



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**The Lord lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**
— Psalm 145:14

Born Into Eternal Life Buried from St. Cletus Parish NOVEMBER 2018 - 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week of November 4 - 10, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm, Ken Nykiel
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viececi, Suzanne Williams
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Shirley Flamm
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Shirley Flamm
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Shirley Flamm Jim Deslauriers, Stella & Felix Gembala, Irene & Louis Schoenberger, Ken Kakareka, Ann Elizabeth Drucker, Benjamin Horonzy, Mary Pizzo
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marilyn Matesevac, George Duda, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, Lisa McCarthy Stacy Baker, Paul Budvitis, Chuck Cooley Maveety Family, Shirley Flamm, Gregorio Villajos Sr, Leticia Villajos, Gregorio Villajos Jr. BC Collins St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Dorothy Dybas
Wife of Michael

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, Nov. 2-3, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



This weekend, November 2-3, we are holding a special collection for the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you for your prayers and support.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Next weekend St. Cletus Parish will have envelopes in the pews for the World Mission Sunday collection. For more information visit WeAreMissionary.org.

Marriage Banns



Allison Kison & Patrick Szachowicz

Laura Bell & Jason Avila

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.

October - Joan Clark, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Shirley Funk, Don King, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Rachael Schopp, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski, Hermelinda Nevarez

September - Frank Colonna, John Duda, Chuck Foerster, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer

August - Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski, Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley

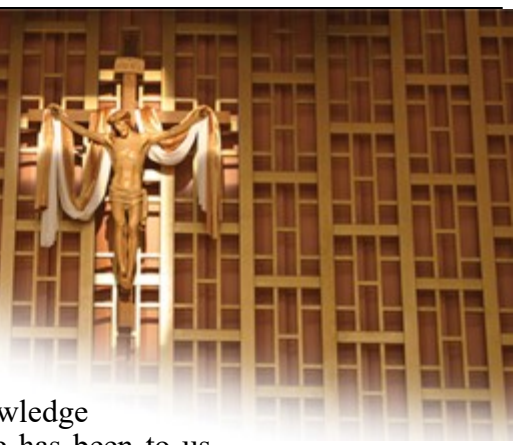
Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The story of Zacchaeus, which appears only in Luke's gospel, is an example of Luke's delight in turning social expectations upside down. At the beginning of his gospel he records the Magnificat, "the hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away." Of course the poor and the hungry are not just the materially needy. They are also those who get things wrong in life but recognize their mistakes and turn humbly to God. Luke selects certain stories that bring out this relationship of a compassionate God and a repentant sinner. Like the father in the story of the prodigal son who goes out to meet the son and welcome him before he can say a word, in today's gospel Jesus calls Zacchaeus down from his perch in the tree, before he has a chance to say anything. Jesus wants to dine with Zacchaeus, the man of no stature, who defrauds and betrays his people. No wonder the crowd mutters. Jesus is choosing as his companion a known sinner, the outsider and pariah. For Zacchaeus the celebrity of the moment breaks into his life and wants to be with him. How does he react? There is no false humility. He hurries down and welcomes Jesus joyfully, promising in the next breath to make generous amends for all the wrong he has done. It may well be the power of Jesus and his mercy which frees him to react like this. The important thing is that he does seize the moment. Jesus welcomes him and he welcomes Jesus in return. For this Jesus commends him as a true son of Abraham.

When Jesus calls, is our reaction that of the crowd or that of Zacchaeus? If we find ourselves muttering, it usually means that there is more than a touch of self-righteousness lurking in our hearts. If we become self-righteous, we will always view others critically, homing in on their failures and weaknesses. We will become self-reliant, plodding our way through life with grim determination. We will be closed to God. Yes we know we are called to do his will, but we will do it by ourselves, relying on our strength. Our image of God will be that of a hard taskmaster, who is always trying to catch us and note our failures. We are not going to be impressed by a God who squanders compassion and rushes out of his way to help the fragile and forgotten. This is not how God should behave! Yet this is how Jesus behaves and how he wants us to understand God. "Soften your hearts", he seems to be saying to us, "and you will see the miracles that happen." To be as kindly as



God, it
helps if we
can acknowledge
how kindly he has been to us.

Whatever mess we find ourselves in, whether brought on by ourselves or others, he is always there, his arms outstretched and his eyes full of love. We have only to look up and receive his glance of love.

CHRISTIFIDELIS AWARD

On behalf of the St. Cletus Parish family, I would like to congratulate Pauline Szabelski, this year's Christifidelis award recipient.

This award is given in recognition of her generous service and dedication to St. Cletus Church and ministries.

May God continue to bless her selfless acts of charity to the people of St. Cletus Parish.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS FINANCIAL UPDATE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who generously supported the emergency repair fund. I am pleased to announce that to date we have collected \$46,419 toward the \$73,000 cost of the plumbing and parking lot repairs. If you would still like to donate to this important cause, please visit our website or drop off at the parish center office or in the collection basket. Blessings for your support of our parish family.

With great gratitude, love, and blessings to all,



Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

November 8 First Annual Cardinal Raffle Kick Off
 November 13 D4D at Chipotle
 November 24-26 Book Fair

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Gregory Porod, Principal
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Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal
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GIRLS ON THE RUN - WORDS MATTER!

Girls on the Run is a program for 3rd through 5th grade girls. We focus on each girl as an individual as well as the whole team. Each meeting we recognize our power, embrace our differences and nurture our physical, emotional and spiritual health... Working towards our November 5k in Grant Park!

KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

The kindergartners enjoyed a morning at the Farmer's Market in downtown La Grange .



TRUNK OR TREAT A SUCCESS!

Our first ever Trunk or Treat event was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came out for the fun! Everyone's trunks and costumes were amazing. We can't wait to see what you come up with for next year!

ENJOYING FALL

Our Preschoolers had fun playing in the leaves and enjoying the fall weather.



SAINT CLETUS CARDINALS

CASH RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE \$1,000

2ND PRIZE \$750

3RD PRIZE \$250

DRAWING NOV. 20

NOV. 8-19 • TICKETS \$10
Available at stcletusparish.com

Lets Get Ready To Raffle!

St. Cletus School is excited to announce the 1st Cardinal Raffle which kicks off on November 8th!

The funds raised from this raffle will help cover expenses for our Special Programs at St. Cletus School including: Art, Music, and Technology.

Tickets will be available for purchase in the church narthex after all weekend masses on November 9/10 and November 16/17 and online at www.stcletusparish.com

\$10/per ticket (cash or check).

*Drawing will be held
Wednesday, November 20.*

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Thank you to our 2019 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Major Sponsors. These businesses will be listed in our
Parish Canticle for one year as preferred providers.

Sunday Notes



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Tuesday:	Election Day
Saturday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

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BEGIN WITH ARDOR

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

—St. Charles Borromeo

GOVERNMENT

Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.

—Henry Clay

Religious Education

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?



We have been having a busy and fun October in Religious Education classes!

Our 8th Grade and HS Confirmation classes all attended our Confirmation retreat called Day of the Spirit. Fr. Ken graciously leads these retreats, and the kids have an interactive experience reflecting on themselves, their faith, and what God is calling them to do in their lives with the gifts He has given to them. We had retreats on October 5th and another on October 26th. We are very grateful to Fr. Ken for his amazing leadership on these retreats, and also to our Catechists and our Priests who gave of their time to journey with the teens during this retreat.

Our 8th Graders also all participated in the CROP walk on Sunday, October 27th to raise awareness of the problem of hunger in our community, and to assist our St. Cletus Food Pantry. We were very proud of our attendance, which was over 85 people! Thank you all for leading by example and finding ways to serve others in our community!

Our 4th Grade classes did an outstanding job in leading the program in a Living Rosary. The 4th grade classes worked hard learning about the rosary and its origins in prayer, and prepared for many hours to lead this prayer service. Our Rosary is comprised of helium balloons tied to a rope. It is a wonderful visual for our youngest children, and helps everyone to concentrate on the different decades. We are very proud of our 4th Graders for leading this meaningful prayer service for us during the Month of the Rosary.



WHAT'S UP NEXT?

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| November 3 rd | All 8 th Grade Students and HS Students preparing for Confirmation attend the Sponsor Meeting from 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Gather in the Church at 9:15 a.m. for Mass, and then continue the meeting in Morrissey Hall at the conclusion of Mass. |
| November 3 & 4 | Classes meet for Early Childhood, Grades 1-7 (8 th Grade in Sponsor Meeting) |
| November 9 | First Reconciliation for all children in Grade 2 and Special Sacraments. This sacramental celebration will be in the Church from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| November 10 & 11 | Classes meet for Special Needs, Early Childhood, Grades 1-8. |
| November 11 | All Sixth Grade classes and parents meet from 6-7:30 p.m. in Morrissey Hall for our Seder Meal Event. |
| November 17 & 18 | No Classes |
| November 24 & 25 | No Classes – Happy Thanksgiving! |

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Canned fruit
- Laundry detergent
- Baby formula
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Condiments
- Baking supplies
- Cereal
- Paper and plastic bags

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).

Follow us on facebook:
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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

CROP HUNGER WALK

PERFECT fall day for the CROP walk yesterday! We had a record 85 walkers join us from St. Cletus! Thank you to all the area groups who stepped up to help end hunger. A special thanks to St. Cletus Religious Education, Youth Ministry, School, and Council of Catholic Women!



TURKEY BUCKS

This month when you do your grocery shopping at the Jewel store across the street from St. Cletus, **please remember to tell your cashier** that you would like to help St. Cletus Food Pantry by purchasing \$1, \$5, or \$10 in Jewel Turkey Bucks. Your thoughtful donation will help bring a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to a family in our community that otherwise may have gone without. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunity - Jewel Osco raises funds through their "Turkey Bucks" programs that benefit the St. Cletus food pantry. Customers are able to purchase \$1 or \$5 in "Turkey Bucks" which are used to purchase Thanksgiving Meals for our client families. Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco doors and invite customers to donate. Various daily opportunities are available thru November 25.

****Please note...this is an unsupervised volunteer opportunity and an adult is recommended to be present**** This calendar simply coordinates dates. **You pick whatever time works best for you!** Volunteers must check in with Donna (Jewel Manager) or another supervisor when they start their shift. Parents, use your discretion based on your child's age and maturity to decide if they should be dropped off or need a parent present during the volunteer shift. All ages are welcome (with a parent). Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/35xgTsY>

GIVING TREE

Our annual Advent Giving Tree Project --a St. Cletus tradition-- **will begin next weekend, November 9-10.** Our trees will be filled with names of individuals in need from our sharing parish, St. Agatha's, and from our community. We also ask you to remember your special person(s) in your family's prayers throughout this holy season. Last year our parish made Christmas brighter for over 1800 people!

SHOP WITH SCRIP - For your convenience during the weekends of November 9-10 and 16-17 we will have the St. Cletus School Shop with Scrip available in the Narthex. This is a gift card purchasing program via the school that allows the school to get a percentage of the proceeds as a fundraiser. It does not cost you anything extra to participate. They accept cash/check only.

How it works:

WHITE ENVELOPES (gift cards): Each envelope lists a dollar amount. We respectfully request that you purchase cards for the *exact amount* listed on the card and then put the card(s) directly in the envelope. We also ask that you *only purchase cards from Jewel and Walmart*. These have been the preferred stores of our clients and they are also easily accessible via public transportation. Envelopes will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 8th at 12:30pm.

GREEN TAGS (food pantry items): The food pantry will continue to be open during the month of December and we still have many donations that we will need! The green tags list some of our most needed items at this time. If you enjoy

purchasing food for those in need and miss the food basket program, this might be a great option for you. Items can be returned at your convenience to the bins in the Church Narthex.

PURPLE TAGS (gifts): Gifts are to be returned before/after Masses the weekend of **December 7-8**. Gifts will be returned to Morrissey Hall using the convenient drop off lane on Stone Ave.!

We invite you to stop in the narthex next weekend to take a tag or two from one of the Giving Trees. We are thankful for your past generosity in purchasing many gifts for the individual(s) you choose. Thank you! Your generosity will provide hope and make a difference in someone's life. God bless you on your Advent Journey!

- The Giving Tree Committee

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns.

For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418, kgrant@stcletusparish.com

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



In November of 2018, a 69 year old woman living alone in a mobile home in Justice IL experienced furnace failure. She asked the park management to suggest a repair service. The repairman determined that the furnace could not be repaired and should be replaced at a cost of \$2400.

The woman had owned the mobile home for 35 years and paid a monthly lot rental fee of \$900. Her sole income was from social security payments of \$1200 per month. She suffered from many health problems including severe osteoporosis leading to numerous bone breakages.

The woman had no savings and could not afford the new furnace so she reached out to many charitable agencies. Her call came into Kendall Grant at St Cletus who, in turn, relayed the information to the SVdP team. Two members then met with woman in her home to assess her situation. She met them at the door in a wheelchair due to recent bone breakages. The home was being heated with electric space heaters. The team also found that she was behind in gas and electric payments of almost \$1000.

There was no way our SVdP chapter could afford the new furnace. Jim McLamore, SVdP president reached out to a St. Cletus parishioner who owned a heating and air conditioning company to look at the furnace. Upon inspection, he found that it only needed a valve replaced. The valve was replaced and the furnace restored to working order. When asked to invoice SVdP for the repair the HVAC owner said: "There would be no charge because if that woman had to reach out to charities for help, this one was on him".

The home also had electrical and plumbing issues. Faulty electrical switches and outlets were found and replaced by a parishioner with an electrical repair business. Then a local plumbing company repaired plumbing leaks and faulty valves. Again, in both cases these companies would not bill us for their work because of what they observed in the woman's home.

For our part SVdP paid the outstanding electrical and gas bills of \$1000.

We were very gratified to see how, when people are in trouble, many others will come to their aid without expecting more than a thank you. This was a living example of Jesus's command to love others as you love yourself.

The financial support of the St. Cletus community has been the main source of funding for the work of SVdP in our area. Your continued support of our efforts to help those in trouble makes successful resolution of circumstances like this possible. Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration of a donation to SVdP.

RESPECT LIFE



Baby Bottles (envelopes) due!

Envelopes were collected last weekend. If you still have yours it is not too late! Please place the "baby bottle" envelope with your donation in the collection basket this weekend or drop it off at the parish center office. Thank you!

Area Respect Life Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00pm at Women's Care Center (136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange, IL 60525). In addition to our meeting, we look forward to a tour and information from the Women's Care Center staff. We hope you can join us!

Word of Life



"God never stops offering each of us his mercy, 'a concrete reality with which he reveals his love' (MV 6)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Reflection:
Moved by Mercy
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH



In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, 708-485-5254.

You are not alone.

CREDO (Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities)

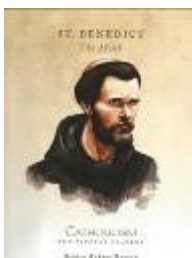
UPCOMING EVENTS



FILM NIGHT FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Is Purgatory real? Could the Afterlife require suffering? Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead?

Join us for a showing of this groundbreaking documentary that investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives. Don't miss it! Mark your calendars and join us Friday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, Gallagher Room.



PIVOTAL PLAYERS ST. BENEDICT

St. Benedict is the next Pivotal Player in Bishop Barron's series. You are invited to learn about St Benedict and how he contributed to saving western Christian culture. We will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm in Fr. Gallagher's room in the Parish Center. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it.

PARISH LIBRARY UPDATE

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU parishioners for your continued donations that make our parish lending library successful. The parish library is now stocked only with donations. In the past year, 336



books were checked out and returned, and we are pleased that so many people enjoy the library.

However, we are running into a problem in that many books are being checked out and never returned. The picture shows the stack of library cards for books that are currently checked out. Equally concerning, many books are not checked out, they disappear from the library cart.

CREDO does spend money on the cards, sleeves, stamp, ink, and stickers. Even though the books are donated, there is a cost to processing. Please sign the books out and return the books in a timely manner. If everyone complies, our library will last for many more years.

Recently, it has come to the attention of CREDO that sometimes a parishioner has an issue with one of books in the library. If that is the case, do not remove the book from the library. Leave a note with the issue you have with the book, and we will review the book. Books disappearing from the library causes us to lose heart, please communicate with us instead. For example, Fr. James Martin and Archbishop Chaput are both priests of our church with messages to share, and we include works by both. If you want to read only items with an imprimatur, choose only those items with red tape on them.

Thank you for your help in keeping our library viable. Please check out books with your name and phone number – don't just take the books. Also, return those overdue books!

St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women



RSVP FOR TASTE AND SEE

"Taste and See: An Evening of Culinary Treats" All women of the parish are invited to join us on Tuesday evening, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Dee Dee Saracco, our guest chef (aka "The Gravy Lady") will share her

secrets as she discusses and prepares four courses, which will be sampled by all of us!

Cost is \$10 per person; reservations are required and may be made by calling 708-710-0644 or 773-576-0812 or emailing: ccw@stcletusparish.com.

This is going to be a fun-filled, tasty, evening; please reserve your seat no later than Tuesday, November 12th.

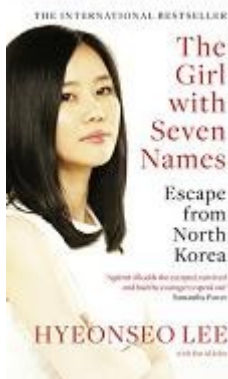
HO HO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Save the date for our annual HO HO Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 8 in the St. Cletus Parish Center. Email ccw@stcletusparish.com with any questions or to volunteer to help with this fun event.

*HO HO Holiday
Breakfast
with
Santa*

Other Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on December 10th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. We will discuss **The Girl with Seven Names** by Hyeonseo Lee.

For those who want to look ahead:

- On February 11, 2020: **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** by Lisa See
- On April 14, 2020: **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens
- On June 9, 2020: **The Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver

All are welcome.

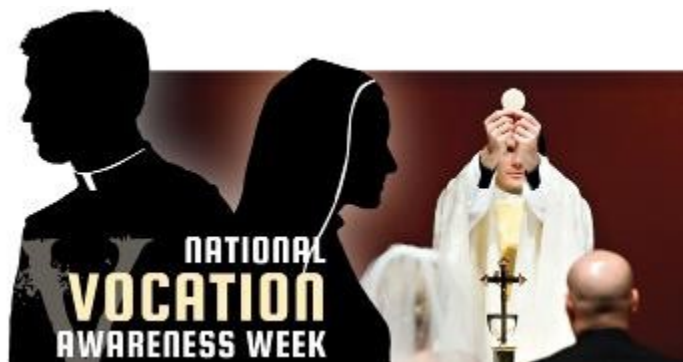
Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

FR. EDGAR RODRIGUEZ

Our former associate pastor Fr. Edgar Rodriguez's father passed away on Oct. 21. Please keep Fr. Edgar and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to send him a mass card or sympathy card –please drop off at the parish center office and we will forward to him.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



National Vocation Awareness Week, November 3-9, 2019, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

DISCERNMENT EVENTS:

- Chicago's Got Sisters, November 8-9, is for single, Catholic women curious to find out more about vowed consecrated life. Participants visit several convents and meet various communities of women religious in the Chicago area. Register at <http://called2.be/CGSNov19>
- Online Discernment Group for single Catholics ages 18 to 40. The Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA) hosts two monthly online discernment group in the evening – one for women and one for men. The women's group November date is TBD. The men's group meets every second Monday of the month. The next one is November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm Central. For details on both discernment groups or to sign up, visit: <https://www.vocationscava.org/online-discernment-group/>.

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has started a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via mail. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Thank you to everyone who attended our concert last Sunday featuring Carolyn May with Kathleen Kress and Justin Sisul.



Please mark your calendar for our next concert "Bending Towards the Light: a Jazz Nativity" on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4pm. This free concert will be held in St. Cletus Church.



Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY



"I knew I needed something." "I wanted things to get better." "This helped a lot." (What they say about us.) We understand. We've been there. Join us for a retreat/workshop:

Nov 16 & 17- (Overnight only) Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

For more information contact us at 708-354-7211, joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, www.joyfulagain.org.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Mirabai Starr – Wild Mercy: Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics, Friday, Nov. 8, 7 – 9 PM

Talk/Book Signing - Critically-acclaimed for her revolutionary translations of John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, and Julian of Norwich, Mirabai Starr is also a contemplative and a bridge-builder among spiritual traditions. Her words will inspire those who are thirsty for the life-giving essence of feminine wisdom to find their own lyrical voice. Cost: \$25. Books will be available for purchase.

Pre-holiday Recalibration Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 AM – Noon

The beauty and sacredness of the Christmas season can be drowned out by our hectic pace. Take time with Bridget Spurduto and Kate Wester to pause, walk the labyrinth, ground through yoga and move in celebration. You will leave the morning feeling refreshed and recalibrated. Cost: \$30



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission. Network. www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME GRIEF SUPPORT

We know how losing a loved one affects the core of each family. Grief affects our lives in so many ways that sometimes we forget what it's like to have fun. This group meeting provides an opportunity for you to take a break from grieving – even if for a short time. Come out and play BINGO! It will be fun, engaging, and you might even win a prize. Prizes will be from local businesses from food items to gift cards. For more information visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home 9445 W. 31st St. Brookfield Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by November 8, 2019 to info@hitzemanfuneral.com or 708-485-2000.

Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Holiday Remembrance Event—More information will follow!

RED SLED HOLIDAY BAZAAR 11/9

The 40th Annual Red Sled Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9am-3pm. It is held at Ogden Avenue Elementary School, 501 W. Ogden Avenue in La Grange. The Holiday Bazaar includes over 80 local crafters and artisans featuring jewelry, clothing, home décor, pottery, knits, stained glass, toys, woodworking and more! The event also hosts a Bake Sale, Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Candy Cane Lane with games and activities for kids, a lunch café and a raffle with great prizes! For details, visit <https://ogdenptc.org/fundraisers/>



NOVEMBER 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, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Bill Lego, 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.

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

SAVE THE DATE! Township of Lyons (6404 Joliet Rd Countryside) Clerk Mike Porfrio & AARP present Defensive Driving for 50 & Over Wednesday, December 4 & Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 10:00 am. – 2:00 p.m.

Class Completion earns auto insurance discount. Cost: AARP member \$15, non-member \$20. Class size limited to 35. Sign up with George Pach, Deputy Clerk 708-482-8300 x 221.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 11/5

Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30PM (last tour leaves at 7:30PM). Please enter through the main entrance on Lathrop. For more info, go to Trinity's website at www.trinityhs.org/beablazer or contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, Director of Admissions, at 708.453.8343 | mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org. Trinity High School is located at 7574 W. Division Street, River Forest.

MONTINI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 11/5

Our Fall Open House will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. It opens at 6:30pm with a general session at 7:15pm followed by self-guided tours, academic presentations and the opportunity to meet with the Administrative Team, counselors, coaches and moderators. Montini is located at 19W070 16th St, Lombard.

FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 11/17

Fenwick Open House Sunday November 17, 12-2pm. For more info please contact Cathy Kaszuba in the Admissions Department at (708) 386-0127, ext. 109, or email ckaszuba@fenwickfriars.com. Fenwick High School is located at 505 Washington Blvd., Oak Park

IC CATHOLIC PREP OPEN HOUSE 11/17

IC Catholic Prep Open House Sunday November 17, 2-4pm. For more info please contact Nikki Kanzia in the Admissions Department at (630) 530-3484, or email nkanzia@iccatholicprep.org. IC Catholic Prep is located at 217 S Cottage Hill, Elmhurst.

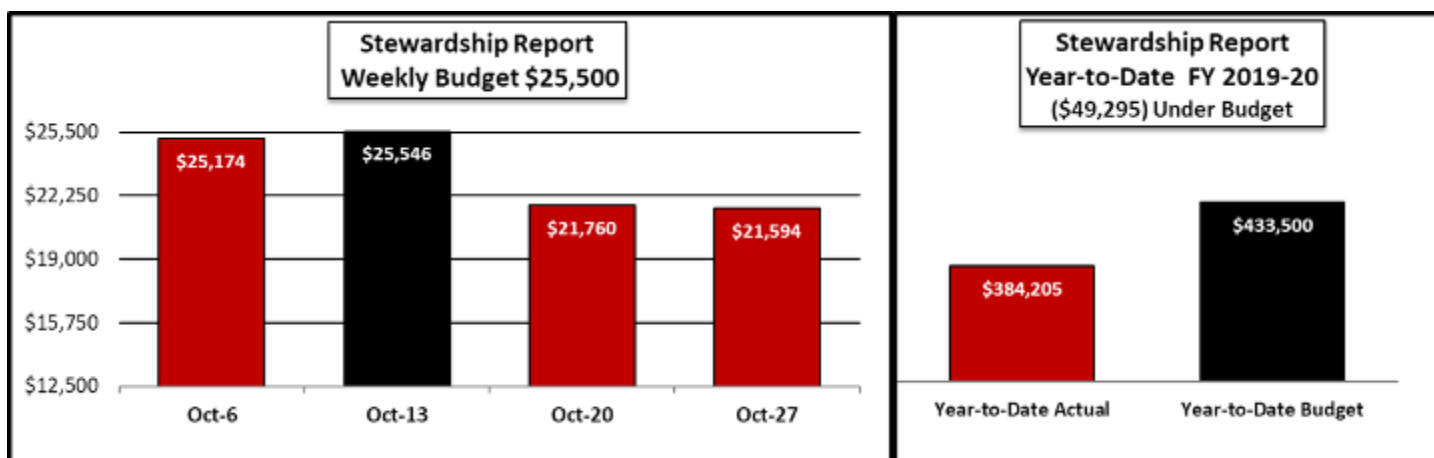
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 3	7:00am 9:30am 2:00pm	Narthex Church School Room 200	Welcome Committee Confirmandi and Sponsors attend Mass KAIROS Meeting
Monday, November 4	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, November 5	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room	RCIA Spanish Holy Hour Social Concerns Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 6	9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Gym School Room 117 School Room 213	Mission Ladies Boys Church League Teen Seekers FSA Meeting
Thursday, November 7	6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Rectory Basement Parish Center Gym School Music Room	Food Pantry Distribution Boys Church League Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 8	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	CREDO Movie Night
Saturday, November 9	11:00am 5:00pm	Church Narthex/Front Lawn	First Reconciliation School Raffle Ticket Sales
Sunday, November 10	7:00am 2:00pm	Narthex/Front Lawn School Room 200	School Raffle Ticket Sales KAIROS Meeting

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit www.stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

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