



St. Cletus Parish 600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

# CANTICLE

**October 18, 2015**

Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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**WELCOME TO ST. CLETUS PARISH**

Handicapped parking is located in front of church. Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters. Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless in the rear of the church.

## Mass Intentions for the Week of October 19 — October 25, 2015

Day	Presider (Subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Walter Maveety, Mark & Steve Callaghan
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Ramona Syms, Harry Fisher, Erik Geyer
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Baggio Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Gail Wall, Georgia Popp, Marcie Johnston
Sunday	Fr. Clark 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.	Dolores E. Kuchta, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Mary Elizabeth Bauer, Matthew Heinzl Luczak Family, Edwardina Wisner Edwin & Emma Palzer Luisa Murguia, Catherine Mlot St. Cletus Parishioners

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

#### Ofelia Casas

Mother of Deacon Jesús Casas

#### Raffaele Bernetti

Husband of Paola Bernetti

#### Soledad Aguilar

#### Joseph Tybor

Husband of Sandy Tybor

#### Jesus Abalos

Husband of Cecilia Abalos

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

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection to benefit the St. Cletus Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued generous support. We look forward to breaking ground in Spring of 2016.



### NOTICE REGARDING CANTICLE ARTICLES

Please note that all canticle articles are to be sent to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com). Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday the week before Sunday's publication.

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	ROM 4:20-25; LUKE 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; MT 5:3; LK 12:13-21
Tuesday:	ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21; PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 17; LK 21:36; LK 12:35-38
Wednesday:	ROM 6:12-18; PS 124:1B-3, 4-6, 7-8; MT 24:42A, 44; LK 12:39-48
Thursday:	ROM 6:19-23; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6; PHIL 3:8-9; LK 12:49-53
Friday:	ROM 7:18-25A; PS 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; MT 11:25; LK 12:54-59
Saturday:	ROM 8:1-11; PS 24:1B-2, 3-4AB, 5-6; EZ 33:11; LK 13:1-9
Sunday:	JER 31:7-9; PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; HEB 5:1-6; CF. 2 TM 1:10; MK 10:46-52

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:


Allie DeRivera, Don King, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, 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.

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus has made his third and most detailed prophecy of his Passion. The Son of Man is going to be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and eventually he will be condemned to death. We might have thought that by this time the Twelve would be beginning at least to understand if not accept this message. Not a bit of it: James and John approach Jesus and want a special favor. They want positions of power. But the only thing Jesus can offer them is a share in his sufferings, to drink from the cup he will drink from and be baptized in his baptism of suffering. To any other fantasy they may have Jesus responds with stern negatives. To their initial request he replies that they do NOT know what they are asking. Again, to grant the positions they request is NOT within his power. Then, turning to the rest of the Twelve, who are muttering at the brothers' audacity, Jesus insists that the ways of the pagans, which is lording it over others, must NOT happen among them. It is not the way of the true disciples. Rather their aim must be to be of service to others, just as Jesus himself has come to be of service and even give up his life to bring about others' redemption. John and James claim to be able to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, but the events of his Passion, when "all his disciples deserted him and ran away", show that their eyes are still blinded to reality. Later, of course, the disciples will follow the road Jesus has shown them, but it will be a long learning curve for them.

If we are honest, this severe central tenet of Christ's teaching proves a long learning curve for us as well. We live in a world that loves comfort and praises the attainment of material wealth, fame and security. There are still rewards for public service, and latest figures show a remarkable percentage of people claiming to spend regular time in voluntary work in order to help their neighbor and the community in some way. But these latter people are not the ones the media constantly hold before our eyes for admiration and envy. Perhaps their lives are too unexciting and insufficiently lurid. But if we are to follow Jesus along the road to Jerusalem, then our eyes need to be focused on what we can do in service rather than on what is going to make us richer or more highly regarded. Here too there may be the temptation to wish to be seen doing good rather than a genuine concern with doing it.



To keep us on the right track we always need the moment of honest reflection when we monitor whether what we are doing really helps those we are aiming to serve or whether our activities are aimed at earning us brownie points on some divine scale of our own devising. We too can be Sons of Zebedee, promising everything but really only for ulterior motives. The desire to sit on the right hand of the master dies hard, but the mixture of the stern negatives from Jesus and his constant support for the true way forward can remove even the greatest obstacles.

*Blessings and Prayers Always,*



*Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor*



**Volunteer Appreciation Party**

**Wednesday, October 28th**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Morrissey Hall**

**RSVP to [jhillgoth@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jhillgoth@stcletusparish.com)**



## Parish School

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dining for Dollars at Café Salsa ..... October 19, 20, 22  
 Shop with Scrip Cash & Carry after Masses....Oct. 24-25  
 Welcome Wednesday Open House.....November 4

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Jolene Hillgoth, President**      **Lauren Lewandowski, Principal**  
 (708) 215-5426      (708) 352-4820  
 jhillgoth@stcletusparish.com      llewandowski@stcletusparish.com



### Fall Fun with Apples

Our kindergartners had fun with apples last week! The big hit in the classrooms was the apple-scented play-doh. Apples were integrated into many lessons including math. The big question that started lots of conversation was, "What is your favorite way to eat an apple?"



### Walking with God

Recently our fourth-graders have focused on how Jesus leads us to happiness through the Beatitudes. Using an example from a story about trust walks they then closed their eyes and took their own trust walks. The students then connected their feelings about their walk to our trust in God.

### Lil' Cardinal Day Fun

On the last day of Kindergarten through 4th-grade soccer we celebrated Little Cardinals day. All the players celebrated their cardinal pride with temporary tattoos, fun activities, and special appearance by the St. Cletus Cardinal. A big thank you to everyone that made this another successful event.





MEXICAN GRILL | TEQUILA BAR

## D4D AT CAFÉ SALSA OCTOBER 19, 20 & 22

### St. Cletus D4D

October's D4D event will be held at Café Salsa in Countryside. Enjoy Café Salsa's Mexican menu on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> anytime between 11:00 am & 9:30 pm. Share this information with friends, family and neighbors. A flyer is required, so please remember to bring this flyer with you!



### D4D at Café Salsa

October 19<sup>th</sup>

October 20<sup>th</sup>

October 22<sup>nd</sup>

All Day!!

11 am to 9:30 pm

This FLYER is  
REQUIRED!

Enjoy dinner,  
drinks, & socialize  
with other St.  
Cletus school and  
parish families

### CAFÉ SALSA

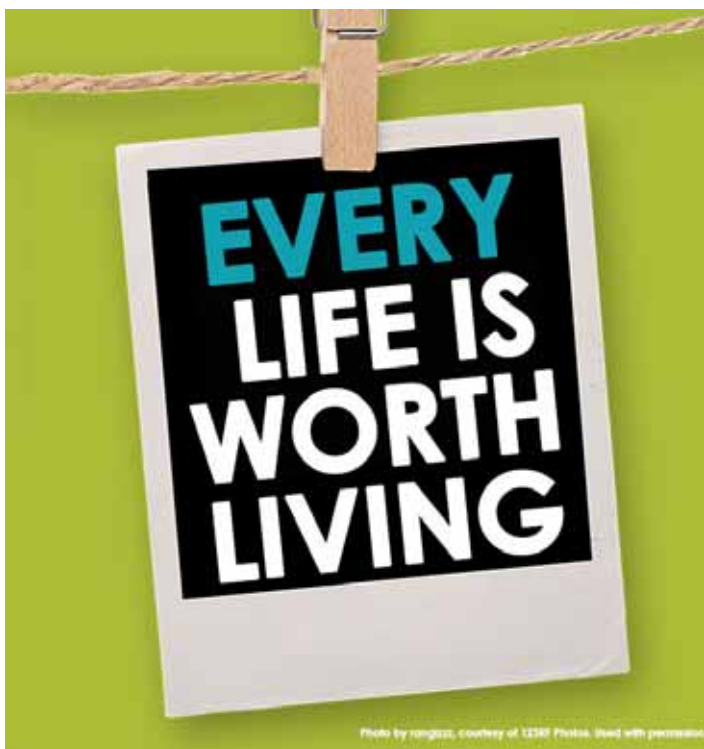
9932 W. 55th Street  
Countryside, IL  
708-352-5100

[www.cafesalsa.com](http://www.cafesalsa.com)

October 19, 20 & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
11:00 am to 9:30 pm



## Respect Life Committee



### BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION 10/31-11/1

Baby Bottles were distributed after masses last weekend. Please don't forget to continue filling these bottles with your spare change to support the Women's Care Center of La Grange, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center dedicated to helping women facing unexpected pregnancies so they know they have alternatives to abortion.

Baby Bottle should be returned to church the weekend of October 31-November 1st.

### WORD OF LIFE

"We are meant to be interdependent, to serve each other in humility, and to walk together in suffering."

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad" ([www.goo.gl/JKvWc](http://www.goo.gl/JKvWc))



### LIFE CHAIN 2015

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the October 3rd Life Chain on Ogden Avenue.

-Marianne & Wayne Hamilton and the St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities



## Other Ministry Notes

### THE LIVING ROSARY

Stop By and Grow in Your Love of the Rosary

Do you want to know more about the Rosary? Today in the narthex the Living Rosary is hosting a table with everything to celebrate Mary. We have free rosaries to give. If you have a rosary to repair, you can drop it off. If you want to join the Living Rosary (committing to say one decade of the rosary each day), we welcome new members. If you just want some literature or medals, we have some. Make Mary a part of your month; She is waiting for your embrace.

Next Sunday at 12:15 (after the 11:00 Mass) we will pray the entire rosary in Room 99. Step into Mary's life with Christ as we pray each decade. This devotion takes about 90 minutes but is very moving and just a simple way to draw closer to Our Mother. Stay for as long as you can, but come.

For more information, please call Mary Lu Gebka at 708-579-3987.

### MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S BASKETBALL

There will be open gym for all men in the parish age 30 or older. We play most Mondays from 8:30-10:00 p.m. October to April. Our next night will be October 19th. Good sportsmanship and a desire to stay in shape are all that is required. New teams are picked each week. All players are asked to bring one white and one dark shirt each week. Questions? Call John Jacobs at (708) 579-9510.

### CREDO HAS A NEW BLOG!

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities) is pleased to announce a new blog that will announce future CREDO events AND also adult faith opportunities from nearby parishes and organizations. <http://adultfaith.stcletusparish.com>

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL VENDOR FAIR



Friday, December 4th, 2015 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Morrissey Hall sponsored by the St. Cletus School FSA.

If you are interested in participating in the Vendor Fair please contact Rachel R. Luna at [lilmoon817@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lilmoon817@sbcglobal.net)

### 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. Ministers pick the wedding dates to fit their schedules. For more info, contact Bobbie Kallal at (708) 352-6209.

### YOUTH MINISTRY SMALL GROUP FAITH FORMATION, REGISTER BY 11/1

Continue growing in faith with other St. Cletus teens through discussions, activities, and service projects. Stay tuned for more info by following us on Facebook or by checking the Youth Ministry tab at [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth). Registration forms are due by November 1.

### SHOP WITH SCRIP CASH & CARRY 10/24-25

Next weekend after all masses Shop with Scrip gift cards will be available for purchase. Shop With Scrip, formerly known as MANNA, buys gift cards from vendors who sell them to us at a percent discount. We then sell them at face value.

# Welcome Wednesdays

EXPERIENCE A MORNING IN OUR  
PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN  
CLASSROOMS.

**NOVEMBER**  
4 | 11 | 18

*This is an open invitation intended for all families with children ages 3 to 5. Alternate dates/times available for school tours, please contact the school office.*

## St. Cletus School

708-352-4820 [www.stcletusschool.com](http://www.stcletusschool.com)



## Social Concerns Ministry

### Food Pantry Needs

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers sizes 4-6
- Baby wipes
- Canned fruit
- Tuna
- Chili
- Dry pinto beans 2-3lbs

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

Our October food pantry distribution reached over 200 households which includes more than 1,317 people. WOW!

Thank you for your generosity and for all of you who donated your time to pack and distribute bags.

### GIVING TREE

#### Volunteers Needed...

.....to help assemble the tags for this year's Giving Tree Project. This is a great service opportunity for all ages, from junior high on up to older adults. We will be working on Tuesday, October 20, in Room 213 in the Education building, from 3:15-5:15 PM, and again from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Enter the building at the flagpole door. Please contact me to let me know if you can help or with any questions.



*Gurrie Middle School students dropping off food!*

#### Giving Tree Registration

Registration for this year's Giving Tree Project began on October 15. As we approach Thanksgiving, there will be many volunteer opportunities, such as the one featured above, as we prepare for this event. Also, both Gift and Food Basket Request tags will be available for you on the trees in church on **November 14-15**. Please watch the Canticle and the parish website for further details!

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. You may have noticed some new purple lights right outside of the church. These are part of the "Go Purple" campaign in collaboration with Pillars. Organizations and homes are encouraged to put purple lights up to help raise awareness of this important issue in our community.

Please join us in praying with those impacted by Domestic Violence:

*Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to perseverance and a peaceful future, make my heart open to inner strength, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day. Please live within me always and guide my way." Amen*

#### The Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to the following events:

**Sunday, October 18, 2015 1:30pm Check-In, 2:30pm Walk begins**  
**Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry Walk for Awareness 2015**  
**(Keystone Park, 7851 W Lake St. River Forest 60305)**

A 2 mile community walk to raise awareness of Domestic Violence and show support for victims. There is no charge to participate, but all walkers must sign a waiver before joining the walk. For details visit [www.facebook.com/domesticviolenceoprfl](http://www.facebook.com/domesticviolenceoprfl)

**Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm**

St. Cletus-Room 200 in the Education Building. Please enter at the flagpole door. This group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you have questions, please contact Kendall Grant.

*(Events continue on next page.)*



**Mass of Healing and Prayer Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**  
St. Francis Xavier (124 North Spring Ave in LaGrange)

**Day of Reflection at St. Giles Parish**  
“Remembering We Are Beloved Women of God”

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3:30pm**

St. Giles Parish-McDonough Hall (1025 Columbian Ave. Oak Park) will host a Day of Reflection for Women Survivors. The The Archdiocesan Committee for Domestic Violence Outreach is offering a day of reflection for women who have lived in diminishing, harmful relationships and often believe they are unworthy, “not good enough” or even damaged goods. This day is for women who have broken free of abuse and are seeking greater strength and peace. Together, we will piece our lives together in safety, prayer and community.

The day is free and lunch will be provided. Registration is required by October 19th. Contact: Barb Szulc , Psy.D  
baszulc@aol.com or 708-256-3329.

**Thursday, October 29th from 7:00-8:30pm**  
**St. Mary's Parish Center (126 Herrick Rd in Riverside)**  
**Domestic Violence: Not Just a Women's Issue**

First person account from Leslie Morgan Steiner, “Why domestic violence victims don't leave”. Educator Jackson Katz shares “Violence against women – it's a men's issue”. All men and women are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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 box on the lower left of the previous page.

You are not alone.

## **TYLER'S LEGACY EAGLE PROJECT**

My name is Michael Fanta and I am at 2015 graduate of St. Cletus School. Two years ago I lost my best friend, Tyler, to cancer at the age of just 13. I promised him I would honor him by living a good life. My legacy will be his legacy. I intend to keep my promise. I hope you will help me.

We will be collecting items for tweens and teens between 12 to 17 but we will gladly accept items for younger cancer patients. We are looking for:

- \$5 and \$10 dollar gift card to iTunes, Xbox, PlayStation and Google play (GREATEST NEED)
- ball caps, hats, scarves, socks (all new please)
- earbuds/headphones (new)

Today's teens and tweens have tablets and cell phones and giving them a gift card allows them to by games which provide hours of entertainment. Please place requested items in the boxes located in the Narthex or Morrissey Hall through November 1. For more information please see: [www.tylerslegacyeagleproject.weebly.com](http://www.tylerslegacyeagleproject.weebly.com)

## **INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK NEWS**

### **Free Resume Review**

Plan to join us on Saturday, October 24 from 9-11 am. Come in for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a perfect opportunity. We hope to see you at the St. Cletus School Building (Room 201), 700 West 55th Street in La Grange. Please use the flag pole entrance and look for the ICN sign outside.

### **Career Transition Boot Camp - LAST WEEK!**

Week 4: Tuesday, October 20, 7-9 pm – with 80% of the jobs found in the “hidden job market,” networking is the heart of any job search. For our final session, Jim Peterson will coach you on the fundamentals of this critical search strategy. Jim will also provide job search tips for people over 50 or re-entering the workforce. Whether you're looking for a change in jobs, making a career switch, unemployed, underemployed or a recent grad looking for your first position, this workshop is for you! Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. Join us at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, please call the church office at 708.354.0771.

### **interfaithcareernetwork.org**

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org). Our website is updated regularly to provide today's job seeker with our calendar of events and a wide variety of tools to assist in the job search. Under “Resources” tab at you will find:

- Sample Resume Formats
- Networking Tips
- Job Seeker Websites
- Elevator Speech/Handbill Samples
- LinkedIn Overview
- Sample Telephone Screen

Check out our website today!

## Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

### Maggie Kensek

My name is Maggie Kensek. I am honored to accept my nomination to the St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council and wish to serve as a member of this important organization. When the PPC was in its formation period, I was part of the school ministry commission and acknowledged the importance of our council for addressing the needs of our church, school, and parish family. Since 1969, St. Cletus has been an integral part of my family's life, with joyous celebrations of Baptisms, Holy Communion, Confirmations, and Marriages and a source of comfort in times of need. My daughters were fortunate to graduate from St. Cletus School. My life's dedication, besides

being a daughter, wife and mother, has been that of a Catholic school educator. For the last 14 of my 44 years of teaching I was asked to join the faculty of St. Cletus School as the fifth grade teacher and now, in retirement, enjoy returning regularly as a substitute teacher. I have also been a Eucharistic Minister since the 1980's. I am a person who listens, problem solves, mediates, and thinks of the well-being of others. I believe these qualities would make me a dedicated asset to the council. It would be a privilege to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. I look forward in helping to strengthen our parish identity and ensure our many ministries meet the needs of our community.

### Henry Morlock

My name is Henry Morlock and I am running for a seat on the St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council. I am seeking the position out of a desire to support the Council in the Parish Mission, assist in the direction of the parish and provide leadership in areas that will benefit the entire community of St. Cletus.

I was born and raised in New York City and relocated to Chicago in 1996. I have a BS in Finance from Manhattan College. I have worked in the Commercial Insurance Industry as an underwriter for over 20 years writing directors and officers and professional liability for corporations and financial services-related companies. My business and leadership experience will enable me to provide support to the Parish Pastoral Council in a variety of areas.

My wife, Kathy, and I have been married for 15 years and have

been parishioners of St. Cletus for the past eight years. We have two children, who attend St. Cletus School. Alex is 13 and Nicholas, is 11. I am a convert to the Catholic faith. I was baptized Episcopal and became Catholic through RCIA in 2008.

For the past four years Kathy and I have been facilitators for the Pre-Cana ministry here at St. Cletus as well as for the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is through this Ministry that I have come to deeply appreciate my Catholic faith and the call to the new Evangelization. As a result, I have been inspired to serve in other ministries such as RCIA, Religious Education as well as Kairos. It has been an incredible blessing to meet and journey with many of the people here at St. Cletus. It is my hope by serving on the Parish Pastoral Council I could better serve the community and to give back all that has been given me.

## St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners



## St. Cletus Parish 2014-15 Stewardship Report



### Letter from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

October 2015

Our parish family has truly been blessed during this past fiscal year. Thank you for all your contributions of time, talent, and treasure to your parish community. Your generosity allows us to be faithful to our parish mission and the message of the Gospel, as we bring the Good News to all within our community.

We welcomed 37 new families to our parish community, totaling 2,667 registered families. Our school continues to strive for academic excellence and received The National Blue Ribbon Award. Enrollment remains strong at 409 students in full day pre-school through eighth grade. Our Religious Education Program is increasing in enrollment and formed 376 young people in the faith in pre-school through eighth grade. Within our parish community, we baptized 92 new young Catholics during the year. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist was received by 123 young people for the first time. Our Confirmation Program provided formation for 77 eighth grade students. Six adults received sacraments through the R.C.I.A program. While many other adults joined the various adult faith formation programs offered through CREDO. Thirty couples received the Sacrament of Marriage. We celebrated the Rite of Christian Burial for 64 members of the community as they enter their eternal reward. Communion visits to the homebound and Holy Anointing of the Sick visits were made to hospitals and homes. Our Youth Ministry program, Compassionate Care, Holy Name Society, Social Concerns outreach services, Parish Pastoral Council and a variety of other ministries continue to grow. All of this has been made possible because of your extremely generous support of the mission of our parish.



Great news, Parish to break ground in Spring of 2016! Our capital campaign, Living our Faith, Building our Future is an extraordinary effort to raise funds needed for the expansion of Saint Cletus and for the construction of a new multi-purpose Parish Center. Since the start of the campaign, pledges of approximately \$3,000,000 have been received and \$2,456,000 has already been collected. We still need your help. We have reached this level of success with generous pledged amounts fulfilled with one-time, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual donations. I sincerely want to thank everyone for all donations regardless of the amount. Also, let us remember our founding parishioners, those who have come before us and those here today. Their sacrifices and dedication over the past 64 years have provided us our present day facilities. I want to thank you for your sacrifice and dedication you have made to the future of our parish and hope this effort will match that of our brothers and sisters from the past. This extraordinary effort calls for extraordinary commitment!

As you continue to read the Stewardship Report, you will find the balance sheets and statements of revenue and expenses for this past year. You should be proud of all you have been able to accomplish to spread the Good News of the Gospel within this vibrant faith community.

I would like to thank all the members of our parish finance committee for their dedication and commitment to the sound financial health of our parish. The current members of this important advisory committee are: Marie Usher (Chairperson), Don McMahon, Dave Sipek, Doug Rausch, Lauren Geist and John Adolf. I would also like to thank our previous members, Dave Smith (Chairman), Anne Babirak, Mike Magee, Roman Szabelski and Carol Walters for their years of service.

I would also like to lovingly invite all those who have drifted away, to come to church, find healing, answers, and support... experience Christ and stay.

With Sincere Thanks and Gratitude,

Fr. Bob Clark  
Pastor

Fr. Ken Baker  
Associate Pastor

Fr. Lorenzo Gamboa  
Associate Pastor



## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Parish Checking/Payroll Accounts	\$ 365,232	\$ 227,094
Parish Savings Accounts	27,741	15,356
School Building Fund Savings Account (3) (7)	279,240	-
Auxiliary Group Bank Accounts	144,195	142,171
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	21,559	30,050
Restricted School Endowment investment at market value (1) (2)	701,696	356,667
Unrestricted Parish investments at market value (4)	554,463	542,154
Parish investments Pledged to Building Campaign Fund (5)	500,000	500,000
Restricted Building Campaign Fund Accounts (1) (6)	<u>1,810,045</u>	<u>1,324,017</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,404,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,137,509</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 229,765	\$ 129,195
Tuition deposits	<u>74,676</u>	<u>100,849</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><u>\$ 304,440</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 230,044</u></u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u><u>\$4,099,731</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,907,465</u></u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,404,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,137,509</u></u>

(1) - Restricted funds are not available for general parish operations.

(2) - 2015 Column includes \$355,554 donation, (\$25,000) of School Endowment distributions and \$14,475 of unrealized gains.

(3) - 2015 Column includes \$450,000 School donation, \$2,238 interest, (\$172,998) distributions for school building upgrades.

(4) - 2015 Column includes \$12,309 of unrealized gain in parish investments.

(5) - The Parish Pledged \$500,000 to the Building Campaign Fund in 2013.

(6) - 2015 Column includes \$1,735,182 invested in Certificates of Deposit at the Archdiocesan bank.

(7) - The school incurred (\$276,925) Capital expenses for doors, windows and building improvements paid with donations.



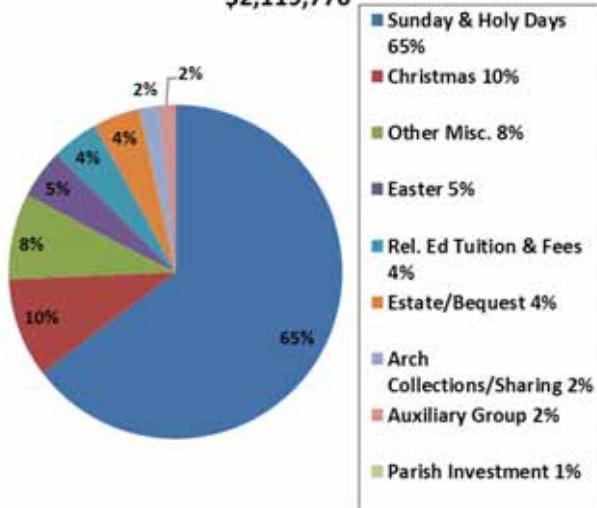
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b><u>Church Revenue</u></b>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,371,533	\$ 1,346,600
Christmas collections	203,981	202,231
Easter collections	101,625	107,745
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	96,627	100,784
Estate/Bequest/Memorial Donations	96,753	1,910
Net Auxiliary groups' revenue (expense)	35,472	55,998
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	39,178	43,291
Other Revenue - i.e. Social Concerns, Fine Arts, vigils, sacramental	174,601	130,577
<b>Total Church Revenue</b>	<u>2,119,770</u>	<u>1,989,136</u>
<b><u>Church Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	865,656	903,730
Books/supplies/liturgical	100,977	107,478
Administrative/office/professional services/technology	65,699	69,396
Utilities	53,101	64,181
Building Maintenance repairs & supplies	83,915	112,266
Archdiocesan assessments/insurance	295,398	297,328
Capital Improvements- Stained glass windows	25,450	10,420
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	39,178	41,954
Miscellaneous - i.e. Fine Arts, hospitality,ministry formation, outreach	223,833	207,296
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<u>1,753,207</u>	<u>1,814,049</u>
<b>Church Net Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 366,563</u>	<u>\$ 175,087</u>
<b><u>School Revenue</u></b>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,979,705	\$ 1,945,160
Fundraising events, Annual Fund, Fall Fest, Spring Auction,etc.	202,235	196,498
Unrealized gain from school endowment investment	14,475	40,047
<b>Total School Revenue</b>	<u>2,196,415</u>	<u>2,181,705</u>
<b><u>School Expenses</u></b>		
Salaries & benefits	1,919,593	1,930,314
Books / instructional / technology / admin	178,830	152,104
Maintenance & repairs	120,540	157,758
Utilities	64,196	80,897
Insurance / assessment	70,228	70,378
Other-i.e. fees, meetings, speakers, advertising	46,176	38,540
<b>Total School Expense</b>	<u>2,399,563</u>	<u>2,429,991</u>
<b>Parish Support to School</b>	<u>(203,148)</u>	<u>(248,286)</u>
<b>PARISH OPERATING (SURPLUS)</b>	<b>\$ 163,415</b>	<b>\$ (73,199)</b>
<b><u>Other Revenue and Expenses</u></b>		
Building Fund Campaign Revenue Collections	493,140	499,288
Building Fund Expense (architect, consultant, mailings, printing, etc)	(8,031)	(2,998)
School Endowment Donation	805,554	-
School Building Capital Improvements (7)	(276,925)	(225,000)
Interest Income	2,804	1,448
Unrealized gain from parish investment	12,309	83,351
<b>NET PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 1,192,265</u>	<u>\$ 282,890</u>



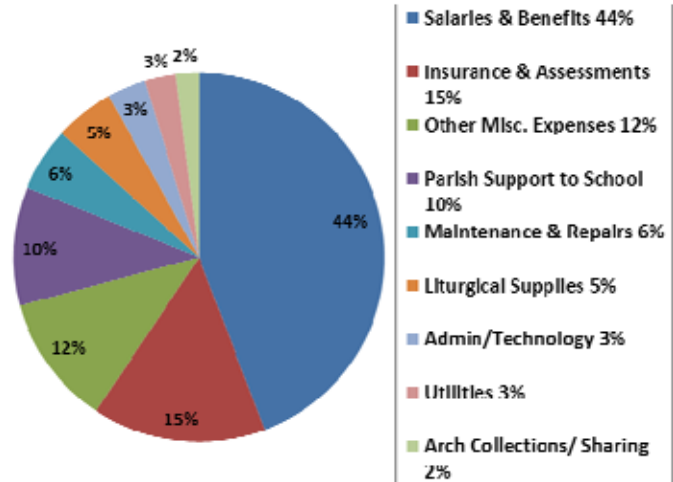
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## Sources and Uses of Parish Operating Funds

Sources of Parish Operating Funds  
Fiscal Year 2014-15  
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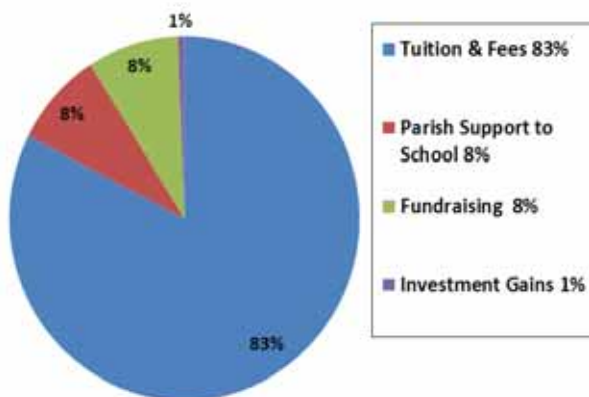


Uses of Parish Operating Funds  
Fiscal Year 2014-15  
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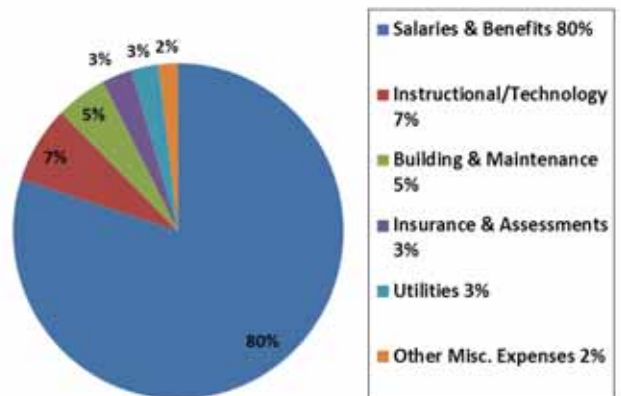


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Sources of School Operating Funds  
Fiscal Year 2014-15  
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## Stewardship of Treasure

### Summary of the Parish Financial Report

- The parish finished the June 30, 2015 fiscal year with an operating income (the shaded line of the Statement of Revenue and Expense) of \$163,415.
- The parish's Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections for the year ended June 30, 2015 increased by a total of \$20,563 from the prior year ended June 30, 2014.
- Combined parish and school salaries and benefits decreased by \$48,795 in 2015.
- Ordinary maintenance and repairs for the church, school and rectory decreased by \$65,000 in 2015 due primarily to reduced heating and snow removal costs and continued benefits of a refurbished school boiler.
- Increased parish and school family participation led to \$202,235 in school fundraising revenue in 2015.
- The first annual Fall Fest/Carnival was a huge success netting a profit of over \$87,000 which was allocated between the school and the Building Campaign Fund for the new parish center.
- During 2015, the school distributed \$25,000 from the school endowment fund for tuition assistance.
- The required parish support to the school in 2015 was \$203,148 a decrease of \$45,138 from 2014.
- Building Campaign Fund revenue received during 2015 was \$493,140. Because building fund activity is not part of the parish's normal operations, it is not considered in determining the parish's operating income, but rather considered Other Revenue.
- During the year ended June 30, 2015, the parish's investment accounts produced net unrealized gains of \$12,309. Because investment gains are not part of the parish's normal operations, they are not considered in determining the parish's operating income but rather considered Other Revenue.
- In 2015, generous parishioners' left bequests of \$96,753 to the parish.
- An \$805,540 donation was received representing a bequest that a generous parishioner left to the school endowment. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 the donation funded school building capital improvements amounting to \$276,925, which included major projects such as new windows, doors, a/c units, and classroom renovations.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St. Cletus Parish.  
Marie Usher, St. Cletus Parish Finance Committee, Chairperson

***Note: Finance Committee members will be available for questions after all Masses next weekend.***

## Community Bulletin Board

### FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Join us at one of our Fall Open Houses and experience what it's like to be a Fenwick Friar. Open Houses: Sunday, October 25th Program begins at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, December 1st Program Begins at 7 p.m.

Save the date for the entrance exam Saturday, January 9, 2016 8 a.m. Your student **MUST** take the Entrance Exam at Fenwick in order to be considered for admission. To schedule a shadow day or if you have questions please contact Kathleen O'Laughlin at 708-386-0127 ext. 317 or [kolaughlin@fenwickfriars.com](mailto:kolaughlin@fenwickfriars.com).

### ST. FRANCIS FALCON 5K RUN/WALK

The 10th annual St. Francis Falcon 5k Run/Walk to benefit St. Francis Xavier School will be held at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 7th. The 5k is a wonderful community event that takes place just north of Ogden Avenue, and runs through the tree lined streets of the Harding Woods neighborhood in La Grange Park. The course is flat and fast, and easy for spectators to navigate. It's a great family run for all ages, and abilities. Register at: <http://www.sfxfalcon5k.eventbrite.com/>

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Allow God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament so that it can flourish and reflect his love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are December 11-13, 2015, February 12-14, 2016 or April 8-10, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

### MOUNT CARMEL SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Mount Carmel High School will host a free three part series on spirituality, featuring guest speaker Bob Kolatorowicz, a member of the pastoral staff at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church in downtown Chicago where he works closely with the adult learning and social justice ministries. This first session is titled, *We belong to God. We belong to each other. How are we to act?* Each forty-minute presentation will be followed by questions and discussion, with refreshments provided by Mount Carmel's Mothers' Club.

**Dates:** October 27, 2015, February 2, 2016, and April 5, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Location:** Mount Carmel High School, 6410 S. Dante Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637 **RSVP:** [MCHS.org/spiritualityseries](http://MCHS.org/spiritualityseries) or contact Denise Carey at 773.324.1020, ext 214 or [dcarey@mchs.org](mailto:dcarey@mchs.org)

### MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Montini Catholic High School will be hosting two Open Houses for grade school students and their families on Thursday, October 29th and Wednesday November 18th. Doors will open at 6:30 pm with a presentation beginning at 7:00 pm. Montini students are dedicated, prepared, inspired, artists, champions and servants. Come and learn how Montini students achieve this and more. Information will be available about the Academic Scholarship program for incoming freshmen taking our January Placement Exam. For more information visit [www.montini.org](http://www.montini.org) or contact Kim Richmond, Admissions Coordinator at 630-627-6930 x 182. Montini Catholic High School is located at 19W070 16th Street in Lombard.

### JOYFUL AGAIN WIDOWED MINISTRY

Widowed men and women - There will be a retreat/workshop **Nov. 14 & 15, 2015**, and on **Jan. 16 & 17, 2016**, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus).

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. Incls. overnight and meals. Space limited – register early. Phone: (708) 354-7211. You can also see us on our website [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) or email us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com).

### SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP

SCSG - Multi Parish Ministry For singles in their 40's and 50's  
**November Event:** Saturday, 11/14, join us for Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus Chicago at 5pm, 5500 Park Place, in Rosemont. Afterwards, enjoy the many hip entertainment choices only a few yards away. Menu items range \$10-\$20. Carpool leaves from Panera Bread, 435 N. LaGrange Road, in LaGrange Park at 4:30pm. Please RSVP by 11/10. Events are subject to change. You can contact us at [singlesadmin@gmail.com](mailto:singlesadmin@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?"

Call Father Francis Bitterman at (312) 534-8298, or write: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org).

## Week At A Glance

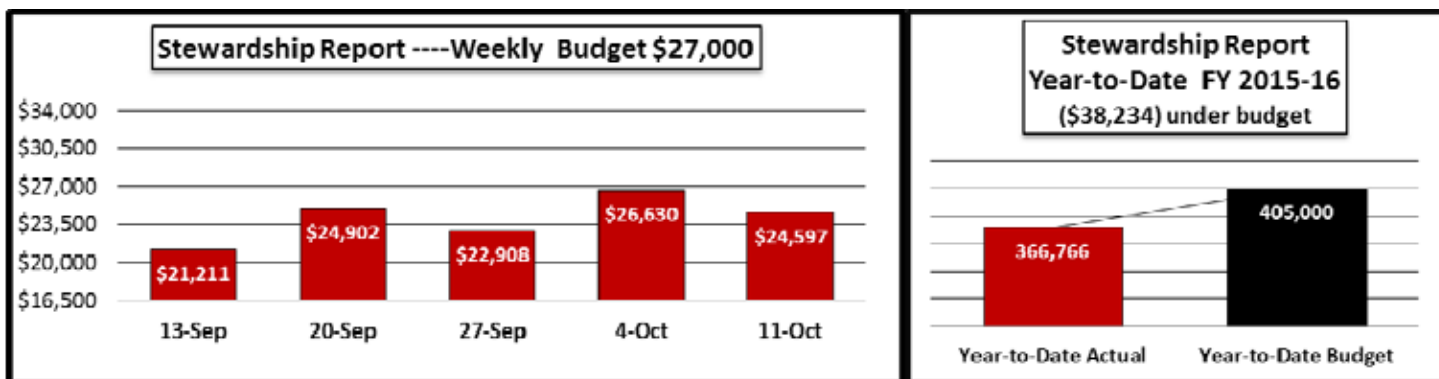
**C...Church**  
**S...School (Education Building)**

**Narthex...Church Vestibule**  
**RB...Rectory Basement**

**MH...Morrissey Hall**

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 18	All Masses All Masses 7:00pm	Narthex Narthex S Music Room	Living Rosary Table Cub Scout Wreath Pre-order Sales Festival Chorus Rehearsal
Monday, October 19	4:00pm 9:00pm 10:00pm	S Music Room S Rm 200 MH	Junior Choir Rehearsal KAİROS Men's Church League Basketball
Tuesday, October 20	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Church Rectory S Rm 200 Church S Rm 202	School Mass RCIA Domestic Violence Support Group Hispanic Ministry Holy Hour/Prayer Service Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, October 21	9:00am 7:00pm	RB S Rm 98	Mission Ladies Acts Bible Study
Thursday, October 22	5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	S Music Room S Rm 213 S Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting Festival Chorus Rehearsal
Friday, October 23			
Saturday, October 24	8:00am All Masses All Masses All Masses	S Rm 201 Narthex Narthex Narthex	ICN Resume Review Living Rosary Table Cub Scout Wreath Pre-order Sales Shop with Scrip Gift Cards Cash & Carry
Sunday, October 25	All Masses All Masses All Masses All Masses 7:00pm	Narthex Narthex Narthex Narthex S Music Room	Living Rosary Table Cub Scout Wreath Pre-order Sales Shop with Scrip Gift Cards Cash & Carry Finance Committee Members available for questions Festival Chorus Rehearsal

## Stewardship Report





# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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www.stcletusparish.com



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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

## MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

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

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday: 4:15-4:45pm.

## 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.

## 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).

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

## 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.

## STAFF

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