



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Responders Mass

A few more pictures from our September 11th First Responders Mass. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this special service. Photos courtesy of Karen Callaway / Catholic New World.



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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- SEPT. 24-25: Mums Sale
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- OCT. 1-2: Welcome Committee in Narthex
- OCT. 22: Parish Family Potluck



Mass Intentions for the Week of Sept 26 - Oct 2, 2016

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Tuesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Doris Barclay
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	James Lenz
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Robinson Family Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Adam and Marie Pietrzak, Stella and Felix Gembala, John Sharkey, Bill Magee, Nina Shegaki, Gene Kennedy
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark Fr. Clark TBD	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Brian Luczak, Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family, George Duda, Jane Schafer Alfreda Guide, Bernard J. Hennessy, Bridie Heslin, Jack Lewis Noreen Smith, Betsy Pearce, Edward Vokurka, Tom Moran Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Sophie M. Wojcik
Mother of Joan Maziarka

May she rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION 9/24-25



This weekend there will be a second collection for the annual Seminary appeal. The funds collected will help to alleviate their monthly expenses of tuition, room and board, health insurance and formation programs. All funds collected will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Join us as we welcome a guest speaker, Kevin Ripley, and pray for our own seminarians in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please see page 5 in the Canticle for a letter from Archbishop Blase Cupich.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday a full week (nine days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lonnie Rott, Fran Kruse, Nick Lodato, Jack Simpson, Anne Bermier, Evelyn Ulfig, Ginny Skibbe, Kim Zwolinski, Freda Guide, Lane Powell, Helen Borsilli, Dcn. Jim Cozzo, Mirna Cozzo, Daniella DeRivera, Peter DeRivera, Damien Johnson, Patricia Niwa, Lesley Hansen, Kristen Gozdecki, Steve Gozdecki, Barbara Morgan, Lane Powell, Kelly Cook, Frank Ciszek, Nino Scimone, Lee Ascencio, Jean Weekley, Laura Segel, Adrina Castillejo, Otto Stuckman, Patricia Pilleggi, Isaac Musser, Jean Takes, Robert William, Helen Borsilli, Gene Wallace, John Eterno, Vivian Swibel, Jennifer Streit, Julianne Hausknecht, Cynthia Cozen, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Allie DeRivera, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahan, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, LaVerne Gill, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda.

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the last five years of her life, Audrey Hepburn, that beguilingly beautiful film-star, made almost fifty trips around the world as an ambassador for UNICEF. As a “hands-on” worker for this children’s relief agency, Audrey visited the poverty-stricken regions of Asia and Africa, bringing the world’s attention to these places, and her own genuine love and compassion for the children and for the people that she met.

This work with UNICEF, from 1988 until her death in January 1993, was not her first contact with the children’s charity. As a young girl, she had spent the war years of the 1940’s amid the hardships and shortages of occupied Belgium – living for one month in a cellar, with rats for company – and at the war’s end, she remembered receiving food parcels from the Red Cross and from children’s relief agencies, to help keep her alive.

Such memories stay with one for ever, and even when Audrey became the darling of Hollywood and the model for the exquisite fashions and dresses of the designer, Givenchy, she never lost the common touch, or that simple humanity that keeps our feet on the ground and our head level. Her genuine feeling for others even extended to the father who had deserted her at the age of six, and, in her adult years, with her own money she supported him financially until his death in 1980 at the age of 94. “Why did you do it?” she was asked. “It helped to lay a ghost,” was her healing reply.

This feeling for other people, this sensitivity to human need, whatever the circumstances, whatever the story, is the teaching of the Lord today. Jesus tells a story, a well-known, traditional kind of story, found in many cultures, of the rich man and the poor man, of this life and of the life to come. As you would expect, the Lord tells the story very well, with lots of colorful detail. The rich man’s clothes – purple and fine linen – are described, and his dining table is a daily feast. The poor man has sores and dogs to contend with. The two men live side by side, and yet the rich man does nothing to help Lazarus, the poor man, can’t even get the scraps.

To an outside observer this looks obscene. How can the rich man be so uncaring, so unfeeling? To understand, to discover the answer to that, all we need is a little wealth, a little luxury, a little comfort zone. Once we become ensconced in our pleasures, cozy on our couch, settled on our sofas, it becomes very easy to forget the cold weather outside, and the people who might be shivering in it. We

don’t
like draughts,
they disturb our warmth, and
in shutting out the draught, we might be guilty at times of
shutting out the people who live in the draught.

In other words, comfort and luxury have a tendency to make us forgetful of the poor, and, God forgive us, insensitive to suffering. This is serious. In this story, by Jesus, we are to identify ourselves with the rich man, if we are to do the story justice, and if we are going to allow the story to bring issues of justice home to us.

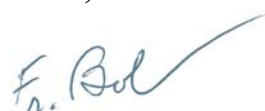
We westerners generally cannot identify ourselves with Lazarus. Most of us are well-to-do. We live in a world that desperately needs to diet, while the rest of mankind is starving. We are cocooned against the cold, protecting our own interests – a favorite political phrase.

“Our own interests” form a blind, deaf and dangerous game. Even the Golden Rule has more insight than that. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” it says. This simple insight into how we ought to live our lives tells us that it is clearly wrong to ignore the sufferings of others. We are all flesh and blood, and we need to care for each other. If we cannot see that, if we close our eyes to that, no other-worldly vision, or stories of resurrection from the dead, will make any difference. We will have lost the plot!

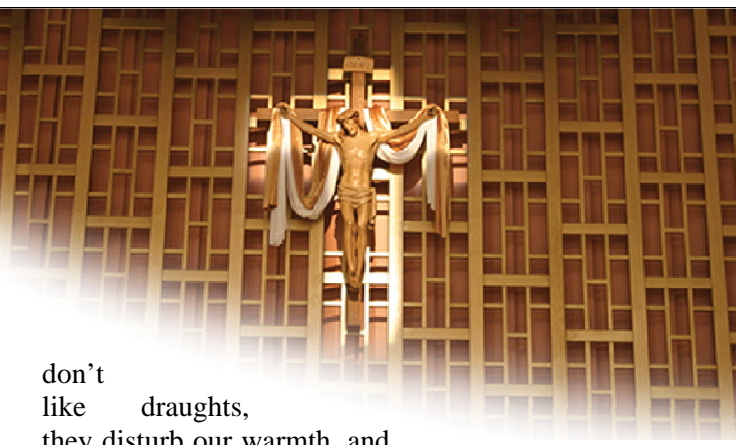
Audrey Hepburn’s son, Sean, said after his mother died, “Mummy believed in one thing above all. That love can heal, fix, and mend, and put everything right in the end. And it did.”

The parable today calls us to heal, fix, and mend, and to put everything right in the end. Please God, we will.

Peace ,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Shop with Scrip Cash and Carry Sept 24-25
- Catholic High School Night in Morrissey Oct. 5
- Grandfriends Day Oct. 7

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Chicago History Museum Field Trip

Our seventh grader's big project this year is the annual History Fair. They are responsible for creating a website, report, or documentary on a subject that is connected to Chicago that is in the spirit of the theme Stand up for History. To help our students generate ideas they took a field trip to the Chicago History Museum where they learned about everything from fur traders to current cutting edge architecture.

Future Community Helpers

The preschoolers last week learned about community helpers. The children learned about different community helpers and how they help us in our community. The dramatic play area became a doctor's office for the children to explore what it means to be a helper through play. Through play children grow in so many ways.



Letter from Archbishop Blase Cupich

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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September 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last year, in speaking to a conference in Rome, Pope Francis reminded the participants that “the vocation to the priesthood is a gift that God gives to some for the good of all.” This weekend as we celebrate and pray for our own seminarians in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I ask you once again for your financial support of them.

We currently have sixty-seven seminarians preparing for a life of service as your future pastors. Their motivation and enthusiasm for serving in the Church through a life-long commitment is inspiring to us all, promoting us to offer in return our prayers, fraternal encouragement and financial support. Many of you have personally told me how much you enjoy meeting our seminarians whenever they visit parishes and I know you come away from those experiences with a renewed sense of hope for the future.

We in turn as a community need to stand with them during their years of preparation and for this reason I invite you to join with me in making this year’s seminarian collection a great success. Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees (\$1,850), room and board (\$950), formation programs (\$250), and health insurance (\$190) for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. You may make a one-time donation no less than your weekly contribution to your parish, or establish a monthly contribution to the collection. Your gift, whatever the amount, will have a great impact on our seminarians, as they see first-hand your willingness to stand in solidarity with them.

During the *Renew My Church* consultation, one of the top priorities identified was the need to promote vocations to the priesthood. We are doing everything possible in this regard, but I do need your support through prayer and donations to the seminarian collection.

Thank you for your commitment to our seminarians. You can rely on me joining you in prayer for them as well as my remembrance of your needs as I thank God for your many gifts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blase J. Cupich".

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Dessert items
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned tomatoes
- Dry pinto beans

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.



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

CAR SEAT ASSISTANCE

Thank you for your faithfulness and support of this important ministry! Over the summer it came to our attention that many of the families at the food pantry did not have proper car seats for their children. We spent the past few months collecting information on the age, weight, and height of each child, the number of kids in the family’s vehicle; as well as the make/model/year of their car. We partnered with a local certified Car Seat Tech (CPST-Child Passenger Safety Technician) to help determine the safest, longest-lasting, cost-effective seats. Once we determined which seats were needed we partnered with Babies R Us to purchase them with a large discount.

At the September food pantry night our Car Seat Tech helped install 8 brand new seats! She also did safety checks for a number of other kids with seats that currently meet the legal requirements.

So far we have purchased 8 car seats for a total of \$420.24. We found a few more families in need of seats and anticipate purchasing at least 5 more (around \$300). This was clearly an unexpected item in our budget this year but we felt it was important to help these families keep their children as safe as possible. Please consider a donation to help this important cause. If you’re able, checks can be made to “St. Cletus Social Concerns” and dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory. Please write “Car seats” in the memo. THANK YOU!!!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*****Due to construction our meeting space and entrance will be changed.**

Please contact Kendall or the Rectory for more details if you plan on attending***

PLEASE JOIN US: Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church-124 N. Spring

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Domestic Violence awareness and support ministries of St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier invite you to join us on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (in St. Francis Xavier Church) for a Mass of healing and prayers for an end to domestic violence. The homily speaker is a survivor of domestic violence. Resource information will also be available.

In the United States, it is estimated that one in every four women experience domestic abuse from an intimate partner at some point in their lifetimes. Often, children witness violence and abuse in their homes, and most incidents go unreported. The statistics shock and numb us.

Domestic violence takes many forms. It is *never* justifiable. It is *never* excusable. Most importantly, it is *never* the fault of a survivor. ***Everyone deserves to be in healthy, violence-free and abuse-free relationships.***

May we lift our voices to God as one community, offering support and comfort to all who suffer and to all who long for a violence-free life, filled with the dignity bestowed upon us by our Creator?

BECOME INVOLVED

INCREASE AWARENESS

JOIN IN MASS AND PRAYERS

OBTAIN RESOURCE 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 to the left. You are not alone.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Last Chance! Please submit your recipes for the St. Vincent de Paul Cookbook soon! The deadline to submit recipes is Sept. 27th. Please see the recipe forms in the narthex by the food pantry bins. You can also visit our website: <http://cookbook.stcletusparish.com>.

Questions? svdpcookbook@aol.com

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Transition Boot Camp

Tuesday, September 27, 7-9 pm. First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

Optimize Your Resume for Applicant Tracking Systems

Thursday, October 6, 7-9 pm. St. Cletus School Building, 700 West 55th Street in La Grange.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday, October 16th

Registration 12:30, Walk begins 1:15

Please mark your calendars and gather with friends, family, and neighbors to join in the annual La Grange area CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) on Sunday, October 16. The walk begins at First Congregational Church (100 6th Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525). If we have walkers 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! Online registration and donation info will be made available soon. Please contact Kendall with any questions.

A Request from Deacon Stuart

The deacons of Chicago will gather this year on October 9 to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and their ministry. This St. Francis Day Dinner provides an opportunity for our community to come together in fellowship and an opportunity to raise the necessary funding to support the work and mission of the Diaconate Council, the association of all of Chicago's deacons and wives.

Monies raised at the dinner provide an education fund for deacons and wives, provide a mutual aid fund for deacons in need, provide funding for various charities supported by our community and provide operating funds for the council.

The Council's primary sources of income are the St. Francis Day dinner cash raffle and the event's ad book.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or six tickets for \$25. Cash prizes: one \$1,000 winner, one \$500 winner, two \$100 winners and six \$50 winners. Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check to the Diaconate Council, 816 Marengo, Forest Park IL 60130. Check should be made payable to the "Diaconate Council." If possible, please also include address labels so we can put them on your ticket stubs. Your raffle tickets will be mailed to you, or—if you like—contact me and I will get you the raffle tickets.

The cost of a full page in our event ad book to promote your business or ministry is \$100. Other ad costs: a half page is \$60 and a quarter page is \$30. If you are



interested in taking an ad or would like more information, please contact the Diaconate Office at 708.366.8900.

Another source of income at the event are our basket raffles, silent auctions and live auctions. We are in need of both large and small items for our raffles and auctions.

If you have any items to donate, please contact me by leaving a message at the Rectory or calling me directly at (708) 215-5407

Please know it is our privilege to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I know that all deacons appreciate your prayers and support.

Blessings - Deacon Stuart

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016

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



Come and See

Jubilee Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Amos castigates religious people who, "comfortably complacent" (6:1, 5), ignore the unfolding collapse of culture, nation, religion (6:6). In Jesus' parable, such complacency becomes the rich man's undoing. He neither hurt nor harmed Lazarus, neither denied him leftovers nor ordered him removed. That is Jesus' devastating point. The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus; he just did nothing at all good for him. Only in death, separated by "a great chasm" (Luke 16:26), could the rich man finally see Lazarus, whom he had failed to see in life, right before his eyes. Like the rich man's "five brothers still in my father's house" (16:27–28), we who are alive in the Church still have time to see that same Someone, Jesus, lying neglected right at our door—and time to do something.

Who, specifically, concretely, practically, is Lazarus in my life? What can I do for that Jesus-in-the-flesh during this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*?

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

JUBILEE OF MERCY SEARCH

God's mercy does not wait for us to approach the throne of grace. God's mercy is an active force in the world that searches for us. God's mercy pursues us, especially when we are lost or alone or seemingly without hope. *"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?"* (Luke 15:8)



ONE WORD
AT A TIME

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Youth Ministry

BONFIRE KICK-OFF

Our new year of ministry will begin with a bonfire for all high school teens on Sunday, September 25th from 7-8 p.m. in the St. Cletus courtyard. Come visit with friends, roast some marshmallows, and hear about what youth ministry can offer you throughout the year ahead!

KAIROS 24 REGISTRATION IS COMING UP!



Kairos 24 will take place Nov. 3-6, 2016. This is a joint youth ministry opportunity with St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our parishes come together to support this peer ministry in action. This experience is open to high school juniors and seniors.

The retreat will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay in turning in your registration!

ENCOUNTER SMALL GROUPS STARTING SOON

Encounter small groups will begin meeting on Sunday, October 2nd. Details coming soon! Now that school has started, it is time to think about how you can fit reflection and rejuvenation into your routine! As plans take shape for the upcoming school year, consider joining Encounter. In the midst of busy schedules and heavy workloads, it can be even more important to take time to stop and reflect about God's role in your life and to share these experiences with others. Encounter small groups will meet monthly to take some time to reconnect with other teens from St. Cletus and to take a look at how life looks through the eyes of faith. Small groups will also have opportunities to join up monthly in prayer or service. Register today with the forms on the website!

CHURCH LEAGUE COACHES NEEDED



It's never too early to start thinking about Church League Basketball! The boys' season begins in November and ends in February, and the girls' season begins in March and ends in May. Though this may seem far out, we need to make sure we have the coaches we need to open our teams up for registration. Each team needs two coaches who establish full compliance with Protecting God's Children. If you are interested in helping with this fun ministry, contact Elizabeth. Registration for players begins in late September.

SAVE THE DATE : CROP WALK

The annual CROP walk takes place on Sunday, October 16th at 1 p.m. to support the food pantries of La Grange, Western Springs, and Brookfield. All area churches will work together to raise awareness and funds to support the hungry. Bring your friends and join us as we walk to raise awareness about those who are hungry and raise funds to support the hungry both locally and globally. Stay tuned for details!

TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY

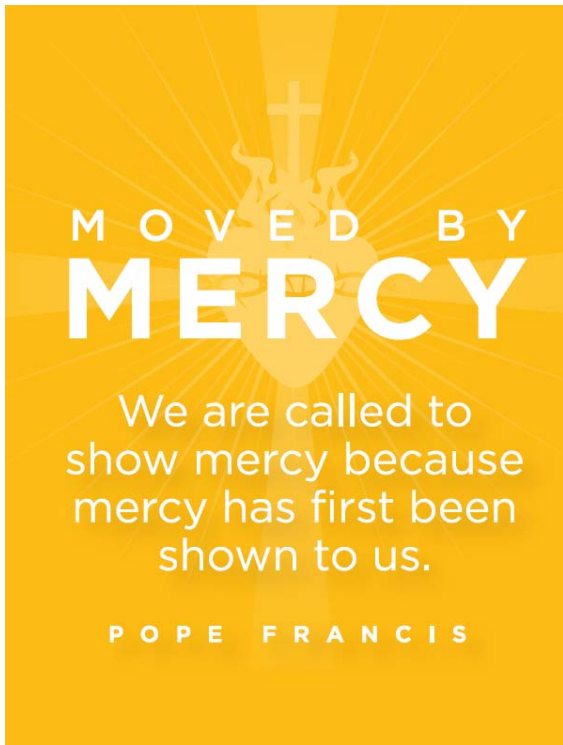
We are still looking for more musicians to join our Teen Choir. We will sing at 5 p.m. Mass every other Saturday. Contact Larry Lalonde for more information at llalonde@stcletusparish.com.

Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com (708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

2016-17 St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

Friends of the Capital Campaign	R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare 708-489-6333	MAZUR MAZUR-SON CONSTRUCTION	J. WILSON PAINTING, INC. John Wilson Western Springs, IL (708) 246-5604	ALL THINGS AFFILIATION TABLE & AMBIANCE 815-725-2323	FCI Construction, Inc. GENERAL CONTRACTORS
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Respect Life Committee



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Throughout the month of October the St. Cletus Parish Respect Life Committee is offering a number of opportunities to get involved.

Oct 1-2nd Visit our table in the Narthex

October 2nd is the Annual Life Chain on Ogden Avenue.

October 8-9th is baby bottle distribution to benefit the Women’s Care Center of La Grange, a pro-life crisis pregnancy center dedicated to helping women facing unexpected pregnancies so they know they have alternatives to abortion.

October 29-30th Baby Bottle Return

If you have questions or need more information please call Marianne & Wayne Hamilton at 708 579-0118.

WORD OF LIFE

“When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time, unless we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus’ gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people.”

Pope Francis, Evangelii gaudium, no. 268
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LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 2ND

L I F E C H A I N

October 2nd 2016

Sunday 2:30-3:30

What is “Life Chain”? It is that spectacular event that annually draws the attention of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

The concept is simple, the effect stunning.

People of all ages and faiths stand reverently in silent prayer, for one hour along a major street or highway, holding signs that proclaim the importance of human life.

Always held the first Sunday in October, The Life Chain is a visual statement by the Christian community that it supports the sanctity of human life. Uniform signs (no graphic depictions) are provided for participants, so the overall impression is one of solidarity in belief and purpose.

This Sunday in Illinois there are dozens of chains. The Saint Cletus Chain begins at LaGrange Road & West on the South Side of Ogden. Saint Francis Xavier begins in front of their church. Saint Barbara chain begins at Prairie and Ogden. The Saint John of the Cross Chain begins at Wolf Road, St. Isaac Jogues at York Road, all along Ogden Avenue.

So, joining us are parishes in Brookfield, LaGrange, Hinsdale, LaGrange Park, Western Springs, Riverside, and many parishes all over metropolitan Chicago and 1800 across the USA.

For more information check on chain sites at LifeChain.Net. or call Marianne & Wayne Hamilton at (708) 579-0118.

*Please come and join us for one prayerful hour,
all you have to do is show up,
signs provided.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd 2016

Other Ministry Notes

BOOK CLUB MEETING OCT. 11TH

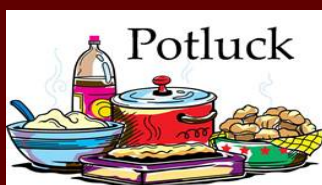


The St. Cletus Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday evening, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in Room 102, across from the school office.

The book to be discussed is Summit Lake by Charlie Donlea. All interested participants are most welcome.

Gloria Stelmack

PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

6:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) invites you (singles welcome) and/or your family (children welcome) to bring your favorite dish (to serve 8-10 people) and join us for an evening of good food and friendship in Morrissey Hall. We are looking for salads (tossed green, pasta, fruit) "side dishes" (veggies including potatoes), desserts, gluten free dishes, ???, whatever you think would go well with a main dish, which we will provide. We'd like to know how many to plan for and also make sure we'll have a well-rounded meal, so we are asking you to contact us with the following information: your name, names of other family members accompanying you, what you have selected to bring, and either your email or telephone number for follow up by our committee. To make your reservation, volunteer to help with the event, and/or if you have any questions, including options for those who can't bring a prepared dish, please email stcletuspotluck@gmail.com or call 708-710-0644. This won't be a success without you! Come join us!

WORD OF LIFE

"When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time, unless we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus' gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people."

Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, no. 268

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting will be held October 7th at 8:00 p.m. in the regular room. Please enter from the door between the school and church.

2016 FALL FEST RAFFLE WINNERS

\$5,000 Winner: Yvonne Baggio

\$2,500 Winner: Stephen & Alexis Egert

\$1,000 Winner: Fran Modelski

\$100 Winners: Rosemary Hollman, Mary Lee Gebka, Terry Hagy, Marie Evans, Edith Gomez, Dave Lelcousis, Jim Matthews, Joyce Kwiatkowski, Caruso, Bolton


Congratulations to all of our raffle winners and thank you to everyone who purchased a Grand Raffle ticket to support the 2016 St. Cletus Fall Fest.

FALL FEST SPONSOR THANK YOU

Thank you to our St. Cletus Holy Name Society for sponsoring the 2016 Fall Fest. We'd also like to thank our "In Kind" Sponsors: Hinsdale Nurseries, Dave Sipek, Lagunitas, Margaret & Mark Bentley, Burke Beverage, and Kenny's Irish Pub.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION/LECTORS


Please call 708-215-5422 if you would like to become a Minister of Communion or a Lector. A training time can be arranged and the reward is amazing. Schedules are flexible according to your availability. Contact Paulette Bolton - pbolton@stcletusparish.com.



Gift Cards for Education

Shop With Scrip, formerly known as MANNA, buys gift cards from vendors who sell them to us at a percent discount. We then sell them at face value.

Half of the proceeds helps our school, the rest you can apply to tuition at St. Cletus School or St. Cletus Religious Ed.



For more information or to order online visit <http://shopscrip.stcletusschool.com>

Community Bulletin Board

BENEDICTINE SISTERS RETREAT



DISCOVER THE BENEDICTINE WAY OF BALANCE: In the midst of life's busy pace, do you long to spend more time with God? "Ora et labora" translates as "prayer and work." This Benedictine phrase reflects a way of living with balance. Join single, Catholic women ages 18-50 for a day at the monastery. Experience Benedictine life with time for quiet prayer, simple work, and community with other women of faith. October 22nd, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. St. Scholastica Monastery. Learn more or register www.osbchicago.org/discernment or contact Sister Belinda at 773.338.7063, vocation@osbchicago.org.

SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP

SGSC is a Multi Parish Ministry for singles in their 40's and 50's.

October Events: Saturday, 10/8 join us for Horseback riding at 5pm at Fitzjoy Farm, 12211 S. La Grange Rd. in Palos Park. Afterwards, enjoy Dinner at Hackney's next door. Cost is \$34 for Horseback riding. Dinner extra. RSVP required by 9/27 if attending. Above events are subject to change.

You can contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles

VOCATIONS OFFICE - CHICAGOPRIEST.COM

"Who will entrust to you the true riches?" The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Francis Bitterman (312) 534-8298, or write: fbitterman@archchicago.org

COSSITT SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CONSIGNMENT SALE

Cossitt School will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, October 1st from 8am-1pm. SELL! Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used fall and winter items and keep 60% of proceeds. BUY! Find amazing deals on gently used fall/winter items... Halloween costumes, holiday dresses, coats & boots, dance leotards/outfits, sports shoes & equipment, infant clothing & gear, strollers, high chairs... SHOP THE PRESALE! Volunteer for 4 hours and gain access to the INVITATION ONLY pre-sale on 9/30. Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



As men and women of God we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on October 7-9, 2016 or December 9-11, 2016, both at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. Call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Seventy Times Seven: How Compassion and Forgiveness Can Heal Relationships and Promote Positive Energy in the Workplace.

Facilitator: Pat Bombard, BVM, Director of Vincent on Leadership: The Hay Project and a part-time faculty member in the School of Public Service at DePaul Univ.

None of us is perfect. We all make mistakes, sometimes causing harm to others or delaying important projects in our workplace. Holding on to these mistakes can trap a work group in negative energy. In this interactive presentation, we will explore how the process of forgiveness can move us beyond our mistakes to renewed energy and productivity.

Friday, Sept. 30, 7:30-9:30 am Cost: \$20.00

1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL.

To register: 708-482-5048 www.csjthewell.org

FENWICK OPEN HOUSES

Thursday November 10th 2016 7-9 pm

Sunday December 4th 2016 1-3 pm

Fenwick High School 505 Washington Blvd, Oak Park



NAZARETH ACADEMY INFORMATION

N On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Nazareth's administration, business office and current parents will discuss the scholarships, awards, financial aid and third party opportunities that can assist with Catholic high school tuition. Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend.

Nazareth Academy Romano Theatre (please use west entrance) 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park.

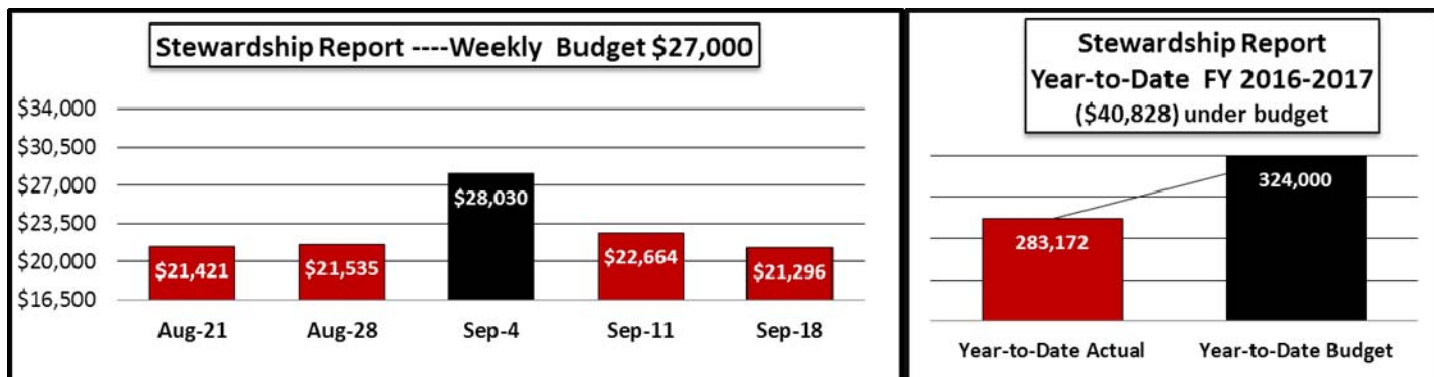
RSVP to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 or kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com

Week at a Glance

C...Church	S...School (Education Building)	Narthex...Church Vestibule	RB...Rectory Basement	MH...Morrissey Hall
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	
Sunday, September 25	All Masses All Masses	Narthex Narthex	Mums Sale Shop with Scrip Cash & Carry	
Monday, September 26	6:00pm	Church	Baptism Preparation	
Tuesday, September 27	7:00pm	S Rm 201	KAIROS Parent Meeting	
Wednesday, September 28	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Church S Rm 213 S Rm 98 S Choir Rm	School Mass St. Cletus School FSA Meeting CREDO Bible Study Course Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, September 29	7:00pm 7:30pm	S Rm 201 S Choir Rm	KAIROS Parent Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, September 30	2:30pm	S MH Lobby	Shop with Scrip Cash & Carry	
Saturday, October 1	11:00am 5:00pm 5:00pm	School Narthex Narthex	Class of 1961 Reunion Respect Life Committee Welcome Committee	
Sunday, October 2	All Masses All Masses 12:00pm 4:00pm	Narthex Narthex S Rm 200 S Choir Rm	Respect Life Committee Welcome Committee KAIROS Meeting Teen Choir Rehearsal	

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT




SUPPORT ST. CLETUS PARISH WITH ONLINE GIVING



Many St. Cletus Parishioners have taken advantage of our online giving site to set up their monthly donations to St. Cletus parish. You can make your donation online by logging onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and clicking on the "Donate" button. Register using your checking account, debit card or credit card. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski in the St. Cletus Parish Rectory, (708) 352-6209.

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Please note the office will close at noon on Fridays over the summer.)
 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Holy Hour first Tuesday of the month 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.

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