

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**  
— 1 John 3:2a

December 30, 2018

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph



## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of Dec. 31, 2018 - Jan. 6, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	9:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
Wednesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, The Mueller Family, John E. Cooper
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Benedict Dybas
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Ken Kakareka, Lynn Shevlin, Gene Wallace
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Ernest Lesh, John & Mary Harmon, Barb Alvater, Benedict Dybas, Jim O'Brien, Marty Gleason
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Judith Ann Carey, Dr. Paul Lawler
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Edward Haldeman, Margaret Zapletal
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00pm Vigil Mass  
7:00pm Vigil Mass in Spanish

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

*There will be no 8:00am Mass on Tuesday, January 1*  
9:00am Feast Day Mass

#### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. Cletus Parish Offices will be closed for New Years on the following dates:

- Monday, December 31
- Tuesday, January 1
- Wednesday, January 2

*The St. Cletus Staff wishes all of our parishioners a safe and happy new year!*

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

#### Gene Wallace

Wife of Harry

#### Rita Madsen

Mother of Kevin and Kathy

**May they 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.*

**December** - Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Gene Gajos, Jim McLamore, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Rachel Schopp, Dr. James Schuler, John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski

**November** - Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley

**October** - Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda, Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello, Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein

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



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2018**

At the baptism of a baby, a parent takes the light from the Paschal Candle and the priest says, "Receive the light of Christ." This candle is a reminder of the great celebrations of Easter: a child is reborn into the family of God. Who will this child grow up to be? This question captures the hopes and joys, the fears and anxieties of all families thanking God for the birth of a child. At the end of life, when the paschal candle burns at the head of the coffin, we are reminded of the love of God. Between these two days, for each child of God there is the mystery of love and life; the mystery of suffering and death.

We thank God for this mystery on the feast of the Holy Family. The feast is a celebration of family life, a celebration of origins and roots. As we progress through the twenty-first century it is difficult to speak of family life in a collective way because experiences differ so widely. When speaking of the family, one taps into a multitude of emotions: joy, thankfulness, sadness, pain, anger, disappointment. This feast may heighten the pain and sadness for those recovering from the death of a family member, or marriage breakdown.

Perhaps the images which we associate with the Feast of the Holy family make it difficult to accept our own family experiences. We see an ideal that seems distant from the reality of our own family lives. Still in the celebration of parenthood and family, we are reminded of each person's need for love. Jesus born of Mary and cared for by Joseph, God made flesh, needed tender love and care.

This feast is also a celebration of membership of the family of God. Each of us is a child of God and called to live the life of a disciple. Through baptism and sharing in communion, we are bonded together in ways that are deeper than human family ties. When asked who was his brother or sister, Jesus replied that anyone who did the will of God was a member of his family.

When Mary and Joseph return to Jerusalem to look for Jesus, they are surprised to find him sitting with the doctors and asking them questions. When they express their worry and anxiety, Jesus replies that he must be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph do not understand what Jesus means. Misunderstanding occurred in the family of Jesus as it is part of the human condition. This fact can reassure us when it happens in the midst of our families.



Misunderstanding causes pain and confusion. Many older parents find it difficult to accept the choices that their adult children make. In particular, they struggle when their adult children no longer go to Church, profess their faith or choose alternative lifestyles. Many a parent asks, "what did I do wrong?" The pain of this experience echoes that of Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, who prayed unceasingly for her son's conversion. Only at the end of her life did he become a Christian.

To love is to continue to accept the other person, even if their choices are hard to accept. To love requires giving freedom which is appropriate to age and maturity. The difficulty of finding this balance cannot be underestimated. The task of parenting is to foster this maturity. To love is to know pain and the cross, especially when hopes are unfulfilled.

There is a mystery in the dealings of God with his people. The second reading speaks of the way in which our future is unknown to us. For the Christian, the future is not negative, but God is at work shaping each person in love, calling and inviting the person to see and love God more deeply. The love which God lavishes works secretly and mysteriously in the heart of each of us. To recognize that God does not always work in straight lines may be a consolation at the start of the New Year.

*New Year's Blessings,*

*Fr. Bob*

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

# Parish School



### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

December 24-January 4 ..... Christmas Break  
 January 27 ..... Catholic Schools Week Open House  
 March 30 ..... Spring Auction

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

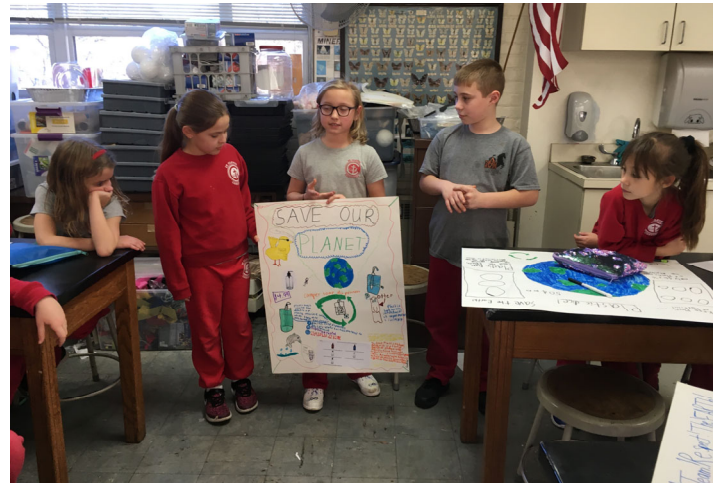
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## 2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL AUCTION

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Spring Auction, to take place on Saturday, March 30 at Capri Banquets on Joliet Road. We are currently looking for donations for our auction. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Cletus School and we hope to see you on March 30th!



### THIRD GRADE SCIENCE LAB

Third graders recently watched videos on the accumulation of plastic throughout the world, including the huge plastic island in the Pacific Ocean. Students picked a common plastic item and then researched how they could repurpose that item into an entirely different and useful product. They made posters to both market their new product and explain some facts about plastics.

All are invited to join us  
 Sunday, January 27th for our  
 Catholic Schools Week

# Open House

Join us to talk with teachers and administrators, and discover why St. Cletus School is the right choice for your family!



### ST. RAYS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

The 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team won the St. Rays Tournament December 16th. Congratulations guys!



# St. Cletus School

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**St. Cletus School** is a national Blue Ribbon school, recognized by the U. S. Department of Education in 2014. St. Cletus School is also a Red Ribbon school, recognized by the Nationwide Red Ribbon Certified Schools Program in 2018 for our efforts to keep our students safe, healthy, and drug-free. Its elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, the State of Illinois Learning Standards, and benchmarks established by the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to our 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade program with an average classroom size of 21 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old half and full-day preschool, as well as half and full-day kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Student Council, scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- ◆ Applications are now being accepted for new students for the 2019-20 school year.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Open House is Sunday, January 27, 2019. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the education building next door to Church from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us to tour the school and meet our faculty, staff, and school families!

Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Chinske  
Principal

Christy Schaefer  
Assistant Principal



FAITH FAMILY *FUTURE*





## Social Concerns Ministry



### ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Please note the Food Pantry will be closed on December 27 and January 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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

CALL THE  
24-HOUR PHONE  
FOR HELP:  
708.485.5254

If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)

### SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

On behalf of the Social Concerns Ministry, we wish all of you a Blessed and Peace-filled New Year! 2018 gave us many opportunities to give hope to many of the people who are struggling in our midst, by providing food, shelter, transportation, and other basic necessities for their families. The generosity of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, abounds, which we witnessed, especially during this Holiday Season.

In 2018:

- 1,179 individuals received presents through the Giving Tree program
- Over 2,200 households were served through the food pantry (almost 9,000 individuals)
- Thousands of rides given through ICP
- Over 25 Career Network speakers/workshops
- Hundreds of volunteers
- Almost 1,000 handmade Mission Ladies items
- 60+ families received financial assistance through St. Vincent DePaul or Social Concerns with heat, rent, electric, fuel, etc.
- Dozens of families assisted through Domestic Violence Outreach and the Respect Life Ministry

Volunteers from all areas of this ministry – Social Concerns Commission, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Interfaith Community Partners, Food Pantry, Interfaith Career Network, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Lenten Almsgiving, Advent Giving Tree, Domestic Violence Outreach, and other special efforts-join you in our goal of responding to human needs with justice and love, in Christ's name.

In the New Year, we ask you to pray along with us:

*Lord God, grant us a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

### GIVING TREE



## St. Cletus Parish

### Giving Tree by the Numbers

**CLIENTS**



1,179  
Individuals



373  
Families

**Gifts Received**


1,179 individuals, 373 families, from our local area and St. Agatha Sharing Parish received gifts on December 9 and 16.

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261 VOLUNTEERS | 400+ HOURS


Thank you to all – organizations, groups, and individuals, who contributed in any way to the overwhelming success of this year’s Giving Tree Project.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**



# UNIQUE

## FROM DAY ONE



Friday, January 18, 2019 • Washington, DC

Washington, DC – The World’s Largest Pro-life Event Friday, January 18, 2019 at the National Mall. For details on related events, see <http://marchforlife.org>.

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Blessed Joseph, You took Mary and Jesus into your home. You followed the precepts of the Law, presented Jesus in the Temple, taught him skills at the plane and the lathe, and, daily, you shared traditions which were built on the covenants he came to fulfill. Hear the prayers of the siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and entire families of children who have been adopted. May they be a source of loving welcome and a fount of faith. Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph, descendant of David, pray for us.”



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Novena to St Joseph for Those on the Path of Adoption.”

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH**

**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](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) for more information.

**General Contact Information**

*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 far left on the previous page.*



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

***You are not alone.***

**MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO**





## UNIQUE

FROM DAY ONE

### March For Life Chicago

January 13, 2019

2:00 - 4:00pm

Location: Federal Plaza

**PRE-MARCH GATHERINGS:**

**Youth Rally**

Sunday, January 13 Door opens at 8 a.m. \$10 per ticket.  
The Frances Xavier Warde Catholic School  
751 North State St. Chicago, IL 60654

Expect fun-filled rally activities, energetic music, and inspiring talk led by Steve Angrisano. He is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve’s easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ. The Youth Rally will then end with Mass for Life celebrated next door at Holy Name Cathedral.

**Mass for Life**

Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11 a.m.  
Holy Name Cathedral  
730 North Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60611

Join Cardinal Blase J. Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life. The Mass for Life will be a sending forth to join the official March for Life Chicago held at the Federal Plaza in Chicago, IL.

More info at <http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/>



# St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

## HO HO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST THANK YOU

The St. Cletus CCW and FSA would like to thank all those who attended the Ho Ho Breakfast, and all the volunteers who helped make it a success. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## NEXT MEETING

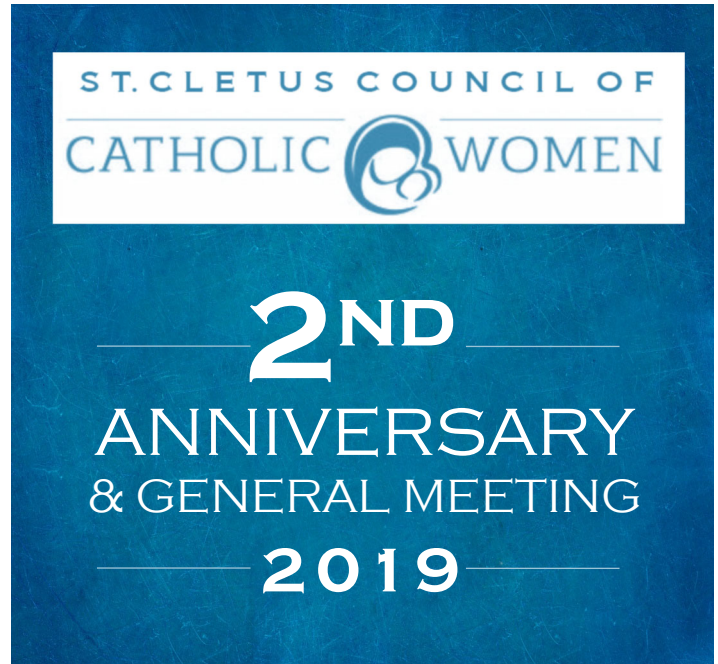
Save the Date: January 15th meeting to celebrate the 2nd birthday of the Council of Catholic Women!

Time: 7:00 pm hospitality  
7:30 meeting full of fun & surprises

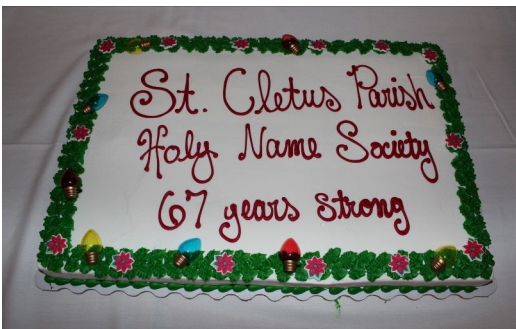
Place: Gallagher room in the Parish Center

All women are welcome!

Come join us and become a member if you aren't already... a great New Year's resolution!



# Holy Name Society



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Cletus Holy Name Society Christmas Dinner was held on Friday, December 7th at Salerno's. 67 years!

A few photos of some long-standing members, including: Bob Callaghan, Joe Crisanti, Joe Delaloye, Gus Nolan (& son, John), and Jim Matthews.

## NEXT MEETING

Join us on Friday, January 4 at 8pm in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the St. Cletus Parish Center for our next meeting.

The primary topics to be discussed will be the Christmas Party and upcoming Pancake Breakfast. All men of the parish are invited to attend Holy Name Society meetings!



**SAINT CLETUS**  
**HOLY NAME**  
**SOCIETY**





# Other Ministry Notes

## CARDINAL PURSUIT TRIVIA NIGHT



Join us for our Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in Morrissey Hall. Doors open at 7:00. Event starts at 7:30. All are welcome. Participants are encouraged to form adult teams of 8-10 players to compete against other members of the St. Cletus community. The cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door. Teams provide their own food and beverages.

## BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on February 12th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is

**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman. All are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

## ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST



Save the date for the 2019 Fall Fest September 5-8, 2019.

We're looking forward to another year of fun and community at this 4 day parish event and hope you'll join us!

## SUPPORT ST. CLETUS WITH AMAZON SMILE



Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We hope you will choose St. Cletus Church. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



*Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!*

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

## ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

**GABARE**  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

**DUELING PIANOS IN THE PARISH CENTER**  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**  
**8:00 PM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

RSVP ON ONLINE:  
[www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

FEATURING:  
TONY KIDONAKIS  
ALEX BLENDERMANN

TICKETS:  
\$40 IN ADVANCE  
\$45 AT THE DOOR

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual fundraiser for the Fine Arts Series on Friday, February 8th in the St. Cletus Parish Center. This year Andrew and Tony are back with dueling pianos. Register at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com) You don't want to miss this fun night!

## QUEEN OF HEARTS WAS FOUND



On December 17th the Queen was found. The winner has been notified. St. Cletus School will take a break from the game and start back up again at Kenny's after the holidays. Thank you everyone for supporting our school!

## 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. Please note that there are early submission deadlines due to the holidays. We'll return to our regular submission schedule with the Sunday, January 13 bulletin.

## National Migration Week - January 6-12

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Human Dignity and Solidarity—Immigration Ministry

### NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS

Building Communities of Welcome

**Feast of the Epiphany**  
Sunday, January 6, 2019  
5:15 p.m.

**Holy Name Cathedral**  
730 North Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



## World Day of Peace - January 1

### WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2019

On January 1st, 2019 Pope Francis. . . will mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace." Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfillment of the 'youngest and smallest.'

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 1. Pray.** Pray for the grace to approach all political and social issues from a starting point of faith, love, and a spirit of generosity. You may also try one of the prayer practices at [bit.ly/9WaysPray](http://bit.ly/9WaysPray) to enrich your experience of prayer for peace.
- 2. Learn.** Civic participation and faithful citizenship requires us to understand the political and social issues that impact our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Visit USCCB resources on Catholic Social Teaching and civic engagement to further your knowledge. Read stories of hope to learn how faith communities are answering the call to work for peace and justice. Act. Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that support justice and peace in the U.S. and those experiencing poverty or conflict around the world. Take action today by visiting [confrontglobalpoverty.org](http://confrontglobalpoverty.org). Join

500+ Catholic Advocates on Capitol Hill for the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (Feb. 2-5, 2019).

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

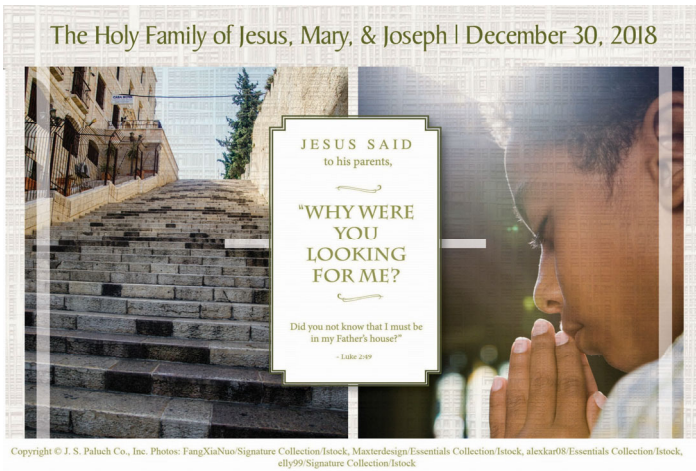
Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" . . . Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. . . . Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace, 6/4/14. Used with Permission. © LIBRERIA EDITRICE VATICANA





## HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel** — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
 Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve  
 Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day  
 Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
 Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
 Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN



**Widowed and feeling stuck?** Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women March 9-10. (Incl. overnight) at the Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont. Call: 708-354-7211, E-mail [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) (incls.video)

### PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Peace and Justice Ministry carries out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; to work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation; to involve the parish and the broader community in this mission; and to create awareness through education, dialogue and action. If you're interested in learning more or joining the Peace and Justice committee please join us for the next meeting on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:15-8:30pm in the SFX Rectory.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Hitzeman Funeral Home welcomes you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings. Please join us for a lively discussion on grief strategies for the new year. For more info please visit [www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport)

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st Street  
Brookfield, IL 60513  
Time: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by January 4, 2019 to [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com) or 708-485-2000. We appreciate your continued trust in Hitzeman Funeral Home and we hope that you will be able to join us. Refreshments will follow. Next forum will be Tuesday, February 12th, Grief 101: Is This Normal?

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on **February 8-10, 2019** at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. For information on applying, please go to [wwme-chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org).

### JANUARY NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its **January St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on January 3 at 7p.m.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6p.m. For more info contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or [shrine@stritahs.com](mailto:shrine@stritahs.com).

### BEDS PLUS

**JAN 27 2019** 7TH ANNUAL  
**3-7PM**  
**\$25 PER PERSON**  
Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets  
6201 Joliet Road  
Countryside

#### 7th Annual Soup & Bread Event benefitting BEDS Plus

Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 3–7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets | 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside. Live music • Craft beers • Local Food. Tickets are available online. For more info call 708-354-0858 x105. [www.beds-plus.org](http://www.beds-plus.org).

#### Become a Volunteer

What does four hours a month mean to you? To a person in need, it can mean the world. BEDS is in need of volunteers. Your contribution can make a difference in the lives of homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Sign up on line [www.beds-plus.org](http://www.beds-plus.org) or contact [volunteer@beds-plus.org](mailto:volunteer@beds-plus.org), 708-354-0858 ext. 113

## 5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

**R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare**  
708-489-6333



Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!

Those at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.



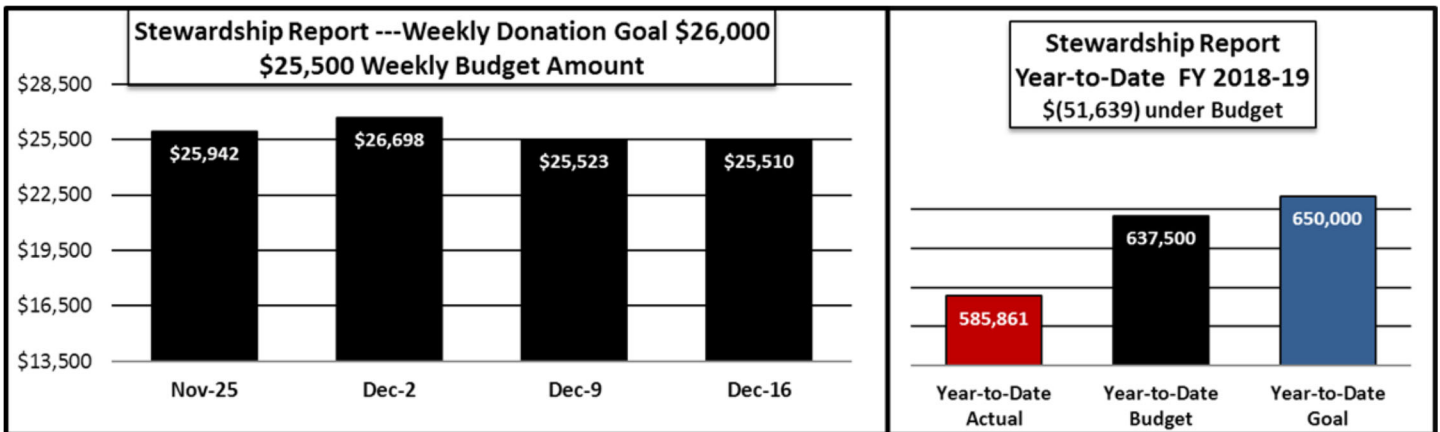
## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 30			
Monday, December 31	5:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church	St. Cletus Facilities Closed after 8am Mass Vigil Mass Vigil Mass in Spanish
Tuesday, January 1	9:00am	Church	St. Cletus Facilities Closed - No 8am Mass Feast Day Mass
Wednesday, January 2	6:00pm	Parish Center Meeting Rm	St. Cletus Facilities Closed after 8am Mass Freshman/Sophomore Retreat Team Meeting
Thursday, January 3			
Friday, January 4	8:00pm	Parish Center	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, January 5	5:00pm	Narthex	Welcome Committee
Sunday, January 6	7:00am	Narthex	Welcome Committee

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to early printing deadlines, the December 23rd Giving Report will appear in the January 6th Canticle.



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2018 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bkallal@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

*Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.*

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.

## 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.

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor**  
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