

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME,
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,
IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 27 - December 3, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Curran, Jacqueline Rybacki, Florence & Wm. Sr. & Wm Jr. Celmer, Joseph Romano
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Vincent Cappelleri, Timothy & Ronald Wojtecki
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Richard Berlin
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Henry & Ann Pleszka, Janina Bonczak, Joseph & Kay Klemak John Battistoni, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Mary Trtol, Stella & Feliz Gembala, Linda Heinrich, Dennis Gabriel
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker TBD	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Dolores E. Kuchta, George Duda Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Joseph Speck, Stacy Baker, Poor Souls in Purgatory Bernie & Carol Hennessy, Bob Thomas, Edward Pilarski, Gene Kennedy, Giles Nabor, Eugene Jeremiah, Catherine Hickey St. Cletus Parishioners Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.




“Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.” —Isaiah 1:17

Please be generous in this week’s second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

To learn more and donate online, visit www.CCHDchicago.org

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 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication. Thank you!



Marriage Banns

Robert Blase & Carolyn King

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

November - Anne Bermier, Millie Billenstein, Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Isabel McKeehan, Eileen R. Peters, Kay Petalick, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley

October - Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfig, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso

September - Connie Monzel, Jeanine Rapp, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowski, Frank Colonna, 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...

CHRIST THE KING

At Monasterboice in County Louth, Ireland, the ancient Celtic cross depicts the story of the Last Judgment in graphic terms. Christ is weighing souls in a pair of scales. Those who are found worthy are seated on the right side of Christ with faces towards him, while those who are found unworthy are being prodded away by little devils with pitchforks, their faces looking aghast and facing away from Christ. The stone which has survived the weather of twelve centuries is an early means of teaching the gospel to a people who were illiterate. Only the monks and priests had access to handwritten texts of the gospel. If the cross could speak of the people who had gathered there, name those who had prayed there, witness to the history written in the fields and villages, the history of Christian people would be told.

The story told would be that of the deeds and acts of the love which were done without thinking, often unrecognized and unacknowledged. The heroes of the story would be the unknown of the history books: a woman who nursed a dying neighbor, a man who gave a stranger food and drink one cold November evening, perhaps a woman who hid a priest on the run for being a Catholic in penal times. These moments in history were sudden, brief and quickly past. They are the moments in history when the gospel was lived out.

The gospel highlights the paradox of the Christian life. Christ is met in the most unusual and unknown circumstances of life, and often in the most unlikely and unexpected people. In a world in which style and presentation are very important in advertising and images of beautiful people abound, the gospel reminds us of the anawim, 'the poor', those who can rely only on God because they have nothing and are considered by most others as nothing in the world. They are the people whose history is not written in the history books and whose tombstones, if they could afford a tombstone, are the only reminders of their lives.

Perhaps it is difficult to reconcile the story of the Last Judgment with the mercy and love of God, which is often the focus of preaching today. The feast of Christ the King celebrates God's love and justice. In the first reading, God is presented as a shepherd who cares for each of his sheep. The shepherd seeks each out, knows each by name, strengthens, heals and bandages the wounded. Christ the Good Shepherd deepens this understanding in the story of the shepherd who seeks out the one lost sheep of the hundred in the fold. He carries it home on his shoulders. To this story God's love, we are called to

respond and follow in discipleship.

The story of the Last Judgment is a reminder that we are called to take responsibility for our lives and that the commandment of love is the invitation to be followed. God does not reject us, but in freedom, we have the possibility of rejecting God and God's invitation to love. Through our actions, we can determine how God will judge us.

Christ the King presents an image of humble love and service of others. God will know our weakness and need for healing but invites us out of our brokenness to be close to the weakest in society. It is important to recognize one's Achilles' heel in order to be compassionate to others.

At the end of the Church's year and as we prepare for Advent, we are invited to take stock of our lives and recognize the action of God's grace in shepherding us throughout the last year. Can I see the times of darkness or the times when God has healed me? Are there times when God's love, through love of those around me, rescued me from darkness and despair? Do I thank God for this love?

How have I responded to the invitations with which I have been presented in the poor and weak? With gratitude let us thank God for the way we have responded. Perhaps there is also need for repentance for moments of selfishness and carelessness? God who heals can forgive and show mercy which can restore us to new life.

The feast of Christ the King is a celebration of God's love, which extends to the ends of the earth. To recognize God's love is a call for praise and gratitude.

God's Love Always,

Fr. Bob
Fr. Bob, Pastor



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fundraiser at Five Below November 26 - December 3
 Vendor Fair December 2
 All School Mass 9am December 8

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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THANK YOU

The students and staff of St. Cletus School want to take this opportunity to wish our parish a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are very thankful to have such wonderful teachers, students and staff children in our St. Cletus Family.

May God bless the St. Cletus community and your families this Thanksgiving! Saint Cletus, watch over us, pray for us, and guide us in our mission of Faith, Family, and the Future.

The 2017 St. Cletus Holiday Boutique



2017 St. Cletus Christmas Boutique Saturday, December 2nd

6:00-7:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome
 7:00-9:00 p.m. Adults 21 and over only. NO EXCEPTIONS

Come and join us for a wonderful night out! Get all your Christmas shopping done in one place, or spoil yourself a little and buy things for yourself!

Some of the vendors that we will be having include: Pampered Chef, Lula Roe, Scentsy, Norwex, Tupperware, 10th Ave Tea, Origami, The Sheet Lady, NuSkin, and many more! You do not want to miss this wonderful fun event!

Religious Education

GIVING THANKS

During this time of giving thanks, the Religious Education staff wishes to recognize the abundant blessings and gifts we have received from God. We are thankful for the precious gift of our RE families and friends, for those who are actively gathering in our weekly sessions, and those who have served and been formed in the past. We are thankful for God's abundant grace that we encounter each session in our children and volunteers. We see glimpses of heavenly beauty through the eyes of our young children, and delight as we watch them learning to be God's hands and feet in the world. We are especially grateful for our parents who sacrifice and teach their children to be faithful servants, and to our amazing volunteer Catechists and Aides who so generously give of their time and talents to share their faith and the Good News with these children and their families. We ask God to continue to bless us always and in all ways.

Please enjoy these snapshots of some of our special activities over the past 5 weeks!

6TH GRADE SEDER MEAL



8TH GRADE & TEEN SEEKER DAY OF THE SPIRIT



1ST GRADE LIVING ROSARY



1ST GRADE FIRST RECONCILIATION



SPECIAL NEEDS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Youth Ministry

BEDS PLUS LUNCHES SERVICE PROJECT

Come on Wednesday, November 29th to help prepare sack lunches for clients at BEDS Plus! Visit with friends as you work to fulfill a true need in your local community. This event will take place in the Parish Center at 7 pm. Please RSVP to etomasek@stcletusparish.com.

GIVING TREE DECEMBER 10, 12:30-2:30PM

Join your friends to work together as part of the St. Cletus Giving Tree! Visit the St. Cletus website to reserve your volunteer spot through Sign-Up Genius. High school teens can work together for a shift and then have time to catch up with each other for a bit afterwards! Email bcampbell@stcletusparish.com with questions.

TRANSITIONS

It is with a full heart that I share with the St. Cletus community that I will be leaving St. Cletus this month. My husband, Mike, and I are moving with our four children to Indiana. A great amount of prayer and discernment went into this decision, though it was not an easy one. This relocation to the South Bend area will provide abundant opportunities for our family, and may allow me to fulfill my dream of earning a Master of Divinity degree in order to better serve the Church.

It certainly is bittersweet to leave the St. Cletus community. I have felt blessed since I joined the staff here nearly three years ago. The St. Cletus staff are fully dedicated to the parish mission and the mission of the Church at large, and it has been a privilege to work along side them. There is a vibrant parish life here that gives energy to the surrounding communities. I have been truly blessed to work with ministry volunteers who understand the importance of teen faith ministry and share my passion for serving with high school teens. And I have been deeply touched by both the adult volunteers and the teen participants and leaders in all areas of youth ministry ; I have been forever changed as a result of these relationships and experiences.

When I began my work at St. Cletus, I had many hopes and goals for growth in youth ministry to serve the parish needs. While there is still much work to be done, I am honored to have been part of the ministry team here. And I trust that because of the dedication of the staff and the parish, amazing fruits will continue to blossom from the efforts of St. Cletus Youth Ministry. Thank you all for your support, and please know the people and needs of St. Cletus Parish will always be in my prayers.

Blessings now and always,

Elizabeth Tomasek

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Second Collection for the CCHD



Our second collection today is to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 46 million people in the United States living in poverty, and this collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country to identify and address the unique obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

Sunday Notes

CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Andrew

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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

GRATITUDE

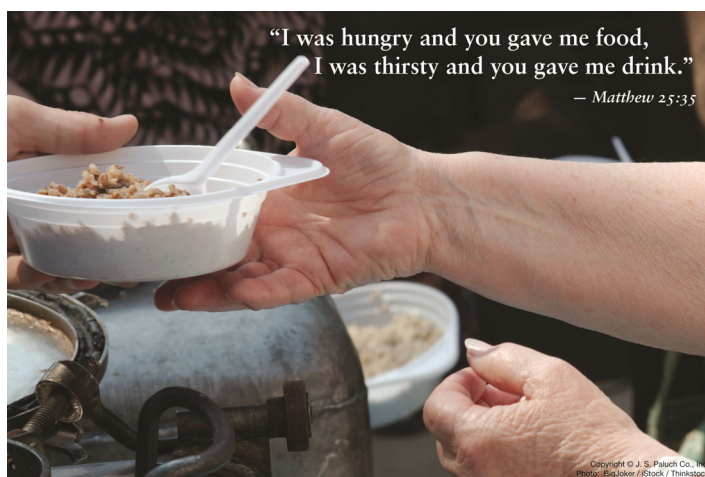
Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.

—François Fénelon

HIDDEN TALENT

No one respects a talent that is concealed.

—Desiderius Erasmus



Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Meals in a Can
- Boxed Sides
- Cooking oil
- Crackers
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Dry Pinto Beans
- \$25 Jewel Gift Cards
- Healthy snacks
- Laundry detergent
- Personal Care Items

Thank You

Thank you to Jewel-Osco Countryside for donating Thanksgiving meals to many of our food pantry clients. We're so grateful for this generous partnership, especially to all of you that participated by donating to the "Turkey Bucks" program, and for the volunteers who helped distribute meals to families in need.

There will be no regular distribution in December because of the Giving Tree and Christmas food baskets. Donations are still needed and will continue to be collected though!

GIVING TREE



This Advent, our Giving Tree outreach provides many opportunities for you and your family to respond to those in need, to ensure they receive their share of the richness of God's gifts given to us.

♥ **PURPLE TAGS** (gifts): Choose the gifts you wish to purchase, keeping in mind that the items listed on the tag are part of a "wish list." You need not purchase every item on the list. **Gifts are to be returned before/after Masses the weekend of December 9-10. **NEW THIS YEAR** Gifts will be returned to Morrissey Hall using the convenient drop off lane on Stone Ave.!**

♥ **RED TAGS** (food baskets): Tags include a suggested list for the contents of a Christmas season food basket for the families using our food pantry and others struggling in our community. **Food baskets are needed on Sunday, December 17th from 7:30-11:00am in Morrissey Hall.**

We invite you to stop in the narthex next weekend to take a tag or two from one of the Giving Trees. We are thankful for your past generosity in purchasing many gifts for the individual(s) you choose. Thank you!

Your generosity will provide hope and make a difference in someone's life. God bless you on your Advent Journey!

The Giving Tree Committee

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns. For further details you can also contact Kendall Grant.

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All Parish Families are invited to get involved as volunteers for the St. Cletus Parish Giving Tree. Please use the sign up genius link to volunteer for all opportunities: <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/>

Saturday, December 9th shifts between 3:30-6:30pm

Help direct traffic, carry in donations from donor's cars, sort and organize gifts in Morrissey Hall.

Sunday, December 10th shifts between 6:30am-4pm

Help with hospitality, direct traffic, carry in donations from donor's cars, sort and organize gifts in Morrissey Hall, load gifts to bring to St. Agatha's.

Sunday, December 17th shifts between 6:30am-6:30pm

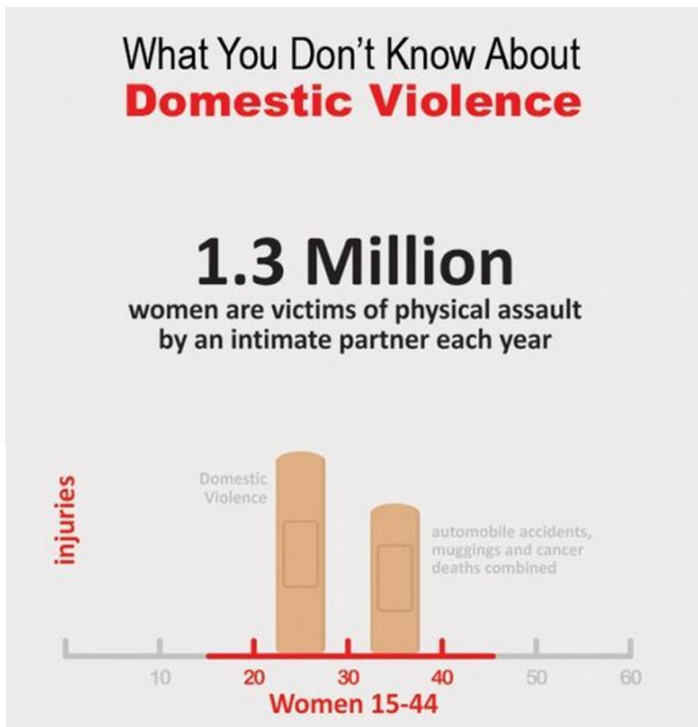
Help with hospitality, directing traffic, carrying in food basket donations, organizing food baskets, distributing gifts, assisting clients to their vehicles, clean up, etc.

THANK YOU WESTERN SPRINGS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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



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 at 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com 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 below.

You are not alone.

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

WORD OF LIFE

“By focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all.”

Archbishop William E. Lori, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
“Solidarity at the Service of All People in the Middle East,”
<https://goo.gl/nAUXNQ>



SOLIDARITY IN SUFFERING

Join USCCB, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Church in Need, and CNEWA on November 26th, the Solemnity of Christ the King, for a Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.

SOLIDARITY
in
SUFFERING

**A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

**A WEEK OF AWARENESS
NOV 26 - DEC 2, 2017**

Prayer:

O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

*Prayer composed by
Archbishop William E. Lori, Baltimore*

Other Ministry Notes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ushers – Ministers of Hospitality -greet and assist parishioners, take up collections

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. Contact Paulette Bolton at 708.215.5422 or e-mail pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on December 12 in Room 102 of the education building. The book that will be discussed is **The Good Girl** by Mary Kubica. All are welcome.

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

February 13 – *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly

April 10 – *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

ST. CLETUS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23/ 24

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am (Spanish Mass)

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

2:00pm Church Chamber Ensemble

2:15pm Parish Center Gym Cantor/Piano

3:30pm Church Children's Choir

3:45pm Parish Center Gym Cantor/Piano

5:30pm Church Chamber Ensemble

7:00pm Church (Spanish) Hispanic Choir

10:30pm Church Chancel Choir

(10:00pm to 10:30pm Christmas Carols prior to Mass)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

7:00am Church Organ/Congregational Caroling

8:00am Church Cantor/Piano

9:30am Church Chancel Choir

11:00am Church Contemporary Choir

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Dec. 30/31

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day:

Monday January 1, 2018

8:00am ONLY [NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION]

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SCCCW

Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings & events:

Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast

HO HO Holiday Breakfast with Santa Join us on December 10th as our new parish center is transformed into a holiday wonderland; plan now to join us!

- Continental Breakfast
- Crafts for Children
- Special Appearance by Santa
- Old-Fashioned Cake Walk.

\$3 per person. Response cards are available in the Narthex, online at <http://stcletusparish.com/hoho/> or email ccw@stcletusparish.com (Please include your family name, number of adults and ages of children attending.)

Reservations requested by December 6th; however, walk-ins will be welcomed!

For more information call Donna at 708-246-5509. Sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women and the St. Cletus School FSA

SCCCW's 1st Anniversary Celebration!

Tuesday, January 9th GENERAL MEETING 7:00 pm - Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate friendships made and our many accomplishments! All women ages 18 - 118 are invited!

**SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Native Southside Chicagoan, 4th of 6 children and product of 16 years of Catholic education, Ray Streit is a friendly familiar face around St. Cletus Parish. Ray has a long history with St. Cletus, as he and his wife, Carolyn, were married at St Cletus in 1978. They have 2 children, Bryan and Jennifer who live and work in the Chicagoland area. Carolyn is an accomplished baker, life-coach and coordinator of Gift Shop volunteers at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. Before retiring in 2007, Ray worked at Chicago Communication Service for 40 years, providing him with early exposure in developing his technology skills.

Ray opens the church for weekday Mass and fluctuates between being an altar server to lector to Eucharistic minister. He and Carolyn are regular Sunday 7:00 Mass attendees.

Not being one to stay idle, after retiring, Ray became involved in the Ministry of Care.

On a weekly, basis, Ray visits the sick in the hospital, in their homes and in nursing homes. He conducts Communion Services and prays the rosary and assists at funerals in the parish. He also assists with server training and scheduling. He definitely qualifies as St. Cletus' "Minister Handy-Man". Ray will tell you, one of his greatest pleasures is intermingling with all ages of people. Bringing Communion to those unable to come to church is a fulfilling part of his ministry

He enjoys sports (especially the Cubs!), golf and fishing, and walking with his dog in the neighborhood. Although he has little time for these activities, he always makes time for a friendly chat and an offer to help if needed.

It is no wonder that he was awarded the Christifidelis Award by the Archdiocese October 29th. This is an award given to "an individual Catholic layperson who has demonstrated by participation in parish life the personal and ministerial renewal calling the laity to the vocation of responsibility for the Church's life springing from the gift and mission of their baptism". One award is given per parish.

As you can see, longevity and dedication are part of Ray's DNA. We are so glad they are and hope God will continue to bless us with his gifts. Thank you, Ray.

Community Bulletin Board

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

On December 2, 2017 local Catholic High Schools will hold their placement exams. Please register to take the exam with the individual high school.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF LA GRANGE PARK

Celebrating Their 150th Anniversary as a Congregation!

51st Annual Dinner Dance Honoring Rose Mary Ranallo on Saturday, November 25th, 2017 at 6:30 in the evening at Porretta's Banquets Chicago, Illinois

Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment & Dancing, Cash Raffle, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets. \$75 Donation per Dinner Ticket. Please call 708.354.1999 for tickets or more information

All proceeds to benefit the work of the Comboni Missionaries, both in the Chicagoland area, and around the world.

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

SAVE THE DATE! Township of Lyons 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside Board of Trustees & AARP present Defensive Driving for 50 & Over Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost: AARP member \$15, non-member \$20. Class Completion earns auto insurance discount! Class size limited to 35. Sign up with Mary Jo Noonan, Clerk 708-482-8300 x 221

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGH SCHOOL

IC Entrance Exam Workshop - Thursday November 30 at 6:30 p.m. Register online TODAY at www.ICCatholicPrep.org. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Nikki Kanzia at 630.530.3484 or nkanzia@iccatholicprep.org.

ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

December Novena to St. Rita of Cascia - Healing Mass
St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, Dec, 7th at 7p.m. This will also be a Healing Mass and a blessing will take place with Blessed St. Rita Oil. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6p.m.

"A Christmas Carol" - The St. Rita High School Theater is excited to announce their winter production of "A Christmas Carol," a play based on the classic novel by Charles Dickens. Performances will be Friday, Dec. 8th & Saturday, Dec. 9th at 7:00p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00p.m. in the St. Rita High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for children and \$8 for adults and can be purchased at the door.

For more information please call (773) 925-6600 or visit www.stritahs.com. St. Rita of Cascia High School 7740 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60620.

ROSARY HILL HOME

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In response, St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the Church as the Body of Christ, introducing them to the most powerful gift of all: the Eucharist. You are invited to join Rosary Hill Home for this study!

Rosary Hill Home will be hosting First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community Bible study in Activity Room beginning Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and continuing every Monday, except January 29th, for 10 weeks. Last session Monday March 19, 2018. Cost of study pack includes group meetings and on-line additional lesson viewing options is \$30.00.

For more information or to register for the study, call Sharon at (708) 458-3040 or via email: sharon@rosaryhill.com. Please register by December 4, 2017!

Rosary Hill is located at 9000 W. 81st Street Justice, IL 60458.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

LOSS Program for Children and Youth

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program for Children and Youth continues to meet with bereaved children and adolescents who have lost a loved one to suicide. This specialized grief support program provides individual counseling and group support for child and teen survivors. Counseling is offered in various **Chicagoland** locations. The program has no cost and is always tailored to fit the child and family's grief support needs. For more information, or to do an intake, contact (312) 655-7284.

Catholic Charities Free Newspaper for Seniors

Did you know Catholic Charities has a free newspaper just for senior citizens? Keenager News is published 10 times a year and is delivered to your door. This publication contains news, opinion, human interest, how-to, and travel articles, along with humor, puzzles, and recipes. To sign up to receive Keenager News, email keenager@catholiccharities.net or call (312) 655-7425.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for volunteers to serve throughout our more than 150 locations helping improve the lives of the people we serve. For more information, visit us at www.volunteerbridge.com, or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 26	7:00am 3:00pm	Narthex Front Lawn	Giving Tree Cub Scout/Girl Scout Tree Trimming
Monday, November 27	4:00pm 8:30pm 9:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym Morrissey Hall	Junior Choir Men’s Basketball Boy’s Church League Basketball
Tuesday, November 28	6:30pm 6:45pm 9:00pm	Rectory Rectory Basement Parish Center Gym	RCIA PPC Boys Church League
Wednesday, November 29	7:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Center Parish Center Gym	BEDS Sack Lunch Preparation Boys Church League
Thursday, November 30	6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Church School Music Room Church Parish Center Gym	LTHS Fanfares & Carols Concert Chancel Choir LTHS Fanfares & Carols Concert Boys Church League
Friday, December 1	7:00pm	Parish Center	School Final Phase Campaign Social
Saturday, December 2	5:00pm 6:00pm	Narthex Parish Center	Welcome Committee Vendor Fair
Sunday, December 3	7:00am 4:00pm	Narthex Church	Welcome Committee Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity

Stewardship Report

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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

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

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

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to the early printing of the bulletin, the weekly giving report will be printed in the 12/2 Canticle.

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST

Our 2017 Fall Fest raised over \$110,000! Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

We have already begun working on our 2018 Fall Fest and we hope to see you September 6-9, 2018.



Preferred Providers




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Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.

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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

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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