

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The prayer of the lowly
pierces the clouds;
it does not rest
until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw
till the Most High responds.
— Sirach 35:17-18a



Jesus said to them,
“I tell you,
the tax collector
went home justified,
not the Pharisee;
for whoever
exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week of October 28 - November 3, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm, John & Carol Rudak
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prevanas, Shirley Flamm
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Thursday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Walter Johnston, Shirley Flamm, Helen White, Frank Wojcik, BC Collins All Saints
Friday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	All Saints All Saints
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	All Souls Angelo Cumbo, Domenica & Donato Frasca, Jim Deslauriers, Ken Kakareka, Josephine Rudy, Robert Emmett Gavin, Andrew Wnek, Craig Londowski, Herbert Neal, Liliana Gutierrez
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Robert McDonnell, Lisa Iskalis McCarthy, Special Intention - Sharon Tarrant, George Duda Stacy Baker, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, BC Collins, Annette Tiberi Sorrentino & Alfano Family, Efrena Aranas, Erynold Aranas Scalera & Pulia Family, BC Collins, Michael Lombardo, Jason Osmolak, Phil & Helen Rolla St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Dr. Harold Janecek

Husband of Maria Antonia

Zdzislaw "Gene" Gajos

Father of Mary Zwolinski

Frank Parra

Father of Wendy Gable

Manuel Rodriguez

Father of Rev. Edgar Rodriguez

Mary Pizzo

Mother of Linda Demonte

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, Nov. 2-3, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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

Marriage Banns



Johanna Brown & Jack Andersen

Sarah Sipek & Charlie Lawler

Allison Kison & Patrick Szachowicz

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

October - Joan Clark, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Shirley Funk, Don King, Deborah Krueger, Rachael Schopp

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

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

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...


30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Created in the image and likeness of God, the diversity of God's creation is portrayed in the faces of millions of people; people of different color and belief, from distant nations and continents, from near and far. Coming into church, we already have many faces stored in our memory; the faces of those we see regularly, those who we know and love, those who may distract us, those we find awkward. As we glance around, there are many different images being registered and various signals being sent to the brain.

When the Pharisee became distracted and spotted the tax collector during his prayers, he judged him. He looked down on him and despised him. Like a peacock, he preened himself and rejoiced in his good deeds. The Pharisee is presented as being self-righteous, not in need of God. He justifies himself before God. In contrast the tax collector knows that he needs God's forgiveness. What does this say about tax collectors in Jesus' time? Often tax collectors in Palestine were men who demanded money from others by extortion. They demanded money beyond what was due in tax and kept this extra fee for themselves. Characteristically they were seen as men greedy for money. Luke describes Zacchaeus as the chief tax collector who has become rich through defrauding other people. Were all tax collectors like this? Probably not, it is always dangerous to make generalizations.

Luke uses the story of the tax collector and the Pharisee to emphasize God's compassion and mercy and warn against self-righteousness. The example of the repentant tax collector is a reminder that no sin is beyond the forgiveness of God. What is required is repentance and the request for forgiveness. The image of God portrayed in the readings is one of a God who listens carefully to the voice of the sinner, the poor, and the vulnerable of society. The Book of Ecclesiastes describes the way in which God does not favor the rich. God hears the plea of those who are injured. God hears the cry of the orphan and the widow who pours out her story. These vulnerable people had no one to protect them and God becomes their protector and acts to secure justice for them. God does not just listen but cares sufficiently to act on their behalf.

Many older people will remember preachers speaking about the sin of presumption. It referred to presumption about knowledge of one's relationship with God. While I can trust in the mercy of God, I can never fully know how I stand before God. The Pharisee not only suffers from the sin of presumption but then makes a presumptuous judgment about the life of the tax collector. It is much easier to judge others than oneself! I remember a comment after a homily on the need for conversion; "They needed to hear that Father!" While it is necessary to judge certain actions as right or wrong, it is



presumptuous to judge how a person stands before God. There are always facts about a person's situation and life which are private. The story Jesus told about removing the plank from your own eye rather dealing with the speck in others' eyes is a warning about this sort of behavior. Like the tax-collector we are inviting to trust in God's mercy and pray for our enemies.

Blessings,



*Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor*



ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1ST

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Schedule for All Saints Day:

- Thursday, October 31st 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
- Friday, November 1st 6:30 a.m. Mass
- Friday, November 1st 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Friday, November 1st 7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER 2ND

Schedule for All Souls Day on Saturday, November 2:

- No 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. All Souls Day Mass in English
- 5:00 p.m. Regular Sunday Vigil Mass
- 7:00 p.m. All Souls Day Mass in Spanish

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

October 28 Trunk or Treat 3-4:15pm
 November 8 First Annual Cardinal Raffle Kick Off
 November 13 D4D at Chipotle

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Gregory Porod, Principal
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 cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

St. Cletus School is displaying a “Day of the Dead” altar in the Morrissey Hall lobby until November 8. Our Catholic faith’s commemoration of All Saints and All Souls’ Day is uniquely blended with pre-Hispanic traditions during this vibrant and colorful holiday. Photographs of the deceased are displayed on the altar to call their souls back to earth. Many students brought in photographs and also made creative decorations for the altar during Spanish class. Let us remember our deceased loved ones who have left an indelible mark in our lives.

HOLY FIRE CHICAGO

7th grade students joined thousands of youth from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the fourth annual Holy Fire, a day long youth conference of high energy musicians and inspirational speakers from around the country. Holy Fire helps young people to see themselves as witnesses of Christ and members of a young Church.



8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the 8th grade girls B basketball team on their second place win! Thank you to the girls and coaches for all their dedication! Way to go Cardinals!

6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the 6th grade girls B volleyball team for taking 2nd place in their tournament! All the girls and coaches hard work really paid off!

St. Cletus

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

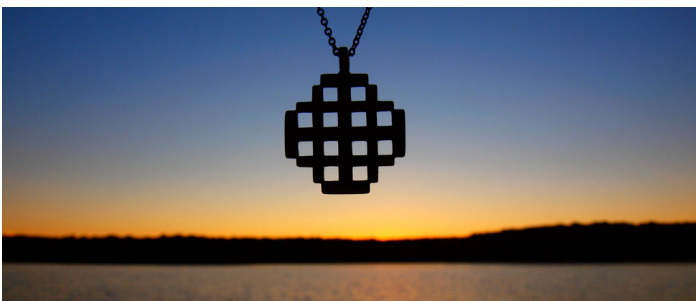
**Monday
October 28
3:00-4:15 p.m.**

Deck out your trunk with decorations and the kids will go from car to car trick or treating. We encourage parents to come in costume (bring your child's costume after school if they'd like to dress up. No costumes that day during school.) Prizes will be given to the best decorated cars!

Arrive by 2:30 to park your car in the school parking lot and set up your decorations.

Youth Ministry

REGISTER FOR KAIROS 34!



Who: High School Juniors & Seniors

When: November 14th – 17th, 2019

What is Kairos? Kairos is a retreat offered to high school juniors and seniors through the combined efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. The retreat is offered three times each calendar

year. Kairos is a 4-day retreat that allows teens to build new friendships as well as to deepen current relationships, and to learn more about themselves and their connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.

How do I register for Kairos? The registration form can be found on our Parish Website.

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



Church League basketball allows high school students to play competitive basketball against other area churches. Boy's Church League Registration is open, but we need coaches!

The boys' season begins in November and ends in February, and the girls' season begins in March and ends in May. Each team needs two coaches who establish full compliance with Protecting God's Children.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

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

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

Follow us on facebook:
@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

Food Pantry Volunteer dates are now up through the end of 2019! Help carry bags, shop, and distribute food. Ages 6th grade-adults. All abilities needed. Please arrive by 5:30pm. Dress in layers, you may be outside. <http://bit.ly/2GrgAWt>

CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 27th
12:30 Check In
1:15 Walk Begins

Location: The walk begins and ends at First Congregational Church of Western Springs (1106 Chestnut St. Western Springs).

Our food pantry benefits directly from this walk, receiving canned goods and a generous check. Please help us make this year's CROP Walk successful!

More info at: crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus



TURKEY BUCKS

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

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

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

GIVING TREE

Hang Tags: Volunteers are needed to help hang the tags on the Christmas trees **Thursday, November 7th from 3:00-4:00pm in Church.** All ages welcome, students 5th grade and younger require a parent. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2n8b8QV>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

National Statistics from National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) ncadv.org

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.
- On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.

OCTOBER IS
NATIONAL
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AWARENESS
MONTH



- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.
- Victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8 million days of paid work each year.
- Between 21-60% of victims of intimate partner violence lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse.

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box below.

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION
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

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



Next weekend we are holding a special collection for the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul society. At Masses next weekend we are looking forward to sharing with you just one example of the amazing community we have at St. Cletus that works together to help our neighbors.

We regularly get calls and make home visits to families in our community, who are struggling to make ends meet. These includes older adults on fixed income, whose retirement funds won't cover growing expenses; single moms dealing with unemployment/underemployment and childcare costs; people without means of transportation or money for gas to do errands, go to medical appointments, get to work or job interviews; people dealing with illness or disabilities; families undergoing foreclosures, termination of utilities or other financial difficulties.

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference offers one-time financial assistance as we are able, to help people get through their immediate crisis. Our volunteers, as they go into the homes of those requesting aid, provide not only monetary assistance, but also hope and the realization that God works through others to answer their basic needs. We work together with other community Agencies and organizations through referrals to provide guidance and assistance over the long term...to get people back on the right track.

We see Christ's face in everyone we serve. We strive to

reflect the vision of the St. Vincent DePaul Society ... "No work of charity is foreign to the Society. Need, not creed, determines who is helped and how.

Won't you join us in being a caring instrument of God's compassion and love? Thank you for your prayers and for your generous support.

RESPECT LIFE



Baby Bottles (envelopes) due!

Please place the "baby bottle" envelope with your donation in the collection basket this weekend or drop it off at the parish center office. With your help, we will continue to serve more women and save more babies than ever before! For more information, please contact: Katherine Manion, Outreach Director at (574)993-0004 or email manion.katherine@gmail.com

WORD OF LIFE



"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her... Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?"

USSCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"
www.respectlife.org/support-her

CHRIST OUR HOPE
IN EVERY SEASON OF Life

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2019

Ministry News

CREDO

FILM NIGHT FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Is Purgatory real?

Could the Afterlife require suffering?

Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead?

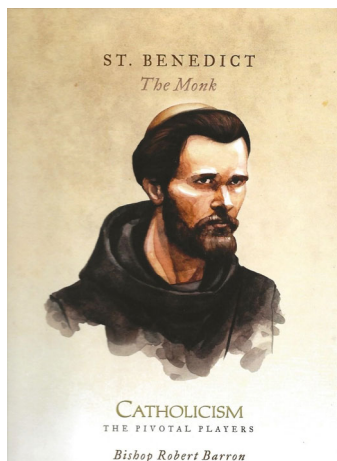
Join us for a showing of this groundbreaking documentary that investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives. Don't miss it!

Mark your calendars and join us Friday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, Gallagher Room.



PIVOTAL PLAYERS ST. BENEDICT

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



CREDO

(Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

BOOK DISCUSSION



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

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

All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

FR. EDGAR RODRIGUEZ

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

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

CAHNS MENS' CONFERENCE

Spiritual Renewal Autumn Men's Conference

Saturday, November 16, 9 – 11am
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Kite Hall
1530 Jackson Ave. River Forest, IL

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Fr. Richard Simon, Host of Relevant Radio Show – “Fr. Simon Says” “The Real Presence – He's Real!”
- Mr. Stephen Hegarty, President, St. Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago “Eucharistic Adoration – A Personal Journey”

Mass will be celebrated in church @ 8:00am. Continental breakfast and sign-in begin @ 8:30am. ***The conference is free, but for planning purposes we ask that you reserve a space by calling 773.545.2491.***

Sponsored by the Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies (CAHNS)

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

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?

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.

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - SAVE THE DATE!



Save the Date: Tuesday, November 19th, 7:00 p.m.

"Taste and See: An Evening of Culinary Treats" provided by area-renowned Chef, "The Gravy Lady", Dee Dee Saracco.

Our samplings will include four courses; RSVP will be required.

Additional details including your cost for the evening will be in next weekend's Canticle.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will be on Friday November 1st at 8:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

We will be discussing the Turkey Raffle and the December 6th Christmas Dinner. All men of the parish are invited.

ST JOHN'S ABBEY REFLECTION

The first Christians, mostly Jews like Jesus, were surprised at how the Spirit came upon Gentiles, non-Jews. After seeing evidence of the gift of the Holy Spirit to these people, the early disciples said: "God has granted life-giving repentance even to the Gentiles" (Acts 11:18). Later in the same book we hear of Christian missionaries announcing the good news of Christ, as Acts says, "even to the Greeks" (11:20). These chosen people were a bit surprised apparently that the message of the Messiah was to go to these non-Jews.

Today, faced with huge masses of humanity who do not believe in Christ and Christians becoming a smaller percentage of the world's population, we have a new scene with some similarities to this one. It seems less and less likely that all human beings will accept Christ. The Second Vatican Council saw that and urged Christians to recognize that God is able to work outside the Christian faith for the salvation of human beings.

Many of us have neighbors who are not Christians but Muslims, Hindus or Buddhists. We might be surprised to see how generous and loving our non-Christian neighbors can be. More familiarity with them, their religions and ideals will show us people interested, as we are, in peace, the good and safety of children, respect for the elderly; people who have many of the same ideals we have for human life. Instead of stressing differences, why not look for areas and issues on which we agree and where we can cooperate. We do most to make Christ and his message attractive by behavior rooted in love and respect.

— Don Talafous OSB

<https://saintjohnsabbey.org>

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.

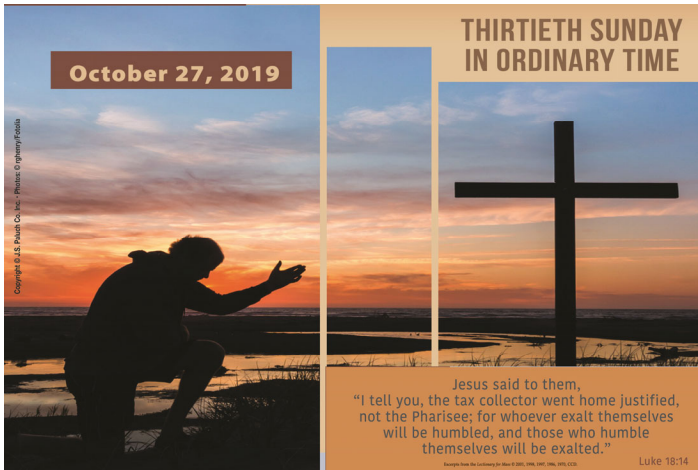
PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has started a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by. The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

FALL FEST SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE

There are a limited number of 2019 Fall Fest shirts still available for purchase. Short Sleeve Grey (\$15): Youth Small, Youth Large, Adult Medium and Adult Large. Long Sleeve Grey (\$18): Adult Small and Adult Medium. Email Elizabeth at egoellner@stcletusparish.com to confirm available sizes. Stop by the Parish Center Office to purchase.

Sunday Notes



RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. "The Lord will not delay," he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
 Monday: Ss. Simon and Jude
 Thursday: Halloween
 Friday: All Saints; First Friday
 Saturday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day); First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday's Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus' saving acts.

Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the "Day of the Dead." Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or "bread of the dead." A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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HEARTFELT JUDGMENT

When you meet someone, you judge them by their clothes; when you leave them, you judge them by their heart.

—Russian proverb

BUSINESS

Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus Concert

FLUTE MUSIC OF OUR LIFETIME:

Works of John Rutter, Gary Schocker, Ian Clarke,
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THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Our Fall Programs are out! Please see our website for a full listing and to register:



Helen Prejean – *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey* Talk/Book signing/ Reception Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7-9 PM

This will be a night to remember. Sister Helen Prejean, world-renowned author of *Dead Man Walking*, will share insights from her new autobiography *River of Fire*. Don't miss this evening of personal story-telling

with this funny and fierce advocate for the dignity and sacredness of all life. Cost: \$25. Books will be available for purchase.

Camino Pilgrimage May 9-20, 2020 - For over a thousand years, pilgrims have made their way across northern Spain to the town of Santiago de Compostela and the shrine of St. James. Our journey will include 7 days of walking for a total of 71 miles. Cost of trip, including airfare, lodging and dinners: \$3000. See more details and register on our website. Contact trip leader Kathy Brazda, CSJ: kbrazda@csjoseph.org with additional questions



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

“LOVE AND MERCY: FAUSTINA” MOVIE EVENT

The remarkable true story of St. Faustina along with the Message of Divine Mercy will be told in about 800 movie theaters across the United States for one night only, Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, 7pm. This groundbreaking new film “Love and Mercy: Faustina” follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life. It captures God’s will in the painting of the Image and the effects the Divine Mercy Message has had on countless people around the world. <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy>

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME GRIEF SUPPORT

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

information visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

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

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

Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Holiday Remembrance Event—More information will follow!

NAZARETH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE 10/27



All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their Fall Open House on Sunday, October 27, for a 1 p.m. presentation or Monday, October 28, for a 7 p.m. presentation. Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park. More details at www.nazarethacademy.com.

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 10/27



Marist High School invites grammar school students and parents to its open house event on Sunday, October 27, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Open house gives grade school students and their families the chance to tour the school—including the new 28,000-square-foot science center, meet with teachers, coaches, and students, and review the academic, athletic, and co-curricular programs available at Marist. Marist High School is located at 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago.

FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 11/17



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

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 11/5



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

MONTINI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 11/5



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

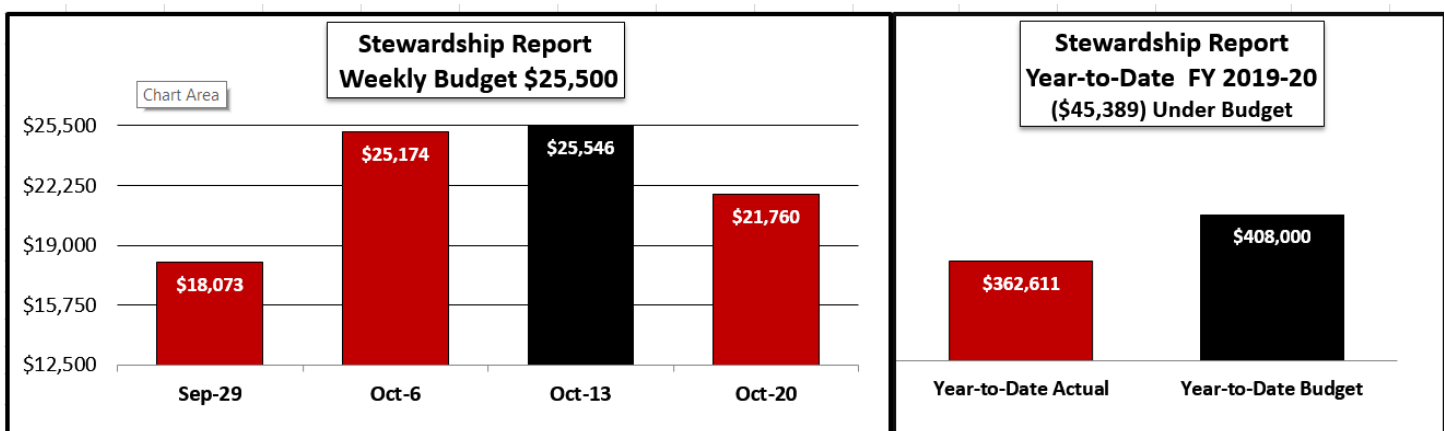
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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, October 27	7:00am 7:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm	Narthex Narthex School Room 200 Church	Baby Bottle Envelope Collection Cub Scout Wreath Sale KAIROS Meeting Fine Arts Series Concert
Monday, October 28	3:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm	Parking Lot School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Trunk or Treat Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 29	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Rectory Church	KAIROS Parent Meeting RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, October 30	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Room 117	Mission Ladies Teen Seekers
Thursday, October 31	7:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room	All Saints Day Vigil Mass Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 1	6:30am 8:00am 7:00pm 8:00pm	Church Church Church Parish Center Mtg Room	All Saints Day Mass All Saints Day Mass All Saints Day Mass (in Spanish) Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, November 2	9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Church Narthex Church	All Souls Day Mass (No 8am Mass) Welcome Committee All Souls Day Mass (in Spanish)
Sunday, November 3	7:00am 9:30am 2:00pm	Narthex Church School Room 200	Welcome Committee Confirmandi and Sponsors attend Mass KAIROS Meeting

Stewardship Report



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

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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-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 most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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

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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