

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Thank you from our Festival Chairs

Our 2017 Fall Fest raised over \$110,000! We were blessed to have beautiful weather again this year for the event and it was a huge success.

Festival chairs Chris Wagner, Debbie Lestarczyk, and Bobbie Kallal would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many people who made the 2017 Fall Fest a success, our staff, volunteers, sponsors, and all of those who attended this wonderful event.

We have already begun working on our 5th St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest and we hope to see you September 6-9th, 2018.



## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of November 13 - November 19, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski, Andy Sandoval
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Rocco Pantoni, Peter Kujawa
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Christine Stec, Juel Melton
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John J. Kurland, Benedict Dybas, Josephine Kinastowski
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise Jr.
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Magee Family
	Fr. Clark	5:00 p.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Mary Ann Bier, Nick Crnkovich, Dennis Gabriel, Pete Banayad
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, Benedict Dybas, George Duda, Stacy Baker, Grandparents of Alicia Ghera
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Dick & Patsy Walsh, Al Dybicz, Gene Kennedy, Pete Banayad, Dennis Rahilly
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Wayne Kral, Sophie Scaccia, Kamil Jackowski, Jim Zethmayr, Gene Kennedy, Betty Niwa
	Fr. Alvarez	12:30 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

#### Elizabeth Pirman

May she rest in peace. Amen.

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

#### James Dean Melendez

Son of Monica Barragan & David Melendez

#### John Edward Pierce III

Son of Kendra Burton & John Pierce

#### Shane Jeffrey Stano

Son of Rachel Cegielski & Jeff Stano



to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

### WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

#### Lucia & Francisco J. Murillo Family

#### Emily and Adan Diaz Family

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

**November** - Millie Billenstein, Isabel McKeehan

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

**September** - Connie Monzel, Jeanine Rapp, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowksi, Frank Colonna, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Catherine Troyner, Frank Colonna, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorzo, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Peter May, Frank Niwa

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

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

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. Thank you!

## Cardinal Cupich's Statement



### **STATEMENT OF CARDINAL BLASE J. CUPICH, ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO, ON THE SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS TRAGEDY NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

Once again we must extend our condolences to families suffering the horrific loss of loved ones to an act of madness. It would dishonor those lost and those who mourn to simply participate in the routine exchange of sympathies underpinned by the sense of futility and hopelessness that has befallen our country.

We must recognize that the factors that produce these tragedies will not change unless we take direct action to change them.

Comprehensive national gun control policies will not prevent every shooting but it will prevent some.

Access to mental health care — in legislation founded on the principle that health care is a right not a privilege — will not prevent every shooting but it will prevent some and will mean we will have fewer podium speeches about our thoughts and prayers.

Let it be our firm resolve to act and to advocate and to end this hideous blot upon our nation.

Honor the memories of the many thousands of gun violence victims by holding accountable those who could have done something and did not, who called for study instead of steps toward progress, and who gave those Pope Francis has called merchants of death more regard than the dead children, the dead men and women we mourn today.

The time to demand action is now.

### **DECLARACIÓN DEL CARDENAL BLASE J. CUPICH, ARZOBISPO DE CHICAGO, SOBRE LA TRAGEDIA EN SUTHERLAND SPRINGS 6 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2017**

Una vez más debemos extender nuestras condolencias a las familias que están sufriendo la horrible pérdida de seres queridos en un acto de locura. Sería un deshonor para aquellos que perdieron sus vidas y aquellos de luto el simplemente participar en el intercambio rutinario de conmiseración sustentado en el sentido de futilidad y desesperanza que ha caído sobre nuestro país.

Debemos reconocer que los factores que producen estas tragedias no cambiarán al menos que tomemos una acción directa para cambiarlos.

Políticas nacionales e integrales de control de armas no van a prevenir cada balacera pero van a prevenir algunas. Acceso al cuidado de la salud mental -en una legislación basada en el principio de que el cuidado de la salud es un derecho y no un privilegio- no va a prevenir cada balacera pero va a prevenir a algunas y significará que tendremos menos discursos en el podio acerca de nuestras condolencias y oraciones.

Que sea nuestra determinación firme el actuar y abogar y terminar esta espantosa mancha en nuestra nación.

Honre la memoria de las miles de víctimas de violencia con armas de fuego al responsabilizar a aquellos que pudieron haber hecho algo y no lo hicieron, que llamaron a realizar estudios en vez de tomar pasos concretos hacia el progreso, y que han dado a aquellos que el Papa Francisco ha llamado mercaderes de la muerte más consideración que a los niños muertos, los hombres muertos y las mujeres muertas que lloramos hoy. El momento de demandar acción es ahora.



# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

All School Mass 9am .....November 13  
 Early Childhood Education Open House ....November 15  
 D4D Bakers Square.....November 13-17

### 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




#### First grade Pays It Forward!

Acts of kindness are making their way around our parish school. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade started an *Act of Kindness in Paying it Forward* project which has made it down to the school office. The office staff was excited to accept this *Act of Kindness and Pay it Forward* as well!

#### Be Somebody's Batman

Matt Wilhelm, a three-time X-Games medalist and two-time United States National Champion, visited our school this week with his message of kindness and hope. His story was the perfect mix of entertainment and message as he encouraged students to stand up for one another and stand up for themselves.



**Anderson's Bookfair Company**

**ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FSA ANNUAL BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 19-21**

### Get Caught Reading!

- November 19th      9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- November 20th      8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- November 21st      8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come find some new good books for yourself or get a heads up on Christmas shopping at the St. Cletus Book Fair. Books are available for adults and children!

The proceeds from the book fair goes directly to the St. Cletus School Library. Everyone is welcome!

**ST. CLETUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

# Welcome Wednesdays

**EXPERIENCE A MORNING IN OUR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS.**

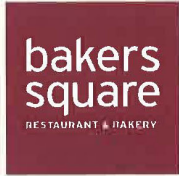
**November 15th**  
**Join us any time**  
**8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

*This is an open invitation intended for all families with children ages 3 to 5. Alternate dates/times available for school tours, please contact the school office.*

**St. Cletus School**  
 708-352-4820    www.stcletusschool.com

# Parish School Fundraisers

Please present the filer below at Bakers Square on Monday 11/13, Tuesday 11/14, & Thursday 11/16 between 7:00 am to 11:00 pm and Bakers Square will donate 20% back to our Parish School.



## DONATE 20%

OF YOUR GUEST CHECK

To benefit the organization listed below, please present this flyer to the cashier at time of purchase.



A Bakers Square Fundraiser to Benefit:  
**St. Cletus School**

**Date & Time**

November 13th, 14th, and 16th  
7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**Bakers Square**

942 S. LaGrange Road  
La Grange, IL 60525  
(708) 354-2128



Get a bigger piece of the pie. Visit [BakersSquare.com/SweetReturns](http://BakersSquare.com/SweetReturns) to find out how you can raise money for your organization with our Sweet Returns\* fundraising program.

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BSQ-FF-10-16

Flyer distribution on Bakers Square property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation. Not valid and cannot be combined with other coupons and discounts. Gift card purchases do not qualify for donation.

## Pies by Fasano's

### 8th Grade Fundraiser



St. Cletus 8th graders are having a Pie Sale just in time for Thanksgiving to earn money for their 8th grade activities.

Order form & payment (checks payable to St. Cletus) can be dropped off in the school mailbox before November 13th.

Pie pickup will be in Morrissey Hall at St. Cletus School from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, November 21st.

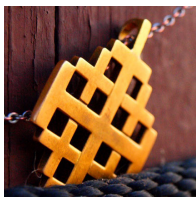
Pies Available:	Cost	# Ordered
<b>Apple</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b>Blueberry</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b>Pumpkin</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b>Pecan pie</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>	
<b>Chocolate Crème</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>	
<b>Banana Crème pie</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>	
<b>Total Pies Ordered</b>		
<b>Total amount enclosed</b>		

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth Ministry

### KAIROS 27



Last weekend, nearly 60 teens and a handful of adult volunteers journeyed together for a Kairos retreat. Teens from area churches came together for an amazing experience of prayer and growth, led by both teen and adult volunteers. It was an incredible group of people who shared openly their experiences of God in their lives, and it was clear that God was working in and through each person present. A special thank you to the adult volunteers from our St. Cletus Parish, including Dale Czarny, Henry Morlock, and Andy Balch, as well as Lee Egan and Olivia Hollman from SFX. Please continue to pray for all who participated in the retreat as they courageously try to continue their faith journeys with the energy and vigor they had while on retreat and more fully understand the graces that their time together has given.

### REGISTER NOW FOR FRETUS IDENTITY RETREAT

This year, St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross will all combine efforts to offer a retreat to all freshmen and sophomores! This retreat takes place January 12-14th, 2018 and is sure to be a fun-filled time of games and outdoor winter fun as well as a time of deep reflection and connection with peers to allow teens to become more aware of the way God is working in their lives! Registration is now available on the parish website.

### BEDS PLUS LUNCHES: SERVICE PROJECT

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

For more information about St. Cletus Youth Ministry Programs please contact Elizabeth Tomasek  
[etomasek@stcletusparish.com](mailto:etomasek@stcletusparish.com) (708) 215-5419 [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth)

## Music Ministry - Come Sing with Us!

**The St. Cletus Music Ministry** is so blessed to offer so many opportunities to those who enjoy using their God-given musical talents! We invite you to join one of our choirs; no previous experience or music-reading skill required – only a desire to sing praise to the Lord!

Our **Chancel Choir** sings regularly at the 9:30 a.m. mass; rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. each Thursday. This group focuses more on traditional hymns and classic choral pieces.

Our **Contemporary Choir** sings approximately two times per month at the Saturday, 5: p.m. mass; rehearsals are held immediately prior to the mass at 4 p.m. with occasional additional rehearsals as need. This group, with singers, drums and flute, focuses on a more contemporary sound.

Our **Teen Choir** sings approximately twice per month at the Saturday, 5 p.m. mass with an occasional appearance at the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday morning. Rehearsals are at 4 p.m. on Saturday; a schedule with additional rehearsal times will be published shortly. High school students will enjoy singing more contemporary music; additional instrumentalists would also be welcomed.

**Our Youth Choirs....**are open to all boys and girls, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, attending either a public school or St. Cletus School. These choirs generally sing at the Sunday, 11 a.m. mass approximately 1-2 times per month and also participate with the other adult choirs in several special masses throughout the year.

**Junior Choir** is open to students in grades 5 through 8. Rehearsals are held on Monday, from 4-5 p.m.

**Children's Choir** is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held on Thursday, from 5-6 p.m.

**Our Good Shepherd Choir** is part of the St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry. This choir provides music for funerals and memorial services. Volunteers do NOT have to be available every day of the week.

If you are interested in attending a rehearsal, joining a particular choir or just want to know more about our music ministry, please contact: Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries: [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com) or call 708-215-5423 or 708-710-0644. Please, come sing with us!

"To sing is to pray twice." - St. Augustine



## Sunday Notes

### WISDOM

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8  
 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
 Wednesday: St. Albert the Great  
 Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude  
 Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
 Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We had sixteen hundred years' experience with one Eucharistic Prayer in our repertoire, and the liturgical reforms of the Council of Trent shaped the way we worshiped for four hundred years. In the last years of the Tridentine Mass, the early 1960s, we tended to see children as miniature adults. Fully rooted in the Sunday assembly by the decision of Pope Saint Pius X to push Communion back to the age of seven or so from the standard age of twelve to fourteen years during the early 1900s, children were still more tolerated than acknowledged. The Mass was in Latin, and by the 1960s the people had begun to regain their voices in the "dialogue Mass," so the focus was on training little children to recite or sing in Latin.

The new attention to the experience of children, their ability to enter into ritual, their spontaneity, their ability to grasp key concepts in faith, felt "untraditional." Yet we can trace in our tradition the ways in which children have long been given a special place in the assembly. From earliest times, boys have served in choirs and certain ministries in monasteries and in parish churches. Girls were sometimes entrusted to nuns, learning liturgical chants and the arts. Yet, in our day, the formation of a Lectionary for children and Eucharistic Prayers suited to them are truly tremendous breakthroughs in our treasury of prayer.

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

### I CAN DO ANYTHING

I have started houses with no more than the price of a loaf of bread and prayers, for with him who comforts me, I can do anything.

—Frances Xavier Cabrini



## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

#### Most needed at this time:

- Dried pinto beans
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Healthy snacks
- Cereal
- Boxed sides
- Crackers
- Pancake mix
- Meals in a can
- \$25 Jewel Gift Cards

#### Thank You

Thank you to all who donated items for last week's monthly food distribution, and/or donated their time preparing for it. This is a major undertaking each month, which could not happen without YOUR participation. St. John of the Cross generously provided 50 boxes of donations from their Harvest Collection, thank you!

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

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

### 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 until November 19.

**\*\*Please note...this is an unsupervised volunteer opportunity and an adult is recommended to be present\*\*** This calendar simply coordinates dates/times. 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). <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/>

### GIVING TREE

Let us share Christ's message of hope with others during this Advent season by taking a tag or two from our Advent Giving Trees this weekend. We are thankful for your past generosity in purchasing multiple gifts for the individual(s) you choose. We are asking this year, for some of you to consider taking an additional tag or two, and perhaps buying fewer gifts for each name you pick. Consider buying gift cards from the St. Cletus School Script (formerly Manna) program to use for shopping.



Please remember, each tag represents a real person. When you take a tag from the tree, you are making a commitment to that person, and to returning your gift(s) on time.

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

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

We invite you to stop in the narthex next weekend to take a tag or two from one of the Giving Trees. We are thankful for your past generosity in purchasing many gifts for the individual(s) you choose. Thank you! Your generosity will provide hope and make a difference in someone's life. God bless you on your Advent Journey!

*The Giving Tree Committee*

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



### Volunteer Opportunities

For all giving tree volunteer opportunities please use the sign up genius link: <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/>

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:15-5:** Help set up Morrissey Hall for Giving Tree gift collection.

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> shifts between 3:30-6:30pm:** Help direct traffic, carry in donations from donor's cars, sort and organize gifts in Morrissey Hall.

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> shifts between 6:30am-4pm:** Help with hospitality, direct traffic, carry in donations from donor's cars, sort and organize gifts in Morrissey Hall, load gifts to bring to St. Agatha's.

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> shifts between 6:30am-6:30pm:** Help with hospitality, directing traffic, carrying in food basket donations, organizing food baskets, distributing gifts, assisting clients to their vehicles, clean up, etc.

Please use the Sign Up Genius link at the top to volunteer and read the notes on age requirements. Contact Kendall Grant with any questions. Thanks!

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

**If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence** this group may be very helpful.

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant ([kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)) or 708.215.5418 for more information.

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the purple box below. **You are not alone.***



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:  
**708.485.5254**



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

### INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

**Impress to Connect** - Please join us on Thursday, November 16 from 7-9 pm. Our speaker this evening is former ICN member, Laura Cognato. Laura has walked the walk; she understands first hand what many job seekers experience in their search. Laura was between positions and hadn't been on a single interview in more than a year. Two years ago she faced the "FourFecta" of job search hurdles when she discovered a new approach that led her to interview with 16 companies and get 3 job offers within 90 days. Laura will share the "Impress to Connect" strategies she used to land her dream job. You will learn proven tools and tactics to apply to your job search. Learn from Laura at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

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

### INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

 Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 85 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church. We also take our clients with disabilities to their places of employment. There is no cost to our clients, and we rely solely on private donations, grants, special events, and church support for funding. **And we need you! Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver.** Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an information packet, visit us on the web at [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org), and like us on Facebook. Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

### WORD OF LIFE

“Christ came to liberate us from the cycle of violence by showing us how to love and be merciful. ...As the culture of death threatens to electively select who does and who does not deserve life, we must uphold that all human life has invaluable dignity and worth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A,” <https://goo.gl/U7EYgz>



## Other Ministry Notes

### INVITATION TO HOLY HOUR

Join us for an Hour of Prayer:

«*Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction with the Holy Sacrament*»

Every Tuesday of the Month

Come to the “Holy Hour” from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

After the “Holy Hour” you are invited to pray with us during  
“**La Hora Santa en Español**”

“Hora Santa” todos los Martes de 7:00 a 8:00 p.m.

«*Meditación, Rosario y Bendición con el Santísimo*»

### MASS OF ANOINTING 11/25



Saturday Nov. 25 at 11:00 a.m. this most Holy Sacrament will be offered for the sick of the parish and community.

All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided after the mass - if you plan on attending please email Deacon Stuart @ sheyes@stcletusparish.com, leave a message at 708.215.5407 or a note at the rectory by Nov. 15th.

### AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2018 FILING SEASON

**AARP**<sup>SM</sup> Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?  
Tax-Aide™

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2018 filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member nor 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, 2018. 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 is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older.

To volunteer, visit the AARP Tax Aide website: [www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/) or call parishioner John Wagner, at 708-352-0170.

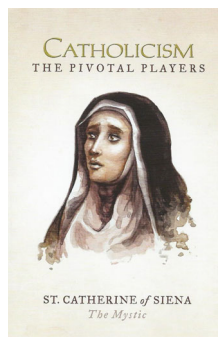
### BOOK DISCUSSION



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

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### CREDO PRESENTS PIVOTAL PLAYERS



The third influential person in Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players is St. Catherine of Siena. We will learn about a young woman who was named a Doctor of the Church and a mystic. We will meet Wednesday, November 15 at 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it. Please use the side doors of the school next to the church. The next Pivotal Player presentation will be presented on January 17.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

**Lectors** – Proclaimers of the Word

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – Assist with the distribution of the Eucharist

**Altar Servers** – Assist the priest at Mass

Learn more about serving in any of these roles. Schedules and training are flexible. Contact Paulette Bolton at 708.215.5422 or e-mail [pbolton@stcletusparish.com](mailto:pbolton@stcletusparish.com).

### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Donate Online**

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

It is SO EASY! Visit our website [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 or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

**SCCCW**



Women of St. Cletus please join us for our next General Meeting on Tuesday, November 14th in the Fr. Gallagher room of the Parish Center. Meet 'n Greet with business meeting at 7:00pm. Program: Wine, Women & the Word at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings & events:

**HO HO Holiday Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast**

Join us the morning of Sunday, December 10th in the St. Cletus Parish Center for Breakfast with Santa. This event is in conjunction with the St. Cletus School Family School Association.

**SCCCW's 1st Anniversary Celebration!**

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

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
*Join us Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.*  
 All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Parish on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. Mass.

**ST. CLETUS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23/ 24**

Saturday: 5:00pm  
 Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am (Spanish Mass)

**Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24**

2:00pm	Church	Chamber Ensemble
2:15pm	Parish Center Gym	Cantor/Piano
3:30pm	Church	Children’s Choir
3:45pm	Parish Center Gym	Cantor/Piano
5:30pm	Church	Chamber Ensemble
7:00pm	Church (Spanish)	Hispanic Choir
10:30pm	Church	Chancel Choir

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

**Christmas Day – Monday, December 25**

7:00am	Church	Organ/Congregational Caroling
8:00am	Church	Cantor/Piano
9:30am	Church	Chancel Choir
11:00am	Church	Contemporary Choir

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

Saturday: 5:00pm  
 Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God/New Year’s Day: Monday January 1, 2018**

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

**GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME**



*Wedding Ministry*

**Remember (a short or not so short while ago) when you walked down the aisle???**

Our parish Wedding Ministry is looking for a few folks who would like to join them in celebrating this joyous sacrament. Help with wedding rehearsals and the actual wedding service is needed. It involves pairing with another minister and walking the bridal party through the wedding rehearsal (about 45min.-1hr. usually the evening before the wedding) and then setting up and being present to assist the day of the wedding ( about 1½-2 hrs.). Simple training is provided including a binder with guidelines and instructions. Familiarizing the wedding party with the order of service helps allay some of the anxiousness they might have for this happy event. Since weddings are scheduled throughout the year, your service is based on your availability.

Please consider being a part of this joyful ministry.

Contact Paulette Bolton for more info at 708.215.5422 or [pbolton@stcletusparish.com](mailto:pbolton@stcletusparish.com).



## Community Bulletin Board

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

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

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

My name is Aidan Kelly and I am a 2016 graduate of St. Cletus. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project as part of Troop 19 in La Grange. For my project, I am collecting donations of new or used baseball and softball equipment that I will be shipping down to Aguascalientes, Mexico. The equipment that is donated will benefit a baseball league where most boys and girls families struggle to afford adequate equipment needed for them to play and learn baseball and softball. The equipment most needed includes bats, cleats, helmets, equipment bags, mitts and gloves, bases, balls, and umpire equipment.

I will be accepting donations Nov. 12 at the American Legion Post 1941 from noon to 3 p.m. The American Legion is located at 900 S. LaGrange Rd. in La Grange.

### UNDERSTANDING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PRE-PLANNING

Complimentary Seminar on your Options for Funeral Pre-Planning & what you should know and prepare for!

**Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.**

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



You may not think about or want to think about arranging a funeral for yourself or a loved one. However, our interactive seminars will answer any questions you may have or have been afraid to ask. Through this seminar you will learn what to expect during funeral arrangements, pre-planning, disposition choices, legal obligations, pre-funding and much more. In addition, a representative from the Catholic Cemeteries will also be in attendance to assist with any burial questions you may have.

No Obligation. Space is limited; please RSVP by Monday, November 13 to 708-485-2000 or [Info@HitzemanFuneral.com](mailto:Info@HitzemanFuneral.com).

### INTERFAITH EVENT AT GRACE LUTHERAN

Sunday November 12 1-3:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange. Come explore what Jerusalem means to Jews, Christians and Muslims. 12:15 Light Lunch option - Please RSVP for lunch by Nov. 9 at [gracelg.org/Jerusalem](http://gracelg.org/Jerusalem). 1:00pm Guest Speaker Presentations, Round Table Discussions, Q & A.

### HIGHLANDS CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE

La Grange Highlands Woman's Club 23rd Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale, proceeds to benefit Interfaith Community

Partners, on Saturday, November 18, 9 am to 3 pm at La Grange Highlands School, 1850 Plainfield Road.

### ST. BARBARA'S CRAFT SHOW - CRAFTERS WANTED

Display your handmade craft items at St. Barbara Craft Show & Bake Sale, at the Parish Center at 4015 Prairie, Brookfield on Nov. 18 from 9am-3pm. Call Alicia 485-2502 for information.

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FASHION SHOW

Women's Club Fashion Show at Drury Lane on November 16 at 6:30 pm. Price: \$75 – General Admission. More info: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/fashionshow](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/fashionshow)

### COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF LA GRANGE PARK

Celebrating Their 150th Anniversary as a Congregation!

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

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

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

### TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

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

*bending*  
**TOWARDS**  
**the Light**  
*a Jazz Nativity*

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 4:00 P.M.  
ST. CLETUS CHURCH

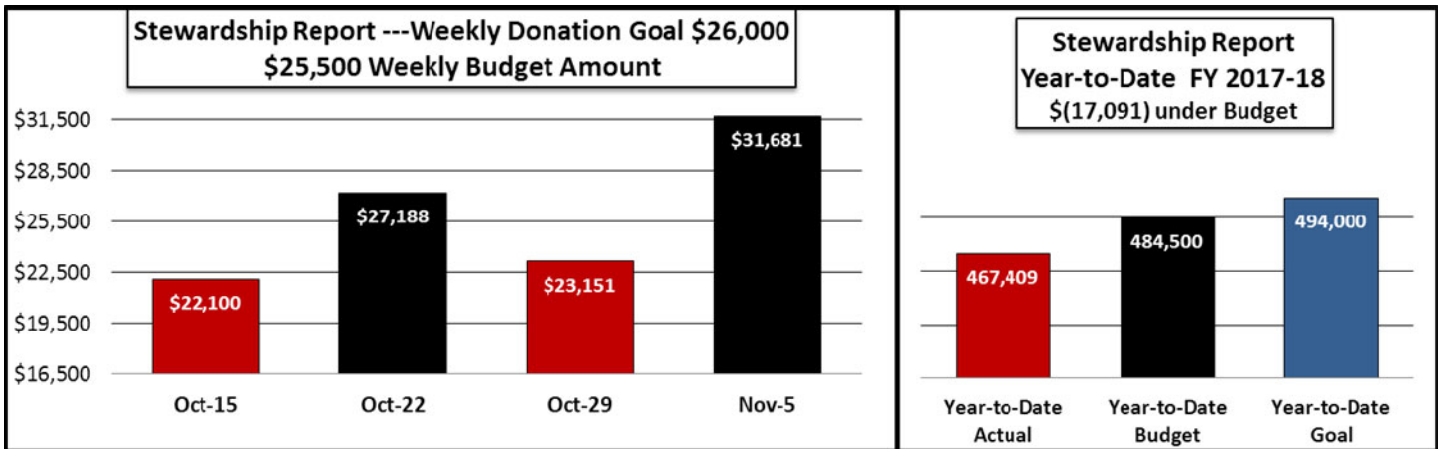
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Edward FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 12	4:00pm	School Rm 200	Teen Encounter
Monday, November 13	4:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Room PC Gym	Junior Choir Men's Basketball
Tuesday, November 14	9:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Rm 1 Church School Rm 213 Rectory Church Parish Center	Mission Ladies Holy Hour, English Athletic Association RCIA Hora Santa, Spanish SCCCW General Meeting
Wednesday, November 15	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Rm 1 School Rm 98	Mission Ladies CREDO
Thursday, November 16	5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Parish Center Rm 1 School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal SVDP Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 17			
Saturday, November 18	5:00pm	Narthex	Giving Tree
Sunday, November 19	7:00am 9:00am 1:00pm	Narthex Morrissey Hall Front Lawn	Giving Tree Book Fair Turkey Raffle Distribution

## Stewardship Report



## Preferred Providers




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

# St. Cletus Parish Information

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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

## MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

*Holy Hour* each Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
*Hispanic Adoration* continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## 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*  
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