

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



**"You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind."  
— MATTHEW 22:37**

OCTOBER 25, 2020 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I LOVE YOU, O LORD,  
**MY STRENGTH.**



O Lord,  
**MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS,  
MY DELIVERER.**

~PSALM 18:2-3

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for October 26 - November 1, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
October 26	Fr. Clark	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
October 27	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Dorothy Dybas, Joan Klein, Henry Scaccia
October 28	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Virginia Rachford
October 29	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Phyllis Prevenas, John Battistoni & Ann Dunbar
October 30	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
October 31	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00am 5:00pm	St. Cletus Parishioners Walter Johnston, Patricia Benes, Rita Engels, Jean Hills
November 1	Fr. Gamboa	7:15am	Maveety Family, Luczak Family, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, George Duda
	Fr. Baker	8:45am	Stacy Baker, Eleanor Mlot, John-Henry Weithers, Jane & Frank Krupa
	Fr. Baker	10:30am	Michael Lombardo, Dolores Kuhn, Sam Colonna, Frank Mamolella, Harold Janacek
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**Adela Gutierrez**  
Mother of Marco

**May she rest in peace. Amen.**

### 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** - Catherine Cosgrove, Sandra Eckrich, Rosemarie Gallagher, Virginia Kriho, George Popp, Toni Swindall, Vic Swindall

**September** - Carol Reckwerdt, Carol Griffith, Baby Vivian Furry

**August** - Frank Colonna, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Wacław Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto

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

### ALL SOULS DAY MASS

St. Cletus Parish will celebrate our All Souls Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

We will remember our dead with a bi-lingual liturgy. Pre-registration is required.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a new limit of 80 for each Mass.

We are also offering opportunities for prayer and confessions. All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register. The sign up link can be found on our website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com).

If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.

### JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday.

Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

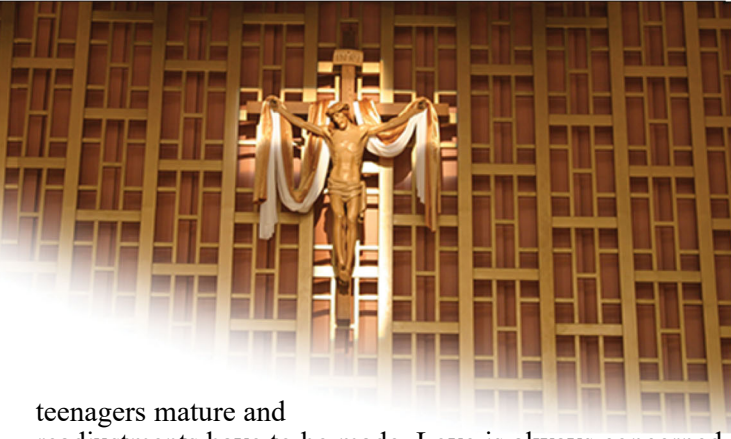
Can anger be a good and positive reaction for the Christian? This question seems to go against the message, which many people heard as children. Anger was one of the seven deadly sins.

Anger can be a sign of love when it is a feeling which arises when we see injustice against another person. In this way, it represents a connectedness with those who suffer, to those who are victims, and is a sign of the need for justice to be re-established. At the same time, anger needs careful reflection because it may be coming from unresolved personal issues.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear that God's anger will flare up because the widow and the orphan are treated harshly in society. The people of Israel, through their historical experience of slavery in Egypt, were very conscious of sufferings of people who were oppressed and needed liberation. At the same time, as their economic and social status improved in the Promised Land, there was the danger of forgetting their roots and the experience of slavery. The prophets called them back to this experience and reminded them of the experience of being slaves. They were called to extend justice to the poorest in society and especially to those who had no protection or rights. The widow and the orphan were especially marginalized since they had no male figure to protect them. The justice of people was to mirror the justice of God who was always concerned for the poor and weak in society.

Love is a very difficult word to understand these days. It has many different meanings. Often it can mean passionate, sexual, erotic, romantic love. Sometimes it can mean affection like the love of a dog or a pet. The dog responds with faithfulness and fidelity, usually for reward. It can also refer to friendship between men and women. Love in the gospel means self-giving love concerned totally for the other rather than self. Love of neighbor can be described as creating the conditions, which enable others to be themselves and achieve their full potential. It is a love leading to action, which respects, enhances, sees the best in the other, helps others, acts justly and seeks only the good of the other person. Is this sort of love humanly possible? At first it might not seem possible but it can only be lived with God's help and assistance. The gospel calls for continued striving to love like this but it does not expect perfection. It is reassuring that the saints were always very aware of their failing to live as God called. This is always an ideal, for which the Christian can hope.

It is often said that love begins at home. There is a truth in this. Learning to respect and love at home can be most difficult, especially when families continue to change,



teenagers mature and readjustments have to be made. Love is always concerned for the good of another and this eventually means giving another freedom, which can be painful. Each person has to live his own successes and mistakes. Love allows this to happen and is ready to welcome home. The father of the prodigal son must have suffered much when his son went away. While he welcomed him home, he must have felt pain and joy when he returned. The commandment to love can be very difficult.

Love is never satisfied. If love begins at home, then it has to extend outside the home, even to the very margins of society. Who are the weakest and poorest in society? Who are the ones like the orphan and the poor in Jewish society? Are they the asylum-seekers? Are they those fleeing from their homeland because of persecution? Love demands that we respect them and extend justice to the stranger and foreigner in society. This may need conversion as we overcome prejudice and stereotypes. Welcoming others and speaking up for others will often meet resistance and scorn; faithfulness to the gospel calls for perseverance in witnessing to the truth in love. Faithfulness to the gospel will always be rewarded.

*With Love for All,*



*Fr. Bob, Pastor*



# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Corn
- Soup

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry

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*

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, it will be checked daily.

We are seeing record numbers of clients coming to the food pantry for assistance. If you are able to help with any of our most needed items, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October dates are now available to help in the garden! We need volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3huoZXU>

## GIVING TREE



Another BIG PIVOT for 2020...our annual Christmas Giving Tree program!

Stay tuned for exciting updates and details about each step of the process. Right now we are in the process of signing up eligible clients for the program.

Starting November 7, we will have a variety of ways

for you to pick out tags for Giving Tree (in person, online, over the phone, and at area businesses)!

Gifts will be due back December 12 & 13 with longer hours and contact-free, curbside drop off.

Clients will receive their gifts December 19 & 20 with assigned curbside pickup times and optional home delivery.

We will have plenty of volunteer opportunities available! In order to keep volunteers safe, we will have less volunteers per shift and have more shifts over a greater amount of time.

## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

### Free Virtual Resume Review

ICN will be available to do a resume review with you on Saturday, November 7 from 9-11 am...on your phone! Simply email a copy of your existing resume to [Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org](mailto:Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org). Please include the telephone number at which you wish to be called. You will be notified of your 30-minute time slot via an email from ICN prior to the review. **Please respond by 3:00 pm on Friday, November 6.**

Join us for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional. Pick up some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Now is the time to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to hearing from you!

There is no charge for this service. ICN offers job support through various programs. For further information, visit us at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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

**About 1 in 5 women and nearly 1 in 7 men who have experienced**



**rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.**

WISCONSIN OCTOBER: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (OVAM)

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

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

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our annual Baby Bottle campaign continues! Each year we help raise funds for Women's Care Center in downtown La Grange. Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided).

The campaign will run until the end of October. If you prefer an envelope but are not currently attending Mass, please contact Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418. Online donations can be made at: [supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/](http://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/) Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

## RESPECT LIFE



**Word of Life** - "The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ... Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" [respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary)

**40 Days of Life** - Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 Day prayer vigil in front of the abortion clinic in our neighborhood. Or, if you cannot join us to pray at the abortion clinic, you may pray and fast from home.

**When:** September 23rd – November 1st, 7am to 7pm

**Location:** Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove

**Choose One Hour to Pray:** Sign up online for your hour to pray at Access: [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove)

**Questions?** Email [40DaysDG@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysDG@gmail.com)

**October is Respect Life Month**

## CROP VIRTUAL HUNGER WALK



The Walk is **VIRTUAL**, but the **NEEDS** could not be more **REAL**.

Virtual CROP Walk  
October 15  
(suggested date, anytime in Oct.)  
Join Our Team/Donate:  
[crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus](http://crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus)

### WALK INFORMATION:

Choose to do the walk early in the month of October. You can choose your own walk route... choose to do a one mile fun walk or a three mile course. \*\*In the past, we had participants bring a non-perishable food item with them to the walk.

Consider donating a non-perishable food item to our St. Cletus Food Pantry this year\*\* All ages are welcome; each participant needs to register separately. Consider inviting the families of your children's friends to join in the walk as well. The more the merrier!

### REGISTRATION:

- Go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus)
- Click Register
- Type in your information to create an account
- On step 3 of 5 click "join an existing team"
- Find the St. Cletus team

### FUNDRAISE

You do not need to fundraise to participate in the CROP walk. However, we do suggest a minimum donation of \$10. You can collect pledge donations from friends, family, and neighbors. Even just asking for a small amount, like \$3 (\$1 for each mile walked), can add up quickly. Donations can be given online on your unique registration page. If you're unable to walk you can still sponsor a walker or help us reach our team goal. You can also use the website to post on social media and share information about your walk online. Donations are split between area food pantries, including St. Cletus, as well as Church World Service. Checks may be made payable to: CWS/CROP for the CROP Hunger Walk. and dropped off or mailed to: St. Cletus, Attn: Kendall, 600 55th St. LG 60525 so as to arrive by Oct. 15.

### SERVICE EXPERIENCE

St. Cletus School and Religious Education students can count this as a service experience. Please talk directly with your teacher if you have any further questions.

**CONTACT:** Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418





## *The Splendors of Ireland*

*August 15-25, 2021*

*Depart/return USA*

Dear friends,

As many of you read in my bulletin article, Marlene & I went to Ireland last October to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

Marlene had an overwhelming urge to go, although neither of us knew much about this Marian Apparition site and the associated miracles of healing.

The pilgrimage made an indelible impression upon us both. (Marlene has an amazing story to tell). Subsequently she concluded that her given mission was to promote and publicize the events of 1879 at Knock back in the USA where too little is known about this apparition.



**Please join our Webinar  
November 11, 2020  
at 1:00 pm**

To register please email  
Deacon Stuart Heyes for invitation link

Stuart.heyas@icloud.com

And so, we decided to plan this trip, not only to Knock, but to travel around the whole of Ireland and at a leisurely pace.

We want you to experience the best of Irish hospitality, culture, spirituality, history, scenery, sights and sounds.

Ireland is a truly unique place as all who've been there or come from there will agree.

We look forward to your company, on what we believe will be a most memorable visit to the Emerald Isle, land of laughter, awesome hospitality, Guinness and a much slower pace of life.

*Blessings - Deacon Stuart & Marlene*

# Religious Education and RCIA

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?



This month in our Family Catechesis lessons, we asked our families to reflect more on God... who He is to them, and how they would describe Him. Here is a sampling of the fun reflections we received from our families:

### If God were a color, God would be

White, because He is clean.  
 Blue, because He lives in the sky.  
 Yellow, because He shines like the sun!  
 White, because it represents light and purity.  
 God's love is pure and it gives us everlasting light.  
 Gold, because He's strong, He's precious, He's priceless.  
 Red, because He runs through our body like blood.

### If God were a toy, God would be

A book because He has many stories to tell.  
 A girl doll, because He gave life to people, like a Mom.  
 A toy car, because that is my favorite toy.  
 Legos and building blocks, because God can build anything and connect everything together!

### If God were a vehicle, God would be

A garbage truck because He picks up what other people didn't want.  
 A tank, because He protects me.  
 A plane, because planes are strong, they fly above us like God, and it can go anywhere it needs to be.  
 Ambulance, because He is always around to save people.  
 A reliable car!  
 The most common type of car, because He would want to be as equal as everyone else.  
 A canoe, because then He wouldn't be hurting the world with gas or pollution and you could go with Him to see all of the nature He has made.  
 A Lamborghini, because He would be super fast!

### If God were a musician, God would be

A harpist, because He makes beautiful sounds.  
 A Jazz Player, because He's calm and he relaxes people.  
 A harpist, because all the angels play harps!

We are proud of our RE Families for all of the good work they are doing at home, keeping God in the center of their lives and enriching their faith lives together.

We also want to congratulate Edward Brown, who celebrated his First Communion last Saturday at the 5 p.m. Mass. May God continue to bless Edward and his family!



## RCIA



This Sunday, October 25, we will conclude the RCIA journey with the eight children, teens and adults who have been meeting since last September to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This journey typically culminates in the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, but this year due to the pandemic, we were unable to do that. It is with great joy and excitement that we prepare for this sacramental celebration! We ask all parishioners to keep these eight individuals held up in prayer as they prepare for this important faith celebration:

### Alexis Ceron

will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

### Jennifer Ceron

will receive Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

### Brenda Contreras

will receive Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

### Julio Fulgencio

will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

### Anthony Fulgencio

will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

### Jodi Golm

will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

### Maria Loeza

will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

### Peggy Montes

will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

*Lord, we pray for those who journey to you.*

*Strengthen their faith.*

*Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.*

*Deepen their understanding.*

*Set their hearts afire for the Kingdom.*

*We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.*

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation please join us this year as we begin our next RCIA journey. If you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, please have them join us this year! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!



# St. Cletus School

## FOR INFORMATION:

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## FOCUS ON OUR FACULTY

Below you can get to know our first and second grade teachers! They focus on building the strong base structure of each child with focus of hands on Math activities that incorporate Common Core Standards, the writing process with strong emphasis being placed on Phonics and language based learning, as well as a faith based learning in religion, which helps our students to become well rounded. So many new and exciting things are learned during these years and what great teachers we are blessed to have for our students!



### GETTING TO KNOW MS. PAYNE

Katlyn Payne has lived in the Western Springs/LaGrange area her entire life and she is excited to continue my teaching at Saint Cletus. This is her third year teaching 1st Grade! She graduated from Lyons Township High School in 2011 and Eastern Illinois University in 2015. Her mom and brothers are the most important people in her life and they love to hear how amazing Saint Cletus is. She loves her dog, Payton, and will often use her to explain concepts in the classroom. She may be seen over the weekend in downtown LaGrange or Western Springs, so don't be afraid to say "Hi". She loves reading and math and providing many new strategies for students to learn. Her favorite quote is, "The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go!" -Dr. Seuss.



### GETTING TO KNOW MRS. MCCARTNEY

Violet McCartney has been a member of the St. Cletus family since 2000. After student teaching with Mrs. Pauly in second grade, she taught fourth grade for four years and second grade since 2004. Mrs. McCartney has a B.S. in Business Administration from Illinois Institute of Technology, working in Marketing for almost 10 years. She also has a B.A. in Elementary Education from Dominican University. Mrs. McCartney maintains her certification in Elementary Education with a Social Sciences Endorsement. Mrs. McCartney is also a certified Catechist, annually taking courses to keep up with her certification. She also continues to participate in various seminars and workshops which focus on curriculum, management, and technology. Mrs. McCartney's favorite pastime is anything with her family. She loves spending time with them, whether it's swimming, bowling, watching TV or racing in Mario Kart. Besides her human family members, she has two beloved dogs: a handsome big fluffy goldendoodle and an adorable little schnauzer-terrier mix. The family is even considering a third dog! A fun fact ... Mrs. McCartney's husband is a St. Cletus alum and her mother-in-law is a former kindergarten teacher at St. Cletus.



## CONGRATULATIONS JACKIE!

St. Cletus student/artist Jackie Castillo Lopez (7th Grade) has her Day of the Dead painting displayed in the window of the LaGrange Art League Gallery. Jackie was participating in a student art competition/exhibition.

## TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Although our school building has limited access, you can still take a tour of our school! Visit <https://stcletusschool.com/about/why-choose-st-cletus/> to take a virtual tour of our classrooms and common areas. The 360° media can be found on the lower left-hand side of the webpage.





ST. CLETUS FATHER'S CLUB  
Presents

# COMEDY NIGHT

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL



**PAT TOMASULO**



**MIKE TOOMEY**

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 14TH  
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM**

as seen on  
CHICAGO'S VERY OWN  
**WGN9**  
MORNING NEWS

**\$25.00**  
SPONSOR A  
TEACHER

**\$50.00**  
PER HOUSEHOLD

**\$10.00**  
SPLIT THE POT

**SHOW HOSTED AND PERFORMED VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**  
**PRE-SHOW AT 7:00PM - HAPPY HOUR BINGO! WIN PRIZES!**  
**COMEDY SHOW STARTS AT 8:00PM**

Event and Log-in information will be emailed prior to event.

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND ADMISSION FEES BACK IN STUDENT FOLDER. FEE CAN ALSO BE PAID ONLINE AT: [STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM/PARENTS](http://STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM/PARENTS)

*We hope that you can attend!*

- \$50.00 - Comedy Show
- \$25.00 - Sponsor a Teacher
- \$10.00 - Split-the-Pot Raffle
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ We're unable to attend but would like to donate to help St. Cletus School

Please make checks out to: St. Cletus School

## Sunday Readings



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
 Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;  
 Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;  
 Mt 5:1-12a

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

### SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

#### October 28

Saint Jude, apostle and... Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon's being a "Zealot" for Israel's liberation and Jude's question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude's well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: "Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!" Older Americans remember well Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this "Communion of Saints": Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!

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### HALLOWEEN IS OCTOBER 31



### LIVING JUSTLY

"You give that back right now!" How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a "fair trade agreement." Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God's beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalms** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers

(1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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### CHARACTER

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

—Thomas Paine

### BORN TO LOVE

We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

—Joseph Cafasso



## Other Ministry Notes

### SAT. MORNING 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE



On November 7th we will begin offering weekly (Saturday) communion services.

These will be led by a group of parishioners and Deacon Stuart.

Please plan on joining us on Sat 11/7 to meet the group and receive Jesus, but note that pre-registration will still be required.

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

For those who like to look ahead:

February 9: Happiness is the Choice You Make by John Leland

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### TIME TO PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER!



Now is certainly the time to ask for Mary's intercession and guidance! Parishioners meet in church every Wednesday at 1:00 to pray the Rosary together. It is such a beautiful way to join our

voices and reverence together and pray for our personal intentions as well as those of our parish and world. We alternate the mysteries, praying the Joyful then the Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries so that we ponder all of the blessed moments in Christ's life through Mary's eyes. Thank you to our faithful team of greeters/cleaners who make this gathering possible. Also, if you have rosaries to donate or that need repair, you can drop them off at the Parish Center for now.

When we had the Rosary Table in the narthex in October and May, it was always amazing to see how Mary used our efforts to reach out to others. So many times, someone would say they were just looking for a Rosary for a friend or for an ailing relative. Or that someone close had just died and they wanted to pray for them. We gave out over 40 rosaries each time, along with guides on how to say the Rosary, rosary pouches and other devotional aides. Also, a Living Rosary member agrees to pray a particular decade each day along with other members, so that all together the entire rosary is prayed daily.

Over a hundred people are members and you can also join anytime by calling Mary Lu at 630-430-3338. I have been praying the Fourth Joyful Mystery, the Presentation in the

Temple, for over 20 years, but still have new insights about God's great gift of His love, His son Jesus, and the people who cared for Him as an infant. Everyone has time to pray one decade each day and to make Mary a cherished part of your daily devotions. Come join us in whatever way works for you. Your Mother is waiting with open arms.

### ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRIES



#### **A Tribute to Bill Bolton**

Recently nineteen members of the St. Cletus Music Ministry gathered before his funeral liturgy to honor long-time parishioner and choir member, Bill Bolton. As a member of the 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir and the Sunday morning Chancel Choir, he was like family to many of us. And we know that he felt the same way!



As "family", on Thursday, October 15th, we stood

outside the Parish Center, masked and socially distanced, and sang as a combined choir for the first time since March. In his memory, it was our way of welcoming all guests to his mass and as many of you knew Bill, you know that he was always friendly, engaging and welcoming to all at St. Cletus. We were so pleased to be able to offer our combined voices for his final visit to his parish.

An inquisitive guy, he genuinely enjoyed knowing you and everything about everything! Although he had serious health issues for many years, you would never have known it. He talked freely about his ailments, but always added, "I'm going to be just fine." It was at a Chancel Choir ZOOM gathering in September that Bill addressed all of us, telling us that there was no more that the doctors could do for him. He didn't want us to get down about it, but to stay positive and pray for him, and that we did.

Many of you may remember his annual reading at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass where he introduced the last prelude song "Touched by a Child".

Bill, as we say farewell to you, we will continue to pray for you as you now are in the presence of God. We are confident that you have indeed been "touched by THE child", our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You will be dearly missed; may you rest in peace.



## Community News

### USCCB ELECTION NOVENA



Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the need for wise, moral, civic leadership, the USCCB is offering an electronic Election Novena to help Catholics [form their consciences](#) as they prepare for the upcoming election.

For nine consecutive days, Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the day's intention. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on day 10, Wednesday, November 4. On their website, you can find the daily intentions, sign up to receive the novena intentions daily by email, and find even more resources to help you learn more about [responding to our call to be faithful citizens](#).

Visit <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena>

### 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

### NAZARETH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy at an In-Person Open House Sunday, October 25 at Noon or 1 p.m. or Monday, October 26 at 6 or 7 p.m. Families will meet Nazareth students, faculty and staff. Guided tours of the building are provided. Pre-registration at [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com) is REQUIRED. Space is limited.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park. Please contact Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 with any questions.

### FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Fenwick High School will be hosting Virtual Academic Nights on Tuesday, October 20 and October 27, 2020. Math, Science, Humanities and Expressive Arts will be discussed. Please go to the Fenwick website, [www.fenwickfriars.com](http://www.fenwickfriars.com) for more information.

Fenwick High School is located at 505 Washington Blvd in Oak Park.

### OGDEN AVE. SCHOOL RED SLED BAZAAR

Save the date! Red Sled VIRTUAL Holiday Bazaar is on its way to warm up your holiday season on Saturday, November 7. Check out the calendar for an update on how you can support Ogden's signature fundraising event in a COVID-friendly way. <https://ogdenptc.org/redsled>

### ANNUAL MASS SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES, FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS – VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON SUNDAY 2 PM

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, the Archdiocese will once again host The Annual Mass for Mental Illness Awareness. In these unprecedented times, mental health is in the forefront of our concerns. We know our faith is a key part of our being well. Whether you, a family member, or a friend are experiencing mental health conditions for the first time or for a long time, the annual mass is a time for all to pray together and share our similar journeys.

This year will be different but still with the same purpose of caring and supporting one another. On Zoom, there will be opening comments from Cardinal Cupich, we will celebrate mass, and then have an opportunity for casual conversations.

Please register in advance by using the following Zoom link and we will send you the "log on" link to the mass: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZElcOuhqjMiE9226fZcBwwAUJkpsuiGdik6](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZElcOuhqjMiE9226fZcBwwAUJkpsuiGdik6)

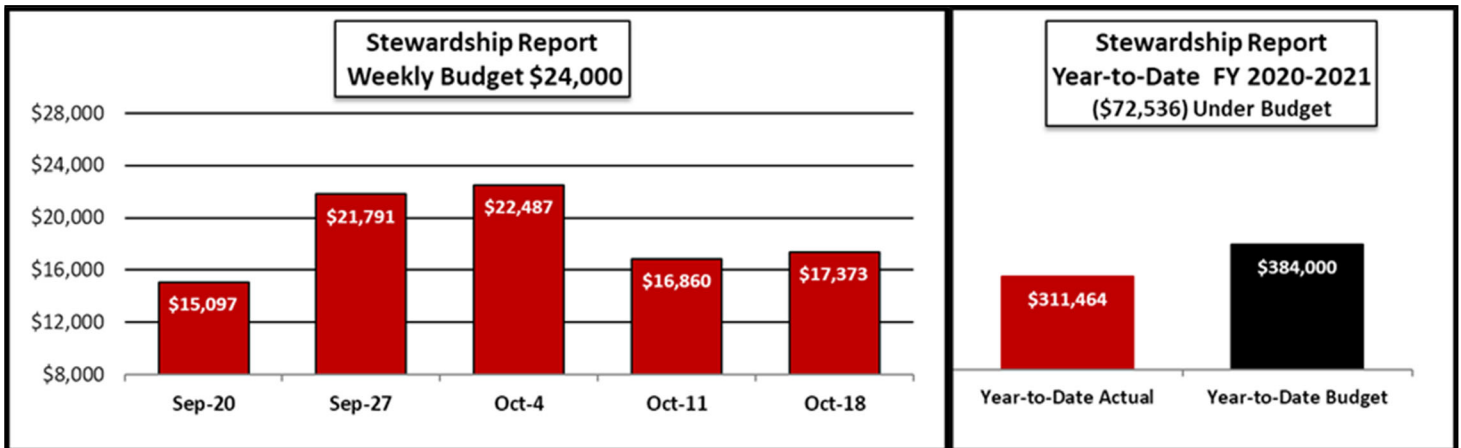
For more information contact:  
Deacon Tom Lambert at [tlambert@ourlmc.org](mailto:tlambert@ourlmc.org)

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### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

# Stewardship Report



## Meet Some of the St. Cletus Reopening Team



After the long months of staying at home quarantined due to the 2020 pandemic, Illinois finally allowed for in person churches to open in late July. This was a joyful time for those of the church because we were given the opportunity to physically go to a place of worship again. During the summer I had learned from a friend - and later from my mother - that the St. Cletus Parish had opened and needed

volunteers to help for the masses, along with other events. One job that volunteers were/are still needed for is cleaning the pews and other surfaces after each service. Being the teenager I am, I was reluctant to wake up in the early morning over the weekend, but later in the month, I gave it a shot. During one of the Sundays, I got myself out of bed and walked over to the church. The birds were chirping, the sun was shining bright, and even though I was tired, the morning was welcoming. I walked into the church with warm greetings from the other volunteers while they gladly began to orientate me on the church cleaning process. I couldn't help but smile while working with the other volunteers. It was a blessing to be able to be with such kind and giving people. After my first session volunteering, I tried to make it to one of the masses each week. The work that these volunteers do is so impactful. They help give people the chance to gather for worship and build on the Christian community. Volunteering gave me the chance to immerse myself deeper in the community and helped me connect with others. Seeing that there are more slots opening for the

masses, the church will have more pews to clean. Volunteers are always needed and wanted, so please, if you are up for the challenge of an early wake, stop by the church to give the cleaning crew a shot. You won't regret it. - Beaudan Brown




Why do we volunteer as a family to clean the church?

It is hard these days to not feel stuck with confinement to our homes and restrictions to the way we live our lives. We all miss the way things used to be with the people we used to share our lives with. One way for our family to "unstick" ourselves is to attend mass and be part of the clean team. We all felt starved of God during those beginning months despite attending our weekly mass in our living room. It's just not the same. To be part of the clean team makes us feel home again and gives us the ability to have our church family feel safe and welcomed home as well. Together we can open and keep our parish doors open to others so they too can be filled with God. We miss seeing our families fill the pews. Being part of this team with other wonderful volunteers "unsticks" us in a positive direction to normalcy. Please consider joining any of the many positions available to keep our doors open. If you are feeling stuck, be part of a movement to move us all forward in a positive way. Together we can do great things. With gratitude - The Rahman Family

**TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL  
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# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday-Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal at (708) 352-6209.

## 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

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## STAFF

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## 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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