ephesians 5:15)

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.

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We encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Donate button and register using your checking account, debit card or credit card.

Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the rectory, (708) 352-6209.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, August 16	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	C Front Lawn C-Narthex	Summer Mission Appeal Fall Fest Sales RE Registration
Monday, August 17			
Tuesday, August 18			
Wednesday, August 19			
Thursday, August 20	5:30 p.m.	Entire School	Meet and Greet
Friday, August 21			
Saturday, August 22	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Front Lawn C-Narthex	Fall Fest Sales RE Registration
Sunday, August 23	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	Front Lawn C-Narthex	Fall Fest Sales RE Registration
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East & West) MH...Morrissey Hall </div> <div> S...School (Education Building) RB...Rectory Basement </div> </div>			

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

**Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)**

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (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.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month: 4:15-4:45pm.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

DEPARTMENT

POSITION

Administration

Fr. Bob Clark	Pastor
Jolene Hillgoth	President
Lauren Lewandowski	Principal

Executive Committee

Eileen Dorchinecz	Chairperson
Ron Skrip	Vice Chairperson
John Rossmiller	Secretary

Finance

Doug Rausch

Development, Marketing & Alumni

Chris McLean
Mike Pusatera
Zlata Kozul-Naumovski
Scott Aulinskis
Ann Foley
Patrick Townsend
Jodie Pulciani

Liaisons

Nikki Gorman	FSA President
Brendan Foley	Athletic Assoc President
Chris McLean	Tech Comm Liaison

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastor:	Fr. Bob Clark
Chairperson:	Jack Fisher-Keller
Vice-Chairperson:	Chuck Luna
Recording Secretary:	Robbie O'Shea
School Rep:	Jolene Hillgoth
Director of Parish Catechesis/	
Formation:	Paulette Bolton
Staff Rep:	Debbie Lestarczyk
Hispanic Ministry:	Luis Lopez
Members:	Helen McMahon
	Colleen Hagen
	Xavier Polanski
	Susan Hurley
	Olivia Pach

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

AUGUST

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-12:30 p.m.