

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

AUGUST 25, 2019

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.  
— Hebrews 12:12-13

ALL AGES WELCOME  
NO ADMISSION FEE!



st. cletus **fall fest** sept. 5-8

FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • BEER TENT • FOOD VENDORS • CARNIVAL • CASH RAFFLE • PULL TABS

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

5-10pm Carnival Rides  
7:20pm Thursday Night Football Opening Game

\*Game on the Big Screen\*  
\*Bears Giveaways\*  
\*Raffles\*  
\*Games of Chance\*  
\*\$3 Miller Lites\*



### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

5-11pm Carnival Rides  
5:00pm Mid Knights  
7-10pm ARRA

**BINGO**  
Saturday & Sunday  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

12-11pm Carnival Rides  
12:00pm Bosco  
1:00pm Adam Stasica  
2:00pm St. Cletus Kids Got Talent  
2-4pm BINGO  
4:00pm Strange Lama  
7-10pm Mike and Joe



### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

11am 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Mass  
12-9pm Carnival Rides  
12:30pm Ken Baker & Friends  
2-4pm BINGO  
2:00pm Mr. Nice  
4:00pm Double Identity  
6-9pm Maggie Speaks  
7:30pm Raffle Drawing



## Mega Passes On Sale Now

4 DAYS OF UNLIMITED CARNIVAL RIDES  
Only \$55 until 8/29 online  
[www.stcletusfallfest.com](http://www.stcletusfallfest.com)  
Mega Pass will be \$65 at the event

## Mass Intentions for the Week of August 26 - September 1, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Tom Cannon, Robert McDonnell, Shirley Flamm, Mary Rose Davis
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Kim Zwolinski, Robert McDonnell
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Robert McDonnell, VJ & V
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Robert McDonnell, Ted Zwolinski, VJ & V
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Robert McDonnell, Shirley Flamm, Roland Davis, VJ & V
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Sharon Smith, Thomas Majewski, VJ & V
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	George A Popp, Jim Deslauriers, Ken Kakareka, Fran & Frank Shevlin, Special Intention - Laura Brooks
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Robert McDonnell, Anne Smith
	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stacy Baker, Mary & Roland Davis, VJ&V
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Sam Colonna, Shirley Flamm
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Louis Callaghan, Special Intention - Chuck Foerster
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Jaime Campos Alvarez

### Marriage Banns



**Roxana Mtz & Evelio Garcia**

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

**Michael J. Carroll**

**Blanche C (BC) Collins**

**Ronald Corvo, Jr.**

**Dolores Martini**

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

### PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

St. Cletus Parish Summer Office Hours for June, July and August will be as follows:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
 Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am - 12:30pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.*

**August** - Don King, Frank Colonna

**July** - Roxy Brown, Rochina DeBartolo, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski

**June** - Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley, Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, Rachael Schopp, Ronald Kruczek, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman

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

# Notes from Fr. Bob...

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The story is told of two elderly priests, both nearing the end of their days, who made a compact. Whichever of them died first, he would return and tell the other what life beyond the grave was like. Eventually Fr. Joe died and was buried. Some months later Fr. Bill was sitting in his room. It was Saturday night; he was busy preparing his homily – or was it watching football? In any event, he suddenly became aware of a presence: Fr. Joe was standing there before him. “Joe,” he gasped “it’s you. Tell me, what it is like in heaven?” “Well,” replied Joe “you’d be surprised who’s there.” There was a pause: “And you’d be surprised who isn’t,” and with that he was gone.

It was hardly the answer Bill had expected. Much the same might be said of the man who questioned Jesus in today’s gospel. He didn’t get the answer he expected. Mind you, his question could hardly have come at a more inappropriate moment. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await him, while all the questioner id concerned about is the speculative issue of how many people will be saved: “Will there be only a few?” he enquires, rather pessimistically.

Jesus’ reply must have brought him down to earth. He says in effect: never mind the numbers game, your task is to work hard – literally, to struggle – so that you’ll be able “to enter by the narrow door” that leads to salvation. You may be a Jew, you may even be Roman Catholic, members of God’s people, but that doesn’t mean you can slip through with the crowd. It’s not enough that you belong to the “in” group. There’s no way through the narrow door without personal struggle.

Then Jesus puts it another way. This time he speaks not of “a narrow door” but of a closed door and God himself is pictured as the owner of the house. Ehen the householder has locked up for the night – a gentle hint that earthly life does not last for ever – it will be no use trying to get in by offering excuses, we ate and drank with you, we heard you preaching in the streets. The householder will not be impressed; he will reply: “I don’t know you”. Jesus goes on to speak of the anguish they will suffer, as Jews, if the great Jewish patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the prophets, are all there at the messianic banquet, while they themselves are locked out. It would be more galling still, if they were to see among the insiders, people from the four corners of the globe. That would mean that some of God’s own people had been replaced at the banqueting table by non-Jews, by Gentiles. Those always regarded as first would now be last, and visa versa.

It needs little imagination to translate the message of today’s gospel into a message for ourselves. We have

been blessed in the most extraordinary way, even more than the Jewish people of old. We have been baptized, we have been adopted as the children of God, we are members of the Church, God’s chosen people, we have the sacraments to meet our needs at every juncture of life, we have the scriptures to bring us God’s Good News, we have the support of our fellow-believers. Here at Mass we cannot forget that we even eat and drink at the Lord’s Table. Such blessings ought to fill us with gratitude. The one they must not do is lead us to presumption. If we reach heaven it will not be simply because we are Catholics, or even because we receive the lord himself in the Eucharist. We shall reach heaven because of the gracious goodness of God on the one hand and our own humble efforts on the other.

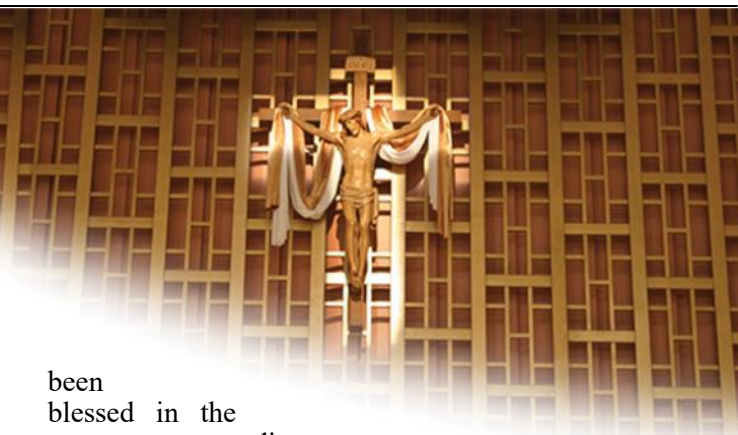
On that day we may discover that the response Fr. Bill received from his friend had more than a grain of truth in it. Looking round the banqueting table of heaven, we may be surprised – by those who are there, and, perhaps, by those who are not. However, as we have been reminded today, our task is not to waste time on pointless speculation. What matters is that, avoiding complacency, we strive to live out our faith in our daily lives while putting all our trust in our God whose love is strong and whose faithfulness endures for ever.

*Blessings Always,*

*Fr. Bob Clark*

*Pastor*

*Fr. Bob*



# Parish School



★ 2014 ★  
BLUE RIBBON  
RECIPIENT

## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

September 5-8 ..... Fall Fest  
September 11 ..... All School Mass  
September 22 ..... Homecoming

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Gregory Porod, Interim Principal**    **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
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gporod@stcletusparish.com    cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



## B2S 2019!

Welcome back to our faculty, students, and families. St. Cletus School is back in session!

Our school families joined us for a Meet and Greet Tuesday night and classes began on Wednesday with an all school Mass celebrated by Fr. Bob Clark.

Students were happy to get back in the swing of things and we're looking forward to a wonderful year here at St. Cletus.

IT IS GREAT DAY TO BE A CARDINAL!



*Find out why St. Cletus is the  
right choice for your family.  
Call (708) 352-4820  
to set up a tour.*

## Religious Education

### WANTED: CATECHISTS

Do you have a desire to grow in your faith? Can you share your story about your faith journey? Do you think God is calling you to share your gifts? *Perhaps God is calling you to consider being a Catechist in our parish Religious Education program!*

We are looking for committed adults and teens who are willing to share their time, faith and joy with amazing children. You do not need previous teaching experience to be a Catechist or Classroom Aide. You do need a kind, generous spirit, respect for diversity, a joyful heart, and a spirit of welcoming and inclusion. We will provide you with training and all of the lesson plans and resources you need to be successful in the classroom. We currently have openings on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings that we are looking to fill.

### REGISTER FOR RE CLASSES BY 8/26!

School is about to start, and that means Religious Education classes are starting soon as well! Please be sure to sign your child up for Religious Education classes by August 26, 2019 to ensure their place for the coming school year! Registration materials can be found online at [stcletusparish.com/re/](http://stcletusparish.com/re/), or at the Parish Center or Parish School offices. We offer classes for Pre3, Pre4 and Kindergarten, Grades 1-8, a Special Needs Adaptive program, and a Teen Seekers program for High School students seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are looking forward to having you in our Religious Education Family at St. Cletus!

Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education  
[bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) | (708) 352-2383

## Youth Ministry

### HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: REGISTRATION FOR ST. CLETUS YOUTH MINISTRY IS OPEN!



High School is a time where we discover our gifts and decide how we plan to use them now and in the future. St. Cletus Youth Ministry strives to walk with teens on their faith journey through encouraging each teen to serve God and our community through their individual gifts and interests. This year, we will be offering

continued and new opportunities for formation, service, retreats, and social activities, some of which include:

#### Formation:

- Freshman Experience - Formation offered to our incoming high school freshman
- NEW! Alpha Youth Series – formation offered to Sophomores through Seniors

#### Service:

- Service opportunities offered throughout the school year in and for our local community.
- Summer Week of Service in the Chicagoland area.

- Summer Mission Trip out of state.

#### Retreats – offered in collaboration with St. Francis Xavier Parish and St. John of the Cross Parish

- Freshman/Sophomore Retreat
- Kairos Retreat, offered to Juniors and Seniors

#### Social Activities:

- Church League Basketball
- Social Events throughout the school year

#### Leadership Opportunities:

- Serve as a member of our Youth Council
- Serve as a leader on our Freshman/Sophomore Retreat
- Serve as a leader on one of our Tri-parish Kairos Retreats
- Share your ideas and put them into action!

Discover and share your gifts with our Parish community! Register for St. Cletus Youth Ministry today!

Registration can be found online on the Youth Ministry page of the Parish Website. Contact MaryClaire Zurowski, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at [mzurowski@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mzurowski@stcletusparish.com), with any questions.

# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Instant Oatmeal
- Cooking Oil
- Kleenex
- Laundry detergent
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned Corn

Donations can be dropped off before or after Masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).



*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

Please note there will be NO FOOD PANTRY Thursday, September 5 due to Fall Fest. We will be open the remaining Thursday evenings in September. Thanks!



Follow us on facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

### Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence this group may be very helpful. The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant for more information.

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box to the lower left. **You are not alone.***

## RESPECT LIFE

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, September 16 at 7:00pm

St. Cletus Parish in the Fr. Gallagher Room (in the new Parish Center)

The St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross/St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry is committed to a culture of life: a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. We seek to encourage others to see the divine nature of all human life through prayer, education and charity. We will use this time to discuss upcoming opportunities and share ideas for this year. Please contact Kendall Grant with any questions.

## WORD OF LIFE

“Within the ‘people of life and the people for life’, the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to ‘guard, reveal and communicate love’ (The Gospel of Life, no. 92).

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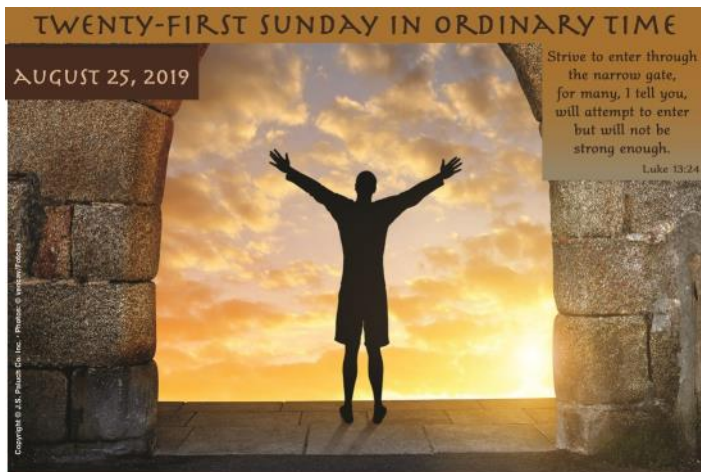
## HEALTH, WELLNESS, FITNESS AND SAFETY FAIR

We thank everyone for attending the first Health, Wellness, Fitness and Safety Fair at St. Cletus. We hope you enjoyed the experience and gained valuable information about your health. It was so much fun to meet everyone and we're looking forward to your comments and assisting you in your health and wellness journey!

Be healthy by choice not by chance,  
Carolyn, Jennifer, Suzanne, Ray, Bob, Home  
Helpers & the La Grange Police & Fire Departments



# Sunday Notes



## WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Monica

Wednesday: St. Augustine

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29  
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## ST. JOHNS ABBEY REFLECTION

Young people never read obituaries. How could they ever be of any interest to a twenty-year old or a teenager? The elderly read them so as not to miss the death of a friend or old neighbor. Anyone who reads them must do it with mixed emotions. We read of the death of an eighty-eight-year old. Unless we're eighty-seven, we think that's pretty well up there. The death of a forty-seven-year old mother of three from cancer strikes us as more tragic. A fourteen-year old dead of leukemia is still harder to take. The death of a twenty-six-year old in a car or motorcycle accident seems so unnecessary, so avoidable.

Depending on our age we ask ourselves how or why we should still be alive. Shouldn't we be thankful, more determined to use well the life and vitality we have? At times I think most of the lessons to be learned from observing life and what is around us are all summed up in this: they are invitations, reminders, alarms telling us to use the moments, the days, the years well and from our depths. Generally, these lessons tell us, rule out certain ways of using time as beneath the dignity of ourselves and of time itself.

—Don Talafous OSB, [www.saintjohnsabbey.org](http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org)

## GRACE AND STRUGGLE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

—St. Rose of Lima

## ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.

—Horace Mann

## HOW TO PRAY

Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard.

—Jane Austen

# Get Involved in the 6th Annual Parish Fall Fest

## PICK UP A YARD SIGN

## BECOME A SPONSOR (details on next page)

## VOLUNTEER

Visit [www.stcletusfallfest.com](http://www.stcletusfallfest.com) to sign up to volunteer at weekend mass sales and during the event. It's always fun volunteering at this event and our volunteers receive a drink ticket to show our appreciation for their time.

## DONATE TO THE BASKET RAFFLE



We always have great items for our Fall Fest Basket Raffle. We need your help to make that happen again this year. Donations can be brought to the parish center office. Thank you for your generosity! We are in need of:

- Sporting event tickets and jerseys
- Theater and Concert tickets
- Gift cards
- Monetary donations are kindly accepted

## PURCHASE A MEGAPASS

Admission to the Fall Fest is free. However, there is a fee to go on the carnival rides. Our festival features rides for young children as well as the most thrilling and adventurous for the most daring. Purchase a Mega Pass for unlimited rides all 4 days of the fest for just \$55 (if purchased by 8/29/19). Mega Passes are \$65 after 8/29. Please note that all sponsorships include at least two Mega Passes. Daily passes and individual ride tickets will also be available for purchase at the fest.

## SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR SC KIDS GOT TALENT

On Saturday, Sept 7 @ 2 pm we will showcase our talented students in our version of America's Got Talent- St. Cletus Kids Got Talent! If your student sings, dances, plays a musical instrument or has another talent we would love them to participate!

Students can perform solo acts or get together a few friends for a number! A sound system, mics and keyboard will be available for use. There is an option for live accompaniment as well if you supply the sheet music. There will be a dress rehearsal Friday, Sept 6 @ 3 pm.

Please contact Lauren Kapusta, Fall Fest Entertainment Coordinator, at [lkapusta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lkapusta@sbcglobal.net) if your student/s are interested in participating.





\$20

PER TICKET  
OR  
6 FOR \$100

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN  
DRAWING WILL BE HELD 9/8/19

**GRAND PRIZE \$5,000**

**SECOND PRIZE \$2,500**

**THIRD PRIZE \$1,000**

**FOURTH PRIZE \$500**

**FIFTH PRIZE \$500**

**10 RUNNERS UP \$100 WINNERS**

**Congratulations to our Second Early Bird Winner**  
**Dave Mikulskis**  
**Next Early Bird Drawing is Sunday, August 25!**

## WIN A FANTASTIC GRILL!

### RAFFLE TICKETS - \$10 EACH





## First Responders Mass

Sunday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m.



In commemoration of the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 we will honor First Responders at an outdoor mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 8. St. Cletus Parish will give thanks and prayers to all active and retired police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services.

Visit [www.stcletusfallfest.com](http://www.stcletusfallfest.com) for more information



## THURSDAY NIGHT FALL FEST SCHEDULE

5-10pm Carnival Rides  
(Opening Night of Fall Fest)

7:20pm Thursday Night  
Football Opening Game

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**\*Game on the Big Screen\***

**\*Bears Giveaways\***

**\*Raffles & Games of Chance\***

**\*Football Squares\***

**\*\$3 Miller Lites\***

**\*Snacks & Food Vendors\***

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Full Schedule at [www.stcletusfallfest.com](http://www.stcletusfallfest.com)

## Ministry News

### LECTOR AND MINISTER OF COMMUNION TRAINING

#### YOU ARE INVITED

Have you thought of becoming a Lector or Minister of Communion? If you have not, why not? If you have, maybe this is the time to accept the invitation to serve at the Lord's table and offer service to our parish. We are all part of the Assembly and have a role in the celebration of the liturgy. Becoming involved in the Mass in a special way is a privilege and requires only to use what God has given you.

We will have training on the following dates in Church:

**August 28 and August 29**

**Lector Training will be 6:00-6:45pm**

**Minister of Communion training will be 6:45-8:15pm**

You only need to attend 1 date for training. Scheduling is according to your availability and is flexible.

If you are interested and would like to come and find out more, please contact Paulette Bolton @ 708-215-5422 or [pbolton@stcletusparish.com](mailto:pbolton@stcletusparish.com)

### MISSION LADIES

The Summer time is almost ending and Mission Ladies will be just beginning to start up. I hope the Mission Ladies had a nice summer in spite of the weather. We will be starting up a week later than usual due to the Fall Fest at St. Cletus.

**Mission Ladies will start up on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 2019 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

Please mark your calendar to be sure of the date. I will try to run this to remind you again.

As you already know we are a small mighty & dedicated Mission Ladies group. We are looking for more young and not so young ladies to join our Mission. No special talent is required to participate. Extra helping hands are still in need to sew, knit, crochet, and make hair for our dolls. We meet every Wed. - we do not meet in June, July, Aug. & Dec....Also, work can be done at home. There are no dues - invitation is open to all - "Come Join Us".

We are still in need of 4 ply & baby yarn. We can also use Fiber fill, Velco (any size or color), white Eyelet fabric and small crosses - at least 1 inch high (no higher) for Baby Bibs.

For more information you can call me. Thank you. Dolores Scaletta - 708-839-9605

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

#### RCIA: Come and See

BEGINS TUESDAY, OCT. 1

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's adult faith formation program which invites adults and teens who have never been

baptized, who have been baptized Catholic but not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) or who have been baptized in another faith and wish to become Catholic, to explore their journey of faith in the life of the Catholic Church.

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

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

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

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Join us on Sunday, September 22 at 4:00pm in the St. Cletus Parish Center for a wonderful concert of great



pop songs which will benefit the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus and the glenhagen farm retreat. Tickets are \$30 each at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com).

Music: The music will be an array of family friendly tunes from the pop music world, including artists such as Josh Groban, Jason Mraz, James Taylor, Stevie Wonder and Sarah Bareilles, and songs such as Peace, A Time for Healing, and Put a Little Love in Your Heart.

We hope you'll join us on Sunday, September 22 at 4pm!



## THANK YOU TO OUR GARDEN ANGELS

Thank you so much to our volunteers who have been hard at work on the St. Cletus gardens and landscaping around our campus. The before and after photos show just how much there was to do. The closeup of the bed in front of church shows the left side with weeds, the right side has been pruned. There is also a before and after of the SE entrance of church by the statue. Our Garden Angels pulled many weeds while they were pruning. Often called "Morning Glory," field bindweed is an aggressive, invasive perennial plant found throughout the West. Field bindweed starts out growing along the ground until it finds plants, fences or other structures to climb up on. We truly appreciate their hard work beautifying our grounds.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Angels ministry please call our parish office at 708.352.6209.



## Last Chance to Register for the CREDO Pilgrimage

Our parish Continuing Religious Education Opportunities (CREDO) ministry is sponsoring a day trip to Wisconsin to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse on September 14, 2019. Bus leaves at 6am and returns at 10pm.

Registration and payment due on, or before, Thursday August 29, 2019

\$80 per person (includes snacks on bus, lunch, gratuities, handicapped accessible deluxe motor coach equipped with restroom). *Checks payable to St. Cletus Parish.*

**Things to know:** Bus ride is a bit over 4 hours each way. There will be water on the bus, but due to the length of the day and the number of people, please bring a refillable water bottle also for your use. There will NOT be coffee provided on the bus, please bring your own and your own snacks as you wish. Due to length of drive, CREDO did not make a test run to this shrine but reviews are good: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/shrine-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe-la-crosse>

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds. Please drop off the registration form below with payment at the parish center office. Registration is capped at 50, **register early to ensure your spot.** A minimum of 45 registrants are needed by August 29, otherwise trip will be cancelled. Any questions should be directed to Cathy Caplice at (708) 269-9689 or email her at [catholic.adventurestc@gmail.com](mailto:catholic.adventurestc@gmail.com).

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe La Crosse, WI

6:00 am	Bus leaves St. Cletus; arrive a few minutes early
8:00 am	Stop for coffee, etc.
9:00 am	Watch orientation film on the bus
10-11 am	Arrive at Shrine, get settled in, go uphill to church via walk or golf cart
11:00 am	Holy Mass in Shrine Church and veneration of a relic of the cross
12:00 noon	Lunch in crypt
1:00 pm	Church Tour and group photo
2-4pm	Time on your own to visit shrine grounds
4:00 pm	Depart Shrine, visit Granddad Bluff Park to view the Mississippi River
Dinner	Pizza along the way
Return to St. Cletus by 10:00 pm	

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Croissant Sandwich (circle choice):      ham      turkey      veggie      or gluten free salad

## Community Bulletin Board

### CALLING ST. CLETUS GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 1974!

This year marks our 45th year since our graduation and the perfect time to get together for a reunion. However, we need help locating our classmates. If you have a son or daughter, brother/sister, or friend that graduated in 1974, please contact Joanne Lattal Clancy at [jmlclancy@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlclancy@hotmail.com). We are hoping to have a fall reunion.

### JOYFUL AGAIN!



Retreat/workshop for widowed men/women - It's important to be understood, to treasure your memories, to move toward new life after your loss. All are welcome!

Sept 7 & 8 - Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Near North Ave. & Hwy 83. Elmhurst (No overnight availability.)

Oct. 12 & 13 - St. Hubert Parish, Hoffman Estates (No overnight availability.)

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry - 708-354-7211, [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com), [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network. Our Fall Programs are out! Please see our website for a full listing and to register: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.



**Nature Therapy Walk Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-10:30 AM. Facilitator: Kim Ruffin, Certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide** - Forest Therapy puts people in direct contact with the therapeutic benefits of non-human nature through short distanced, easy-paced and sensory-focused walks. This unique wellness practice has growing scientific support for its positive impact on human health. Cost: \$20

**God as Us – the Sacred Feminine and the Sacred Masculine Wednesdays, Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23; Nov. 13, 20 duplicate 90-minute sessions at 1 PM and 7 PM Facilitator: Shelby Boblick**- Based on a DVD presentation by Richard Rohr, OFM and Cynthia Bourgeault, this program will help participants open their inner eyes and ears to insights on gender, spirituality and Divine awareness taught in the Christian Scriptures. Cost: \$15 per session

### NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Jim Halstead, O.S.A. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or [shrine@stritahs.com](mailto:shrine@stritahs.com).

### ADOLF FUNERAL HOME NIGHT OF HEALING

Night of Healing - Heal your Soul III: Join us Thursday, September 19 from 7-9pm at 7000 S. Madison St.

Willowbrook, IL 60527. RSVP to Donna 630.325.2300.

### ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 1751 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English. Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop: Friday, September 6th (6-9pm) and Saturday, September 7th (9am-4pm). Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org) or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated on Sunday, September 8, 2019 by Cardinal Cupich at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 North Harlem Avenue, Niles, IL 60714. To register visit <https://cvent.me/DNQ52>.



### ROSARY HILL BIBLE STUDY

#### Ephesians: Discover Your

#### Inheritance

Mondays beginning September 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm. - 8:30 p.m. An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins (Presenter) and Thomas Smith. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives—if we allow it. Ephesians will enrich your faith—and show you how to live it out.

More Info: Contact Sharon Bal at (708) 458-3040 or email [Sharon@rosaryhillhome.com](mailto:Sharon@rosaryhillhome.com). Rosary Hill Home | 9000 W 81st St. Justice IL 60458

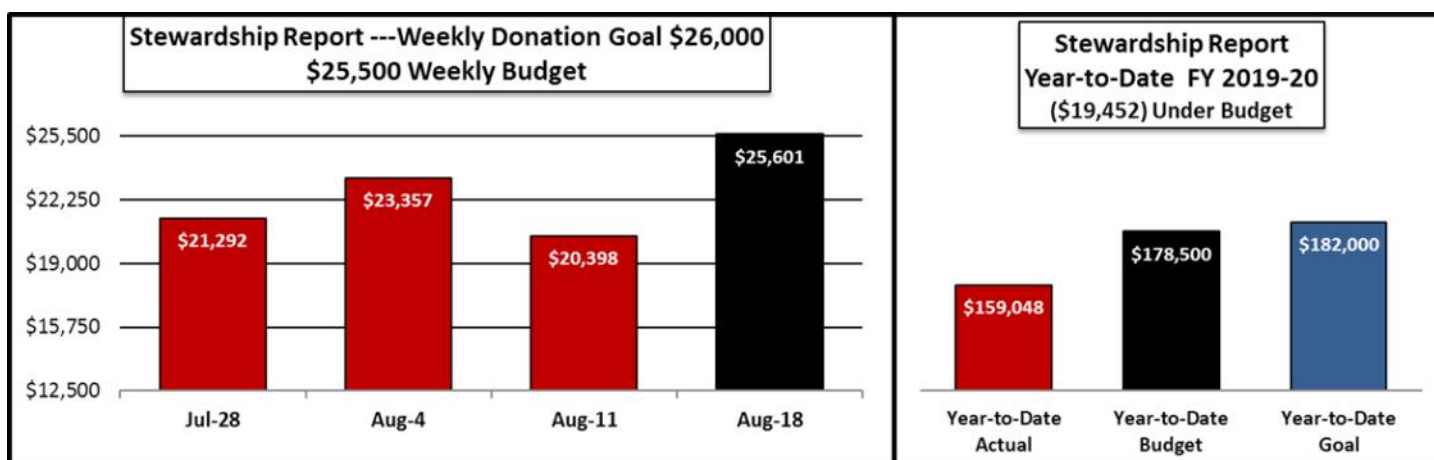
### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, August 25	7:00am	Front Lawn	Fall Fest Tent
Monday, August 26	6:00pm	Parish Center Gym	Men's Basketball
Tuesday, August 27	7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Spanish Holy Hour SVDP
Wednesday, August 28	6:00pm 6:45pm	Church Church	Lector Training Eucharistic Minister Training
Thursday, August 29	6:00pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Rectory Basement Church Church	Food Pantry Distribution Lector Training Eucharistic Minister Training
Friday, August 30	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Catechist Orientation
Saturday, August 31	5:00pm	Front Lawn	Fall Fest Tent
Sunday, September 1	7:00am	Front Lawn	Fall Fest Tent

## Stewardship Report



## 5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

**Want to see your company featured here September 2019-August 2020?**

Become a sponsor of the 2019 Fall Fest! Form can be found on page 9.

**R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare**  
708-489-6333



*Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!*

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Susan Hurley  
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