



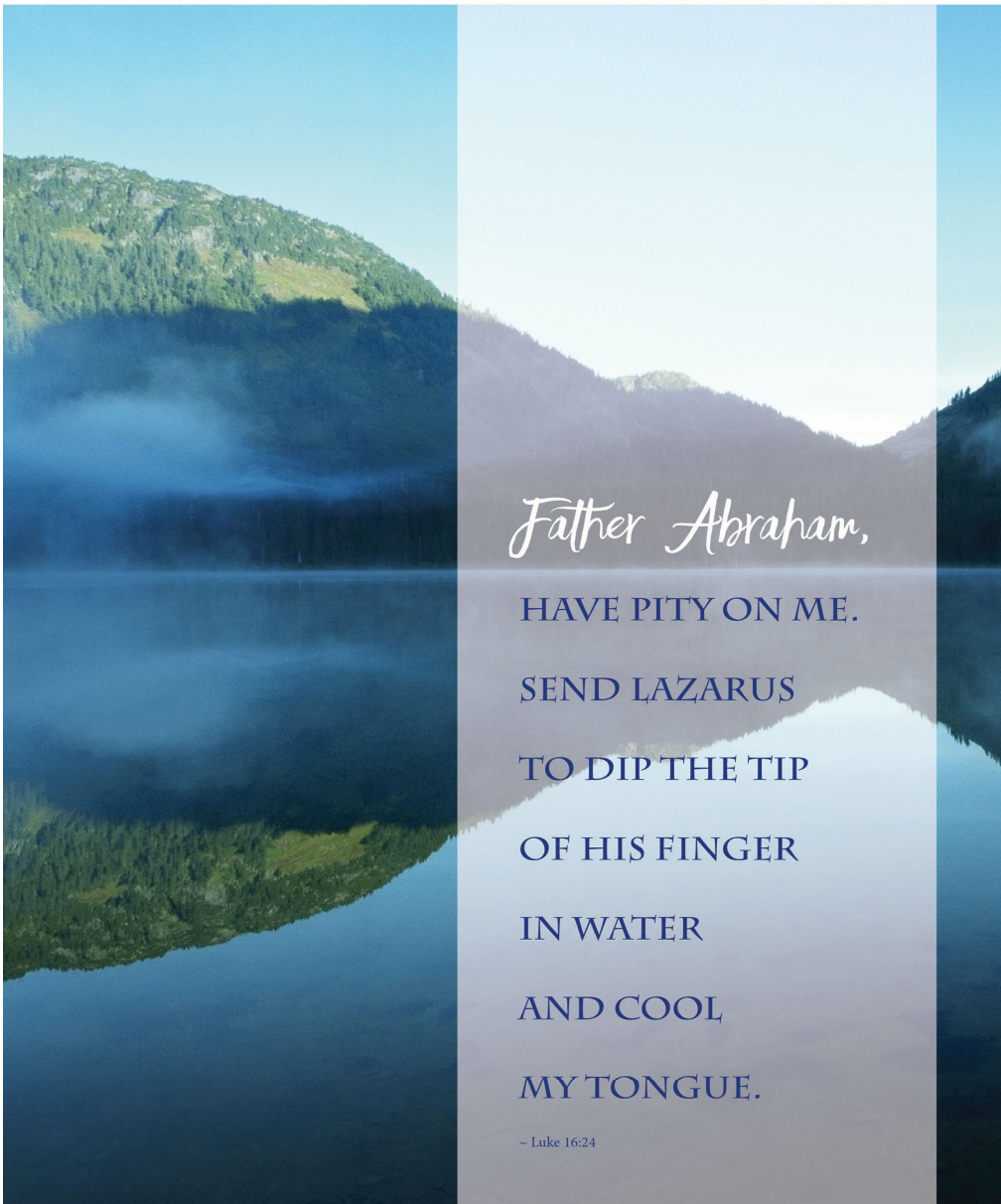
# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**[K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

— 1 Timothy 6:14



September 29, 2019 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Father Abraham,*

HAVE PITY ON ME.

SEND LAZARUS

TO DIP THE TIP

OF HIS FINGER

IN WATER

AND COOL

MY TONGUE.

~ Luke 16:24

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Notes from Fr. Bob...

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

The house of Judah Ben Hur was noble and wealthy. It sat in the heart of Jerusalem, at the center of Jewish life. Even though they were ruled by Rome, this Jewish family knew what it was to have pride and privilege. They were well born and well off.

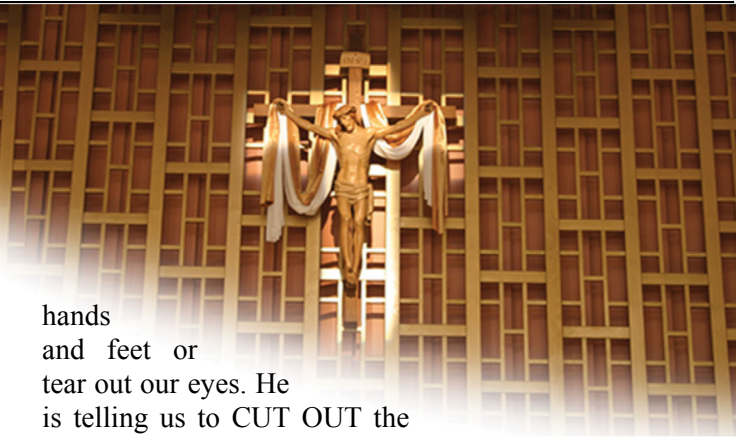
However, through a series of misfortunes and calamities, the house of Judah Ben Hur collapses. His mother and his sister were sent to the dungeons, where they eventually contract the disease of leprosy. Judah himself – played in the famous film by Charlton Heston – is condemned to serve as a slave in the Roman galleys. Chained to fellow prisoners, Ben Hur is forced to march to his doom. On the way they stop for a rest in a village, and a local man, quiet and strong, comes to give a cup of cold water to the tired and exhausted prisoner. Ben Hur looks up to see who is being kind to him and finds himself gazing into the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth. This moment stays with him forever. He will never forget the kindness, the cup of water, or the face of the man who gave it to him.

Years later, when Ben Hur is restored to life and honor and position, he returns to Jerusalem and to his old family house. One day a noisy procession passes in the street as a man is jostled and pushed along to his public execution, carrying a cross. Filled with compassion for the prisoner, so condemned, Ben Hur moved forward to help and lift the fallen man. Their eyes meet, and once again Judah Ben Hur is looking into the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth. The helper has become the victim.

As Jesus passes on his way to Calvary, his shadow falls across two leper women in that crowd, the mother and sister of Judah Ben Hur, and they were healed of their disease.

In this powerful scene we see played out the words of Jesus, ‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink, she/he will most certainly not lose her/his reward.’ The presence of Christ is a healing presence. The kindness of Ben Hur in running to help a fallen man is rewarded immediately in the healing of his family.

This drama plays out for us an everlasting truth. Every good deed, even the least, will be remembered and rewarded. God is faithful, and God is generous. Equally, every deed, every wrongdoing, even the least, will also be remembered and must be answered for. And because the Lord loves us, he warns us. Get rid of evil in your life NOW. Don’t wait until it too late, until it gets a hold of you. It is vivid and demanding language that Jesus uses, but we know that he is not literally telling us to cut off our



hands  
and feet or  
tear out our eyes. He  
is telling us to CUT OUT the  
things which give scandal to others and hinder  
them on their journey.

Life is a great drama, and it is a story of good and evil. The struggle for joy and happiness, the tragedies of sorrow and sin, are played out everyday, everywhere. This is no pointless tale, told by an idiot, signifying nothing. It is the story of God’s love for you and me and everyone. It is the story of our journey through life.

In our television age, we watch so many stories unfolding all around us, stories of war and violence; we tend to forget that we are IN these stories. They are our stories. What happens to the people who share this world and this time with us is part of my story.

As people pass by ‘in my village’ it is possible for me to give them a cup of water to help them on their way. With that cup comes the kindness, the care, the comfort, and the companionship we all seek in this life. We have riches to give to each other.

As people fall under the crosses they carry, I can reach down to help them. Looking into their eyes I may see the eyes of Jesus of Nazareth.

And who knows, the shadows of other people’s gentle presence in my own life may bring healing to me, and restore my heart and my house.

Then we will not lose the reward.

*In the shadow of God,*



**Fr. Bob Clark**  
**Pastor**



## PARISH CAMPUS UNFORSEEN AND NOT BUDGETED MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECTS IN SEPTEMBER 2019

*Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,*

*I will be speaking at all weekend liturgies on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the unforeseen and unbudgeted repairs totaling almost \$73,000 that needed to be completed during this past month. Please see below the specific items that needed immediate attention and their costs.*

### **EMERGENCY CHURCH PLUMBING REPAIRS and EMERGENCY SCHOOL STORM DRAIN REPAIRS:**

Unique Plumbing provided multiple sewer repairs. There were drainage issues which were due to the failure of aging sewer systems. The completed work will be done by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$51,500.00**

### **UNEXPECTED PARKING LOT REPAIRS:**

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1) Much needed repair of deteriorated asphalt areas-   | Cost: \$8,742.44  |
| 2) Crack seal and seal coating of the entire parking lot of 85,790 square feet-  | Cost: \$10,092.43 |
| 3) Seal and striping of lot is normally scheduled every two years but due to the needed repairs of deteriorated asphalt we had to seal and restripe this year- | Cost: \$2,531.32  |

**TOTAL COST: \$21,366.19**

*We will be having a second collection on the weekends of Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Any help you can give the parish to offset these unexpected expenses would be greatly appreciated.*

*With Great Gratitude and Thanksgiving,*



**Fr. Bob Clark, Pastor**



## Mass Intentions for the Week of September 30 - October 6, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Elaine Goldammer, Shirley Flamm, Louise Callaghan, Virginia Harvey
Tuesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Adam & Mike Pietrzak, Robinson Hart Family
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Shirley Flamm
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Kevin Sierzaga, George C. Burns, George & MaryClare O'Connell, Dennis Bielatowicz
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio, Irene & Tom Cecil
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Special Intention - Carol Piccolo Barbara Gaetano, Jim Deslauriers, Stella & Feliz Gambala, Milton Persin, Ken Kakareka, Special Intention - Carol Piccolo, Bill Magee
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda; Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Patrick Mahoney, John & Frances Kennedy, Robert McDonnell Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stacy Baker, Special Intention - Linda Kostuba BC Collins, Les Zaczek, Special Intention - Adam & Gina Mullar Dolores Reznicek, BC Collins, Louise Callaghan Carlos Lopez

### Marriage Banns



**Lauren Ward & Sean Sebastian**

**Leslie Lurz & Sam Granieri**

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

**Dr. Leona Shell**

**Robert Caplice**

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

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

October 5-6 and October 12-13, there will be a second collection for St. Cletus Parish to pay for unexpected and unbudgeted maintenance repairs that were needed for the parish and school in September.

A letter from Fr. Bob Clark and more information can be found on page 3 of the Canticle.

### 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** - Chuck Foerster, Stella Fabian

**August** - Don King, Frank Colonna, Roxy Brown, Rochina DeBartolo, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski

**July** - Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley, Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, Rachael Schopp, Ronald Kruczek, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman

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



# Parish School



## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

October 5 ..... Eighth Grade Day of the Spirit  
 October 8 ..... Catholic High Schools Night  
 October 10 ..... School Mass, 6th Grade Bible Blessing

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Gregory Porod, Principal**  
 (708) 352-4820  
 gporod@stcletusparish.com

**Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
 (708) 352-4820  
 cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



## HOMECOMING PEP RALLY AND DANCE

The St. Cletus School Fall pep rally is always a great time for everyone and a great way to kick off the year! GO CARDINALS! That night the 7th and 8th grade students had a fun time at the annual Homecoming dance. (Pep Rally pictures to the left.)



## COMMUNITY BUILDING

We held a wonderful ice cream social last week for our early childhood families, aka "Little Cardinals"! A great time was had by adults and kids alike! We love our Little Cardinals!

## Social Concerns Ministry



### ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

**THURSDAYS 6-8PM**

Most needed at this time:

- Baby Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Cereal
- Baby Wipes
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

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*

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Survivors Mass at Holy Name Cathedral from 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm. Mass with hospitality following.

The Preventing Violence in Our Communities Event has been postponed.

*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 to the lower left. **You are not alone.***



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

[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

### CROP HUNGER WALK



Sunday, October 27th

12:30 Check In, 1:15 Walk Begins

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! Online registration and donation info can be found at: [crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus](http://crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus)

### GIVING TREE

#### GIVING TREE REGISTRATION

Tuesday, October 1 from 6:00-8:00pm in St. Cletus Morrissey Hall

We will be registering eligible families for the December Giving Tree. To qualify:

- You must be a regular food pantry client, registered with us between January 1-September 26, 2019.
- OR you must be a registered parishioner of St. Cletus Parish

Volunteers needed from 5:30-8:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2kKbIn1>

#### GIVING TREE TAG MAKING

Tuesday, October 15 from 3:00-5:00pm in Room 201 in the Education Building \*enter at the school main entrance, door #2\*

Volunteers needed to help cut, fold, hole punch, and tie ribbons on Giving Tree tags! Grades 6 and up can come without a parent. Adults are needed too! If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2kKbIn1>

### SVDP

We want to congratulate and thank all of our Silent Auction Winners! Steven Lifka, Lynda Lathrop, Joe Lestarczyk, Kieran Kelliher, Ryan Lestarczyk, and Ernie Kaminski.

We were able to raise \$1,280 that will go directly to helping our neighbors with rent and utility assistance. Thank you for your generosity!



## RESPECT LIFE



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 25-November 3

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. Locations in Downers Grove, Chicago, and Flossmoor. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for more information.



### LIFE CHAIN

October 6 from 2:30-3:30

Southwest Corner of LaGrange Rd. and Ogden Ave.

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 90 minutes. In 2017, over 1550 cities and towns held Life Chains. Signs will be provided as well as suggested Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, and scripture verses. We hope you will join us!



### BABY BOTTLE ENVELOPES

October 12-13 after all Masses

Volunteers are needed to help hand out envelopes at the exits after each Mass. All ages welcome. Please sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2kSGE4g>

## WORD OF LIFE



“In a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation's founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics

## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

If you have an interest in supporting job seekers in our community, we'd love to hear from you! Even with the improved job market there are continuing layoffs, and many seeking a better opportunity. We are staffed by volunteers and are seeking new members to join our ICN team ([www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org)).

Anyone interested in supporting others during their search would be welcome. We are in need of volunteers for marketing efforts (including social media, website support, etc.) as well as anyone who could assist with job coaching advice or networking help. A business or HR professional for one-on-one coaching would be a great addition! If you have a warm smile but no related job search experience, we need you as well for greeters at our monthly meetings and quarterly resume reviews. This September is our 11th anniversary of helping others help themselves. You, too can help make a difference! Call July 708.352.8943 or Tom 708.772.4231 to learn more.

## PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES EVENT POSTPONED

“Preventing Violence in Our Communities” event has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict on the speakers part.

We will reschedule the event for early 2020. Please stay tuned!

## BUILDING SAFETY AND WELLNESS IN THE COMMUNITY: PROMOTING HEALTHY FAMILIES AND CHURCHES

Join us 6:30-8:00pm on Thursday, October 17 at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

All are invited to an evening that will raise awareness, promote discussion, and provide information about safety and wellness within our homes, churches and community. A panel of experts representing police and fire departments, Pillars, and area counseling centers will address questions and concerns from their field of expertise and provide helpful tips and strategies that promote health and safety.

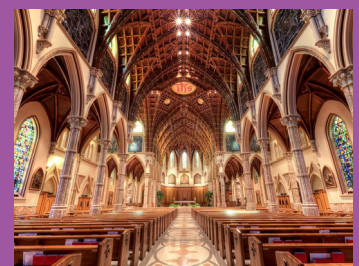
*Sponsored by the SJC Domestic Violence Awareness Committee with support and involvement neighboring parishes.*

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

### 4TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS MASS

Please join us Saturday, October 5th at 5:15pm at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Hospitality will follow the Mass.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



# St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Pot Luck

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC  WOMEN

## ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK!

### SATURDAY OCT. 5 AT 6 P.M.

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER  
CLARK HALL

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

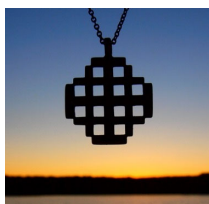


The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women (CCW) invites you (singles welcome) and/or your family (children welcome) to bring your favorite dish (to serve 8-10 people) and join us for an evening of good food and friendship; an informal fun gathering to acquaint and re-acquaint yourself with fellow parishioners in the Parish Center on Saturday, October 5th at 6pm.

We'd like to know how many to plan for and also make sure we'll have a well-rounded meal, so we are asking you to RSVP using the forms in the narthex.

To volunteer to help with the event and/or if you have any questions, including options for those who can't bring a prepared dish, please email [ccw@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ccw@stcletusparish.com) or call 708-710-0644 or 773-576-0812 .

# Youth Ministry



## REGISTER FOR KAIROS 34!

**Who:**  
High School Juniors & Seniors

**When:**  
November 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, on the Youth Ministry page. Questions should be directed to MaryClaire Zurowski.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Boy's Church League Registration is Open  
9/25 - Freshman Experience, Monthly Formation for High School Freshman\*

10/6 - Alpha Youth Series – Formation for High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors\*

*\*Register for Freshman Experience & Alpha Youth online.*





## Sunday Notes



### HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food for the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and widows; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

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

**Second Reading** — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;  
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5780  
begins at sundown

Monday: St. Jerome

Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos;  
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" (from the Greek word meaning the "the whole inhabited world") began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as "outside the Church." A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.

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### PRAYING TO THE ANGELS

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.

—St. Ambrose

### INVOLVEMENT

Our job is to get in the game, not keep score.

—Anonymous

## Ministry News

### 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 fundraising event, which will take place on October 6.

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, the incarcerated 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 booklet of 6 raffle tickets for \$25. The first prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 winner, with two \$100 winners, and six \$50 winners.

If you'd be interested in taking a chance (winner need not be present!) and purchasing a book, see directions below.

We are a nonprofit organization and all donations qualify as a charitable donation. Thank you on behalf of Marlene and me and the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago for your support.

Thank you again! God bless you all!

Deacon Stuart

TO BUY THE TICKETS PLEASE WRITE A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "DIACONATE COUNCIL" AND PROVIDE 6 RETURN ADDRESS LABELS FOR EACH BOOK PLUS ONE ON AN ENVELOPE.FOR THE RETURN OF THE STUBS.

PUT ALL IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED FOR MY ATTENTION.AND LEAVE AT THE PARISH CENTER.

I WILL AFFIX THE LABELS AND LEAVE THE TICKET STUBS AT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AND ENSURE THE STUBS ARE ENTERED IN THE RAFFLE

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on October 8th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. We will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. For those who want to look ahead, the book for the Dec. 10th meeting is *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee. All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

#### **RCIA: Come and See begins Tuesday, Oct. 1!**



*Come and See*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's adult faith formation program which invites adults and teens 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 at 708 352 6209 ext 205 for participation and registration requirements.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St. Cletus Religious Education classes have been in session for a few weeks. We are very excited to have over 450 children coming on Sundays and Mondays to have an encounter with God! We are very blessed to have 45 Adults as Catechists and Aides and over 17 High School students as Aides within classrooms or in our Special Needs Adaptive classes. Our vibrant program gives our children the opportunity to encounter God through scripture, interactive lessons, games, prayer experiences, service experiences, crafts and music. If you still haven't registered your child for this year, please hurry and register them. Our classes are filling fast! Registration materials can be found online at [stcletusparish.com/re/](http://stcletusparish.com/re/)

#### **Here are some important dates for your calendar:**

- Sept. 29/30** All classes meet, including Special Needs Adaptive classes on Sunday morning.
- Oct. 2** Teen Seekers meets in Room 117 in Education Building from 7-9 p.m.
- Oct. 5** All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (RE and School) attend our Day of the Spirit Confirmation retreat in Morrissey Hall from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6/7** All classes meet, including Special Needs. First Grade families attend with their child for Creation Days Celebration.



**THE ROSARY:  
A PRAYER OF HUMILITY AND LOVE**

What I love about praying the Rosary is that Mary asks each of us to join with her in remembering and celebrating God’s most generous gift to us, His Son. October is Mary’s month, so let us join with her this coming month by saying her chosen prayers. Maybe your child received a rosary for his/her first communion. Maybe you have a special intention close to your heart. Maybe you just feel called to honor Our Mother and her Son. You can come at 7:15 before the 8 am Mass during the week and pray the Rosary then. Or stay after the 11am Mass on Sundays and join us in the Children’s Room.

Next weekend the Living Rosary is hosting a table in the Narthex with all things rosary. Bring your broken rosaries for repair or get a new one for a friend. We will also pray the entire rosary in the Parish Center on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15. It takes some extra time to pray all twenty decades (usually you only pray five decades), but it is a most moving way to pray your way through the gospels. Come and spend some time with Mother Mary.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



The St. Cletus Holy Name Society will have their next meeting on Friday, October 4th at 8:00 PM in the Father Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. HNS typically meets on the first Friday of each month (except July and August), all men of the parish are welcome.

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

**Lucas Erasmo Zavala**  
Son of Aracele Ortega & Alberto Zavala

**Benjamin Ryan Rodriguez**  
Son of Gabriella Valdez & Savatore Rodriguez

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Thank you to everyone who joined us Sunday for our benefit concert. We feel so blessed to be able to bring these amazingly talented musicians to St. Cletus and we truly appreciate your support.

Mark your calendars for our next concert: October 27 at 4pm as we welcome flutist Caroline May, who is the La Grange Elementary School District 102 band director. Our very own Kathleen Kress will be joining her and Justin Sisul will accompany this concert. It will be held in St. Cletus Church and admission is free.

View the full 2019-20 Season at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com).

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## Community Bulletin Board

### CALLING 1974 ST. CLETUS GRADUATES!

This year marks our 45th year since our graduation and the perfect time to get together for a reunion. However, we need help locating our classmates. If you have a son or daughter, brother/sister, or friend that graduated in 1974, please contact Joanne Lattal Clancy at [jmlclancy@hotmail.com](mailto:jmlclancy@hotmail.com). We are hoping to have a fall reunion.

### JOYFUL AGAIN!



Welcome! All widowed men & women, looking to ease their sense of loss and move into a more joyful part of life, are invited to attend a Joyful Again! retreat/workshop. Fall 2019 Schedule:

Oct. 12 & 13 – St. Hubert Parish, Hoffman Estates (No overnight availability.)

Nov. 2 & 3- (Overnight only) Nazareth Retreat Hse, Batavia

Nov 16 & 17- (Overnight only) Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

For more information contact us at 708-354-7211, [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com), [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org).

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Join Deacon Rich Voytas (St. John of the Cross) on a spectacular trip to Portugal, Spain, Morocco ~ September 7-18, 2020! Twelve fabulous days visiting: Lisbon, Fatima (including the sight where the Blessed Virgin appeared on May 13, 1917), Barcelona, Costa Del Sol, Madrid and much more! For a complete itinerary and pricing information, contact Deacon Rich at 773.537.8834. An information meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at St. John of the Cross Parish Center (5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs 60558) ~ 7:00 PM to preview more details on this marvelous trip! All are invited to attend.

### NAZARETH ACADEMY

Parents and community members are welcome to join the conversation at Nazareth Academy's Parent Speaker Series. At 7pm on **Thursday, October 3**, hear from Dr. John Duffy, author of *Parenting the New Teen in the Age of Anxiety*. This is a free event. More information can be found at [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com).

Nazareth Academy, 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park

### TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Trinity High School will be hosting its first fall Open House: Sunday, October 13th at Noon (last tour leaves at 1PM) and Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30PM (last tour leaves at 7:30PM). Open Houses \are the perfect opportunity to visit Trinity and see what life is like as a Trinity Blazer. For more information on upcoming admissions events, go to Trinity's website at [www.trinityhs.org/beablazer](http://www.trinityhs.org/beablazer) or contact Mary Beth Lavezzorio, at 708.453.8343 | [mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org](mailto:mblavezzorio@trinityhs.org).

Trinity High School 7574 West Division St. River Forest, IL

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Our Fall Programs are out! Please see our website for a full listing and to register: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) 708-482-5048.

**Overcoming Spiritual Myopia: Nurturing Healing & Hope Through a Unitive Worldview Saturday, October 5, 9AM – 3:30 PM. Margaret Placentra Johnston, O.D. and Pat Bombard, BVM, D. Min.** Explore how overcoming spiritual myopia – divisiveness among people of different faiths – offers hope for the human future. Participants will learn how to cure spiritual myopia by seeing what is common to the spiritual wisdom in all traditions. Cost: \$75, includes lunch.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network.

### HITZEMAN GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which occur the second Tuesday of each month. We know how losing a loved one affects the core of each family. Whether the passing is sudden or after a long battle with illness, each soul has a story. And everyone has their own way of coping with such a loss; sometimes, we don't know how to start finding a way through the fog of emotions and despair. The holidays are times we set aside to celebrate and spend time with family. After the death of a loved one, this time of the year can be very difficult to manage. Watching others laugh and rejoice in the spirit of the holidays when you might feel sad and overwhelmed can be painful. It's a true reminder of your loss and how much your life has changed. The first holiday season without your loved one can be especially hard. In this discussion you will learn strategies for coping with grief during the holidays. Hopefully these tips will help you or someone you know who is grieving have a better experience.

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

**Hitzeman Funeral Home 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield**

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by October 4, 2019 to [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com) or 708-485-2000. For more information - [www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport)

### ST. BARBARA CCW BUNCO

BUNCO PARTY Fundraiser, sponsored by St. Barbara CCW, will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2:30-4:30 pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Ave., Brookfield. Men and women are invited. Advance ticket donation is \$5 for Bunco, prizes, coffee & cake. For tickets, call Dolores at 708-334-2117 or purchase at the door for \$6.

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

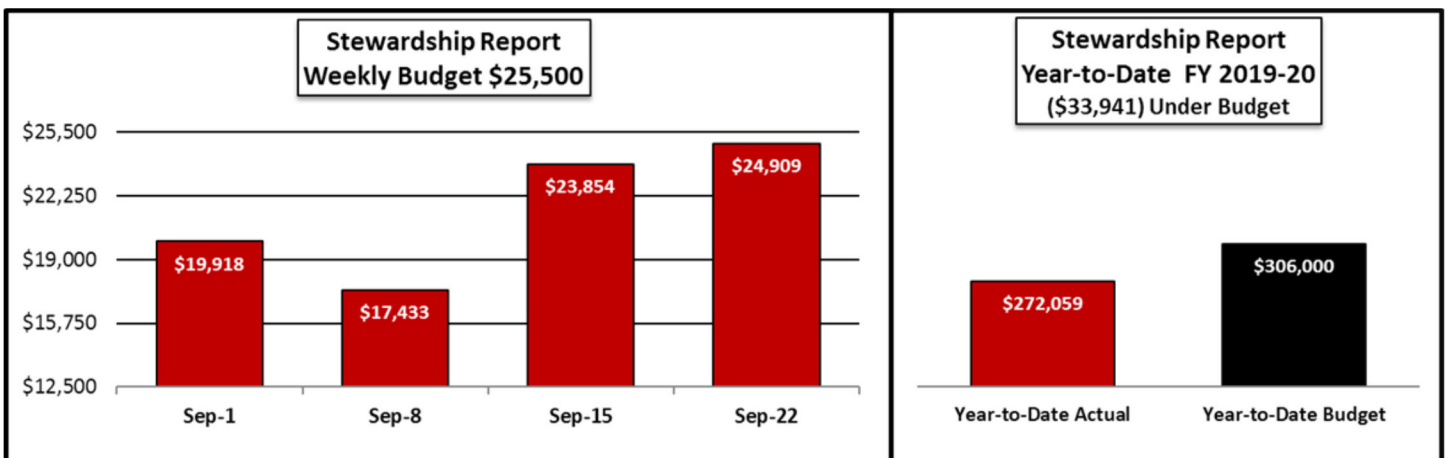
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.



## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 29	12:00pm 12:00pm 2:00pm	School Room 102 School Room 200 School Room 200	RCIA Teens Alpha Youth KAIROS Meeting
Monday, September 30	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 1	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Morrissey Hall Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Giving Tree Registration Spanish Holy Hour School Board
Wednesday, October 2	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Rm 117 School Room 213	Mission Ladies Teen Seekers FSA
Thursday, October 3	5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement Morrissey Hall School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Cub Scouts Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 4	4:00pm 8:00pm	Outside Parish Center Mtg Room	Pet Blessing Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, October 5	5:00pm 6:00pm	Narthex Parish Center	Living Rosary and Respect Life Committee St. Cletus Parish Family Pot Luck
Sunday, October 6	7:00am 9:15am 12:00pm 12:00pm 2:00pm	Narthex School School Room 102 School Room 200 School Room 200	Living Rosary and Respect Life Committee RE Classes RCIA Teens Alpha Youth KAIROS Meeting

## Stewardship Report



### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING




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Visit [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.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.

# St. Cletus Parish Information

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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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