

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.**
— Psalm 98:5



**You will be hated by all
because of my name,
but not a hair on your head
will be destroyed.**
Luke 21:17-18

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of November 18 - 24, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm; Nick, Veronica, and Edmund Brzezniak
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Albert Dybicz, Wayne Kral, Barbara Stroden
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Joshua Swibel, Frank Wojcik
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm, Gene Gajos
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Shirley Flamm John Brooks, Jim Deslauriers, Joseph Naponiello, Patricia Rogers, Ken Kakareka, Mary Pizzo, Nick Crnkovich, All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Shirley Flamm, George Duda, Dorothy Dybas Stacy Baker, Shirley Flamm, Gene Stevens Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Joe & Carole Stuart, Nora McCarty, Justice Lawrence X. Pusateri, Elliott Zavislak Barry, Wayne Zavislak Rosemarie Engler, Marguerite Keating, Rose Uding, Dorretta Mucha, BC Collins, Brian Luczak St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Estela Reyes

Alberta Kwiatkowski

Daniel Linklater

Husband of Carol

Donald Golm

Husband of Laura, Father of Jennifer Dickson

Matthew J. Hickey III

Husband of Mary, Father Maureen Lovelace

May they rest in peace. Amen.

LOOK FOR THESE MINISTRIES AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND

GIVING TREE COMMITTEE

Stop by the Giving Trees to take a white envelope, green tag or purple tag. Shop with Scrip is also available to purchase Walmart and Jewel gift cards. They accept cash or check.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

Cardinal Raffle tickets are available for purchase in the tent on the front lawn. Tickets are \$10 each, they accept cash or check. Drawing will be held November 20 so get your tickets today!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign: Final Phase. Thank you for your continued generous support.

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.

November - Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Rachael Schopp

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

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


33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The early Christians were anxious to know when the Day of the Lord would be, when the Lord Jesus would return in power and glory. Some of them expected the second coming of Christ to be very soon. We see the effects of all this in the second reading – some Christians are so convinced of the imminent return of the Lord that they stop bothering about the ordinary tasks and responsibilities of life. What's the point in wasting your time working if the end is near? When the Romans destroyed the Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD, many Christians believed this might well be the final great sign that the end was indeed near, that the Day of the Lord was approaching.

Luke is careful to make sure that the Christians of his community do not get carried away. Jesus says that says that anyone who claims to know when the end is, or who cites wars, plagues and natural disasters as evidence that the end is near, is an imposter. Refuse to believe them, he says. The message from Malachi, Paul and Jesus is clear: don't look to the future, but look to the present, to your life here and now. It is in the present moment that your salvation is being worked out. The picture Jesus paints of the present is far from idyllic: betrayal, persecution, even death for the sake of faith in him. Little wonder that some early Christians longed for the imminent return of Christ to put an end to their suffering. But Christ speaks of this present time as a real opportunity – a chance to bear witness to their faith, to the reason for their hope. It is that faith which enables the Christian to face the problems which life brings. It is not that Christians are immune to suffering, persecution, disease or death, but rather that their faith means they are able to overcome these disasters. Yes – you may die for your faith, says the Lord, but your endurance will win you your lives – the gift of eternal life.

We can all be tempted to live in the future. Perhaps we long for escape from the boredom or drudgery of our lives, perhaps to escape from violence or oppression in its various forms. The challenge is not to wait for the future for things to be better, but to allow this day – every day – to be the Day of the Lord for us, to be a time when the Lord can come with power into our lives, to bring his healing and salvation.

Seize the day – use the opportunity of the present moment to bear witness to your faith and hope.



Don't let the tragedies and disappointments of life deflect you. Persevere, endure. Today is the Day of the Lord: he comes precisely IN our everyday lives. As Christians we are to live in the present moment, for this is where we find Christ, and it is here and now that we are to bear witness to him.

Blessings,



Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

November
17
2019



Lo, the day
is coming,
blazing like
an oven,
when all the
proud and
all evildoers
will be stubble.

Malachi 3:19

**THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



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Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

November 20First Annual Cardinal Raffle Drawing
 November 24-26 Book Fair
 November 26 Parent Teacher Conferences

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

The school gathered together this morning to honor our Veterans at mass. It was a beautiful celebration honoring those who have proudly served our country and we hope they feel our gratitude today and everyday.

Thank you to our 8th grade class for putting together such a beautiful service and to Father Lorenzo for celebrating with us!



VISIT FROM FR. ALEX

Fr. Alex, a friend of Mr. Porod, spoke to 7th Grade Religion classes about his acceptance of God calling him to the priesthood. Students were amazed by Fr. Alex's stories about his unique upbringing in Uganda and all of the obstacles that he has overcome. Fr. Alex's message was inspiring and reminded students how truly blessed they are.



CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM

4th grade had a fun and educational trip to The Chicago History Museum! They learned about Chicago with some great hands on activities!



4TH GRADE STREAM LAB

Students in 4th grade worked to create cars that are wheel propelled by rubber bands. Students enjoyed the STREAM process to get them to the final testing zone.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL 1ST ANNUAL CARDINAL RAFFLE**Lets Get Ready to
RAFFLE!****CASH RAFFLE****GRAND PRIZE \$1,000****2ND PRIZE \$750****3RD PRIZE \$250****DRAWING NOV. 20****NOV. 8-19 • TICKETS \$10**

**St. Cletus School is excited to
announce the 1st Cardinal Raffle!**

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
November 16/17.

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

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FSA ANNUAL BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 24-26, 2019

The St. Cletus book fair will be open:

- November 24th 9:00am - 12:00pm
- November 25th 8:00am - 4:00pm
- November 26th 9:00am - 8:00pm

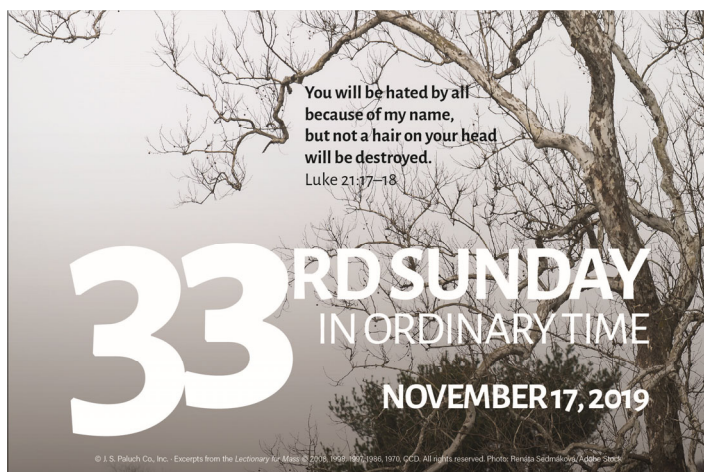
***The St. Cletus Book Fair is open to
everyone, please join us!***

Get some books for your kids, or maybe a Christmas present for your grandkids, or a birthday present! Books make great gifts! There will be a large selection of books and plenty of volunteers to help you find what you need.

All the proceeds of the book fair benefit the school and students. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions please contact Katie Malham at mckates42@aol.com.

Sunday Notes



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.

—St. Francis de Sales

PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

—Thomas à Kempis

LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalms — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia

Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

Religious Education

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?



Last week our 6th Grade Classes met to celebrate with a Messianic Seder Meal. The Sixth Grade curriculum is a study in the Old Testament. The teens have been learning about Moses, the great Exodus and the Passover in the past few weeks. We gather together with their parents in a way similar to how our Jewish brothers and sisters gather to celebrate the Passover Seder Meal. This meal helps the children to experience all that happened thousands of years ago, and to provide them with the opportunity to understand how Jesus transformed this special celebratory meal into our Eucharistic meal that we celebrate each week. We are very grateful to Karen Ziemba, our Director of Music Ministries, and George Pach who served as our Cantor at this event. They taught us some traditional songs that are sung at a Seder Meal. Traditionally, the Seder Meal is celebrated in the Spring (around the time that we are in Lent and near Easter). We choose to celebrate our event at this time, since the teens have just finished their study of this event in the Old Testament. Enjoy our pictures of this event!

This weekend over 50 of our High School teens are attending a Kairos retreat. Please keep them in your prayers this weekend as they grow closer to our Lord, and receive the strength to go out to continue to serve God in all they do and say.

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

November 17 & 18 No Classes

November 24 & 25 No Classes

December 1 & 2 Classes in Session for Special Needs, Early Childhood, Grades 1-8.

Third Grade students and parents attend for our Family Advent Day celebration!

December 8 & 9 Classes in Session for Early Childhood, Grades 1-8.

Early Childhood will perform their Christmas Pageant.

Grades 1-8 will be participating in Christmas Service projects in each classroom.

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Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- pancake syrup
- dish soap
- crackers
- snack items
- laundry detergent
- 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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Now on Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry



If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

TURKEY BUCKS



When you do your grocery shopping at the Countryside Jewel store **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 - Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco doors and invite customers to donate. Various daily opportunities are available thru Nov. 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 trees are 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 1,800 people!

SHOP WITH SCRIP - For your convenience the St. Cletus School Shop with Scrip is available in the Narthex today. 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, or contact Kendall Grant.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Keeping A Positive Focus While Coping with Change -

In a job search? Contemplating a job search or a career change? Frenzied at the thought of the holidays? We all face many changes and challenges in our life. Join us on Thursday, November 21 from 7-9 pm and learn more about the timely topic of coping with change. Our speaker, Dr. Joe Yount will focus on some helpful coping strategies and the development of positive thinking as it relates to our expectations. Dr. Yount is a lifelong resident of La Grange and a recently retired Veterans Administration Psychologist. Please join us and learn more about how you can better cope with change at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no charge to attend.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Volunteer drivers needed to transport older adults - Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers

to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships and is expanding to the suburbs west of these townships. Volunteers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. There is no cost to clients and donations are accepted, if able. Contact ICP at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application and visit them on the web at InterfaithCommunityPartners.org. They provide training and work around your busy life!

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY



**GREATER
CHICAGO
- FOOD -
DEPOSITORY**

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, 10-15 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. This is a great financial help since the Food Pantry purchases quality items at low prices each month to supplement donations from our parishioners and friends in the community. Our money goes much further at the food depository!

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, please e-mail Jerry Mitchell, jerryconverses@gmail.com, or contact Kendall at kgrant@stcletusparish.com, (708)214-5418. See below for answers to some common questions about this service opportunity.

How old do I have to be to volunteer?

Volunteers need to be 11 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions. Ages 16 and

older can volunteer self-supervised. Ages 11-15 need to have one adult supervisor per 10 youths.

What should I wear?

Volunteers must wear long pants and close-toed shoes. You will not be permitted to work in the warehouse if you are wearing sandals or shorts/ short skirt. Depending on the project you are assigned to, you may be asked to remove jewelry above the waist (including piercings, but rings are acceptable).

Where is the GCFD located?

4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, which is a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski.

AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2020 TAX FILING SEASON



The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2020 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. 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, 2020. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April. This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?

For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or contact St. Cletus parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.

WORD OF LIFE



"There can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights. Nor can there be true peace unless life is defended and promoted."

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 90.
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PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

This ministry is to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. To sign up visit www.stcletusparish.com complete the form 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 mail you each offering. Questions? Please contact Jerry at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

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. Please call 708-710-0644 or 773-576-0812 to check for availability.

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.

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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.

Other Ministry News

A NOTE FROM FR. GAMBOA

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that my last Mass at La Grange hospital will be on Wednesday, November 27. I would like to express my gratitude to our St. Cletus parishioners and other faithful Catholics in the area who supported the Mass in the hospital chapel during the last 4 years. St. Cletus parish will continue supporting the calls for anointing of the sick.

Let us hold each other in prayer and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move forward in our parish ministry.

God bless us all.

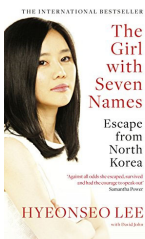
Fr. Lorenzo

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



All winners Holy Name Turkey Raffle Winners will be notified the week of November 17th to pick up their birds on November 24th at 2pm in front of Morrissey Hall.

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.

All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ST. JOHN'S ABBEY DAILY REFLECTION

"There is great grief and constant pain in my heart." (Romans 9:1)

St. Paul writes of the disappointment he feels that his people have not embraced belief in Christ. We hear the same pain and grief expressed in our time by parents who say: "We raised the kids as good Christians; we tried by good example and without being tyrants to lead them to Christ. But none of them goes to church; they aren't raising their children in the faith." It pains them to see what they regard as so important being rejected by their offspring. Neither Paul nor we can force the wills and choices of others. What we can do is trust in the value of our commitment and not let such disappointments lessen our generosity or good spirit.

We have been blessed with closeness to God and Christ, with life in the body of Christ and with the assurance and strength this brings. Rather than wailing over what isn't and dreaming of some other time, we need to give the

present our best, our gifts, our hope. Whining, nagging, complaining, self-pity, grumpiness, bitterness, silence, are not, as Paul would say, the fruits of the spirit but of the flesh, of a short-sighted attitude. Rather, our true following of Christ shows itself in joy, kindness, forgiveness, respect for others' conscience, trust for the future, perseverance in prayer and worship. All that can have unseen effects on others.

— Don Talafous OSB

<https://saintjohnsabbey.org/>

EDWARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



We are excited to welcome back to St. Cletus, "Bending Towards the Light, a Jazz Nativity." This concert will feature jazz arrangements of traditional Christmas carols along with original compositions tell the story of Mary, Jesus, Joseph, the Angels, the Shepherds, and the three Wise Men in a staged production. Filled with a sense of grace and humor, the cast will include a tap dancing king, a Latin percussion king and a trumpet king, as well as vocal soloists, a vocal jazz quartet, an eight piece jazz band, and the St. Cletus Choir.

Plan to join us on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm. This free concert will be held in St. Cletus Church. A freewill offering will be taken.

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us on Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. Mass.

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

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Where is the House of God? And how do We Live when We Find It? Monday, December 2, 7 - 8:30 PM, repeated Tues, Dec. 3, 10-11:30 AM - Wouldn't it be great to live in God's House? Christmas celebrates the indwelling of God within all of creation. We think God is far away – but God's house is all around us. Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ. Cost: \$15

Enneagram – Type 3 (The Performer). Thursday, December 5, 7-8:30 PM - Adaptable, Excelling, Driven, Image-Conscious – do you know anyone like this? In this session you'll hear from a panel of Type 3s and find out what makes them tick. Cost: \$15

Village Vocal Chords Concert, Sneak Peek, and Yuletide Cheer. Sunday, December 8, Sneak Peek of The Well 2 PM, Concert 3 PM - We loved them last year, and they're coming back! The Village Vocal Chords, an all-women's choir, has won awards both in the U.S. and abroad. Come early to get a look at The Well's new digs. After the concert, stick around for some delicious Yuletide treats, and a Christmas fair. Cost: \$10



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TOWNSHIP OF LYONS DEFENSIVE DRIVING

SAVE THE DATE! Township of Lyons (6404 Joliet Rd Countryside) Clerk Mike Porfirio & 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.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP 11/18

Please plan on joining the community of Saint Ignatius College Prep as we gather at St. John of the Cross Parish for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Tuesday, November 18 at 7pm. We'll be focusing on Ignatian Spirituality, specifically the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Examen. Desserts and refreshments will be available. All alum and friends are welcome as well!

The Faber Project: An Evening of Ignatian Prayer and Spirituality will be led by Father Lukas Laniauskas, SJ, Vice President of Mission, Fr. Paul Kalenzi SJ, Deacon Chuck Thompson, Director of Adult Formation and Ministry, and Gail Krema, Adult Chaplain at Saint Ignatius College Prep.

RSVP to Gail Krema gail.krema@ignatius.org (312) 432-8446

SPIRITO! SINGERS CONCERT

Celebrate the Christmas Season at the SPIRITO! SINGERS Winter Concert "Balulalow ~ Cradle Lullabies"

Join Spirito!'s three choral ensembles as they perform their 2019 Holiday repertoire at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst) on Saturday, December 7th at 4pm and Sunday, December 8th at 3pm.

To order tickets please go to: <https://www.spiritosingers.org/winter-concerts> or call 630.581.5440.

MATER CHRISTI HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Turkey Shoot 2019 - Mater Christi Holy Name Society is hosting its annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 24th - 10:30am to 4pm at the school in Menarik Hall; 2400 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside. Free admission. Turkeys will be raffled off every 5 minutes! Ham, Prasky, Salami, Bread, Houska, Pumpkin Pie, Kolacky and other Grocery items are available to win! Food & Beverages are served. Split the pot and pulltabs with cash prizes will be available. There is also a childrens fun fair and refreshments available. For more information call 708.442.5611. **BRING THIS BULLETIN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A TURKEY OR BAG OF GROCERIES IN A SPECIAL RAFFLE!**

LTHS HOLIDAY WRITE NIGHT 12/10

Kindergarten through 3rd Graders are invited to the LTHS annual Holiday Write-Night "A Frozen Christmas" on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 4:00-6:30pm at Lyons Township High School South Campus Discovery Center. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite Frozen best, Blackhawk jersey or Holiday finery!

Write to Santa at the North Pole using the LT computers. Santa will write back! Santa's helpers will be here to show them how. Enjoy more holiday fun with face painting, coloring, cupcake decorating, Frozen: Sing-A-Long, stories about Christmas around the World. Entertainment and refreshments served by LT students.

RSVP by Friday, December 6th. Call: 708-579-7433 or e-mail: bsalutric@lths.net or Register on-line at: <http://www.lths.net/HolidayWriteNight>. Please include last name, how many children and how many adults will be attending.

Cost: Please bring one can of food per participant which will be donated to a local food pantry.

LTHS FANFARES AND CAROLS 12/5

St. Cletus Parish will once again host the LTHS Fanfares and Carols Concert. Join us on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm or 8:00pm for this wonderful concert.

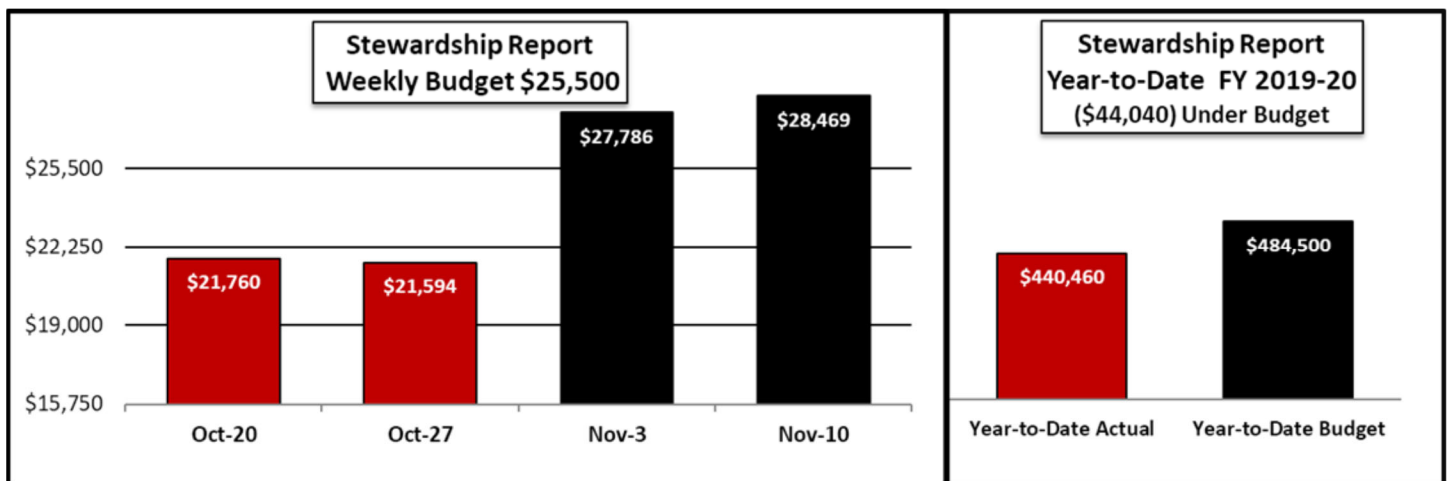
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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 17	7:00am 7:00am 7:00am	Front Lawn Narthex Parish Center Lobby	School Raffle Ticket Sales Giving Trees/Shop with Scrip Holy Name Society Turkey Raffle Sales
Monday, November 18	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, November 19	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies RCIA Spanish Holy Hour SCCCW Taste and See
Wednesday, November 20	9:00am 6:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Boys Church League
Thursday, November 21	5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement Parish Center Gym School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Boys Church League Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 22	9:00am	Morrissey Hall	School Book Fair
Saturday, November 23	8:00am 5:00pm	Morrissey Hall Narthex	School Book Fair Giving Trees
Sunday, November 24	7:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm	Narthex School Room 102 Morrissey Hall	Giving Trees RCIA Teens Holy Name Society Turkey Distribution

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