

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

HEADLINERS:

Thursday Night
Football
Bears vs Packers

Thursday, September 5



Friday, September 6



Saturday, September 7



Sunday, September 8

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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MEGAPASSES

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\$20 PER TICKET

-OR-
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st. cletus **fall fest** sept. 5-8

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Mass Intentions for the Week of July 29 - August 4, 2019

| Day | Presider (subject to change) | Time | Intentions |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| Monday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Fedyn Family |
| Tuesday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Loretta Harwood |
| Wednesday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Virginia Rachford, Ann Dunbar, John Battistoni |
| Thursday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Mary Ann Rohan, Bob Cassiani, Robert McDonnell |
| Friday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Irene & Tom Cecil, Robert McDonnell |
| Saturday | Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Frank Wojcik, Robert McDonnell, Fr. Lawrence Malcolm Stella & Felix Gembala, Frank & Regina Kondor, Ken Kakareka, Jim Deslauriers, Robert McDonnell |
| Sunday | Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa | 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. | George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Mary Ann Luke-Kennedy, Robert McDonnell, John & Frances Kennedy Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stacy Baker Susal T. Schiller, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale Gerald Doherty, Jim Lilly, Special Intention - Girmius Family St. Cletus Parishioners |

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

Sam Colonna

Son of Todd and Laura Colonna

May he rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

July - Roxy Brown, Frank Colonna, Rochina DeBartolo, Don King, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Scatena Family, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski

June - Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley

May - Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, Rachael Schopp, Ronald Kruczek, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman

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

Marriage Banns



Jeannine Stupka & Tim Zajac

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

St. Cletus Parish Summer Office Hours for June, July and August will be as follows:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Monday - Thursday | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm |
| Saturday | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday | 8:00am - 12:30pm |

First Responders Mass Sunday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m.



Notes from Fr. Bob...

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A priest visited Richard, an old parishioner, on Christmas Eve and they got to talking about Christmases past. Richard pointed to a black and white photo of a lovely young girl, and said: "Christmas is the day she died. We had all her toys for her wrapped up, but she never got to see them. She wasn't even three. Then they told us we couldn't have any more children. My faith was shaken after that. Sister Monica came to see us and we talked about it. She said: 'I'm going to pray for you every day until you have another baby.' And she did. Thirteen years later, we went back to the maternity hospital and the staff couldn't believe it when my wife Annie gave birth to a baby girl. We gave her the toys we'd kept for our first daughter. You see Father, miracles do happen."

The gospel readings today speak to us of the power of intercessory prayer, the kind of prayer Sr. Monica made for Richard and Annie. Abraham prays for the sinful people of Sodom, asking God not to destroy the just along with the unjust. Beneath the colorful description – more reminiscent of market haggling than prayer – lies the deep conviction of the power of prayer to change things. It is a conviction which Jesus shared. When his disciples asked him to teach them to pray, Jesus taught them the "Our Father", which is simply a prayer made up of five petitions, two concerning God and three for the disciples' own needs. The reason why Jesus has confidence in the power of intercessory prayer is found quite simply in the opening word: "Abba". God is Father – not a remote figure, but one who is intimately close to him. A person who regards God as a "daddy" is someone who has complete confidence that God will act on his or her behalf. Prayer has power to change things when we have that intimate, trusting relationship with God who is Abba.

Prayer for Jesus is never simply about asking for things, it is about having that intimate relationship with God. The disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray precisely because they see him doing it, so often and with such intensity. They perceive the depth of his relationship with God, and this is what they wish to have also. They want that "Abba experience".

Jesus didn't simply teach the disciples a prayer, he taught them a whole attitude, a way of relating to God. Jesus stresses the importance of persisting in prayer. Even if at times God seems to be like the reluctant friend who is slow to answer, Jesus tells us we need to persevere. Sister Monica's prayer was only answered after thirteen years. And prayer is not like magic, coercing God to do what we

want.

Despite

Abraham's prayer, Sodom

was destroyed because it could not muster even "ten good men". However, the prayer did save Lot and his family. If we have an intimate relationship with God, then as well as persevering in prayer, we will also trust God when things do not work out precisely as we would want. He is a loving parent and we can rely on his goodness. If evil or weak human beings know how to be kind to their children, how much more is this true of God.

The ultimate proof that God wants only good things for his people is in his gift of his very own life, the Holy Spirit. There is nothing more that God can give than to allow us to share in his Spirit, his life. This is pure self-giving.

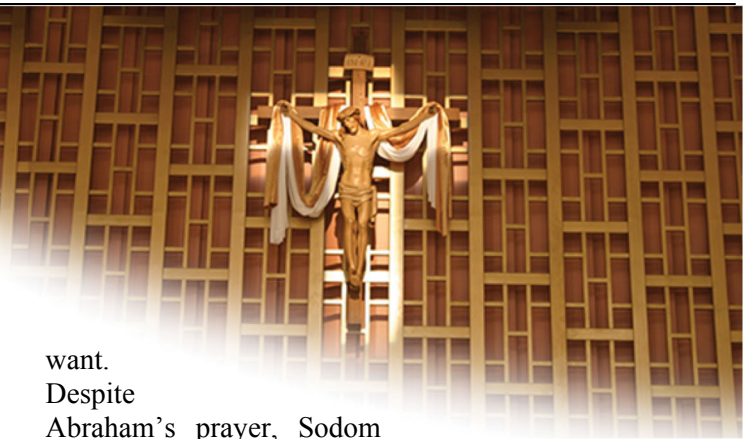
St. Luke's community was composed largely of Gentile Christians who had none of the Jewish familiarity with prayer, which other early Christian communities had. It is only in Luke's Gospel that the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. This reflects Luke's concern simply to encourage his people to do it. It is a timely message for us today. So much is written and spoken about prayer, but there is no substitute for the actual practice of it. And Jesus' teaching is not complicated. The basis of all prayer is a relationship of trust and intimacy with God. We need to develop a child-like dependence on him, which quite simply expects God to act in answer to our prayers and to give us what we need. Jesus tells us to persevere in prayer and to count on God's kindness. The ultimate proof of God's overflowing generosity is the gift of his Holy Spirit. This is the answer to our deepest longings and our most heartfelt prayer. It is a gift worth asking for.

Prayers Always,



Fr. Bob Clark

Pastor



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

August 20 Welcome Back Meet and Greet
 August 21 Grades 1-8 First Full Day of School

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Gregory Porod, Interim Principal **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**
 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
 gporod@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

WELCOME PRINCIPAL GREG POROD



Mr. Gregory Porod has been selected to serve as the Interim Principal at St. Cletus for the 2019-2020 school year. He comes to St. Cletus with an extensive educational background that includes serving in both private and public education. He has a Bachelor's degree from Benedictine University and a Master of Education degree from Loyola University. He also

completed post Graduate Studies at both Concordia University and Loyola University. He currently holds five educational endorsements as an elementary teacher, high school teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, and superintendent.

Mr. Porod has served as principal for 25 years. His additional career roles included the following: both elementary and junior high teacher, educational team leader, athletic director, coach, department chair, assistant principal, District Bilingual Education Coordinator, and College Student Teacher District Coordinator. Greg has authored educational publications, presented at conferences, and has been a guest lecturer for both graduate and undergraduate classes. He was recognized for his dedication to students by the Parent Teacher Association and received 'Educator of the Year Award,' 'Honorary Life Membership Award in the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers,' and was recognized by the Ridgeland District 122 Board of Education for Outstanding Professionalism. In 2018, he was recognized as the Illinois Principal Association South Cook Principal of the Year. Mr. Porod also serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, High School CCD Teacher, and Parish Mission Representative.

Mr. Porod has been married for thirty-five years to his wife Mary, and they have four daughters, three son-in-laws, and two grandsons.

Please help us welcome Mr. Greg Porod to St. Cletus School. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019-20 school year.

SCHOOL FAMILIES - ORDER YOUR FALL FEST T-SHIRT TODAY!



St. Cletus Fall Fest T shirts can be worn as St. Cletus School PE Uniforms. Be sure to get your orders in asap. Grey shirt pre-orders are due July 28, limited quantities will be available at the

Fest. White shirts (only \$6 each) will feature our sponsors, those pre-orders are due August 24. See page 10 for the order form. Turn in to the PC Office. Contact Elizabeth at egoellner@stcletusparish.com with any questions.



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

St. Cletus builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and recognizes the diverse talents and individual learning styles of our students.

Our focus on academics, religious education, and spiritual development balanced with extracurricular activities supports our mission to develop well-rounded students.

- Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum
- Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities
- Half-day and Full-day options for Kindergarten and Preschool
- Before and After School Extended Care
- Caring Community

**Enrollment
for 2019-20
is Open!**

**Schedule
a Tour Today
by calling
the School
Office at
(708)352-4820**



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Ministry Notes

YOUTH MINISTRY

Week of Service July 15-19, 2019

We had a blast serving and learning about the following ministries!

- Feed My Starving Children
- Su Casa Catholic Worker
- Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation
- St. Cletus Food Pantry
- Just Roots Chicago

Thank you to our teens who remained open to all these ministries asked of us, to our parent chaperones for driving and providing a great deal of support to our teens, and to all who prayed for us!



NOTE FROM DEACON STUART HEYES

Deacon Stuart's homily from July 20-21 is available on our website, www.stcletusparish.com.

ST. CLETUS HEALTH, WELLNESS, FITNESS AND SAFETY FAIR ON AUGUST 11

Save the Date - Sunday, August 11th St. Cletus will host a Health, Wellness, Fitness and Safety Fair.

Know your numbers, take the first steps to better health... Stop by and enjoy valuable interactive stations after all the masses. It's all free!

WANTED: CATECHISTS

The St. Cletus Religious Education Office is currently seeking adults and High School students interested in volunteering as Catechists and Aides.

We are looking for committed people who are willing to share their faith with children, and have a fun time doing it! We provide training, all resource materials and lesson plans – it's easy!

Please contact the Religious Education Office to learn more about how you can become a Catechist or Aide!



REGISTER FOR RE CLASSES!

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 academic year. Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re or in the RE Office at the School or in the Parish Center. Classes for grades 1-8 are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45 a.m. or Monday evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Early Childhood classes for Pre-3 to Kindergarten are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Special Needs classes are held two Sundays a month from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

For More Information contact Barb Campbell
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | (708) 352-2383

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? Visit www.stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

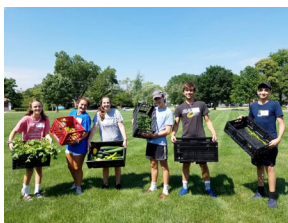
Most needed at this time:

- Canned Fruit
- Dried Pinto Beans (1-2 lbs.)
- Canned Tomatoes
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Tuna/Canned Fish
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Food
- Dish Soap
- New School Supplies: pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, pocket folders, single subject spiral notebooks and loose leaf paper

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).

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

FOOD PANTRY



St. Cletus Youth Ministry joined us last Thursday as part of their local service week! They worked in the garden and helped with our first harvest of the year (zucchini, jalapenos, peppers, radishes and a few yellow squash and cucumbers).

They also organized and sorted produce, checked the dates on items, and helped at distribution. Thank you!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

How to help a friend in an abusive relationship

Each year countless women and men are physically and emotionally abused by their partners. Chances are you know someone – sister, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. – who is a victim of domestic violence. And it can be hard to know what to do. Here are a few things you can do to help someone who is being abused:

Be willing to listen, without judgment. If someone tells you they are being abused the most important things are to believe them and to be non-judgmental. A few other tips for how to respond to someone who tells you they are being abused are:

- Stay focused on the abusive behavior, not the abusive person -“It is never ok to slap someone.”
- Empathize and tell them it is not their fault - “I’m sorry that happened to you. It’s not your fault. You don’t deserve it.” “This seems hard for you. It takes a lot of courage to admit that someone you love is hurting you”
- Express concern - “I’m concerned about you and your safety.” “You sound scared. You can always call back here if you need to talk.”
- Let them know they aren’t alone - “If you ever need someone to talk to, you can come here.” “There are a lot of people who experience the same thing, you are not alone and this is not your fault.”
- Provide information and options - “Would you like the number of a domestic violence advocate that has helped others in similar situations?”

Respect their choices. Victim/survivors have been stripped of power in their relationships, so it is important to validate your friend’s feelings and let her or him make his or her own choices. Furthermore, victim/survivors know how their partner will react more than anyone else. Do not intervene with the partner until you find out if it is safe for your friend to do so. Let your friend know in advance about people you need to tell so that she or he can take precautions if necessary. Tell only those you need to tell to increase the victim’s safety and as required.

Focus on their strengths. Victims of domestic abuse are constantly put down by their partners and told they can’t do anything right. Give them the emotional support they need to know that they are a good person. Help them find their strengths and skills. Most importantly, make sure he or she knows that they deserve to live a life free of violence.

Suggest creating a safety plan. Your friend or loved one may decide to remain in

the abusive relationship. Let them know that you are concerned for their safety and help them see how dangerous the violence could become. Suggest they create a plan for themselves, and possibly their children, should their partner become violent again. This plan should include a list of people to call and possibly a pre-packed suitcase filled with essentials: clothes, money, etc.

Help them find a safe place and resources for support. Help your friend find a safe place to go in the event of an emergency. This may be a battered women’s shelter or the home of a friend or family member. Gather information on domestic violence programs in your area. Make sure he or she knows that relationship abuse is a crime and that there are options and services available to them. If they are not happy with the first person or organization they contact, encourage them to reach out to another organization.

You might think that something as simple as talking to a friend about abuse couldn’t possibly make a difference. But it really does. Just knowing that someone cares enough to ask about the abuse can break through the wall of isolation that can exist around victims of relationship abuse.

To learn more about what you can do or to find resources for your friends or family members call: 708.485.5254

www.domesticabuseproject.com

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 below.

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has started a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by. The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries &

Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, 10-15 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. This is a great financial help since the Food Pantry purchases quality items at low prices each month to supplement donations from our parishioners and friends in the community. Our money goes much further at the food depository!

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, please e-mail Jerry Mitchell, jerryconverses@gmail.com, or contact Kendall at kgrant@stcletusparish.com, (708)214-5418.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski.

WORD OF LIFE



“O God, you are faithful, and you never abandon those who hope in you. I know that my redemption from sin and death has been purchased at the cost of your Son’s blood. In return for this priceless gift, I resolve today to renew my trust in your unfailing mercy.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Trust in God’s Mercy” Prayer

God’s healing love and mercy are *always* possible.

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing:
www.go.gl/MpC7RG



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SAINT CLETUS 6TH ANNUAL FALL FEST

SEPT 5-8

EVENT HOURS & LIVE PERFORMANCES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

5-10pm Carnival Rides
7:20pm Thursday Night
Football Opening Game

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

5-11pm Carnival Rides
5pm Mid Knights
7-10pm ARRA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

12-11pm Carnival Rides
12pm Bosco
1pm Adam Stasica
2pm SC Kids Got Talent
2-4pm Bingo
4pm Strange Lama
7-10pm Mike and Joe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

11am 1st Responders Mass
12-9pm Carnival Rides
12:30pm Ken Baker & Friends
2-4pm Bingo
2pm Mr. Nice
4pm Double Identity
6-9pm Maggie Speaks
7:30pm Grand Raffle Drawing

ST. CLETUS PARISH GROUNDS
WWW.STCLETUSFALLFEST.COM

GET READY FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST!

BECOME A SPONSOR

Your Fall Fest sponsorship provides St. Cletus Parish the necessary means to provide an award-winning education program, minister to the parish community, and provide a safe and fun festival environment for all. New this year, \$300 and \$500 sponsorship packages include a raffle opportunity for St. Cletus School or Religious Education.

DONATE TO THE BASKET RAFFLE



We always have 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 center office during normal

business hours. Thank you for your generosity! We are in need of:

- Sporting event tickets and jerseys (Cubs, Bulls, White Sox, Bears, Blackhawks)
- Theater tickets
- Hotel packages
- Gift cards (Airlines, Visa, Amazon, Target, restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, home improvement stores, etc.)
- Monetary donations are kindly accepted

RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100 for your chance to win \$5,000. The first \$50 early bird drawing will be held August 11. Tickets can be mailed in or returned to the parish office during regular business hours.



FALL FEST KIDS GOT TALENT



St. Cletus School and Parish Families - It's that time of year again!!! Our Parish Fall Festival is around the corner and we need... your KIDS! We have blocked the entertainment stage on Sat Sept 7th @ 2 pm to showcase all our talented students in our version of America's Got Talent---St Cletus Kids Got Talent! If your student sings, dances, plays a musical instrument or has another talent we would love them to participate! Students can perform solo acts or get together a few friends for a number! A sound system, mics and keyboard will be available for use. There is an option for live accompaniment as well if you supply the sheet music. *There will also be a dress rehearsal Friday, Sept 6th @ 3 pm.*

Please contact me at lbkapusta@sbcglobal.net if your student/s are interested in showing off his or her talent and forward to anyone else you think may be interested!

Thanks - Lauren Kapusta, St Cletus Fall Fest Entertainment Coordinator



\$ 10,000 DIAMOND SPONSOR (Sponsorship needed by 8/1 for maximum marketing exposure.)

- Overall sponsorship of 2019 St. Cletus Parish Fall Festival includes logo on fliers, T-shirt, website, Facebook page and recognition banner above stage
- \$500 in food and beverage tickets
- Full-year listing of your organization as the “Event Sponsor” in our parish bulletin and school news
- VIP area at Parish Fall Fest for all 4 days
- Four Carnival MegaPass wristbands

\$ 7,500 THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SPONSOR (Sponsorship needed by 8/1 for maximum marketing exposure.)

- Reserved seating for 10 for the Thursday Night Football Game.
- \$500 in food and beverage tickets
- Sponsorship of the Main Stage on Side banner of stage
- Your organization’s name and logo prominently displayed on event fliers
- Business tagged as a sponsor in numerous updates promoting the Festival on our active school and parish Facebook pages
- Full-year listing of your organization as a “Preferred Provider” in our parish bulletin and school news which is viewed by more than 2,000 parishioners, school families, and community members
- Logo on Fall Fest Shirt and website
- Four Carnival MegaPass wristbands

\$ 5,000 PLATINUM SPONSOR (Sponsorship needed by 8/1 for maximum marketing exposure.)

- Sponsorship of the Main Stage on Side banner of stage
- Your organization’s name and logo prominently displayed on event fliers.
- Business tagged as a sponsor in numerous updates promoting the Festival on our active school and parish Facebook pages
- Full-year listing of your organization as a “Preferred Provider” in our parish bulletin and school news.
- Logo on Fall Fest Shirt and website
- Four Carnival MegaPass wristbands

\$ 2,500 GOLD SPONSOR (Sponsorship needed by 8/1 for maximum marketing exposure.)

- Your organization’s name and logo on event fliers.
- Full-year listing of your organization as a “Preferred Provider” in our parish bulletin and school news.
- Logo on Sponsor Banner in Beer Tent
- Logo on Fall Fest Shirt and website
- Two Carnival MegaPass wristbands
- Sign at a Carnival Ride

\$ 1,000 SILVER SPONSOR (Sponsorship needed by 8/1 for maximum marketing exposure.)

- Your organization’s name on event fliers.
- Full-year listing of your organization as a “Preferred Provider” in our parish bulletin and school news
- Logo on Sponsor Banner in Beer Tent
- Logo on Fall Fest Shirt and website
- Two Carnival MegaPass wristbands

\$ 500 CARDINAL SPONSOR

- Name on Recognition Banner in Beer Tent
- Name on Fall Fest Shirt, website and flier
- Two Carnival MegaPass wristbands
- Two white St. Cletus Fall Fest T-shirts. Please use the T shirt order form to indicate sizes.
- School Tuition Raffle Entry for \$1,000 towards St. Cletus School 2019-20 Tuition for one student. 2 winners will be drawn.

\$ 300 EDUCATION SPONSOR

- Name on Recognition Banner in Beer Tent
- Two Carnival MegaPass wristbands
- Education Raffle Entry for \$300 towards St. Cletus School or Religious Education 2019-20 Tuition for one student. 2 winners will be drawn.

All Sponsorships are due 8/23. Sponsorships received by 8/1 will receive maximum exposure. Make checks payable to St. Cletus. Email logos to: fallfest@stcletusparish.com. Direct inquires to the St. Cletus Parish Center Office, 600 W. 55th St. La Grange. To pay with credit please go to our website www.stcletusparish.com and make your donation online.

Organization: _____
 Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Donation (\$): _____ I prefer to remain anonymous: (check here)



FALL FEST T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Fall Fest will be held September 5-8. Show your spirit with these great T-shirts! In order to sell shirts before the event, pre-orders of grey shirts are due July 28. White shirt orders (featuring our sponsors) are due Aug. 24th. If you have any questions email Elizabeth at egoellner@stcletusparish.com.



Official Event T-Shirt
(with Sponsors on Back)
WHITE SHORT SLEEVE
ONLY \$6!



Bella + Canvas
Dark Grey Heather
Short Sleeve T
Blank Back - \$15



Bella + Canvas Dark Grey Heather
Women's V-neck T - \$15



Bella + Canvas
Dark Grey Heather
Long Sleeve T - \$18



Bella + Canvas
Dark Grey Heather
Lightweight Hoodie - \$25

ORDER FORM

*Grey shirt pre-orders due July 28. White Shirt (only) pre-orders due Aug. 23.
Please return all orders to the St. Cletus Parish Office in the new Parish Center.*

| | YS | YM | YL | YXL | AXS | AS | AM | AL | AXL | 2XL | 3XL | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| White Short Sleeve \$6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grey (unisex) Short Sleeve \$15 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grey Women's V Neck \$15 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grey (unisex) Long Sleeve \$18 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grey Lightweight Hoodie \$25 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Email: _____

Total Quantity: _____
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
Make checks payable to St. Cletus

Check here if you purchased a \$500 sponsorship which includes 2 white shirts. Use this form to indicate sizes.

For St. Cletus School Families Only

Child's Name to send shirt home: _____ Grade: _____

Sunday Notes

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalms — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

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ADVERSITY

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

—Horace

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Martha
- Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
- Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Community Bulletin Board

CALLING ST. CLETUS GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 1974!

This year marks our 45th year since our graduation and the perfect time to get together for a reunion. However, we need help locating our classmates. If you have a son or daughter, brother/sister, or friend that graduated in 1974, please contact Joanne Lattal Clancy at jmlclancy@hotmail.com. We are hoping to have a fall reunion.

COMBONI MISSION CENTER

The Comboni Fathers Invite You to Join Them at Their Annual COMBONI FEST Saturday, August 17th. 3PM Outdoor Mass, with Festival to Follow. Comboni Mission Center, 1615 E 31st Street, La Grange Park. Free Admission, Bounce House, Entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos & Nino Folino. PORK LOIN DINNER ~ PIZZA ~ TIKI BAR ~ TACOS ~ CANNOLI. Volunteers Needed – Please contact us if you can help at 708.354.1999! All proceeds benefit the works of the Comboni Missionaries. COMBONI MISSIONARIES 1615 E 31ST STREET LA GRANGE PARK, IL 60526.

HITZEMAN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which occur the second Tuesday of each month. For more information please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home | 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield
Time: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by August 9, 2019 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.

JOYFUL AGAIN!



Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women
It's important to be understood, to treasure your memories, to move toward new life after your loss.
All are welcome! Sept 7 & 8 - Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst. For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry - 708-354-7211, joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, www.joyfulagain.org

AUGUST NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Bernard Danber, O.S.A. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or shrine@stritahs.com.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden

Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated on Sunday, September 8, 2019 by Cardinal Cupich. The Mass will be at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 North Harlem Avenue, Niles, IL 60714. For more information and to register, please visit <https://cvent.me/DNQ52>.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Join us on Sunday, September 22 at 4:00pm in the St. Cletus Parish Center for a wonderful benefit concert of great pop songs which will benefit the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus and the Glenhagen Farm Retreat. Tickets are \$30 each, available online at www.edwardfas.com.

Music: The music will be an array of family friendly tunes from the pop music world, including artists such as Josh Groban, Jason Mraz, James Taylor, Stevie Wonder and Sarah Bareilles, and songs such as Peace, A Time for Healing, and Put a Little Love in Your Heart.

Proceeds Benefit: glenhagen farm retreat & Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus.

The glenhagen farm retreat is a place to grow, and to experience and explore the wonders of God's creation. Groups of youth and adults from schools and houses of worship of all faiths will be able to explore a wide array of ecosystems on 65 acres of beautiful woods, valley and stream in a rural area.

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series welcomes talented local performers and traveling ensembles to St. Cletus Parish and to the community at large. With the generosity of our sponsors we provide many performances for little or no cost to the audience.

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Sunday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Center

600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL

Tickets are \$30 each at www.edwardfas.com

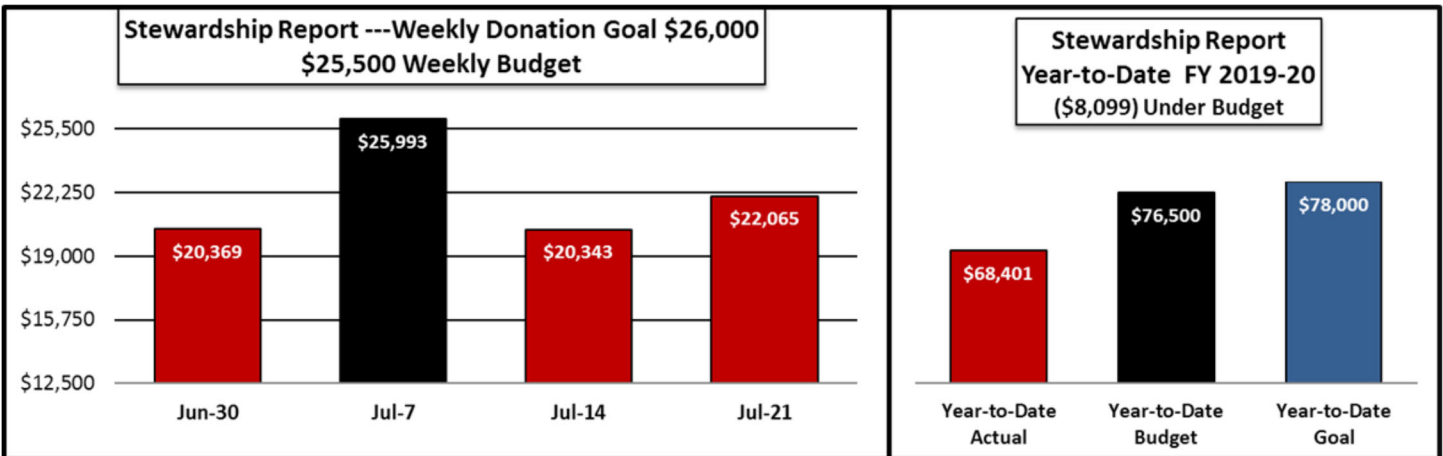
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday, July 28 | | | |
| Monday, July 29 | 8:00pm | Parish Center Gym | Men's Basketball |
| Tuesday, July 30 | 7:00pm | Church | Spanish Holy Hour |
| Wednesday, July 31 | | | |
| Thursday, August 1 | 6:00pm | Rectory Basement | Food Pantry Distribution |
| Friday, August 2 | | | |
| Saturday, August 3 | 5:00pm | Narthex | Welcome Committee |
| Sunday, August 4 | 7:00am | Narthex | Welcome Committee |

Stewardship Report



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

Want to see your company featured here September 2019-August 2020?

Become a sponsor of the 2019 Fall Fest! Form can be found on page 9.

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PARISH CENTER SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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

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

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