

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7



NOVEMBER 11, 2018

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. ~ Mark 12:43*



## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of November 12 - 18, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Bill Reichmann, Sylvia Pesut
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski, Andy Sandoval
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Christine Stec, Florence Szot
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Benedict Dybas
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Miller, Elizabeth Schmuck
	Fr. Clark	5:00 p.m.	Odette & Al Clark, William Spangler, Donald Kaiser, Pat Maley, Ken Kakareka, Lynn Shevlin
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	Kevin Konrad, John & Frances Kennedy, Odette & Al Clark, Benedict Dybas, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Odette & Al Clark
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Odette & Al Clark, Elliott Zavislak Barry, Wayne Zavislak, Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Odette & Al Clark, Gene Kennedy, Sophie Scaccia, Dr. Paul Lawler
	Fr. Ayala	12:30 p.m.	Odette & Al Clark

### 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** - Yesenia Guzman

**October** - Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda, Dave Sipek, Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna

**September** - Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello, Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Rachael Schopp, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein, Christine DeMaria, Daniella DeRivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Dan Gibbons, Tom Hansen, George Hess, Kathryn McCord, Rosa Nilles, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Frank Pastrana, Patricia Rodey, Kathleen Russell, Lucy Schoenecker, Carol Witkowski

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

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

**Lynn Shevlin**  
Sister-in-Law of Peggy Shevlin

**Mary Benka**

**William Soltys**  
Husband of Michelle

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

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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Dec 23 Canticle - Submissions Due 12/11

Dec 30 Canticle - Submissions Due 12/17

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

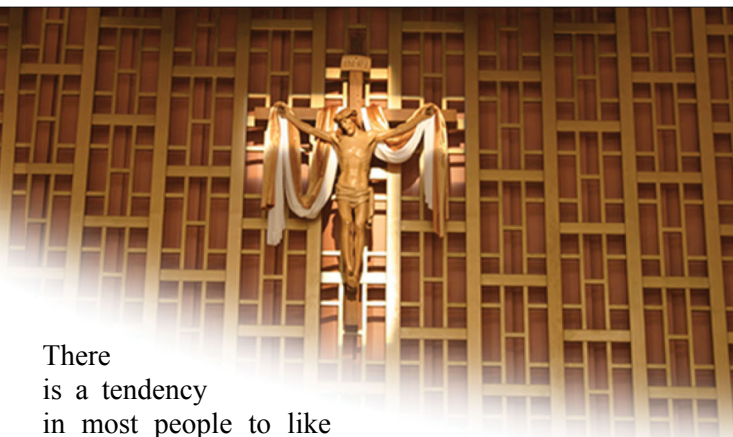
### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some years ago a friend of mine went to buy a new bible. He desired a small pocket translation of the New Testament that could easily be carried from place to place. He chose a version of the Good News Bible. He took one from low down in the pile of books so that it would not have been fingered and looked at by other prospective buyers. Proud of this buy, he went home and opened it. Shock and surprise! The text had been bound into the bible upside-down. The initial reaction was one of anger. Questions were asked in his mind: why had the shop sold such a bible? Why had he not noticed it? The first idea was to ask for his money back. Then he laughed. The upside-down bible was an important reminder that the values of the gospel are not those of the world. The bible would come to have an important value in reminding him that the gospel parables often present a world being turned upside down!

Today's gospel contrasts two groups of people. Jesus warns his apostles about the attitudes of the Pharisees. This group of laymen was zealous in keeping the Law and following the command of the scribes. They believed that by faithful living of the law, they would bring about the kingdom of God. While living the law was a way to holiness, unfortunately the Pharisees began to see themselves as better Jews than others. Superiority about keeping the law led to a perfectionism which inflated their opinion of themselves and led them to impose burdens on people, especially the poor. Also they despised those who could not keep the law. The parable of the Pharisee and publican highlights their self-regard and high opinion of themselves. It is the publican praying, 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner', who returns home at peace with God.

In contrast to the attitudes of the Pharisees, Jesus praises the widow whose offering is small but represents all she has. In Jewish society widows were understood as being in God's special care since they had nobody to defend their rights in a patriarchal society. Poor in spirit, they trusted deeply in God and were promised that they would inherit the kingdom of heaven. Utter dependence upon God, not self-righteousness, is rewarded. The world of worldly success and reward is turned upside-down.

The blessing of the widow who is generous to Elijah is the theme of the first reading. The thirsty traveler asks the poor widow for a little food and water. From her heart she wants to help him but has no spare food. Trusting in God's promise she shares her meal and is blessed with abundance. Her world is turned upside-down.



There is a tendency in most people to like things the way they are and consequently change is very difficult. It is difficult to accept that at times God turns the way we see the world upside-down. It is startling to recognize that it is generosity of the poor that can reveal God's plan in a special way. Conversion and change is a slow process; it requires growing in trust in God and beginning to see the world in another way. It is a time of vulnerability. Conversion leads to the capacity to be able to let go of self-reliance and possessions and to recognize dependence on God. For people who have grown up hearing phrases of the form; 'save for a rainy day', 'be prudent and have insurance', 'get a good bargain', it is difficult to be reliant on God and to find this gospel freedom. For those struggling with the radical gospel of today, a starting point might be to desire this change more deeply, and then to enjoy the giftedness of life. Celebration of the gift encourages spontaneity. From this rich source of freedom generosity may follow.

*Generous Blessings on All,*

*Fr. Bob*

**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**



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# Parish School



### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

November 12.....Queen of Hearts Raffle  
 November 13.....Chick-fil-A Spirit Night  
 November 18-20.....Book Fair

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Tom Chinske, Principal**      **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
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 tchinske@stcletusparish.com      cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

**ST. CLETUS**  
*Queen of Hearts*  
**RAFFLE**

**BUY TICKETS DAILY AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB.**

**DRAWINGS MONDAYS AT 7PM AT KENNY'S.**



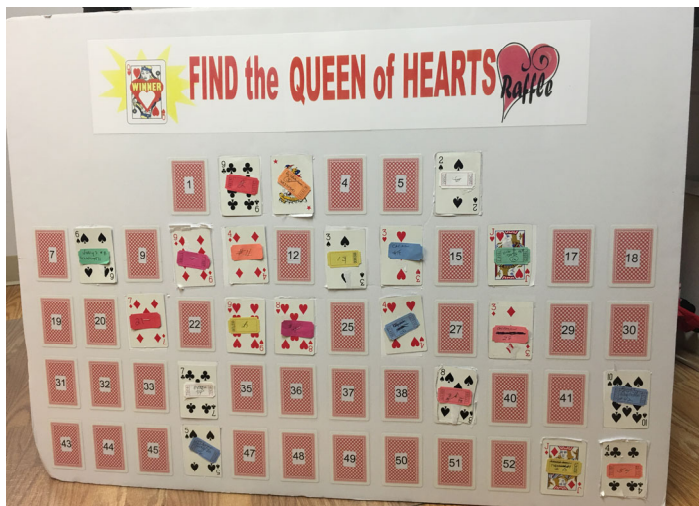
### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at over **\$19,600!**

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing which will be 7pm on Monday, Nov. 12th.

**Raffle Details:** In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55<sup>th</sup> Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES!

Come on over to Kenny's any time during their normal business hours to purchase tickets (winner need not be present to win).



### MAKING LEARNING FUN

Our kindergarteners have been enjoying "Flashlight Fridays" when their teachers turn off the classroom lights and allow the students to read by flashlight. This small privilege is a big incentive that encourages independent reading and helps establish a love of books.



### ELECTION DAY IN KINDERGARTEN

As a fun activity last Tuesday, the kindergarteners held a mock election after reading the story, Duck for President. It was a landslide victory for Duck who promised to help the children create more kindness in the classroom, more fun center time activities and even promised an afternoon of gym time with scooters and basketballs. Despite Farmer Brown's promise to find ways to keep the classroom cleaner and to show a movie with popcorn, he just couldn't compete with Duck.

# Parish School Events



## SPIRIT NIGHT

st. cletus school

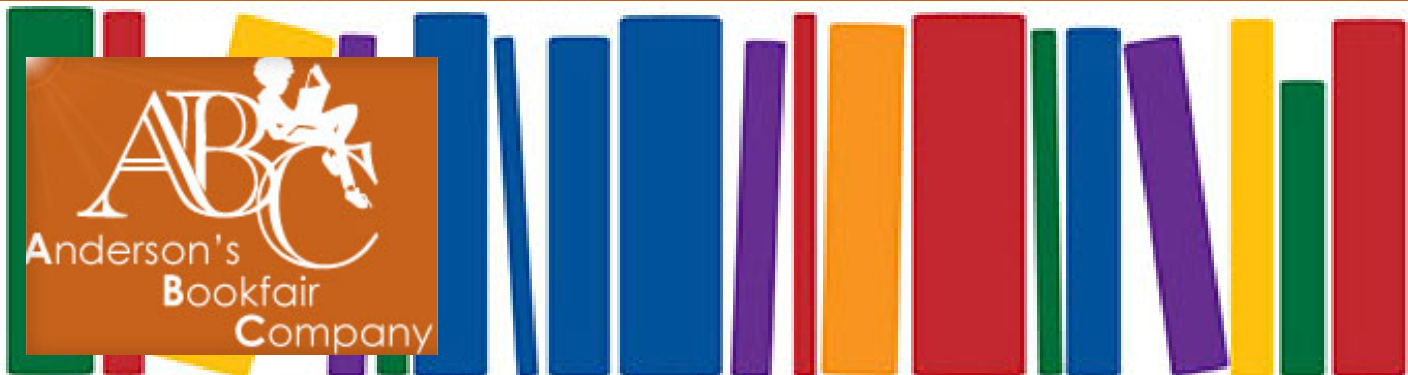
Come out and support your school during Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A Countryside.

When: Tuesday, November 13th from 5-8PM

Where: Chick-fil-A Countryside

On Tuesday, November 13, between 5-8pm Chick-fil-A Countryside will give a portion proceeds back to St. Cletus School. No flier required. Please mention St. Cletus when ordering.

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FSA ANNUAL BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 18-20, 2018



#### Up, Up and Away Read a Book Every Day

The St. Cletus book fair will be open:

- November 18th 8:45am - 12:30pm
- November 19th 8:00am - 4:00pm
- November 20th 8:00am - 8:00pm

Come find some new good books for yourself or get a heads up on Christmas shopping at the St. Cletus Book Fair in Morrissey Hall. All proceeds will go towards advancing the literature at St. Cletus School and the St. Cletus Library.

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

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Dry Pinto Beans (1-3 lb bags)
- Baby food
- Boxed sides
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- Oatmeal
- Baking items
- Cereal

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).

### 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.

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, please e-mail Jerry Mitchell at [jerryconverse@gmail.com](mailto:jerryconverse@gmail.com), or contact Kendall Grant.

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

### 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. Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco doors and invite customers to donate. Various daily, flexible opportunities are available through November 18. Contact Kendall for more info.

### GIVING TREE

Our annual Advent Giving Tree Project--a St. Cletus tradition - begins this weekend! 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 1800 people!

### **SOME BIG CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR!**

This year, instead of having red food basket tags, you'll see **WHITE ENVELOPES** on some of the Christmas trees. Rather than giving out food baskets at Giving Tree, we will be offering clients a gift card, based on the size of their household, to purchase food. We are making this change for a few reasons:

- *Client Choice:* Many of us have dietary or allergy restrictions and we all have food preferences! We recently switched our food pantry from pre-packed bags to client choice. This model honors and respects the dignity and unique needs of each household and we want to continue this model with our Christmas food program.
- *Transparency and Fairness:* Every year we received such generous donations for food baskets! However, the food baskets meant that each household got very different baskets. This change will create a more equitable food program.
- *December Food Pantry:* In previous years we closed the food pantry in December. However, now we will continue to have our doors open every Thursday night in December (except 12/27) so clients will still be able to receive food that month.

**How it works:** On the trees you will find white envelopes. 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. They can be placed in the collection basket any week, dropped at the Parish Center or with the Gifts December 8-9.

**Shop with Scrip Opportunity:** For your convenience this weekend and November 17-18 we will have the St. Cletus School Shop with Scrip available in the



Narthex so you can purchase the gift cards 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.

**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 new 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 8-9**. Gifts will be returned to Morrissey Hall using the convenient drop off lane on Stone Ave.! *There is no change to the gift program.*

We recognize that change can be difficult, especially around family holiday traditions. We are looking forward to these program updates to best meet the needs of our clients. Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, will be in the Narthex this weekend and next and would be happy to help answer any questions you may have. We so appreciate your dedication to this important ministry in our parish and community. Thank you!

- The Giving Tree Committee

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the parish website: [www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns](http://www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns). For further details, you can also contact: Kendall Grant, (708)215-5418, [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)

**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

**The Key To Applicant Tracking Systems**

Want to make sure your resume gets into the right hands? Join Interfaith Career Network on Thursday, Nov. 15, 7-9 pm and find out what trips up applicants the most and how you can avoid those mistakes. 50-75% of applicants' resumes are never seen by a human, and the reason has nothing to do with skills or qualifications.

Our speaker, Lauren Milligan, has interviewed multiple people who work with ATS systems and will share what she has learned from them with us. Get a much better grasp of how to work the online application system at the St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in La Grange. There is no cost to attend this meeting and everyone is welcome.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

**RESPECT LIFE**

**AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross (SJC) will gather to continue discussing ways we can partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions.

**Next Meeting: November 14 at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Unity Hall.** All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Kendall Grant.



**WORD OF LIFE**

“Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 “A Perfect Gift,” [www.usccb.org/perfect-gift](http://www.usccb.org/perfect-gift)

**WOMEN’S CARE CENTER OF LA GRANGE**



Thank you all for the baby bottle envelopes that were donated in October. Thank you also to everyone who attended the open house and blessing of the new Women’s Center of La Grange. Fr. Joshua Caswell of The Canons Regular of St. John Cantius did the blessing.

Women’s Care Center of La Grange stats so far...

- 1) They’ve served over 300 women
- 2) Those women made over 600 visits
- 3) They’ve had 318 Ultrasounds
- 4) And they have 225 babies expected to these moms!

**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. Please contact Kendall Grant (email [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or call 708.215.5418) 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 purple box below. **You are not alone.***



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
 —ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO—  
 AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

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

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

## Religious Education

### **WE HAVE HAD A BUSY NOVEMBER IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!**

#### **HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor Meeting (pictures below)**

On November 4th, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and Teen Seeker students preparing for Confirmation participated with their Sponsors in a fun morning. They began the day together at the 9:30 Mass, followed by a meeting in Morrissey Hall where they used a conversation guide to share stories, faith experiences, and create a plan for their joint journey to Confirmation! May God bless all of our sponsors as they support and encourage a life of faith for our Confirmandi!



#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Passover Seder Meal (pictures to the right)**

On Monday evening, November 5th, the Sixth Grade students and their parents participated in a traditional Jewish Passover Seder meal in Morrissey Hall. They had just completed their studies of Moses and the Exodus, and this was a fun way to bring to life the history of the Israelites that they learned in class over the past several weeks. At this special meal, they learned the traditions associated with a Passover Seder, and even learned some traditional Hebrew songs that are sung during this ritual! Our thanks to Karen Ziemba, our Director of Music Ministries, and "Rabbi George" who came in to teach these songs to our families. We took a unique look at the Passover Seder, and applied a Messianic twist to it, taking the opportunity to point out how Jesus was celebrating this meal with his disciples at the Last Supper. We were able to help the students and their families make

connections to how Jesus changed this Passover meal into our Eucharistic meal that is celebrated each time we celebrate Mass together.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **UPCOMING RE EVENTS:**

November 18 & 19 – NO CLASSES due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25 & 26 – NO CLASSES due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2 & 3 – Family Advent Day for students in Grade 3 and their parents during class time.







## THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)

Monday: St. Josaphat

Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Thursday: St. Albert the Great

Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## A GOOD STORY

Christianity is the story of beggars who tell other beggars where to find bread.

—Anonymous

## Other Ministry News

### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



#### CCW Meeting Nov. 13th at 7:30pm

Mark your calendars for CCW's next general meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

#### Speaker Nov. 13th at 8:00pm



All parishioners are invited to attend a special presentation after the membership meeting at 8:00 pm. Sr. Rita Ann Teichman CSJ, will share the realities of modern day Human Trafficking.

#### Save the Date!

Ho-Ho-Holiday Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!



### MISSION LADIES

As you know, we are a small, mighty, & dedicated Mission Ladies group. We enjoy socializing and each other's company. We are looking for more young and not so young ladies to join our Mission. No special talent is not required to participate in sewing, knit, crochet and making hair for doll.

"Come Join Us!" We meet every Wed. 9am to 11:30 am. We do not meet in June, July, Aug or Dec. Also, work can be done at home. There are no dues. Invitation is open to all. We are in need of a sewing machine repair man or a used machine that works. We are still in need of 4 ply & baby yarn, Velcro, Eyelet fabric and small Crosses - at

least 1 inch high, no higher for baby, higher for Baby Bibs.

When leaving any donations in the usher's Room - please mark it for "Mission Ladies". Call me for more information. Thank You.

Dolores Scaletta - 708-839-8605

### CREDO FILM NIGHT NOVEMBER 16TH



Is Purgatory real? Could the Afterlife require suffering? Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead? This groundbreaking documentary investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives.

Don't miss it! Mark your calendars for **Friday, Nov. 16th at 7pm in the Kindergarten Room.**

### AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2019 TAX FILING SEASON

**AARP**<sup>SM</sup> *Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference*  
Tax-Aide™ *in your community?*

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2019 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, 2019. 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/](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/) or contact St. Cletus parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



**Turkey Raffle**

Thank you for all who purchased the Hank Maday Turkey Tickets. All turkeys may be picked up on Sunday 11/18 from 2-4 p.m. in front of Morrissey Hall.

**ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...**

**Alina Marie Castro**

Daughter of Lisa Salcedo & Antonio Castro

**Gordon Eugene Mattia**

Son of Megan Mattia

**Ewan James Reilly**

Son of Camille Schumacher & James Reilly

**Luca Stefano Fasano**

Son of Tara Romanowski & Antonio Fasano

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



**WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please welcome to our parish family:

**Erin Lord Family**

**Dana & Taylor Fry Family**

**Peggy Kondor**

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

**ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING**

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

It is **SO EASY!** Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards.

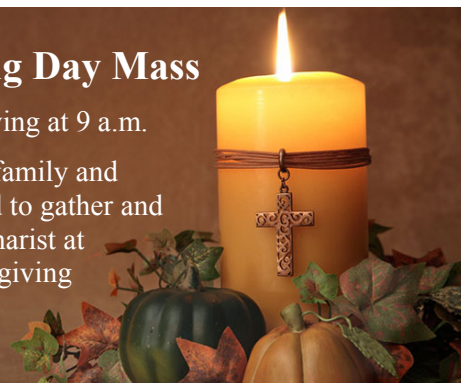
If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

**JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING MASS**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Join us Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m. Mass.



**BOOK DISCUSSION**

The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on December 11th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is **The View from Penthouse B** by Elinor Lipman. All are welcome.

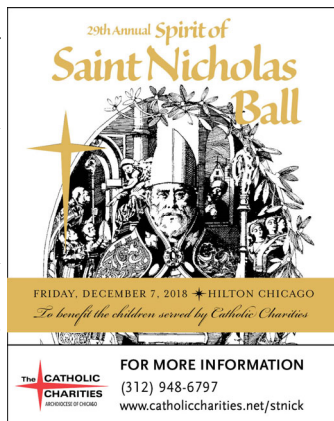


Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball – December 7**

Kick off the Christmas season in style at Catholic Charities 29th Annual Spirit of St. Nicholas Ball on Friday, December 7 at the Hilton Chicago. Join more than 1,300 guests for a gourmet dinner and wine, live entertainment by the Ken Arlen Orchestra, cocktails, dancing, and late night "sweets and treats" at this black-tie celebration. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Children's Programs which serve nearly 200,000 children in Cook and Lake counties each year. For more information and to register, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/stnick](http://www.catholiccharities.net/stnick) or contact Annie Scully at [ascully@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ascully@catholiccharities.net) or (312) 948-6797.



**Mentors Needed for Youth in Back of the Yards Community**

Make a difference. Be a mentor! Catholic Charities is looking for mentors for teen boys in 7th and 8th grades in the Back of the Yards community. Catholic Charities will help and coach you as you mentor and build supportive, healthy relationships. Mentoring has immediate and long-term benefits for mentors and mentees, and sets youth on a path of success. For more information, please contact Nico May at (312)655-7970 or visit [www.ccofchicagovolunteer.com](http://www.ccofchicagovolunteer.com).

## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



Are you widowed? Do you know someone who is widowed? Still struggling with the loss? Widowed for some time and feeling “stuck”? Need something to get you “over the hump”? Wanting to move on with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories?

All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and joy in their lives. This weekend program, sponsored by the Center For Family Ministry of the Joliet Diocese, will be held at Mt. Assisi Center Retreat facility, 13820 Main St. Lemont (Near Cog Hill Golf Course) on November 17 & 18, 2018. Register at 708-354-7211 or e-mail chrubes@joyfulagain.org. Website: www.joyfulagain.org

### TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

SAVE THE DATE! The Township of Lyons at 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside Board of Trustees & AARP will present **Defensive Driving for those 50 & Over** on Wednesday, December 5 and Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Cost: AARP member \$15, non-member \$20. Two day Class Completion earns auto insurance discount! Class size limited to 25. Sign up with George Pach, Deputy Clerk 708-482-8300 x 221. Join us for coffee &....

### MATER CHRISTI HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Turkey Shoot 2018 - Mater Christi Holy Name Society is hosting its annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 18th - 10:30am to 4pm at the school 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. 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!

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30-7:30pm

Hitzeman Funeral Home 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield, IL

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings. The holidays are times we set aside to celebrate and spend time with family. After the death of a loved one, this time of the year can be very difficult to manage. In this discussion you will learn strategies for coping with grief during the holidays. For more information please visit [www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport). Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by November 9, 2018 to [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com) or 708-485-2000. We appreciate your continued trust in Hitzeman Funeral Home and we hope that you will be able to join us. Refreshments will follow.

### AMERICAN LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST



November 18th come eat a tasty breakfast at the American Legion Post 1941 Pancake Breakfast and support our Auxiliary Unit at the table raffles and 50/50 Split the Pot! Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door. Location: Robert E. Coulter, Jr., Post 1941, 900 S LaGrange Rd, La Grange, IL.

### LTHS HOLIDAY WRITE NIGHT

Kindergarten through 3rd Graders are invited to the LTHS annual Holiday Write-Night on Dec. 4, 4:00-6:30pm at Lyons Township High School South Campus Discovery Center. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite holiday finery while they write to Santa using the Discover Center computers. There will also be fun activities offered by LT students. RSVP by Friday, December 1st. Call: 708-579-7433 or e-mail: [bsalutric@lths.net](mailto: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.

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

**R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare**  
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*Thank you to all of our  
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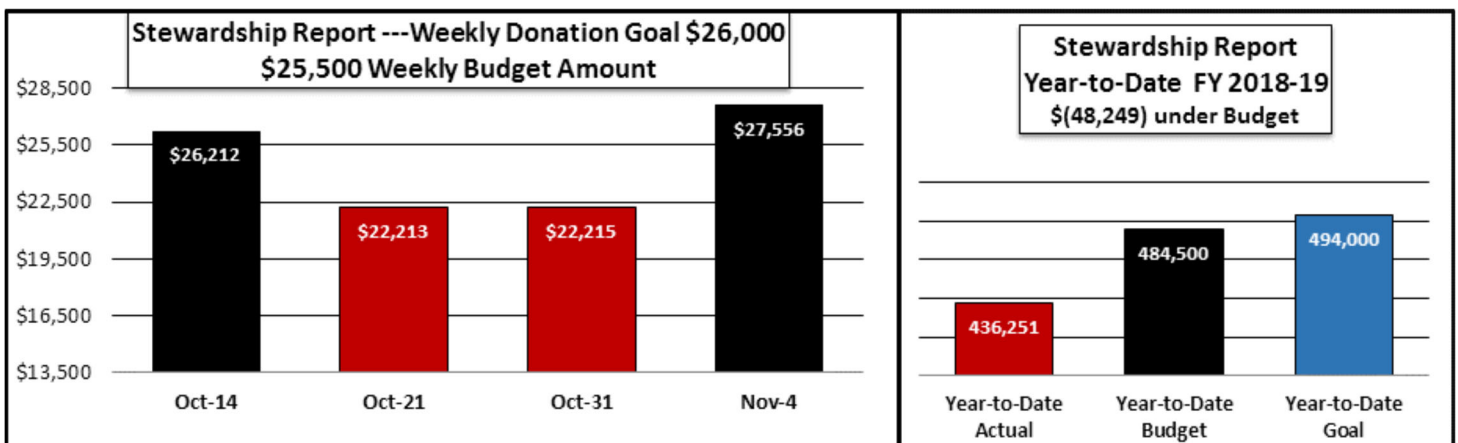


## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 11	7:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Narthex Parish Center Mtg Room School Rm 123	Giving Trees Fresh/Soph Retreat Leaders Meeting High School Placement Prep Class
Monday, November 12	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, November 13	9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies School Open House RCIA Spanish Holy Hour Council of Catholic Women Meeting Council of Catholic Women Speaker
Wednesday, November 14	9:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Rm 213 Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Athletic Association Meeting Boys Church League
Thursday, November 15	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room School Rm 213 Parish Center Gym	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Weekly Distribution Chancel Choir Rehearsal Interfaith Career Network Boys Church League
Friday, November 16	7:00pm	School Rm 98	CREDO Film - Purgatory: The Forgotten Church
Saturday, November 17	11:00am 5:00pm	Church Narthex	First Reconciliation Giving Trees
Sunday, November 18	7:00am 8:00am 1:00pm	Narthex Morrissey Hall MH - Front Lawn / Lobby	Giving Trees Book Fair Holy Name Turkey Distribution


## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



# St. Cletus Parish Information

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening before Holy Day ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office ..... (708) 215-5407

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

**Mission Statement:** St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

**Vision Statement:** We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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