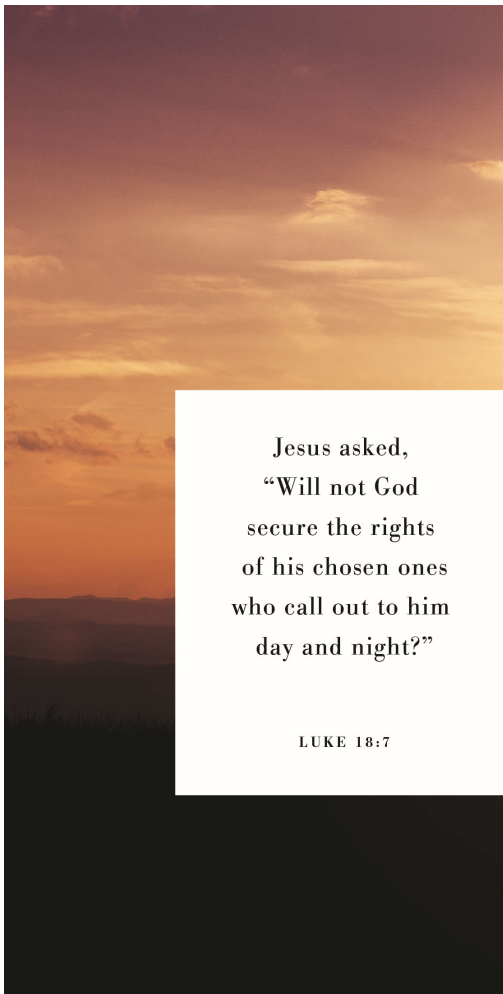


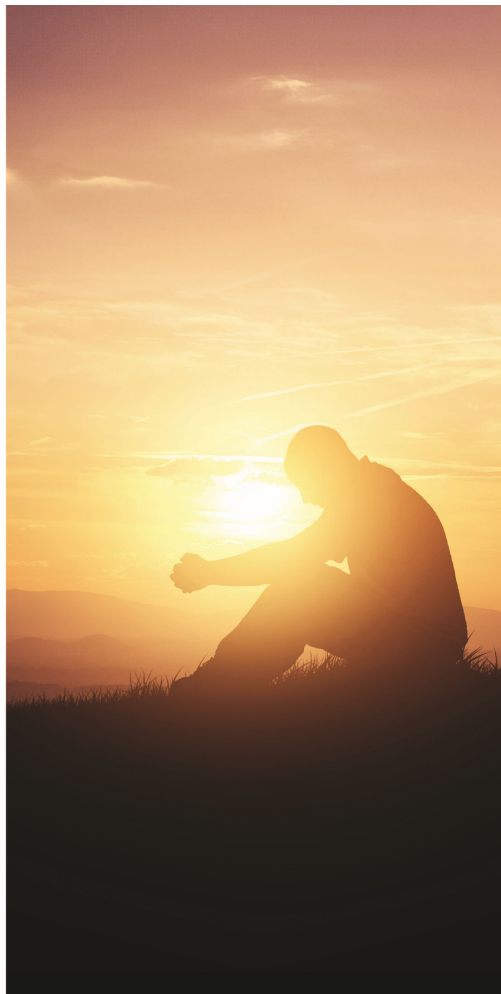
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**
- Psalm 121



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LUKE 18:7



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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**TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 20, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week of October 21 - 27, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Ryan Pierce, Special Intention - Danielle
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Marcie Johnston, Louise Callaghan
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners Jim Deslauriers, Regina Condor, Ken Kakareka, Special Intention - Sis Foerster
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Gene Pingatore, Lisa McCarthy, Michael, Joan, & Joseph Speck Stacy Baker, Robert Waltz, Annette Tiberi Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Sam Colonna, Mary Therese Ronan, Edwin & Emma Palzer Henry Scaccia, BC Collins St. Cletus Parishioners

Marriage Banns



Eva Gadomski & Mike Kraus
Johanna Brown & Jack Andersen
Sarah Sipek & Charlie Lawler

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

Karen Casella

Hunter Richards

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.

October - Joan Clark, Shirley Funk, Don King, Deborah Krueger, Rachael Schopp

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

August - Rochina DeBartolo, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski, Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, Ronald Kruczek, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Patricia Rodey, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Living Our Faith, Building Our Future
The Final Phase

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

St. Cletus Parish will take up the annual World Mission Sunday collection the weekend of November 9-10.

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Matthew 9:35-38). Throughout our world, mission dioceses strive with limited resources to answer this call, and Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago generously join in prayerful and financial support through this annual second collection.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Harry, a successful businessman, had got where he was by being very careful with his money. After years of prosperity the country and world were suddenly plunged into deep recession. Harry's business was badly hit and he was in danger of bankruptcy. He went into church and prayed to God. "Lord," he prayed, "this is Harry. You know me. I come to church every Sunday. I try to lead a good life. But now I've fallen on hard times. My wife and family are suffering. Lord, please get me out of this. Please let me win the lottery." Saturday came. There was no lottery win for Harry. A second time he went to church. "Lord," he prayed, "I can't impress upon you enough the urgency of my situation. Please, Lord let me win the lottery." Saturday came: still nothing. A third time Harry went to church. "Lord, I'm desperate. Please, please, let me win the lottery." At that moment a voice came from heaven. "Harry, can't you meet me half way? Can't you at least BUY A LOTTERY TICKET?"

We're inclined to be a bit upset about the kind of prayer Harry prayed. We think it's unworthy, or at least in bad taste, to pray so blatantly for something for yourself. We think we should be praying for worthy things, or better still, we shouldn't be asking for things at all. But that's not how Jesus talks about prayer. Whenever Jesus talks about prayer in the gospels it is nearly always to urge his followers to ask for things from their heavenly Father. The parable in today's gospel is a good example. Jesus urges his friends to be persistent in asking God for what they need and what they want. Harry had something in common with the widow in today's gospel. Firstly, he was persistent and, secondly, he asked for what he really wanted. True, he failed to play his part in the transaction, but two out of three isn't bad!

The widow in the parable is being held up as a model for the disciple in prayer. The message is: keep on praying. Be persistent. But the unjust judge does not stand for God. Jesus is not saying that God is reluctant to answer prayer. He is **CONTRASTING** God with the unjust judge. God's desire to help is being contrasted with the unjust judge's reluctance to help. When we persist in our prayer we are expressing our faith in God's willingness and desire to help us; we are affirming our belief in God's goodness, we are acknowledging our dependence on God for everything we have and everything we are.

Jesus is very realistic about prayer. He understands that we often reach out in prayer to God when we are desperate. When someone we love is seriously ill we bombard heaven with our prayers, and we ask others to pray for them; the more prayers the better. At that moment we have no doubt about what we want, and we have no difficulty in asking God for it. That kind of prayer in which we pester God, and go on pestering him,

is just the kind of prayer that Jesus urges his followers to pray.

It's not an inferior kind of prayer. It's not a selfish prayer. It is the foundation of all prayer. And let's be clear what we are praying for: we're praying for the person we love to get better. We're appealing to God precisely for that. We shouldn't try to make our prayer 'respectable' by praying "that the doctors and nurses will be inspired to do their job properly." Of course, we can pray for that as well. But we are first and foremost praying that our loved one will be restored to health. Questions about how God answers prayer have no place in times like this. There ARE theological questions about prayer and how God answers prayer. But they have nothing to do with the business of actually praying. When we kneel down to say our prayers we do so in a simple and straightforward way, taking Jesus at his word: "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Like the widow in the parable, like Harry the businessman, we know what we want and we simply go on asking God for it.

In Prayer Always,



Fr. Bob Clark

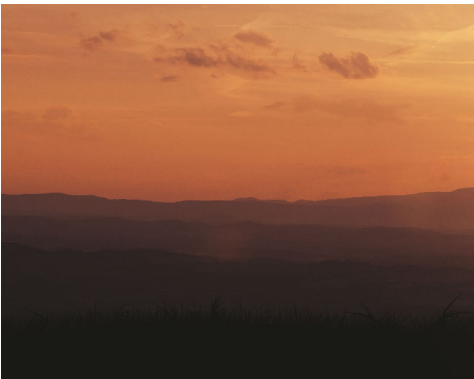
Pastor

ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER 2ND

Below is the schedule for All Souls Day on Saturday, November 2, 2019:

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

Sunday Notes



Jesus asked,
“Will not God
secure the rights
of his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?”

LUKE 18:7



PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (Luke 18:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Tuesday: St. John Paul II

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano

Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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

Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I spoke at all liturgies on October 5th and 6th 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. 3rd.

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

Any help you can give the parish to offset these unexpected expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can also be made on our website, www.stcletusparish.com.

With Great Gratitude and Thanksgiving,



Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

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

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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

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



6TH GRADE BIBLE BLESSING

Last week we had a beautiful all school mass which included the 6th grade Bible blessing. It was a beautiful mass and a wonderful 6th Grade Tradition!

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

It's here! Our Junior Kindergarten program. St. Cletus offers a wonderful early ed programs for your child! We focus on the whole child in a faith-based atmosphere. Throughout the day the children participate in many great activities including art, technology lab, Spanish, music and of course, play!

Interested? Contact the school office at 708-352-4820 to learn more about this exciting, new program.



SERVICE IN ACTION

Recently, 7th Graders took some time out of Religion class to help unload donated food for the St. Cletus Food Pantry.

8TH GRADE TRIP TO SPRINGFIELD

The Springfield class trip is something the 8th graders look forward to every year! They learned about our State Capital, how our state government is run, and the life and times of President Abraham Lincoln.

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

On Saturday, October 5th we hosted the first of two Confirmation retreats called Day of the Spirit. Fr. Ken leads this retreat for over 130 students. It is a fun, engaging and spirit-filled day for all of the teens and the Catechists! We are very grateful to Fr. Ken for his dedication to the teens of our parish! We look forward to our second retreat on Saturday, October 26th!



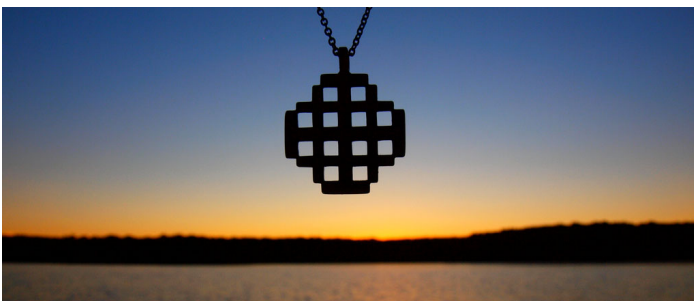
Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
 bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | (708) 352-2383 | re.stcletusparish.com

UPCOMING RE DATES:

- October 20 & 21 Special Needs Adaptive meets in Parish Center, Early Childhood and Grades 1-8 meet in Education Building
- October 24th 7th Grade Commitment Ceremony in the Church from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- October 26th Second Day of the Spirit retreat for Teen Seekers and those unable to attend on 10/5/19
- October 27th Early Childhood and Grades 1-7 meet, 8th Grade attends the CROP Walk in lieu of class. Fourth Grade presents the Living Rosary during regularly scheduled class time. Parents are welcome to join us for this beautiful prayer service.

Youth Ministry

REGISTER FOR KAIROS 34!



Who: High School Juniors & Seniors

When: November 14th – 17th, 2019

What is Kairos? Kairos is a retreat offered to high school juniors and seniors through the combined efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. The retreat is offered three times each calendar year. Kairos is a 4-day retreat that allows teens to build

new friendships as well as to deepen current relationships, and to learn more about themselves and their connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.

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

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



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

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

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
 mzurowski@stcletusparish.com | 708.215.5419 | youth.stcletusparish.com

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Baby Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Infant formula
- Laundry detergent
- Cereal
- Canned meals/meats
- Boxed sides (Rice a Roni, Knorr's noodles)
- Oatmeal
- Paper and plastic bags

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

Follow us on facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry
Now on Instagram:
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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

FOOD PANTRY

We had some huge deliveries this week! First up was 112 bags (+cases of cans and more) from our neighbors at St. John of the Cross Parish AND 3 pallets (4,694 lbs) of food from Greater Chicago Food Depository! Our St. Cletus School 7th graders were a great help with unloading everything and our Wednesday volunteer crew was diligently checking dates and restocking shelves. THANK YOU!

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!

More info at: crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus



TURKEY BUCKS

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

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

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

GIVING TREE

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped assemble the Giving Tree tags last Tuesday. Please check upcoming Canticles for more volunteer opportunities during this season. Your cheerful participation is what drives this awesome outreach.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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 left.

You are not alone.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Free Resume Review

Join ICN on Saturday, October 26, 9:30-11:30 am for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? Come see us at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in La Grange.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

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

AARP *Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?*
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The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2020 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2020. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April.

This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?

For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or contact St. Cletus parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.

BABY BOTTLE ENVELOPES



Annual Baby Bottle Collection for the Women's Care Center Baby Bottles were distributed last weekend, to benefit the Women's Care Center in La Grange. Please place the "baby bottle" envelope with your donation in the collection basket the weekend of **October 26-27** or drop it off at the parish center office. With your help, we will continue to serve more

women and save more babies than ever before!

For more information, please contact: Katherine Manion, Outreach Director at (574)993-0004 or email manion.katherine@gmail.com

WORD OF LIFE



“This year’s theme, Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life, is particularly suited for the times in which we live. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. Despite these challenges, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death once and for all. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. Our sacrifices on behalf of the Gospel of Life can contribute to the redemption of this current culture of death.”

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
<https://www.respectlife.org/letter-from-our-chairman>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

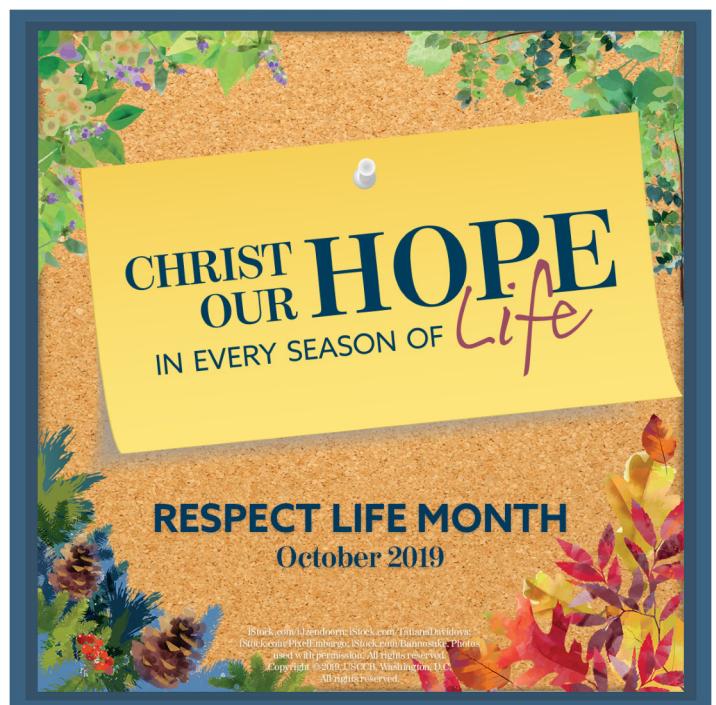
September 25-
November 3

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 for more information.



Ministry News

CREDO FILM NIGHT FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Is Purgatory real?

Could the Afterlife require suffering?

Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead?

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

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

CREDO

(Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)



BOOK DISCUSSION



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

those who want to look ahead:

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

All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

CAHNS MENS' CONFERENCE

Spiritual Renewal Autumn Men's Conference

Saturday, November 16

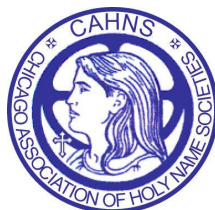
9:00am – 11:00am

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1530 Jackson Ave. River Forest, IL

GUEST SPEAKERS:

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



Mass will be celebrated in church @ 8:00am.

Continental breakfast and sign-in begin @ 8:30am.

The conference is free, but for planning purposes we ask that you reserve a space by calling 773.545.2491.

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ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

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Son of Erin Corkery & Estevan Carranza

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Son of Mandy Clark and Michael Jesewitz

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Sophia Christine Blumenthal

Daughter of Kristen Feeney & Nick Blumenthal

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY REFLECTION

"If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear." No matter how happy our life, how satisfying our job, how wonderful our mate or friends, most of us will walk in some dark valley at some time or other. The trust and peace of this most famous Psalm (Psalm 23) is inevitably tested if not shattered by some crushing moment. The anguished sentiments of Psalm 88 seem fit to be taken over wholeheartedly by any one of us at some time. "Lord my God, I call for help by day; I cry at night before you.... My soul is filled with evils; my life is on the brink of the grave." I feel "like those you remember no more. You have taken away my friends. My eyes are sunken with grief. Lord, why do you hide your face?"

What might cause such anguish and despair is so personal, one hesitates to give examples. Betrayal or rejection by a friend or spouse; the grave illness or death of a child; the loss of a job; the unjust destruction of a reputation.... In such moments the words of a Psalm like 23 can be something to hang on to, something to keep hope alive in a bitter and crushed heart. "If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. Near restful waters you lead me, you revive my drooping spirit."

Don Talafous OSB

<http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org>

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus Concert

FLUTE MUSIC OF OUR LIFETIME:

Works of John Rutter, Gary Schocker, Ian Clarke,
Marco Granados, and Otar Gordeli



Carolyn May, flute

Kathleen Kress, flute

Justin Sisul, piano

OCTOBER 27

4:00 p.m.

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“I knew I needed something.” “I wanted things to get better. “ “This helped a lot.” (What they say about us.) We understand. We’ve been there. Join us for a retreat/workshop:

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, 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.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



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

Mirabai Starr – Wild Mercy: Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics Friday, Nov. 8 Talk/Book Signing at The Well from 7-9 PM After party at Steak & Vine, 37 South LaGrange Road A frequent contributor to Richard Rohr’s Center for Action and Contemplation, an author and a bridge-builder among spiritual traditions, Mirabai Starr’s work builds upon years of contemplating, writing and teaching about the mystics. *Wild Mercy*, her latest book, will inspire those who are thirsty for the life-giving essence of feminine wisdom to find their own lyrical voice. Cost: \$25, books will be available for purchase.

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

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY

Holocaust Survivor Speaks at Benedictine University on Popes and Interfaith Dialogue

World-renowned Jewish scholar Dr. Harold Kasimow will deliver two lectures at Benedictine University’s Lisle campus: “Advancing Abrahamic Friendship: Modern Popes in Dialogue with Jews and Muslims” on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 PM in Goodwin Hall 411 and “Bearing Witness: Memories of a Child Holocaust Survivor” on Thursday, October 24 at 12:30 PM in Goodwin Hall Auditorium. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Peter Huff at 603-829-6664 or phuff@ben.edu.

“LOVE AND MERCY: FAUSTINA” MOVIE EVENT

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

CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH

Discernment weekend! For single women (ages 21-50) who want to know more about becoming a Sister or Associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Friday evening through Saturday evening, Oct. 25-26, in LaGrange Park. Call or text Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ for more details call (773) 203-0808, or email mjcurtsinger@csjoseph.org

NAZARETH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE 10/27

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

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 10/27

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

FENWICK SHOPPING NIGHT 10/23

Join the Fenwick Mothers' Club for some fabulous boutique shopping, socializing with old friends and new friends. Come and enjoy some delicious food and drinks! Wednesday, October 23rd 6-9p.m. Fenwick High School \$21 (includes 1 free raffle ticket) or \$25 at the door. Pre-purchase at <https://www.fenwickfriars.com/mothersclub/> and look for Black and White Shopping Night under Upcoming Events. Questions: Contact Lauren at lkapusta@sbcglobal.net or 630-234-7942

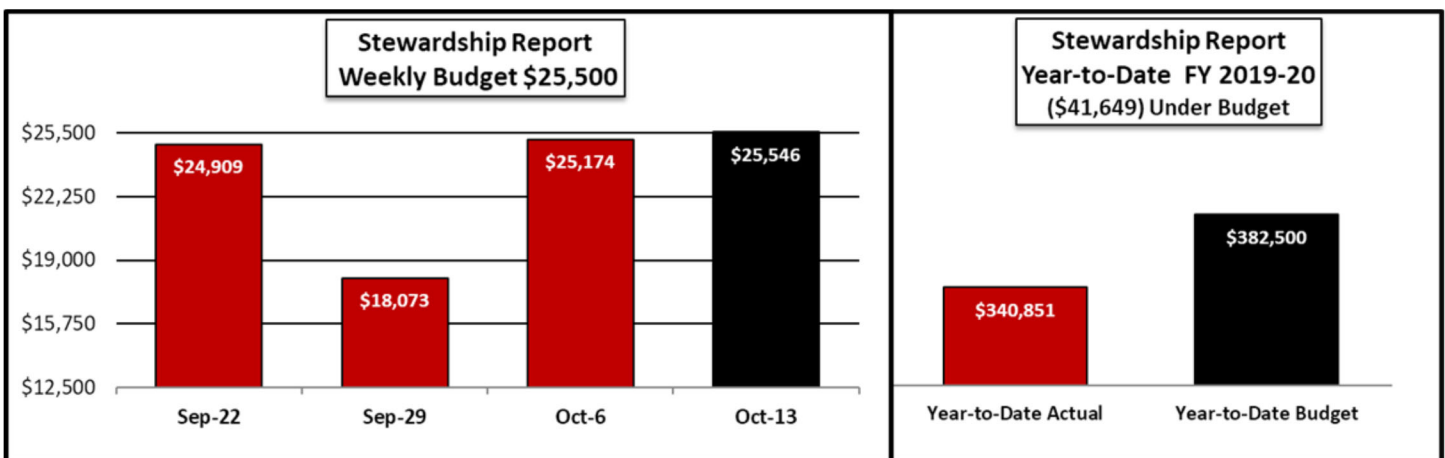
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 20	9:15am 12:00pm 2:00pm	School School Room 102 School Room 200	RE Classes RCIA Teens KAIROS Meeting
Monday, October 21	4:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room School Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal RE Classes Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 22	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room 2 Parish Center Mtg Room 1 Rectory Church	PPC Meeting SVDP Meeting RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, October 23	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Room 117	Mission Ladies Teen Seekers
Thursday, October 24	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement Church School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution 7th Grade Commitment Ceremony Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 25	9:30am	Church	School Mass
Saturday, October 26	9:00am 5:00pm	Morrissey Hall Narthex	High School Day of the Spirit Retreat Baby Bottle Envelope Collection
Sunday, October 27	7:00am 9:15am 12:00pm 2:00pm 4:00pm	Narthex School School Room 102 School Room 200 Church	Baby Bottle Envelope Collection RE Classes RCIA Teens KAIROS Meeting Fine Arts Series Concert

Stewardship Report



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

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

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
 Evening before Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement: We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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