



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

# CANTICLE

**October 25, 2015**

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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 26— November 1, 2015

Day	Presider (Subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Debbie Sipek
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Charles & Eleanor McCarthy, Joseph L. Naponiello, Henry Scaccia
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	George Rockwood, Special Intention for Kathy Olsen
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prevenas, John Dunbar Battistoni, Ann Dunbar
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Ryan McDonnell Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Walter Johnston
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	Dolores E. Kuchta, Marco & Emilia Rattin, John G. Murphy, Mrozinsky Family
	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Health of Adam & Gienia Muller, Walter Maveety & Family
	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Bernard J. Hennessy, Sorrentino & Alfano Family, Michael Lombardo, Mary Ellen & John Salvato, Frank Skrip Sr., Lorraine & George Kurland
	TBD	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Catherine Mlot, Celina Pedro, Dorothy Throw St. Cletus Parishioners

### MARRIAGE BANNS...

**Adriana Murillo & Fabiano Diaz**

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

**Maria Chavez**

Mother of Erika Tobolski

**James Zeman**

Father of Gregory Zeman

**Rose A. Zielinski**

Mother of Linda Kunicki

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

### COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Envelopes can be found in the pews to support World Mission Sunday. These offerings are gathered into the universal solidarity fund and distributed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the name of the Pope among the mission dioceses and missionaries of the world. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 8:12-17; PS 68:2 AND 4, 6-7AB, 20-21; JN 17:17B, 17A; LK 13:10-17

Tuesday: ROM 8:18-25; PS 126:1B-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, MT 11:25, LK 13:18-21

Wednesday: EPH 2:19-2; PS 19:2-3, 4-5; LK 6:12-16

Thursday: ROM 8:31B-39; PS 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; LK 19:38; 2:14; SEE LK 19:38; 2:14

Friday: ROM 9:1-5; PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; JN 10:27; LK 14:1-6

Saturday: ROM 11:1-2A, 11-12, 25-29; PS 94:12-13A, 14-15, 17-18; MT 11:29AB; LK 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: RV 7:2-4, 9-14; PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 11:28; MT 5:1-12A

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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




# Notes from Fr. Bob...

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During the gospel readings of the last few weeks we have seen the disciples of Jesus failing to understand the true nature of discipleship. There was the young man who could not let go of his possessions, then the apostles' failure to understand Jesus' third prophecy of his Passion, and finally the sons of Zebedee eager to claim positions of power at Jesus' right hand. At the end of this catalogue of misunderstandings, Mark gives us an outstanding example of true discipleship. It is Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. Bartimaeus recognizes Jesus for who he is, the Son of David, and despite the crowd's attempt to put him off, he shouts out to him for mercy. Jesus stops and calls him to come forward. Bartimaeus throws off his beggar's cloak, his means of livelihood, the only thing he has in the world, and jumps up to go to Jesus. Jesus asks him the same question he has just asked James and John: "What do you want me to do for you?" The sons of Zebedee had asked him for positions of power. Bartimaeus asks for the restoration of his sight. The true disciple asks to see clearly and knows that he needs the power of the master to be able to do this. Jesus acknowledges this plea as the sign of his faith, the faith he has been preaching as the essential prerequisite for healing and insight into the truth. With his sight restored Bartimaeus completes the pattern of discipleship. He follows Jesus along the road to Jerusalem. In other words, he takes up the way of life revealed by Jesus which will lead him to suffering and death. The chapter ends, and in the very first line of the next chapter Jesus begins his approach to Jerusalem.

One of the heresies the Church has always resisted is that of Gnosticism, the claim that closeness to Christ depends on being a member of an elite group with special knowledge. The first step in discipleship is that of not knowing, the simplicity expressed by Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, or the homelessness of the wanderer. True disciples lay no claim to being special. But something special happens to them through their encounter with Jesus. The next step is that we place ourselves under his healing power. Sometimes, like Bartimaeus, we have to fling off even the little we have, our cloaks, our means of livelihood, what offers us fame and fortune in the world. But in the act of healing the great gift we receive is that of freedom. We are no longer bound by the burden of such worldly expectations. Rather we are freed to follow Jesus in his dance along the road, a road of constant challenges. The question Jesus continues to ask on the journey is the one he put to Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do



for  
you?" At  
times we can  
persecute ourselves with guilt or  
anxiety because we feel we are not doing enough for him. Once again we have it the wrong way around. He wants to know what he can do for us. Following him along the road is first of all allowing him to bind up our wounds. And answering the question we hopefully make the same response as Bartimaeus and ask that we too may see clearly.

## FLU SEASON

Flu season is already upon us. We ask that all of us take extra precautions to help prevent the spread of colds and flu viruses during this time of the year. The Health Department reminds us of the need to wash our hands as frequently as possible to prevent the spreading of germs. If we know we might have the flu, we should first go see the doctor then stay home and take care of ourselves while getting much needed rest and drinking plenty of fluids.

The sign of Peace at Mass is an important part of our expression of unity and oneness with Christ. Please remember that proper Church Rubrics do NOT REQUIRE the shaking of hands. Any appropriate gesture of offering Christ's peace to one another is acceptable, such as a hand gesture of acknowledgement, a word offered in peace, or a nod of the head. If you have concerns about receiving from the sacred cup just refrain from taking from the cup. If you normally receive the Body of Christ on the tongue you may want to consider receiving in the hand during this flu season.

*Peace and Good Health,*



*Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor*

## Parish School

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Red Ribbon Week .....October 26-30  
 7th Grade Commitment Ceremony .....October 29  
 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



### Cardinals Heading to the Championship

After a thrilling victory last weekend the St. Cletus Junior Varsity football team is heading to the championship game. All the Cardinals showed heart and an unwavering commitment to their team all season long and it has paid off. Good luck this weekend! The JV Championship Game will be held at 9am Sunday, October 26th at the College of DuPage.



### 8th Grade Trip to Springfield

The 8th-grade traveled to our state capitol of Springfield. The students had the opportunity to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library where they learned about the great president's life and viewed artifacts. The students also visited the home that the Lincolns lived in before he became president as well as the tomb where he was ultimately laid to rest. Finally, the students toured the State Capitol.



### A Healthy Visit

Our preschoolers had a fun visit from Smiles For Life Pediatric Dentistry. The excited preschoolers get their eyes and ears checked. They were also shown the proper way to brush their teeth and floss and how good habits will keep their smiles beautiful.



### Feeling "Blue" In The Imagination Station

This week we got to try out the new "Imagination Station" featuring the Imagination Playground. In our classroom we have a mini set of blue blocks, but this week we got to explore giant blue blocks in the Imagination Station (pictured below). As a school we are hoping to add more creative experiences for students to explore in the Imagination Station.



# Open House

## Welcome Wednesdays



★ ★ 2014 ★ ★  
BLUE RIBBON  
RECIPIENT

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)

## Pies by Fasano's

### 8th Grade Fundraiser

St. Cletus 8th graders are having a Pie Sale just in time for Thanksgiving to earn money for their 8th grade activities. Students will be available to take orders for pies after masses on November 14th & 15th. Order form & payment (checks payable to St. Cletus) can also be dropped off in the school mailbox before November 15th.

Cost	Pies Available
\$16	Apple
\$16	Blueberry
\$16	Cherry
\$16	Pumpkin
\$16	Pecan pie
\$17	Chocolate Crème
\$17	Banana Crème pie



Pie pickup will be in Morrissey Hall at St. Cletus School from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24th. More information at [www.stcletusschool.com](http://www.stcletusschool.com).



## Volunteer Appreciation Party

Wednesday, October 28th  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Morrissey Hall

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



## Religious Education

### DAY OF THE SPIRIT CONFIRMATION RETREAT

#### *Question:*

What were 90 8<sup>th</sup> graders doing at 9:00 am on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, on the St. Cletus school campus???

#### *Answer:*

Fortified with donut holes and juice, they were ready to begin their “Day of the Spirit”- Confirmation Retreat.

Father Ken led the day assisted by 10 adult facilitators. In addition to our school and Religious Education candidates, 9 students who were unable to attend the St. John of the Cross retreat were in attendance. The candidates participated in activities, discussions, reflections and the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. This was another step in their preparation process toward Confirmation.

On Nov.1, they will attend the 9:30 Mass with their sponsors, followed by a faith-sharing meeting in Morrissey Hall. On that day, we will have baskets holding labels with the candidates’ names on them asking you to take 1 or 2 names and pray for them specifically as they prepare for their Confirmation.

The conferral of the sacraments is always a parish celebration reflecting our connection with one another as well as our support as members of the body of Christ.



# Confirmation

## Other Ministry Notes

### A LETTER FROM DEASON CASAS

Dear Saint Cletus Family,

We thank you on behalf of the Casas family. Your support, kind words, and prayers have helped us accept and respect God's will during this most difficult time, the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ofelia Casas.

*Gracias por su gentileza y simpatía durante estos momentos de gran pena y dolor. Nos consuela el saber que ustedes se han acordado de nosotros en estos momentos difíciles para toda nuestra familia, el fallecimiento de mi madre.*

Ofelia Casas  
1923 - 2015

Sincerely, gracias y bendiciones,

Deacon Jesús, Silvia and the Casas family

### THE LIVING ROSARY

**Today is your chance to visit with your Mother Mary**

This Sunday at 12:15 (after the 11:00 Mass), the Living Rosary invites you to join us in praying 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. She is waiting.



### ST. CLETUS WEDDING MINISTRY



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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 FESTIVAL CHORUS

### FINE ARTS SERIES CONCERT NOV. 22<sup>ND</sup>

The seventh season of the St. Cletus Fine Arts Series begins with a free concert on Sunday, November 22nd at 4:00 pm! Join us as we present Brahms' "A German Requiem" - sung in English with a full professional orchestral accompaniment.

### 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



### YOUTH MINISTRY SMALL GROUPS

Group Faith Formation Beginning Soon! Registration is beginning for small groups! Continue growing in faith with other St. Cletus teens through discussions, activities, and service projects. Registration forms are due November 1.



## Gift Cards for Education

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.

Half of the proceeds helps our school, the rest you can apply to tuition at St. Cletus School, St. Cletus Religious Ed, or ANY public/private high school or college!

**Cash & Carry  
10/24-25**

For more information or to order online visit <http://shopscrip.stcletusschool.com>

Please contact Lupe McKeenhan with any questions at (312) 823-9152 or [gm\\_mckeekhan@yahoo.com](mailto:gm_mckeekhan@yahoo.com) or stop by our table in the narthex after masses this weekend.



## Social Concerns Ministry

### Food Pantry Needs

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers sizes 4-6
- Cereal
- Canned chili
- Tuna
- Vegetables
- Box potatoes
- Juice

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



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

CALL THE  
24-HOUR PHONE  
FOR HELP:  
**708.485.5254**

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Please help the pantry by picking up an item (or two or three) when you go grocery shopping. Our shelves are pretty bare right now! We need to constantly replenish our pantry shelves with staples and extras as our volunteers continue to pack bags for our November 12 monthly food distribution. Thank you!



### GIVING TREE

As the season of Thanksgiving and the Holidays approach, we Christians are looking for ways to keep the true meaning of the season alive in our families. One way is to take part in our annual Giving Tree Project, which will **begin on the weekend of November 14-15**. Please watch upcoming Canticles for details. Also, if you or anyone you know in our faith community could benefit from this outreach, please let me know. Your request will be confidential.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped assemble the Giving Tree tags last Tuesday. Please check upcoming Canticles for more volunteer opportunities during this season. Your cheerful participation is what drives this awesome outreach.

### Volunteer Opportunity...

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:30** we're looking for volunteers to help fill the narthex Christmas trees with Giving Tree tags! Contact Kendall to sign up.

### 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.

*Did you know?*

Catholic Bishops' have a specific position on Domestic Violence: "As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well." The document below details the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) position. For the full document (When I Call For Help: A Pastoral Response To Domestic Violence Against Women) visit [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org)

**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 to the left.

You are not alone.



## **INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK NEWS**

### **Holiday Job Search, Myths and Maxims**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, November 5 from 7-9 pm for a timely and insightful program on your holiday job search. You may believe nobody hires in December. Or, even if there is an opening, the hiring manager won't have time to meet with you. Wrong and wrong again! Our speaker, Jeff Carroll, will dispel these and many other myths that often go along with a holiday job search. Jeff is the Director of Leadership Development in the Business College at NIU. Additionally, he speaks to corporate and college audiences about building relevant and resilient careers in the 21st century; and facilitates a career mentoring community he founded in 2010. Looking forward to seeing you at St. Cletus School, Room 201. Look for the ICN sign outside and use the flag pole entrance.

### **Come to the Career Resource Center on Wednesday, November 4**

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; Interfaith Career Network is here to help you.

For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org)

## **TYLERS LEGACY EAGLE PROJECT**

My name is Michael Fanta and I am a 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 tween have tablets and cell phones and giving them the gift card allows them to buy 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)

## **AGING CARE CONNECTIONS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY**

### **NO TRICKS! JUST TREATS!**

**When:** Friday, Oct. 30th 10 a.m. Apple Cider, Pumpkin Spice, treats! Costume Contest, Door Prizes and Raffle. Special treats to follow! 11:30 a.m. Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Halloween Bingo! (with a special treat!)

**Where:** Salerno's Pizzeria and Sports Bar, Congregate Meal Site, 9301 W 63rd St. Hodgkins, IL

Come dressed in your Halloween Best and enter our Halloween Costume Contest (3 winners). Or try your hand at winning one of our great door prizes. Our raffle items this year include:

- Two (2) turkeys
- Fruit basket
- One (1) blood pressure monitoring machine
- Two (2) \$20 gift certificates to Salerno's Pizzeria and Sports Bar

Reservations must be made before noon the preceding business day by calling 708-354-1323. Suggested donation is \$2. Stick around for a special Treat after lunch!

*The program is funded in part by AgeOptions and Title III-C of the Older American Act.*

*Se habla espanol.*



## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM**

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community? The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2016 tax filing season. To volunteer, it is not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or accounting background...you just need a desire to help. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate.

Training classes will be held in January 2016.

This income tax preparation and assistance is offered to low and middle income individuals, with special attention to those 60 years and older.

To volunteer, visit the [aarp.org/taxaide](http://aarp.org/taxaide) website or contact parishioner, John Wagner, at 708.352.0170 for further details.

## Respect Life

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

Next weekend is the weekend baskets will be at the doors of the church before & after Masses to collect the baby bottles that were passed out two weeks ago.

The money we collect will be given to Women's Care Center of LaGrange [47 South 6th Ave, Suite 1, LaGrange 60525, (708) 352-5000, e-mail [womenscarecenter@core.com](mailto:womenscarecenter@core.com)]. This center is available to help women and families in our neighborhood. It is dedicated to serving the community with care and compassion—reaching clients with heart-to-heart counseling, free pregnancy tests and ultrasound referrals, fertility awareness and abstinence education plus material assistance and medical and housing referrals. This allows parents in our area who are struggling, to better be able to accept their baby as a gift, rather than a burden.

If you are blessed with abundance, some of the costs that you could help the center pay are: \$10.00 for a clinic quality pregnancy test; \$25.00 for a large package of diapers; \$35.00 for a supply of baby formula; \$50.00 for a baby layette for a newborn; \$70.00 for an ultrasound; \$100.00 to offset some of the cost of the Google ad campaign that we use to reach women who need help. If you cannot give much, give what you can!

If you never got a bottle, any donation is welcome—even without the bottle. Please make checks payable to *Women's Care Center of La Grange*. If you forget your bottle next weekend, you may bring it to the rectory. The more money we collect, the more mothers and families we can help.

**The LaGrange Center has been endorsed by and is a Preferred provider of the Archdiocese of Chicago.** The center receives no governmental assistance nor are they supported with church money. Literally, you give them the money they need to operate and help these women and their families.

Thank you for being a lifesaver!  
Saint Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

### WORD OF LIFE

"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. Not sure how to help or what to say?" Learn more at [www.goo.gl/e60H2Z](http://www.goo.gl/e60H2Z)."

USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"  
[www.goo.gl/e60H2Z](http://www.goo.gl/e60H2Z)



### OFFICE FOR IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

During this month of Respect Life, let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis who reminds us that, as Catholics, we have the moral responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage including immigrants and refugees.

*"View them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories... To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal. We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome."*

-Pope Francis, Address to Congress 9/24/2015

**ACTIONS:** Urge President Obama to end family detentions by signing a petition. Print out a form or sign the electronic version on our website [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org) or call 312-534-8103 for details.

Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education  
3525 S Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653

## St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners

					
					
	<b>The Annella Family</b>	<b>Cook County Board Commissioner</b> Jeffrey R. Tobolski		<b>Bill &amp; Heidi</b>	
					



## 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.



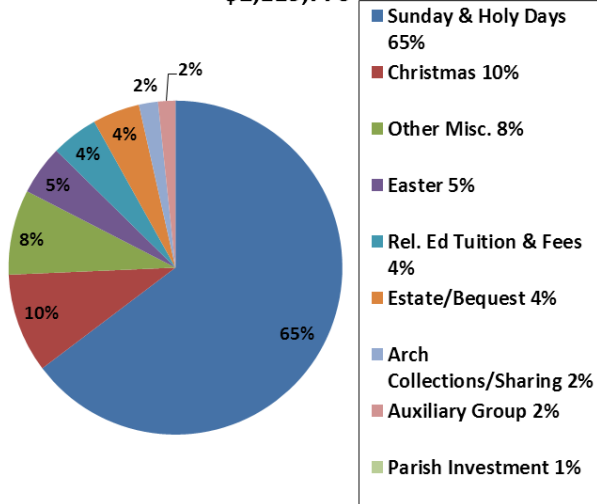
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b><u>Church Revenue</u></b>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 1,371,533	\$ 1,346,600
Christmas collections	203,981	202,231
Easter collections	101,625	107,745
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	96,627	100,784
Estate/Bequest/Memorial Donations	96,753	1,910
Net Auxiliary groups' 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><b>\$ 1,192,265</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 282,890</b></u>



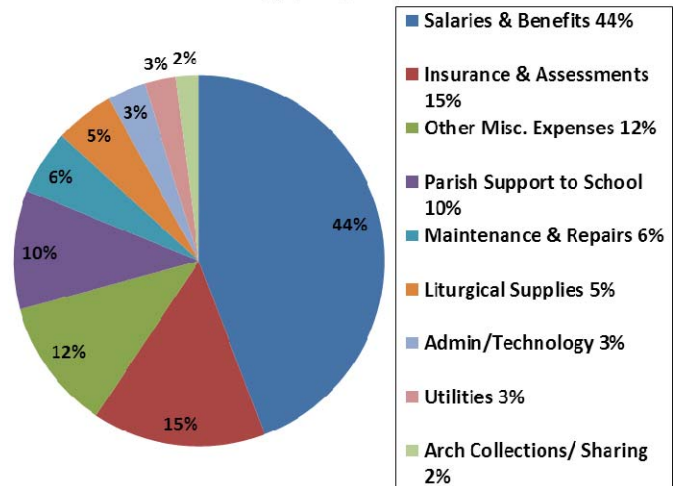
# Stewardship of Treasure

## Sources and Uses of Parish Operating Funds

**Sources of Parish Operating Funds**  
Fiscal Year 2014-15  
\$2,119,770

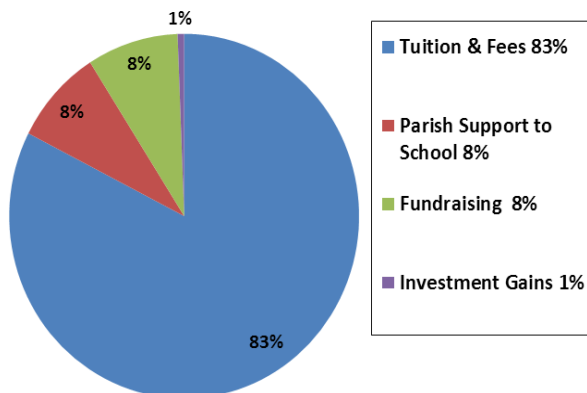


**Uses of Parish Operating Funds**  
Fiscal Year 2014-15  
\$(1,956,354)

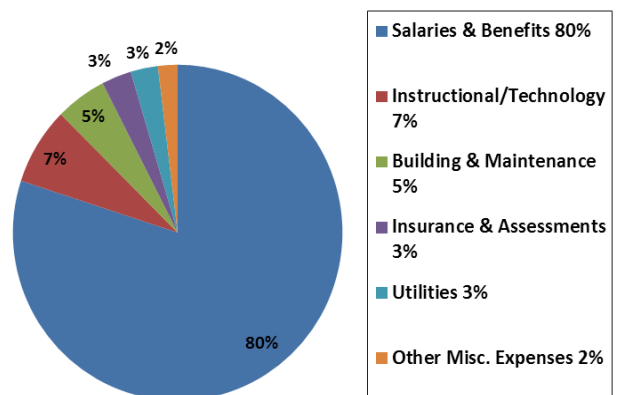


## Sources and Uses of School Operating Funds

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Fiscal Year 2014-15  
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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 weekend masses.***

## Community Bulletin Board

### OGDEN AVENUE SCHOOL RED SLED HOLIDAY BAZAAR



**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm**

Ogden Avenue School Featuring over 70 crafters and local artisans. Get your picture taken with Santa! Fun for kids in Candy Cane Lane: "Just Dance" Wii Dance Party, Minecraft, professional face painting, Bottle & Bottega canvas art and lots of crafts! Fresh baked goods from our fabulous bake sale. Exciting raffles, prizes and more!

### 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.sxfalcon5k.eventbrite.com/>

### WESTCHESTER CIVIC THEATER

Presents "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" a comedy/musical about life in a Catholic School.

Performance Dates: Saturday 10/31 - 7:30 p.m., Sunday 11/1 - 2:00 p.m., Saturday 11/7 - 2:00 p.m., Sunday 11/8 - 2:00 p.m., Saturday 11/14 - 7:30 p.m., Sunday 11/15 - 2:00 p.m. Location: St. Joseph High School Sirus Theater 10900 W. Cermak, Westchester. Ticket Prices: \$16 Adults, \$14 Seniors and Students. Call 708-928-5010 or visit [www.WestchesterPlays.com](http://www.WestchesterPlays.com).

### LOYOLA PRESS VOLUNTEERS

Loyola Press is looking for volunteers to feature in a video DVD for children about the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Interviews will be conducted on November 7th or 8th. Participants will be interviewed about their experiences with the sacraments, on forgiving and being forgiven, and discuss how the sacraments shape their lives and what the Eucharist means to them. We would like to show people at a variety of ages and stages in their lives who could speak openly and engagingly on topics related to Reconciliation and/or Eucharist. These should be people who are filled with faith, and who would be happy to be shown in a movie. The final product will be bilingual, so both Spanish and English speakers are welcome. This could be a nice "service project" for those who want to participate.

One hour of time would be required and we will do our best to schedule a time and location that is convenient for you.

If you would like to assist, email or call Molly Gardner, [molly@productioncraft.com](mailto:molly@productioncraft.com), 312-829-0272.

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



**Benet Academy** - Open House on Sunday, October 25, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. No need to register for this event. For more information, please call the Recruitment Office at (630) 719-2814.



**Fenwick High School** - Open Houses Sunday, October 25, 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. To schedule a shadow day or if you have questions contact Kathleen O'Laughlin at 708-386-0127 ext. 317 or email [kolaughlin@fenwickfriars.com](mailto:kolaughlin@fenwickfriars.com).



**Montini Catholic High School** - Open Houses Thursday, October 29th and Wednesday, November 18th. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, presentation at 7:00 pm. For more information visit [www.montini.org](http://www.montini.org) or contact Kim Richmond 630-627-6930 x 182.



**Nazareth Academy** - Open Houses Sunday, November 8 and Thursday, December 3. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 or email [kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com)



**Mount Carmel High School** - Open Houses Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Thursday, December 3, 6 – 8 p.m. For more information about an open house, scheduling a shadow day, or taking the entrance exam, please contact Mr. Bill Nolan, Director of Admissions 773-324-1020, ext. 265 or by email at [bnolan@mchs.org](mailto:bnolan@mchs.org).

### 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, dinner at the Hofbrauhaus Chicago at 5pm in Rosemont. 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.

### ST. BARBARA'S PARISH CASINO NIGHTS

Nov. 6-7, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. Admission \$5. Adults 21 & over only.

## Week At A Glance

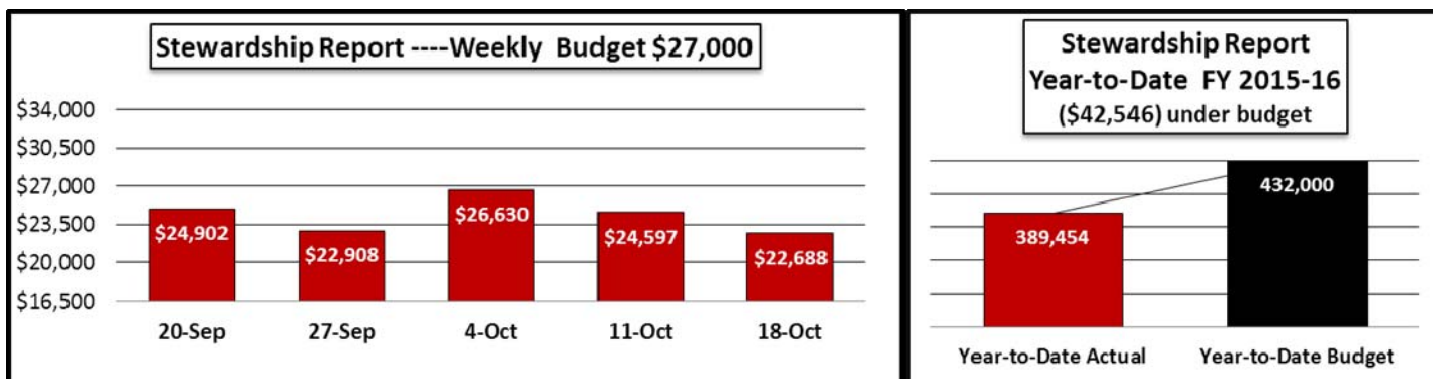
**C...Church**  
**S...School (Education Building)**

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

**MH...Morrissey Hall**

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 25	All Masses All Masses All Masses All Masses 12:15pm 7:00pm	Narthex Narthex Narthex Narthex S Rm 98 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 Living Rosary Festival Chorus Rehearsal
Monday, October 26	4:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Room MH	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Church League Basketball
Tuesday, October 27	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	RB Rectory S Rm 200 S Rm 202	PPC Meeting RCIA KAIIROS Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, October 28	9:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	RB MH S Rm 200	Mission Ladies Fall Fest Volunteer Appreciation Party KAIIROS
Thursday, October 29	5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	S Music Room Church S Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal 7th Grade Confirmation Commitment Ceremony Festival Chorus Rehearsal
Friday, October 30			
Saturday, October 31	8:00am All Masses	S Rm 201 Narthex	ICN Resume Review Return Baby Bottles
Sunday, November 1	All Masses 7:00pm	Narthex S Music Room	Return Baby Bottles Festival Chorus Rehearsal

## Stewardship Report



### ST. CLETUS ONLINE GIVING—DONATIONS MADE EASY



We encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://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.



# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Rectory (708) 352-6209

Español (708) 215-5440

School (708) 352-4820

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).

## 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.

## 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

### PARISH STAFF

REV. ROBERT CLARK, *Pastor*

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REV. LORENZO GAMBOA, *Associate Pastor*

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Luis Lopez

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Xavier Polanski

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