



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thank you from our Festival Chairs

Beautiful weather blessed the festival grounds at this year's Fall Fest. Festival chairs Chris Wagner, Debbie Lestarczyk, and Bobbie Kallal (pictured) express their sincere gratitude for the many people who made Fall Fest a success.

To our sponsors... thank you for helping us fund our expenses to bring a high caliber festival experience to our parishioners and guests.

To our division chairs... from beer sales to entertainment to parking, cleanup, information, and marketing... thank you for your expertise, time, and knowledge heading up these areas.

To our volunteers... hundreds (if not thousands) of hours are required to staff the many tables and booths around fall fest. Quite simply... without your volunteer time, we couldn't staff the fest. You are the lifeblood of a successful Fall Fest.

To our neighbors... thank you for your patience with the extra volume of traffic. We appreciate your support of our festival!

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of September 18 - September 24, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Jennie Ficaro, Karen Gorak
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Kral, Florence C. Wienczek
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli, Helen Callaghan
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	John Zumpano, George Duda, Pearl Zatloukal, Judy Lewis, Dolores E. Kuchta, Thomas Wolac
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Russ Evans, Stacy Baker, Helen Callaghan
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Dick & Patsy Walsh, Donald Cushing
	Fr. Gamboa	11:00 a.m.	Jennie Ficaro, Gene Kennedy, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Mary Kelle
	Fr. Ngwila	12:30 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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

Frank Maderak

Uncle of Debbie Lestarczyk

May he 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.

September

Maria Elena Serrano, Fernando Cabral

August

Carol Wittowski

July

Ann Smith-Walls, Frank Colonna, Diane O'Rourke, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Catherine Troyner, Frank Colonna, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorzo, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Peter May, Frank Niwa

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A priest tells of visiting a frail, partially blind woman. Asking if she ventured out these days, he was surprised to hear she occasionally went shopping with help from a neighbor. The old lady then told him to open the drawer by her bedside and take out its contents. Inside he found three neatly wrapped Christmas presents. The summer sun streamed into the room, so he wondered what was she doing with these gifts.

“Who are these for?” he asked. “They are for my daughter” came the reply. “All of them?” “Yes definitely,” said the woman, “you see every year I go out to buy a Christmas present for my daughter, and each year I wait for her to come visit me. One year she will come home, I’ve been waiting for her.”

Luke closes his previous chapter and leads us into these parables with a short line: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” He asks us to be open to God’s word. The story told in the scriptures today is a very human one. It involves asking ourselves if we can relate to those followers of Moses who felt the path home was too hard. Rather than wait for God’s plan, one that involved transformation, they decided to distract themselves, building other gods into their lives. The story is also of a compassionate father who seeks out the lost and dares us to discover him. In allowing ourselves to be found, our eyes are opened to the love that our Father holds out to each of us, inviting us into relationship with him. We see that sin drives a wedge between us, breaks a bond that only compassion can heal. Ultimately sin is a failure of love.

Jesus tells of the lost coin being found, the sheep being sought after. We are to open our eyes to our worth, to know that no matter what we have done, his love always surpasses our narrow view of God. It is not always easy to be open to this free gift. It seems the outcasts understand it better than the self-righteous. Yet when we become aware of this outpouring of the Spirit we can give thanks like Paul, who was filled “with faith and with love that is in Christ Jesus”. This demands a response, or as someone (Walter Burghart, SJ) once put it, ‘if love calls for loving, forgiveness calls for giving’. That is the truth of the prodigal’s tale.

The account of the woman who awaits her daughter’s homecoming with hope and love echoes the theme of the prodigal father, the one who loses two sons, but is always ready to give of himself even more, to bring us home. Of course, it is we who refuse, who find ways to ignore the disease and emptiness we feel when we walk away from the father. Yet this is a story of discovery and forgiveness. Perhaps the difficulty with reconciliation is not in accepting that we are sinners – we do that all too readily – but rather in accepting that we are forgiven. The younger son did not

believe

he was worthy

to be accepted back by the

father. The beauty of the image is that the father runs out to meet him, he is greeted with open arms.

It is precisely because we are cherished by a God who loves us that we should never feel we are beyond his mercy. True there may be nothing we can do to resolve things in our lives, especially in our past. If we have ears to listen, his message for us is to leave it in his hands. Forgiveness is a free gift. We do not have to revisit those things that have already been forgiven and forgotten. Our focus must move from our own mistakes, resentments and failures, and begin to concentrate on putting Christ back at the center of our lives. And the consequence of that will be that our relationships with others will be turned around.

The story continues. All of us are called to find our own unique relationship with God in prayer and in our lives. Whoever has experienced the misfortune of injuring a limb or breaking a bone, will know that recovery does not take place overnight. As our relationship with our loving father grows and deepens, we begin to discover who we really are and then we can celebrate together.

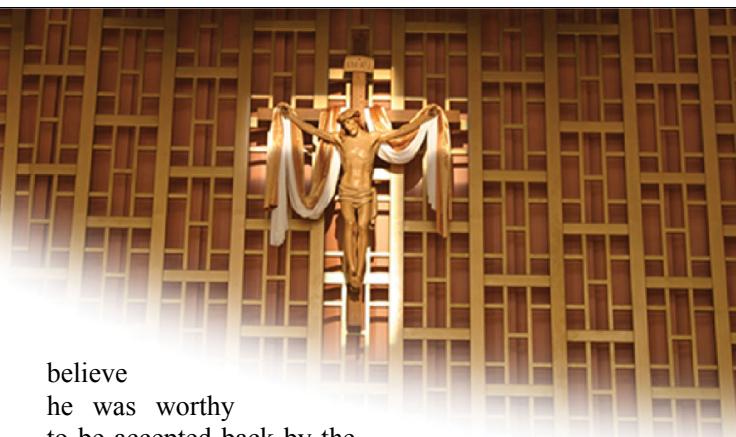
FALL FEST 2017

Thank you to all those who helped make Fall Fest 2017 a great success. A special thanks goes to our Fall Fest chairs: Debbie Lestarczyk, Chris Wagner, and Bobbie Kallal who have worked tirelessly during this past year to once again provide our faith community with a fun filled four days of celebration. Thanks, also, to all the volunteers and our sponsors for their dedication and support that helped make this our most successful Fall Fest to date.

The annual Fall Fest was started several years ago as a means to support our parish building project and our parish school. It has been wonderful to see how it has also been a means to build and strengthen community within our parish and our neighborhood.

Lastly, I thank God for the four days of ideal weather which also helped to make the Fall Fest 2017 a huge success. May he continue to help us to grow stronger in faith and in building community.

Gratefully Yours,
Fr. Bob, Pastor



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

8th Grade Mums sale after masses September 23-24
 St. Cletus Homecoming September 24
 Choose Kindness 5K October 21

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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St. Cletus Peace Project

The St. Cletus Peace Project was inaugurated to provide the school's junior high students with a vehicle to address the need for peace in their school, their community and their world. Through the lessons, the students were, *inter alia*, introduced to Jeremy Gilley, a British actor and filmmaker, who not only

conceived of the idea for an international day to celebrate peace, but who convinced the United Nations to sanction September 21 as the International Day of Peace; as a result of Mr. Gilley's efforts, ceasefires occur annually on September 21, allowing for the vaccination of millions of children in war torn regions of the world. The junior high students met Mr. Gilley (via Skype) and learned more about his mission. They also continue to prepare for their own September 21 celebration, when a peace pole will be planted on school grounds, peace poems written by the students will be read, and peace cranes will spread the message.



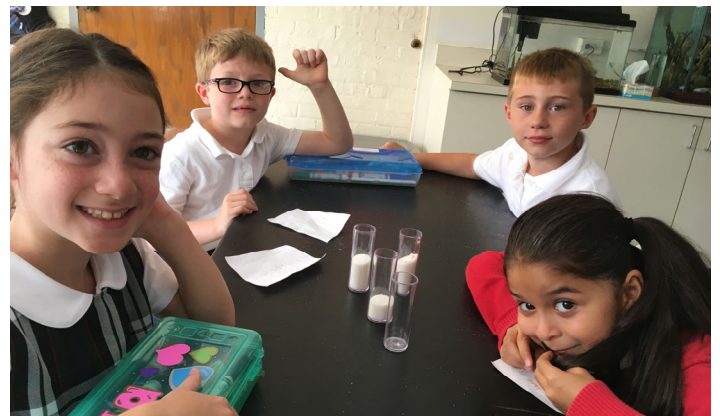
A Special Visitor

Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Dr. Jim Rigg visited our parish school last week to see first-hand all the great things going on at St. Cletus. After Dr. Rigg toured the building he spent time talking to students about how our school is such a unique place that promotes high academic standards within a nurturing Catholic atmosphere.



Mums Available after Masses Next Weekend!

Next weekend, the 8th grade class has teamed up with Hinsdale Nursery and will be selling mums and decorative cabbages following all of the masses, which offset the costs of 8th grade activities. There will be a limited supply available for \$10 each. The mum colors are white, gold, orange, maroon and purple. Thank you for supporting our 8th grade class!



A Sugary Surprise

Everyone loves a cold soda pop, but how much sugar is in that drink? In the Science Lab, 2nd grade students wrote down their favorite beverage. They then researched how much sugar was in a 12 oz. glass and measured out the sugar content in vials so they could see just how much there is. All the students were surprised at how much sugar there was and will hopefully think of that visual the next time they go to the refrigerator.



“Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.”

James 5:13-15

CHRIST THE PHYSICIAN

1503 Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; (Mk. 2:5-12) he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. (Mk. 2:17) His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt. 25:36). His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them. CCC

“Extreme Unction,” which may also and more fittingly be called “Anointing of the Sick,” is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (or her) to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Sacrosanctum Concilium section 73.

1515 If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the

person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced. CCC

THE EFFECTS OF THE CELEBRATION OF THIS SACRAMENT

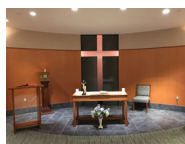
1520 *A particular gift of the Holy Spirit.* The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will. Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." CCC

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick while you are in Amita Adventist Medical Centers Hinsdale and La Grange please ask the nurse to contact a chaplain. The chaplain on call will call a priest from the local parishes.

Also you may dial “O” for the operator and request the presence of the chaplain.

Remember that Anointing of the Sick can also be administered before surgery and after surgery.

MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL



Come and join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Blessings, Fr. Lorenzo

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tomatoes
- Dry Pinto Beans
- Canned Meat
- \$10 Jewel Gift Cards

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.

Please note that the Saint Cletus Food Pantry can only accept food items. We can not accept clothing or other household items.

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

Our next monthly food distribution is on October 12 and we are busy making up the 200+ bags needed. Remember, it's as easy as 1-2-3 to make a difference by donating non-perishables to the pantry.

1. When you go to the grocery store this week, just pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry.
2. Pick something from our "most needed at this time" list (on the left side of the bulletin)
3. Drop off your donations in the designated food bins in the Church narthex when you come to Mass over the weekend or daily 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE ST. CLETUS ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE SEPT 30/OCT 1

OUR NEIGHBORS NEED OUR HELP

On the weekend of September 30/ October 1 there will be a second collection to help support our neighbors through the work of the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Last year, through your generous support, we were able to help over fifty individuals and their families with emergency needs such as housing, electricity, heat and cooling, transportation, food and clothing. According to a recent Tribune article, the number of poor in the suburbs is increasing and they need our help. Please be generous again. Thank you and God Bless.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Prayers to End Domestic Violence

The Domestic Violence ministries of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes invite you to join us in an ecumenical prayer service for victims and families who have been impacted by domestic abuse. Prayer and song will be highlighted by a survivor story. The service will be held Tuesday, Oct 3 at 7:00pm in St. Francis Xavier Church. All are welcome.

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence this group may be very helpful. The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant by emailing 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 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the purple box in the above. **You are not alone.***



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

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

JOB SEARCH BOOT CAMP - Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us when the Career Center in the First Baptist Church of La Grange will host their Fall five-week workshop beginning Tuesday, September 19 from 7-9 pm. Whether you are looking to change jobs or re-enter the workforce, this workshop will teach you the tools to help land the right job for you. The Career Center at the First Baptist Church is located at 20 North Ashland Avenue. This workshop is open to all and there is no fee to attend. Please join us! For further information, call 708.352.2740.

TELL ME ABOUT... Join us on Thursday, September 21 from 7-9 pm. Most job seekers can answer interview questions that deal with their skills, experience or accomplishments. But do you stammer and break out into a sweat when asked “Tell me about yourself?” Do you cringe when the interviewer asks you “What are your salary expectations?” Do you shake uncontrollably when asked to “Tell me about your weaknesses?” These and other tough interview questions will be covered in detail by our speaker, Tom Nosal. These questions and others like them are referred to as elimination questions. Answer them wrong and you are eliminated from consideration. Answer them correctly and you could land the job you’ve been after. During this presentation you will not only learn what these questions are, but why they are asked and how to answer them in a way that will put you ahead of your competition and increase your chances of being hired. Tom Nosal is a Career Transition Coach. He is also the owner of his own coaching firm where he provides career, business and management coaching. In 2014, he wrote and published the book “Scaling Up Your Job Search: Three Strategic Steps to Landing Your Ideal Career.” Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7 pm
 Saint Cletus Parish Center, Fr. Gallagher Meeting Room #1 (the first room as you walk into the Parish Center).
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

WORD OF LIFE

“The Church’s teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation ... to receive the gift of God’s love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world.”

- USCCB, “Married Love and the Gift of Life,” © 2006, <https://goo.gl/eKhtav>



ICP VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

interfaith
community partners Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 85 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church. We also take our clients with disabilities to their places of employment. There is no cost to our clients, and we rely solely on private donations, grants, special events, and church support for funding. **And we need you! Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver.** Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an information packet, visit us on the web at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org, and like us on Facebook. Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

THE REGIONAL HEALTH, WELLNESS and SAFETY FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 | 9am – 1pm
MAX McCook Athletic & Exposition
4750 S Vernon Avenue, McCook, IL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

100+ EXHIBITORS, BLOOD DRIVE, COOKING & FITNESS DEMOS, KIDS ZONE, TEDDY BEAR CLINIC, AND MORE!

Youth Ministry

KAIROS 27 REGISTRATION OPEN!



Kairos 27 will take place November 2-5, 2017. This is a joint youth ministry opportunity with St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our parishes come together to support this peer ministry in action. This experience is open to high school juniors and seniors.

The retreat will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay in turning in your registration! The application will be available as of September 5th. Parishioners have the first opportunity to register from September 5-11. After September 11th, we will open registration to the broader community.

BONFIRE KICK-OFF

Our new year of ministry will begin with a bonfire for all high school teens on Sunday, October 1st from 6 :30-7 :30pm in the St. Cletus courtyard. Come visit with friends, roast some marshmallows, and hear about what youth ministry can offer you throughout the year ahead!

ENCOUNTER REGISTRATION CONTINUES



Now that school has started, it is time to think about how you can fit reflection and rejuvenation into your routine ! As plans take shape for the upcoming school year, consider joining Encounter. In the midst of busy schedules and heavy workloads, it can be even more important to take time to stop and reflect about God's role in your life and to share these experiences with others. Encounter small groups will meet monthly to take some time to reconnect with other teens from St. Cletus and to take a look at how life looks through the eyes of faith. Small groups will also have opportunities to join up monthly in prayer or service. Register today with the forms on the website! Community service opportunities will be included.

CHURCH LEAGUE COACHES NEEDED



Church League basketball allows high school students to play competitive basketball against other area churches. Registration for boys' teams typically begins in early October. So far, we only have one of eight coaches needed. Each team needs two coaches who establish full compliance with Protecting God's Children. If you are interested in helping with this fun ministry, contact Elizabeth. Registration for players begins in late September. Registration for teams may not open until coach positions are filled!

NCYC: NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE



NOVEMBER 16-18, 2017 • INDIANAPOLIS

Every other year, Catholic young people and their chaperones come together to pray, to learn, and to grow in their faith. In addition to opportunities to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance, National Catholic Youth Conference participants attend general and breakout sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and engage in service to others. Crossroads will be bringing a contingent of teenagers to NCYC in Indianapolis, Nov. 16-19. Contact Katie Hayes (khayes@stjohnofthecross.org) at SJC Parish for details.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you love working with kids? The St. Cletus Religious Education program is looking for volunteers to serve as classroom aides for the RE classes on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Contact Barb Campbell, DRE, for more info at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

For more information about
St. Cletus Youth Ministry Programs:
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etomasek@stcletusparish.com
(708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

Fall Fest Updates



Grand Prize Winner
Joseph Derat

\$2,500 Winner
Mary Ann Doombos

\$1,000 Winner
Geraldine Burke

\$100 Winners
Julie Rickman
Jean Schuler
Mary Lou Gebka
Emily Usher
Jerry Clancy
Dolores Jaskierski
Helen McMahon
Kathy O'Toole
Dalia Feltman
Carol Lee Devins



Other Ministry Notes

RCIA



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Journey of Faith

**BEGINS TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's adult faith formation program which invites adults who have never been baptized, who have been baptized Catholic but not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) or who have been baptized in another faith and wish to become Catholic, to explore their journey of faith in the life of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA gives people on a faith journey an opportunity to "come and see" not only what the Catholic Church and a life of faith in it is all about, but also an opportunity to explore how the Lord may be calling them into his life in a more complete way.

If you are interested in more information or know someone who is or would like to participate in the RCIA, please contact Fr. Ken for participation and registration requirements at (708) 352-6209 ext. 205

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ushers – Ministers of Hospitality

Lectors – Proclaimers of the Word

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – Assist with the distribution of the Eucharist

Altar Servers – Assist the priest at Mass

Learn more about serving in any of these roles. Schedules and training are flexible.

Call Paulette Bolton – 708 215-5422 or e-mail pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

ST. CLETUS CHOOSE KINDNESS 5K RUN



Saturday, October 21, 2017

100 Yard Dash: 7:45 a.m. Open to children age 7 and under.

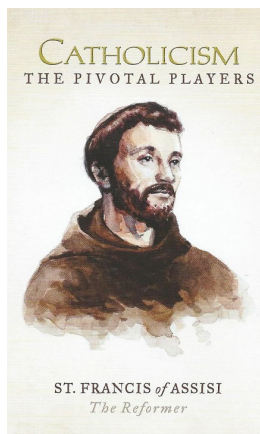
1 Mile Run: Immediately following 100 Yard Dash. Open to children age 11 and under.

5K Run/Walk: 8:15 a.m. Race open to all runners and walkers.

Race starts and ends on Waiola Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets. For more information and to register please visit www.stcletusschool.com.

\$15 entry fee for each race before October 19; \$20 after. Includes a t-shirt to the first 300 registrants.

CREDO - PIVOTAL PLAYERS



Bishop Robert Barron has a new DVD series, Pivotal Players, which looks at the Catholic Church's most influential people. They include St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Catherine of Siena. The CREDO committee will be hosting the program on Wednesday nights, once a month. The first will be on St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building.

Please use the side doors of the school next to the church. There is no charge to attend, nor will there be registration.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

Save the Date

Saturday, October 21

6:00 p.m.

Parish Center

Details to follow soon!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

Please answer the call to be a Catechist or Aide in our Religious Education program. We especially need teachers and aides for our Early Childhood Program, which meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

If you are in High School, and are looking for service hours, volunteering as an Aide in RE is a great way to do that while sharing your faith and having a lot of fun! We have openings in Early Childhood, Special Needs, or in Grades 1-4.

Please contact Barb Campbell at (708) 352-2383 or bcampbell@stcletusparish.com to find out more.

A NOTE FROM DEACON STUART

Dear Parish Family,

Every year, the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago come together to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. We do this with a dinner and a fund-raising event. This is our sole fundraiser of the year and it will take place on October 8.

Monies raised at the St. Francis Dinner support the following activities: several charities that serve the poorest and most marginalized (orphans, the mentally ill, the homeless, and the recovering), continuing theological and ministerial education for deacons and wives, a mutual aid fund for deacons in need, and operating funds for the Diaconate Council.

This year, I am asking if you'd be interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, or booklet. The tickets are \$5 each, or 6 for \$25. The first prize is \$1,000. There is also 1 \$500 winner, 2 \$100, and 6 \$50 winners.

If you'd be interested in taking a chance (winner need not be present!) and purchasing a ticket (or book), please let me know. I have raffle tickets and will either get them to you – or you can mail me a check, and I will complete the raffle ticket information for you.

We also host a silent auction and are always looking for donations. Perhaps you have tickets to a sporting event or play you'd be willing to donate. We are a nonprofit organization and, accordingly, donations should qualify as a charitable donation.

Thank you for your support of the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago. We truly are blessed to be part of the St Cletus Community.

Please call me at 630 842 3967 or e-mail me at if you are interested.

Thank you again! God bless you all!
Deacon Stuart & Marlene Heyes

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on October 10 in Room 102 of the education building. The book that will be discussed is **1984** by **George Orwell**.

For those who like to plan ahead, here is the book list for the coming few months:

December 12 – *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica

February 13 – *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly

April 10 – *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

INVITATION FROM DEACON CASAS

Join us for an Hour of Prayer:

*«Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
with the Holy Sacrament»*

Every Tuesday of the Month

Come to the “Holy Hour” from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

After the “Holy Hour” you are invited to pray with us during

“La Hora Santa en Español”

“Hora Santa” todos los Martes de 7:00 a 8:00 p.m.

«Meditación, Rosario y Bendición con el Santísimo»

FLU SHOTS OCTOBER 8TH

Flu season is here and Osco Pharmacy will hold a flu clinic in Morrissey Hall on Sunday Oct 8th from 7:30 to 12:30 so feel free to stop in before or after mass to get your flu shot.

Medicare part B covers the vaccine at no charge. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available if you are not up to date on this immunization.

As an incentive a 10% Jewel grocery coupon will be given to everybody who receives immunization.

For more information stop by Osco drug across the street and speak with Presley.

RELIGIOUS ED SEEKING CATECHISTS



The St. Cletus Religious Education Office is currently seeking adults and High School students interested in volunteering as Catechists and Aides. *We are looking for committed people who are willing to share their faith with children, and have a fun time doing it!*

We provide training, all resource materials and lesson plans – it's easy! Please contact the Religious Education Office today to learn more about how you can become a Catechist or Aide!

Contact the Religious Education Office (708) 352-2383
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. There are some exceptions for holidays. Thank you!

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN

Joyful Again! Program for Widowed Men and Women

Need help moving on to the life God now sees for you as a single person? Attend our workshop/retreat and see the possibilities.

October 28 & 29, 2017 - Batavia

November 11 & 12, 2017- Lemont

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. Incls. overnight and meals. Space limited – register early.

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 708-354-7211
joyfulagain7211@gmail.com www.joyfulagain.org

NAZARETH ACADEMY HOSTS COFFEE & CONVERSATION DATES

Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 10 a.m. Parents are welcome on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 4, and Wednesday, Nov. 15. Registration is required. Visit nazarethacademy.com and click “Admissions” or contact Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 or kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com.

MEET MONTINI SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

On Thursday September 21st at 8:30 am, Montini Catholic High School will be hosting the first “Meet Montini” of the 2017-2018 school year. This is an informal session for parents with the Administration and Admissions Teams. It begins at 8:30 am in DeLaSalle Hall and includes a tour of the school while classes are in session. Please RSVP to Kim Richmond, Admissions Coordinator at krichmond@montini.org or call 630-627-6930 x 182. Montini Catholic High School is located at 19W070 16th Street in Lombard.

LEGACY GUILD

Sponsorship opportunities, Bags Tourney and Dinner tickets are available for The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing Sept 29th at La Grange CC. Donation of raffle prizes would also be appreciated!

Help provide college scholarships for local students who have lost a parent.

More info at <http://www.thelegacyguild.com/>. Contact Tim Sullivan 708-205-0207 or Bob Bock 708-646-9047

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. DAMIAN IN OAK FOREST

Individuals and families living with people with mental health difficulties and disorders often face challenges that leave them feeling isolated and alone. We are a community of faith offering help and hope... emotional and spiritual support... and a safe place where you can experience acceptance and TLC. Join us on Thursday evenings at 7pm September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21. For more info call (708)687-1370.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

St. John of the Cross Spirituality Among Men Series

No matter your news source or political persuasion, there appears to be increasing tension between the secular and the sacred in American society. The St. John of the Cross SAM (Spirituality Among Men) Group invites you to refresh your understanding of God as we discuss various misconceptions that may be preventing us from deepening our faith. As we grow, our notion of God must expand and in so doing old notions must pass away. Join us at the St. John Parish Center on Sept. 23rd at 9am for coffee, bagels, fellowship and some good discussion.

Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Monday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Oct 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

‘Seasons of Hope’ is a six-session support ministry designed to help participants navigate the grieving process. Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, prayer, personal reflection and Scripture. Seasons of Hope is facilitated by experienced, caring adults who are familiar with the grief process. Registration www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry or (708)246-4404 ext. 137

Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21

The Divorce and Beyond process provides emotional and spiritual support to those who have experienced divorce or those in the dissolution process. It is a faith-based, Catholic Christian support ministry that welcomes other faith traditions as well. Register online at www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond. Cost: \$10

Disclaimer: ‘Seasons of Hope’ and ‘Divorce and Beyond’ support groups are not intended to provide or replace professional counseling or individual therapy.

Information is also available in the St. Cletus Narthex.

St. John of the Cross Parish Center - 5005 Wolf Rd. Western Springs

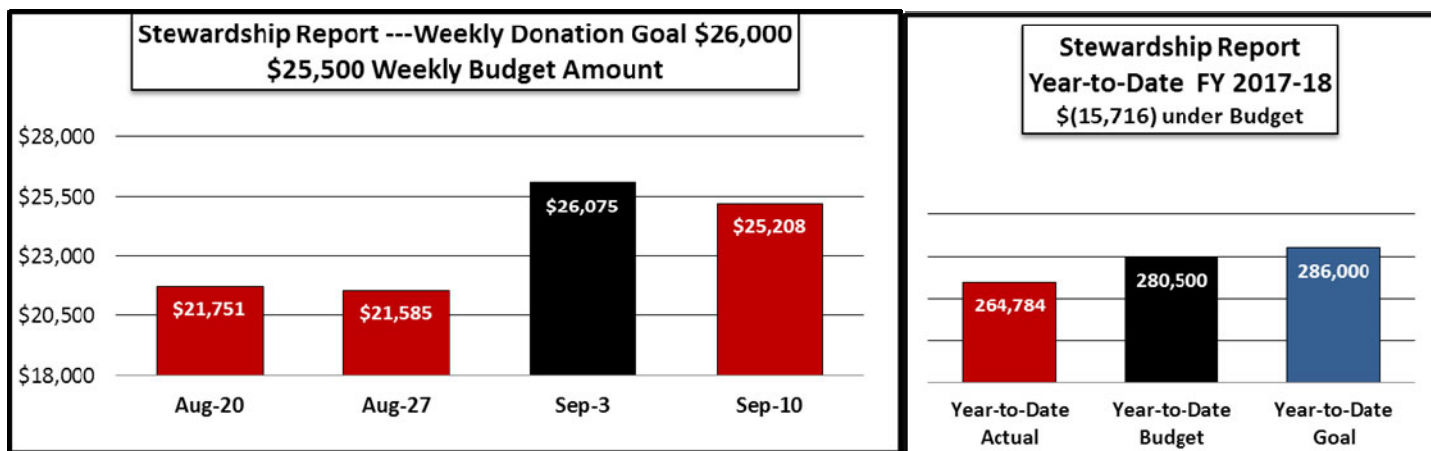
Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 17	9:15am 12:00pm	School School Rm 200	Religious Education Classes Begin KAIROS Meeting
Monday, September 18	6:00pm	School	Religious Education Classes Begin
Tuesday, September 19	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:45pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Rm 1 Parish Center Rm 2 Rectory Basement Church School Rm 213	Holy Hour, English RCIA RCIA for Children PPC Meeting Hora Santa, Español Kairos Leaders Meeting
Wednesday, September 20	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Rm 1 School Rm 98 School Rm 117	Respect Life Committee CREDO RE Teen Seekers
Thursday, September 21	7:00pm	Parish Center Rm 1	SVDP Meeting
Friday, September 22	1:45pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Gym Morrissey Hall	Homecoming Pep Rally Homecoming Dance
Saturday, September 23	5:00pm 5:00pm	Parish Grounds Narthex	8th Grade Mums Sale Eagle Scout Project Collection
Sunday, September 24	7:00am 7:00am 8:30am	Parish Grounds Narthex School Rm 200	8th Grade Mums Sale Eagle Scout Project Collection Homecoming Parade

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Catholic Charities Hurricane Relief Fund donation \$7,333.91. Thanks for your generous support!



ST. CLETUS ONLINE GIVING... DONATIONS MADE EASY




We encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and click on the “Donate” button and register using your checking account, debit card or credit card.

Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the St. Cletus rectory, (708) 352-6209. Thank you!

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Holy Hour each Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Hispanic Adoration continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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