

SEPT. 6TH-9TH



5TH ANNUAL ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

5-10pm Carnival Rides
5-6pm MidKnights
7-10pm Kickin' Jimmy



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

5-11pm Carnival Rides
5-6pm Adam Stasica
(Solo Acoustic Guitar)
7-10pm Infinity



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

12-11pm Carnival Rides
12-1pm Lonesome Eagle
1-3pm Bingo
2-3:30pm SC Kids Got Talent
3:30pm Tommy Hawk Appearance
4:30pm Rebel Soul Revival
7-10pm Blooze Brothers



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

11am 1st Responders Mass



12-9pm Carnival Rides
12:30pm Ken Baker & Friends
2pm Ashley & Simpson
2-4pm Bingo
4pm Double Identity
6-9pm ARRA
7:30pm Grand Raffle Drawing



LUCKY LEAF
RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE - \$5000
\$20 PER TICKET -OR- 6 FOR \$100
NEXT \$50 EARLY BIRD DRAWING IS SEPT. 2ND!

More information can be found at www.stcletusfallfest.com

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 3 - 9, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Bill Reichmann
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viececi
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John Zumpano
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Ray and Joni Pietrzak, Stanley R. Thomas Sr.
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Bill Reichmann
	Fr. Fisher	5:00 p.m.	Ken Kakareka, Lisa Gabriel, Paul Baloun
Sunday	Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m.	John & Frances Kennedy, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Alex Kunsarvich, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale
	Fr Baker	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, James Coakley
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Alfred Mozdzen, Marilyn Matesevac
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Gail Saban, Frank & Lottie Mendrala, Gene Kennedy, John Rudak, Mary Carey, Christine Joyce
	Fr. Fisher	12:30 p.m.	Armando Almazan

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED SEPT. 3

In observance of Labor Day all facilities will be closed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, September 3.

PARKING NOTICES

Beginning Tuesday, September 4th there will be limited parking due to the Fall Fest. See page 8 for details.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

September - Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna

August - Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul De Rivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello

July - Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Rachael Schopp, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein, Christine DeMaria, Daniella DeRivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Dan Gibbons, Tom Hansen, George Hess, Kay Hogue, Kathryn McCord, Rosa Nilles, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Frank Pastrana, Patricia Rodey, Kathleen Russell, Lucy Schoenecker, Carol Witkowski

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

LETTER FROM CARDINAL BLASE J. CUPICH TO THE PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IN RESPONSE TO THE PENNSYLVANIA GRAND JURY REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Anger, shock, grief, shame. What other words can we summon to describe the experience of learning about the devastating revelations of sexual abuse — and the failures of bishops to safeguard the children entrusted to their care — published in the Pennsylvania grand jury report, released Tuesday? This catalogue of horrors comes on the heels of news accounts of deeply disturbing sexual-abuse and harassment allegations against Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, who recently resigned from the College of Cardinals. And yet whatever words we may use to describe the anguish of reading about these heinous acts, they can never capture the reality of suffering endured by victims of sexual abuse, suffering compounded by the woeful responses of bishops who failed to protect the people they were ordained to serve. As the Holy See put it in its August 16 statement on the grand jury report: “The church must learn hard lessons from its past, and there should be accountability for both abusers and those who permitted abuse to occur.”

I know that many of you are asking: How could this be happening again? Didn't the U.S. bishops address this crisis sixteen years ago when they met in Dallas? What are they doing now, and why should we trust that this time they will do the right thing?

These are precisely the questions that ought to be asked. As a former chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, I have asked them myself. And sorrow, disgust, outrage — these are righteous feelings, the stirrings of the conscience of a people scandalized by the terrible reality that too many of the men who promised to protect their children, and strengthen their faith, have been responsible for wounding both.

We know this not only because of the admirable work of the many

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members of the news media who played an essential role in bringing this crisis into the light. Now, we have been made to face these scandals first and foremost by the courage of victim-survivors — the men and women who found the strength, even when doing so meant suffering again unimaginable pain, to come forward and seek justice from an institution that grievously failed them.

What are we bishops doing now to ensure that those failures are not repeated? Today, USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo announced on behalf of all the bishops that our conference will launch a thorough investigation of the allegations against Archbishop McCarrick; that it will establish new ways in which people can report complaints against bishops; and that it will advocate for more effective resolution of such allegations. The USCCB will invite the Holy See to investigate the McCarrick case, in concert with a predominantly lay group of experts.

The bishops will also update our 2002 “Statement of Episcopal Commitment” by which the bishops pledged to follow a procedure for reporting allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a bishop.

This document needs revision to clarify how victims can report abuse of minors or other misconduct by bishops, as well as develop third-party reporting systems, many of which are already being looked at today. Of course, bishops are not exempt from following standards of behavior. Our own Cardinal Joseph Bernardin provided a strong example, when he chose to step aside after he was accused of abuse — a charge that was eventually retracted.

The USCCB will also press for procedures that will make it easier to resolve complaints against bishops in a timely, fair, and transparent manner.

As Cardinal DiNardo explained, all this will be conducted with “proper independence, sufficient authority, and substantial leadership by laity.” This call for lay oversight of the investigation, as much as the scandal itself, shows the need for systemic change in the way we order church life. The clericalist mindset, responsible for so much of the scandal, must be purged from church life. As Pope Francis has urged, we need to remember that it is our baptism that unites us. We as a church must reflect more deeply on what we share in common, rather than what distinguishes us.

The abuses contained in the Pennsylvania grand jury report are, as you know, appallingly familiar. And while it is true that the vast majority of abuses contained in that report occurred decades ago, that is of no comfort to victims, nor should it be to any of us. We cannot say this enough: the abuses should never have happened, and no one should have acted in ways that enabled them. This is why, following the 2002 wave of scandals, the USCCB adopted policies designed to protect young people from abusers. We instituted a zero-tolerance policy which holds that even one instance of child sexual abuse would bar someone from the priesthood forever. The Archdiocese of Chicago has implemented these policies and even done more.

1. We established an independent lay-majority review board to consider allegations against clergy and make recommendations to the bishops.
2. We refer all allegations of abuse to civil authorities.
3. We require diocesan employees and volunteers to undergo background checks.
4. We mandate that all diocesan employees and volunteers undergo safe-environment training to help them identify predatory behavior and understand avenues of reporting. And

we required that children be taught how to recognize, resist and report abuse.

5. We undergo an annual audit to measure compliance with these policies, which every year has found the Archdiocese of Chicago compliant.

Since 2002, hundreds of thousands of our people in dioceses across the United States have undergone safe-environment training. In many ways we can say that the policies of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which established procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy, have been successful. According to the Pennsylvania grand jury report, for example, just two of the 300 priests named in the text were accused within the past decade, and both were reported to civil authorities. This excuses nothing, and we can never become complacent about our responsibility to protect children and adults from abuse and harassment, but it does say something about the effects of our post-2002 policies.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have been following procedures that were first established by Cardinal Bernardin in 1992, following revelations of clergy abuse that came to light during that period. In addition to what the Charter calls for, we offer payment for counseling or other assistance to anyone who comes to us with allegations even before attempting to establish the credibility of the claim. After any civil investigation has concluded, we conduct our own inquiry into allegations against priests, and our majority-lay review board considers the case and makes a recommendation to me about whether the accused should remain in ministry. One of the most important things Cardinal Bernardin did was to establish a regular meeting of everyone who might be called in to consider a case of sexual abuse, whether it involves a minor or an adult. So, to this day, representatives from across the relevant pastoral center offices regularly meet with me to advise me on cases that arise and ways to strengthen our commitments.

Of course, no set of procedures is perfect. As the grand jury report illustrates, they are subject to the strengths and weaknesses of those entrusted to carry them out. Closed systems always tend toward self-protection; it is only when we create systems of accountability that we let in purifying light. That’s what our practices are designed to do. They exist because we as a church have a grave responsibility to ensure the safety of our people. That is why I encourage anyone who has been victimized to contact our Office of Protection of Children and Youth at 800.994.6200 or protect.archchicago.org.

Anger, shock, grief, shame. There is one other word that we bishops must summon: resolve. We must resolve to face our failures and hold each other accountable. We must resolve to be clear-eyed about what we have done, what we have failed to do, and what remains to be done. We must resolve to live in the light of humility, of repentance, of honesty — the light of Christ. As your bishop, I pledge to continue holding firm to that resolve. And I ask for you to pray for all victims of abuse. I also invite you to review what I have written here and make suggestions for improving our safe-environment standards, ever heeding the Second Vatican Council’s “Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” which called on the laity, “by reason of the knowledge, competence or outstanding ability which they may enjoy ... to express their opinion on those things which concern the good of the church.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

September 3.....No School
 September 6-9 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
 October 6St. Cletus Choose Kindness 5K

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at over \$6700!

Visit Kenny’s Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Tuesday, September 4th! (changed this week due to Labor Day)

Raffle Details: In cooperation with Kenny’s Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny’s Irish Pub on 55th Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny’s until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES! Come on over to Kenny’s any time during their normal business hours to purchase tickets (winner need not be present to win).

ONCE A CARDINAL, ALWAYS A CARDINAL

As we returned to school, the Class of 2014 set off on their next great adventure – college. We wish them much success and happiness. Go do great things!

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| William Bruce | University of Iowa |
| Kevin Cahill | DePaul University to study computer science |
| Malachy Collins | University of Dayton studying business |
| Eliana Condotti | Hope College to study elementary education |
| Benjamin Cranny | Western Michigan University to study accounting |
| Christian Davila | Lake Forest College to study history |
| Neil Doherty | University of Illinois studying Neurobiology |
| Phallyn Habercoss | Illinois Institute of Technology to study computer science |
| Thomas Jacobs | Grinnell College to study computer science |
| Patrick Kane | Marquette University to study business |
| Alexander Kapusta | University of Illinois studying applied health sciences |
| Rhyan Komsthoef | Mercyhurst University to study music therapy |
| Matthew Kulovic-Abels | Illinois State University to study athletic training |
| Grace Luxem | Marquette University studying psychology |
| Ryan Morfoot | University of Iowa studying business |
| Marty Pavlik | Columbia University to study social media and creative writing |
| James Ramicone | Iowa State University studying engineering |
| Luke Rohrbacher | Northern Michigan University to study finance and management |
| Sean Ryan | Ohio State University studying engineering |
| Andrew Staelgraeve | St. Ambrose University |
| Heather Vogt | Savannah College of Art and Design to study production design |

MUMS THE WORD!!!

PRE-ORDER YOUR MUM'S BY SEPTEMBER 14TH

The St. Cletus 8th Grade Class is selling mums to help offset the cost of 8th Grade events and activities.

We have teamed up once again with Hinsdale Nurseries to sell 2 gallon mums and ornamental cabbages for \$10 each.

The mums are available in 5 colors – gold, maroon, orange, purple and white.

Cash or Check payable to St. Cletus School.
 Orders due to St. Cletus School Office no later than Friday, Sept. 14th. Pick up Saturday Sept. 22nd 1-4pm.

8th Grade Mums Pre-Order Form

Instructions: Write in the number of each color you would like.

Send Cash or Check payable to St. Cletus School.

Return this form to the St. Cletus School office no later than Friday, Sept. 14.

Order Pick-Up will be in the St. Cletus parking lot between 1-4pm on Saturday, Sept. 22

\$10 EACH - HINSDALE NURSERIES' 2 GALLON MUM CONTAINER OR ORNAMENTAL CABBAGES	GOLD	MAROON	ORANGE	WHITE	PURPLE	ORNAMENTAL CABBAGES	TOTAL ORDERED
YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #	QTY.	QTY.	QTY.	QTY.	QTY.	QTY.	\$

TOTAL ORDERED X \$10 = TOTAL PRICE \$ _____

If you have any questions, please contact: Nikki Gorman at suzi_cue@hotmail.com / 301-529-3418 or Karen Mulcrone at kkmulcrone@yahoo.com / 312-981-9266

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby food, baby cereal
- Pasta
- Snacks (chips, cookies, pudding cups, crackers)

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).

Please note there will be NO FOOD PANTRY Thursday, September 6 due to Fall Fest. We will be opening the remaining Thursday evenings in September. Thanks!

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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

FALL FEST/SVDP

Please make sure to stop by the Fall Fest Silent Auction Area. We will have a number of great items up for auction. Proceeds will benefit the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul Society and go directly towards helping those in need. Items include:

- Blackhawks hockey stick signed by the entire 2017-18 team
- Cubs Ben Zobrist autographed bat
- White Sox Golden Box Seat tickets (4)
- 3-course Meal for 2 at Vie Restaurant-Western Springs
- In home prepared meal by a professional chef

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

St. Alexander Domestic Violence Ministry invites you to attend a free presentation to learn about domestic violence. Learn:

- How to identify different types of abuse
- Recognize early warning signs of abuse
- Understand the cycle of abuse
- Discover community resources available to victims
- Learn ways a parish can help

St. Alexander Parish Lounge

7025 West 126th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463

Monday, September 10, 2018 from 6:30 - 8pm

Cost: Free. Lite refreshments will be served. For more info, call St. Alexander Parish at (709) 448-4861

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 on the left. You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

THANK YOU

Labor Day is traditionally the day to honor workers in the U.S. and more recently to unofficially mark the end of summer. What a most fitting time to celebrate those workers in our Social Concerns Ministry, who dedicate so many volunteer hours to "labor" for God's kingdom all year long, even during the long, hot summer. Whether you serve on the Social Concerns Commission, volunteer your service for the Food Pantry, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Giving Tree, Interfaith Career Network (Employment Ministry), the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Interfaith Community Partners, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry, other special outreaches, or provide fruits of your "labor" by offering financial support, food for our Pantry, or gifts for our Advent Giving Tree outreach, a heartfelt thank you for being models of faith in action! May you and your loved ones have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

RESPECT LIFE INFORMATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

Join us for an informational Meeting on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm in the St. Cletus Fr. Gallagher Room (in the new Parish Center). We will use this time to discuss upcoming opportunities and share ideas for this year. Please contact Kendall Grant with any questions.

"If you want peace, work for justice. And if you want justice, defend life!"

Saint Pope John Paul II



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THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains “the seed of the Church.”

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2018 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

PARKING ALERT BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH



CHURCH PARKING DURING THE WEEK OF OUR ST. CLETUS FALL FEST TUESDAY, SEPT. 4TH THRU SUNDAY, SEPT. 9TH IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue and the parish back field.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue and the parish back field.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue and the parish back field.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th Street and the parish back field.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8: Parking for the 8:00am Mass is limited to Spring Avenue, 54th Street and the parish back field. Parking for Confession at 4:15 and 5:00pm Mass is limited to the parish back field.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9: Parking for ALL masses is limited to the parish back field.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make our Parish Fall Fest a great success.

MEGA PASSES ARE \$55 UNTIL 9/4!

Mega Passes can now only be purchased for \$55 via cash or check, payable to St. Cletus, in the Fall Fest Tent after weekend Masses and in the Parish Center Office during regular business hours until Sept. 4th.

During the event, the 4-day unlimited ride Mega Pass will be \$65. Daily passes for \$30 will also be available for purchase at the event.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED



We need your help to make our 5th Annual Fall Fest a success! Please sign up to volunteer to help after masses and for each day of the event using the Signupgenius links which can be found on our website, www.stcletusfallfest.com. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer and chair committees for our fall fest!

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS



Sunday, September 9th the St. Cletus 11:00am Mass will be held outdoors on the Fall Fest Stage. This Mass will honor all First Responders.

St. Cletus Parish invites everyone to join us as we give thanks and prayers to all active and retired police officers, firefighters, and

emergency medical services personnel.

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!

We always have some great items for our Fall Fest Basket Raffle. We need your help to make that happen again this year. Donations can be brought to the parish offices during normal business hours. Thank you for your generosity!

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Agnes Weiner, our fourth \$50 Early Bird Drawing Winner!

Be sure to turn in your raffle tickets today to be entered into the September 2nd drawing!

\$5,000 GRAND RAFFLE

We are excited to announce that this year's raffle will have more winners than ever with 27 chances to win!

Purchase tickets at the Fall Fest table this weekend after Masses.

Please return any unsold tickets to the Tent or Parish Office. The drawing will be held during the intermission of the Sunday headliner, ARRA, around 7:30pm.

GRAND PRIZE \$5,000
SECOND PRIZE \$2,500
5 THIRD PRIZE WINNERS \$500
15 RUNNERS UP \$100 WINNERS
5 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS FOR \$50 EACH

Thank you to our 2018 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest Sponsors

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- Scott & Valerie Sosne
- Sheehan Family
- Jimmy and Jeannie Scalzitti
- St. Laurence High School
- Larry Valenta
- Winkler's Tree Service
- John and Lois Wagner
- Alice Williams and Gary Verhoeven
- Law Offices of Mark E. Wiemelt, P.C.
- Karen and Ron Ziemba
- Zuber Family

Other Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on October 16th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is **Delicious by Ruth Reichl**. All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS PLANNED



If you are an adult, 19 years of age or older, who received your First Communion, regularly attends Mass, but was never confirmed, this class is for you!

All preparation meetings and the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Ascension Parish in Oak Park. Meetings will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning September 4 through October 4. In addition, one Saturday meeting on September 22 will be held beginning at 3:15 p.m. and continue through 5 p.m. Mass. There will be a \$70 fee to cover the cost of books and materials. There will be reading assigned in preparation for each class. A maximum of 1 class can be missed. Sponsors are encouraged, but not required, to attend.

Registration will close on August 24th. Please email mc.meek@ascensionoakpark.com for more information or to register. Website: <http://ascensionoakpark.com/parish/adult-confirmation>

STARTING UP FOR MISSION LADIES

All good things must come to an end and so does Summer. Mission Ladies will be starting up on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 2018 in the Parish Center at 9am.

In about 9-10 weeks or so we will be distributing our handmade items. We are still in need of yellow, red, black brown and white. Other colors can also be used. We are no longer accepting Stuffed Animals (small or big) - so please do not leave any at the Rectory or the Ushers Room. New members are welcomed to join our Mission Ladies, no talent is needed. For more info please call Dolores Scaletta 708-839-9605

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Save the Date
BUNCO BASH
September 28th 7-10 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE 2018-2019

Parents and Members of the Class of 2022 - Freshman from St. Cletus Parish and St. John of the Cross Parish are invited to join our "Freshman Experience". This is an opportunity for high school freshman to meet every other Sunday evening, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, to continue on their journey of faith as they begin high school. There will be opportunities for small group discussion, service, retreat, and guest speakers. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow high school freshman, while sharing our faith!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 9th, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, in the Saint John of the Cross Parish Center. If you would like to register for Freshman Experience, please find the registration form on the Parish website. Contact MaryClaire Zurowski at mzurowski@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT – TEEN LEADERS NEEDED!

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors in high school with retreat experience are encouraged to share a weekend of outdoor winter fun and faith with the Freshmen and Sophomores of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. This upcoming retreat will take place January 4th-6th. Please consider applying – leadership applications are due to the St. Cletus Parish Center no later than Tuesday, September 4th. Contact MaryClaire Zurowski at mzurowski@stcletusparish.com with any questions.

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRIES

“To sing is to pray twice.”

- St. Augustine

The St. Cletus Choirs will start back up after Fall Fest. Contact Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministry, kziemba@stcletusparish.com for information or to register.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

We are still looking to fill a few more catechist positions. Please contact Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education, bcampbell@stcletusparish.com for more information.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA: COME AND SEE

BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

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

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

If you are interested in more information or know someone who is or would like to participate in the RCIA, please contact Fr. Ken for participation and registration requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION CONTACT FR. KEN AT (708) 352-6209 ext. 205

BIBLE STUDY CLARIFICATIONS FROM CREDO

CREDO has been getting some questions about the Bible Study at St. John of the Cross. This is not a CREDO event but is a chance to take Bible Study with a live teacher rather than with a DVD. Currently one CREDO member is going to register for the first unit to see how it goes and if St. Cletus people attend. Another CREDO member has registered for the online version of the class. CREDO assisted with the informational table a few weeks ago to help parishioners become aware of this opportunity in our neighborhood but is not running this event.

If you want to attend, you need to register online here: <https://tinyurl.com/sjcbiblestudy>. You can also go to <https://www.luc.edu/ips/ccss> and navigate to the registration page. You cannot register through St. Cletus. Be sure to pick the session that costs only \$75 and not \$175, unless you want official credit from Loyola. You must buy the student workbook on your own. The ISBN is 978-0809195848. The title is *Old Testament Foundations: Genesis Through Kings Year One Student Workbook (Catholic Biblical School Program)*. Books are available for online orders from the Loyola Bookstore, Pauline Books and Media, Paulist Press, and Amazon.

Given that the class is having trouble getting enough members, you may want to hold off on purchasing the book until you know that your preferred session will take place. One option if the in-person class does not run is to transfer to the online class.

CREDO has learned that if you register for the in-person class, there is no way to make up missed sessions. If you register for the online class, lectures are recorded, and you can make up missed sessions. Also, please note that each 10-week unit of the class costs \$75, so the cost for a year is \$225.

If you have further questions, contact Kevin Pease kpease@luc.edu or Dorothy Jonaitis djonaitis@luc.edu. If you have registration questions contact Mirta Garcia, mgarcia29@luc.edu. We hope we have answered some of the questions you have. Please note that filling out an expression of interest form at the informational table after mass DID NOT register you for the class.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

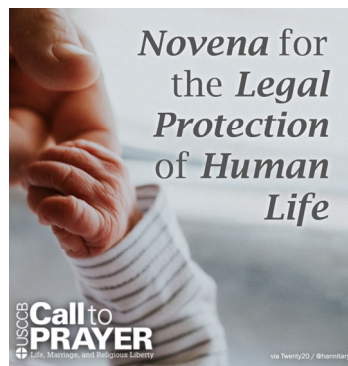
WORD OF LIFE



"We share Pope Francis' 'conviction that everything possible must be done to rid the Church of the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors and to open pathways of reconciliation and healing for those who were abused.'"

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" (2018 Revisions), quoting Pope Francis, Letter, February 2, 2015. © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA



Each Friday, from August 3 - September 28, the weekly Call to Prayer is adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention

of the novena each week. Participants are also provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade and share that information with their representatives. It's okay to jump in even after it's started! Join at www.usccb.org/pray.

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



For Widowed Men and Women -

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat/workshop is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to again find hope and new joy in life. This unique program will be held at these dates/locations:

Oct 6 & 7 - St. Ann's, Channahon

Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia

Nov 17 & 18 - Our Lady of the Angels. Retreat Hse., Lemont

Call: 708-354-7211. Email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video). Register early, space is limited.

TEAM RUSSELL RIDERS



Please help support Team Russell Riders who are riding 100 miles September 16th in the Susan G. Komen "Ride for the Cure". Team Russell Riders was formed to honor Kathleen Russell, St. Cletus parishioner and mother who is battling breast cancer.

Team Russell Riders consists of St. Cletus parishioners Joe Noga, Karen Mulcrone, Megan Wenstrup and Brad Dorchinez who will ride 100 miles on their bicycles to bring awareness and raise money to fight breast cancer. Visit the <http://chicagoland.info-komen.org/goto/RussellRiders> page to donate to the team to help find a cure! Thank you.

LIGHTS OF HOPE FOR PETER MAY



The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will be honoring those who have been touched by cancer and remembering those lost, during the national Lights of HOPE ceremony in Washington,

D.C. this Fall. St. Cletus Parish has been asked to remember/honor St. Cletus parishioner, Peter May, at the upcoming Lights of HOPE Ceremony. Donate online before 9/16 at www.acscan.org/hope. Questions? Call Maggie at 847-317-0209.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will host a five-week Career Search and Development Boot Camp. This workshop begins Tuesday, September 18 and runs on consecutive Tuesday evenings through October 16, from 7-9 pm. Whether you are trying to find a new job, get a promotion or excel in your current job, this training can help you take control of your

career. FPCLG is located at 150 S, Ashland Avenue. Meetings will be held in Westminster Hall. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. This workshop is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. For further info, please call the FPCLG office at 708.354.0771. We look forward to welcoming you!

ADOLF FUNERAL HOME

Night of Healing - Heal your Soul II

Adolf Funeral Home, 700 S. Madison St. Willowbrook
Thursday, September 20, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.

Meditation and Letting Go of Grief with Anne Quigley, LMT - Let Anne help you relax by removing negative influences that affect your energy and well-being to relieve pain and stress.

Garden of Yoga with Kathleen M. Wright, Director - Kathleen is a nationally certified Iyengar Yoga teacher.

Karen Schultz, LCSW - Karen's expertise as a spiritual teacher and healer will help you find strength to overcome obstacles and adversity by developing your inner resource.

RSVP to Donna 630.325.2300.

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME

We welcome 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.

For more information please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by September 7, 2018 to 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.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



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. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 2	7:00am 7:00am	Narthex Narthex/Tent	Welcome Committee Fall Fest Ticket Sales Last Fall Fest \$50 Early Bird Drawing
Monday, September 3	8:00am 7:00pm	School Music Room	All Facilities Closed after 8am Mass Fine Arts Series Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 4	9-5pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Office Parish Center Meeting Rm	Last Day to Purchase \$55 Carnival Megapasses Social Concerns Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 5			
Thursday, September 6	5-10pm	Parish Grounds	St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Friday, September 7	5-11pm	Parish Grounds	St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Saturday, September 8	12-11pm	Parish Grounds	St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest
Sunday, September 9	11am 12-9pm	Fall Fest Tent Parish Grounds	First Responders Mass St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

First Responders Mass

Sunday, September 9th at 11:00 a.m.



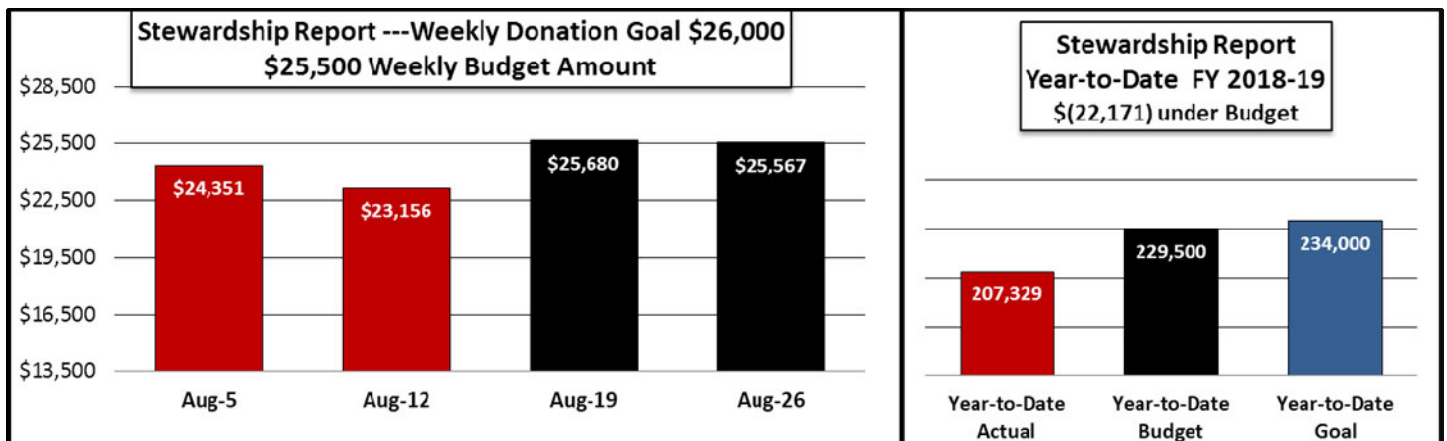
Please join us for a special mass at St. Cletus Parish. In commemoration of the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 we will honor First Responders at an outdoor mass at 11:00 a.m.

St. Cletus Parish will give thanks and prayers to all active and retired police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services.

We hope everyone will join us for this very special Mass.


Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



St. Cletus Parish Information

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

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.
 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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