

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

OCTOBER 18, 2020

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed,  
"I am the LORD, there is no other"  
- ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6



JESUS SAID TO THE PHARISEES,  
"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR  
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MATTHEW 22:21

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for October 19 - 25, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
October 19	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Edward Taylor
October 20	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Delphine Marciszewski, Maria Chavez
October 21	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Virginia Rachford
October 22	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Frank Wojcik
October 23	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Special Intention - Al & Geri Hinton
October 24	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker	8:00am 5:00pm	St. Cletus Parishioners Mary Pizzo, Marcie Johnston, Regina Kondor, Eleanor Mlot, Patricia Benes, Harry & Joan Brown, Special Intention - Cheryl Ahrens
October 25	Fr. Clark  Fr. Clark Fr. Baker  Fr. Gamboa	7:15am  8:45am 10:30am  12:30pm	George Pingatore, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, George Duda, John G. Adolf Stacy Baker, George Duda Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Edwin & Emma Palzer, Louis Kadlec, Maria Chavez St. Cletus Parishioners

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

#### Bill Bolton

Husband of Paulette

#### Felix Gerrero

#### Debbie Pusinelli

Husband of Mark

#### Charles Sulda

Husband of Stephanie

#### Judith Via

Sister of Jackie Fyr

May they rest in peace. Amen.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a new limit of 80 for each Mass. We are also offering opportunities for prayer and confessions. All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register. The sign up link can be found on our website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com). If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.

### JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

**October** - Catherine Cosgrove, Rosemarie Gallagher, Virginia Kriho, George Popp, Toni Swindall, Vic Swindall

**September** - Carol Reckwerdt, Carol Griffith, Baby Vivian Furry

**August** - Frank Colonna, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto

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

## Marriage Banns



**Kim Stemler & Ryan Kruep**



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

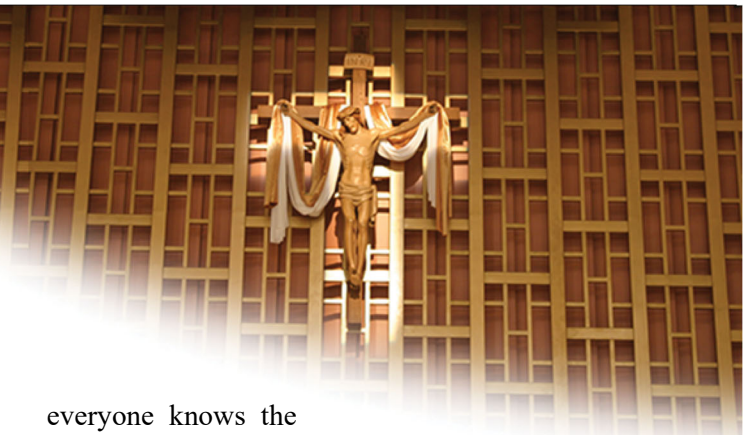
On July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1535, Thomas More, one of the most illustrious Englishmen of his day, stood at the foot of the scaffold on Tower Hill. He had been condemned to death for refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, which would have been to acknowledge Henry VIII as “only supreme head of the Church of England”. More was a scholar, the author of many learned books; a devoted public servant, chosen by Henry himself to be his Chancellor; a much-loved family man, deeply attached to wife and children and anxious that his daughters should be educated far beyond the level usually available to women in those days; he was, as C.S. Lewis wrote of him, “a man before whom the best of us must stand uncovered”.

He had told the judges who condemned him that he prayed that he and they would “all meet merrily in heaven”; and even as he was mounting the rickety ladder to the scaffold, he retained his customary wit. “I pray, Lord Lieutenant,” he jested, “see me safe up, and for my coming down let me shift for myself.” Then, after a few words of encouragement to the assembled crowd, he declared that he was about to die as “the king’s good servant but God’s first”.

“The king’s good servant but God’s first”: those words might serve as a commentary on what our Lord says in today’s gospel. Let’s recall the situation. Jesus has come up to Jerusalem for the last time; he has already been involved in controversy with the religious leaders. Finally the Pharisees decide to try and entrap him. They begin with honeyed words, intended no doubt to put him off his guard – in fact the Pharisees don’t come themselves but send some intermediaries – so it’s these intermediaries who use the honeyed words: “Master, we know that you are an honest man and that you are not afraid of anyone.”

But after the compliments comes the barbed question, aimed to put Jesus in a no-win situation. “Tell us,” They enquire, “is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” The tax involved, a kind of poll tax, was detested by the Jews on two counts: first because it was a painful reminder that they were a subject people, and second because the coinage in which it was paid bore the head of the Roman emperor and an inscription which proclaimed him to be divine. And so if Jesus were to say that the tax should be paid, he would at once lose all credibility with the people; on the other hand, if he were to say it should not, he could then be accused of fomenting disobedience, even rebellion, against Rome, and that could have – literally – fatal consequences.

You can imagine the tension in the crowd as Jesus calmly holds up one of the well-known silver coins for paying the tax and asks, “Whose head is this? Whose name?” Well,



everyone knows the answer to those questions: the head and name are of course “Caesar’s” (the Roman emperor’s). “Very well, then,” says Jesus, “give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.” By having such coinage in their possession, they were at least implicitly acknowledging Caesar’s right to tax them.

However, Jesus’ answer is more than an ingenious way of slipping out of a trap. By adding that what belongs to God ought to go back to God, he’s making a further point: that our overriding commitment has to be to God himself. Of course we must accept lawful civil authority; indeed as Christians we ought to be the best citizens: being good, responsible citizen, working for the common good of the community, these are our Christian duty; in that sense, already part of our giving to God what belongs to him. At the same time we do not look to the State as our moral guide: the law may countenance abortion, for example, or the sale of arms to oppressive regimes; but the fact that such activities are legal does not make them morally right. And if ever there were a genuine clash between our duties to State and our duties to God, there is no doubt where our Christian duty lies. It is God’s law not the State’s that has the last word.

Today, let us remember in our prayers all who face this stark choice that they may courageously follow conscience, no matter what price they have to pay.

*Belonging to God,*

**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**

# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

### Most needed at this time:

- Rice (1-2 lb)
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Boxed sides
- Dry pinto beans (1-2 lb)
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

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

## GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October dates are now available to help in the garden! We need volunteers to water & weed as well as volunteers to pick the produce. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3huoZXU>

## GIVING TREE

*Christmas Giving tree*  
2020 timeline

- October 1-31: Client Registration
- Nov. 7-Dec. 6: Tags are available for donors
- December 12 & 13: Gifts need to be turned in
- December 19 & 20: Distribution to Clients

Another BIG PIVOT for 2020...our annual Christmas Giving Tree program!

Stay tuned for exciting updates and details about each step of the process. Right now we are in the process of signing up eligible clients for the program.

Starting November 7, we will have a variety of ways for you to pick out tags for Giving Tree (in person, online, over the phone, and at area businesses)!

Gifts will be due back December 12 & 13 with longer hours and contact-free, curbside drop off.

Clients will receive their gifts December 19 & 20 with assigned curbside pickup times and optional home delivery.

We will have plenty of volunteer opportunities available! In order to keep volunteers safe, we will have less volunteers per shift and have more shifts over a greater amount of time.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

*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.*

*You are not alone.*

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NATIONAL  
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AWARENESS  
MONTH



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



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Our annual Baby Bottle campaign continues! Each year we help raise funds for Women’s Care Center in downtown La Grange. Women’s Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates (prenatal medical care and abortions not provided).

The campaign will run until the end of October. If you prefer an envelope but are not currently attending Mass, please contact Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418. Online donations can be made at: [supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/](http://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate/) Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.

**RESPECT LIFE**



**Word of Life** - “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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**40 Days of Life** - Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 Day prayer vigil in front of the abortion clinic in our neighborhood. Or, if you cannot join us to pray at the abortion clinic, you may pray and fast from home.

**When:** September 23rd – November 1st , 7am to 7pm

**Location:** Access Health Center 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove

**Choose One Hour to Pray:** Sign up online for your hour to pray at Access: [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove)

**Questions?** Email [40DaysDG@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysDG@gmail.com)

**CROP VIRTUAL HUNGER WALK**



**WALK INFORMATION:**

Choose to do the walk early in the month of October.

Location: You can choose your own walk route... choose to do a one mile fun walk or a three mile course.

\*\*In the past, we had participants bring a non-perishable food item with them to the walk. Consider donating a non-perishable food item to our St. Cletus Food Pantry this year\*\*

All ages are welcome; each participant needs to register separately. Consider inviting the families of your children’s friends to join in the walk as well. The more the merrier!

**REGISTRATION:**

- Go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus)
- Click Register
- Type in your information to create an account
- On step 3 of 5 click “join an existing team”
- Find the St. Cletus team

**FUNDRAISE:**

You do not need to fundraise to participate in the CROP walk. However, we do suggest a minimum donation of \$10. You can collect pledge donations from friends, family, and neighbors. Even just asking for a small amount, like \$3 (\$1 for each mile walked), can add up quickly. Donations can be given online on your unique registration page. If you’re unable to walk you can still sponsor a walker or help us reach our team goal. You can also use the website to post on social media and share information about your walk online. Donations are split between area food pantries, including St. Cletus, as well as Church World Service. Checks may be made payable to: CWS/CROP for the CROP Hunger Walk. and dropped off or mailed to: St. Cletus, Atten: Kendall, 600 55th St. LG 60525 so as to arrive by October 15th.

**SERVICE EXPERIENCE:**

St. Cletus school and Religious Education students can count this as a service experience. Please talk directly with your teacher if you have any further questions.

**CONTACT:**

Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns  
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# St. Cletus School

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## FOCUS ON OUR FACULTY

Below you can get to know our kindergarten teachers! Our teachers work hard to teach the whole child, helping each student grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. They work hard to prepare each child, as first grade quickly approaches! They ensure that your children are not only challenged each day but also make sure to put a twist of fun in all that they do to keep their little minds engaged! You can learn more about each of them under their photos.



### GETTING TO KNOW MRS. MAHR

Becky Mahr has been teaching kindergarten at St. Cletus School for 14 years. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education (area of concentration in Language Arts) from The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She maintains a type 03 certification and is also a certified Catechist. Becky currently resides in La Grange with her husband, Dave and two children, Luke and Alex



### GETTING TO KNOW MS. FIRESTONE

Stacey Firestone graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2007 with a bachelors in Elementary Education with concentrations in Math and Science. She is very excited to continue teaching here at St Cletus for her second year and very eager to help students grow and excel this year. Outside of school she loves to travel (especially to Disney World), watch the Chicago Cubs, spend time with her family and her dog, Amos



### 4TH GRADE SCIENCE - FOSSILS

Fourth graders are excavating fossils they made as a tie in with their current reading book *Mary Anning*.



### SECOND GRADE DISCUSSION TIME

Sharing ideas is so important. Here you can see the second graders doing a "turn and talk" during religion class... from a safe distance of course.



### TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Although our school building has limited access, you can still take a tour of our school! Visit <https://stcletusschool.com/about/why-choose-st-cletus/> to take a virtual tour of our classrooms and common areas. The 360° media can be found on the lower left-hand side of the webpage.



## Religious Education and RCIA

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Our year has gotten off to a great start! We began classes at home on Catechetical Sunday in September, and we continue with home lessons and online e-learning for Sacramental Preparation years.

We have quite a few exciting events happening in the coming weeks virtually:

For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, **Confirmation Information sheets** are due to the RE Office on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please scan and email the sheet to Barb Campbell at [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com).

Anytime during the month of October, all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students are strongly encouraged to walk in this year's **Virtual CROP Walk** with their family. Proceeds from this walk directly benefit the St. Cletus Food Pantry. Please make sure you sign up on our St. Cletus Team page ([www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus)). You do not need to fundraise to walk, but donations are encouraged! We also encourage each family to bring a food item for donation to our St. Cletus Food Pantry bin, located outside of the Rectory front door.

Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are asked to join our **virtual First Reconciliation Parent** meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Parents have received an email with the log in credentials for this meeting. If you did not receive it, please contact Barb Campbell at [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) for the information.

On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> we are asking our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and High School students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to participate in an **at-home Sponsor Meeting**. Teens are asked to spend time on November 1<sup>st</sup> virtually or in-person with their Sponsor, going through the Conversation Guide which will be provided to each teen.

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> is the **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Commitment Ceremony** in Church. We will be hosting two different prayer services, one at 12 noon and the other at 2:30 p.m. This is a prayer service for all 7<sup>th</sup> Graders in the parish who will commit to embarking on their two-year journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Seventh Graders and one parent should attend. Parents will receive an email with directions on how to sign up for this special event via Sign Up Genius.

**RELIGIOUS**  
**EDUCATION**

### RCIA



Next Sunday, on October 25<sup>th</sup> we will conclude the RCIA journey with the eight children, teens and adults who have been meeting since last September to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This journey typically culminates in the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, but this year due

to the pandemic, we were unable to do that. It is with great joy and excitement that we prepare for this sacramental celebration next week!

During this week, we ask all parishioners to keep these eight individuals held up in prayer as they prepare for this important faith celebration:

Alexis Ceron – will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

Jennifer Ceron – will receive Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

Brenda Contreras – will receive Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation

Julio Fulgencio – will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

Anthony Fulgencio – will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

Jodi Golm – will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

Maria Loeza – will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

Peggy Montes – will receive Eucharist and Confirmation

**Lord, we pray for those who journey to you.  
Strengthen their faith.**

**Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.  
Deepen their understanding.**

**Set their hearts afire for the Kingdom.**

**We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth,  
and the Life for all. Amen.**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation please join us this year as we begin our next RCIA journey. If you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, please have them join us this year! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker ([kbaker@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kbaker@stcletusparish.com)) or Barb Campbell ([bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com)). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

## Other Ministry Notes

### SAT. MORNING 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE

On November 7th we will begin offering weekly (Saturday) communion services.

These will be led by a group of parishioners and Deacon Stuart.

Please plan on joining us on Sat 11/7 to meet the group and receive Jesus, but note that pre-registration will still be required.

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. December 8. We will discuss Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. We'll meet again on February 9, 2021 to discuss Happiness is the Choice You Make by John Leland

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### MEET SOME OF THE ST. CLETUS REOPENING TEAM



*Helen McComiskey prepares to sanitize a washroom; as Tom Reisel, Team Leader of the Cleaning Team sanitizes the back, front, seat, and kneeler of a pew with the new electrostatic sprayer for disinfectant.*

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is a day that will live in my memory for quite some time, if not forever. It was the day we received word that Masses would be canceled because of COVID-19. What? How could this be? It was Lent- we had to prepare for Easter. Surely we would be back together for Holy Week and Easter. How could there NOT be Holy Week?

Well, things had changed. I, along with my fellow parishioners, began celebrating Mass in a very different and unfamiliar way.

My name is Helen Acke McComiskey and I have been a

parishioner of St. Cletus since 2000, a member of the St. Cletus Chancel Choir since 2006, and a Eucharistic Minister since 2019.

After celebrating Mass virtually for weeks, when word came in June that St. Cletus was ready to open its doors again, but needed help making that happen, I knew I needed to be there. I had to give back to this parish, this family, that had always been there for me.

I sent an e-mail to Fr. Ken and told him to put me where they needed me most. I am 50 (it is the new 30- that's my story and I'm sticking with it) and am fortunate to be in good health, so volunteering was an easy choice. I was placed on the cleaning crew, which was great, because I am one of those strange people that really likes to clean. After services, we go into church and stealthily clean all the pews used during that service, along with the restrooms and doors. It can be a lot of ground to cover, but our team has great leaders, and everyone works together to make it go quickly and efficiently. I was also asked if I would consider being a Greeter/Usher (Gushers as we like to call ourselves) and of course I said yes. And so, my re-opening volunteer journey began!

Here is the best part and the real surprise: I am the one that truly benefits from volunteering at each Mass. Not only do I get to be back in church celebrating Mass, but I get to welcome people back to Mass. I see their smiling faces and talk with them and hear about their day, life, kids, and grandkids. I get to see old friends and meet new people that under normal circumstances, I would not have had the opportunity to get to know. That was such an unexpected gift, to be able to see these wonderful people each week and be able to wish them a "Good Morning", "Happy Sunday" and "Welcome Back". This has brought me more joy than I would have ever imagined. So, while I thought I was volunteering to help the parish, once again, St. Cletus was helping me.

This last year has been tough on everyone in some way-- there is no denying that. However, if you'd like to step out, see some smiling faces, and get dressed up at least one day a week (the work from home yoga pants do get tiresome), then I strongly recommend signing up for one of the volunteer positions. I promise that your soul will be filled in many ways! I am typically greeting at the 8:45 and 10:30 Masses on Sundays, so if you have any questions or would like to chat about being a Greeter/Usher or part of the Rock Star Cleaning Crew, please feel free to ask me. I will be happy to fill you in!

Blessings-  
Helen

**TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE  
EMAIL THE PARISH AT  
REOPENING@STCLETUSPARISH.COM**





*Join Deacon Stuart and Marlene Heyes  
for an unforgettable journey*

## *The Splendors of Ireland*

*August 15-25, 2021*

*Depart/return USA*

Dear friends,

As many of you read in my bulletin article, Marlene & I went to Ireland last October to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

Marlene had an overwhelming urge to go, although neither of us knew much about this Marian Apparition site and the associated miracles of healing.

The pilgrimage made an indelible impression upon us both. (Marlene has an amazing story to tell). Subsequently she concluded that her given mission was to promote and publicize the events of 1879 at Knock back in the USA where too little is known about this apparition.



**Please join our Webinar  
November 11, 2020  
at 1:00 pm**

To register please email  
Deacon Stuart Heyes for invitation link

[Stuart.heyes@icloud.com](mailto:Stuart.heyes@icloud.com)

And so, we decided to plan this trip, not only to Knock, but to travel around the whole of Ireland and at a leisurely pace.

We want you to experience the best of Irish hospitality, culture, spirituality, history, scenery, sights and sounds.

Ireland is a truly unique place as all who've been there or come from there will agree.

We look forward to your company, on what we believe will be a most memorable visit to the Emerald Isle, land of laughter, awesome hospitality, Guinness and a much slower pace of life.

*Blessings - Deacon Stuart & Marlene*



# Sunday Notes

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 “REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR  
 AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.”

MATTHEW 22:21

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## READING 1

**Is 45:1, 4–6**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,  
 whose right hand I grasp,  
 subduing nations before him,  
 and making kings run in his service,  
 opening doors before him  
 and leaving the gates unbarred:  
 For the sake of Jacob, my servant,  
 of Israel, my chosen one,  
 I have called you by your name,  
 giving you a title, though you knew me not.  
 I am the LORD and there is no other,  
 there is no God besides me.  
 It is I who arm you, though you know me not,  
 so that toward the rising and the setting of the  
 sun people may know that there is none  
 besides me.  
 I am the LORD, there is no other.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 96:1, 3, 4–5, 7–8, 9–10**

**R. (7b) Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
 sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
 Tell his glory among the nations;  
 among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
 awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
 For all the gods of the nations are things of  
 nought,  
 but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
 give to the LORD glory and praise;  
 give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
 Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;  
 tremble before him, all the earth;  
 say among the nations: The LORD is king,  
 he governs the peoples with equity.

## READING 2

**1 Thes 1:1–5b**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of  
 the Thessalonians in God the Father and the  
 Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We  
 give thanks to God always for all of you,  
 remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly  
 calling to mind your work of faith and labor of  
 love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ, before our God and Father, knowing,  
 brothers and sisters loved by God, how you  
 were chosen. For our gospel did not come to  
 you in word alone, but also in power and in  
 the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 22:15–21**

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they  
 might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their  
 disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,  
 “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man  
 and that you teach the way of God in  
 accordance with the truth. And you are not  
 concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do  
 not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then,  
 what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the  
 census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their  
 malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me,  
 you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays  
 the census tax.” Then they handed him the  
 Roman coin. He said to them, “Whose image  
 is this and whose inscription?” They replied,  
 “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then  
 repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to  
 God what belongs to God.”

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## Sunday Readings



### IN GOD ALONE

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me” (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

**Psalm** — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

**Gospel** — Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22:15-21).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9  
 Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday  
 Monday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions  
 Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross  
 Thursday: St. John Paul II  
 Friday: St. John of Capistrano  
 Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary; United Nations Day

### SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES (1560-1646) AND JOHN DE BRÉBEUF (1593-1649) AND THEIR COMPANIONS

**October 19** - Their mission was to New France, but these missionaries found in present-day New York State and the province of Ontario a world wildly different from the homes they left behind. Six Jesuit priests, Fathers Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noël Chabanel—and Jesuit lay volunteers René Goupil and John LaLande—shared the gospel with the Native Americans they met, in languages they painstakingly learned, and through images they creatively adapted to the indigenous cultures (for example, John de Brébeuf’s “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime: the Huron Carol”). But their evangelization was caught up in turmoil beyond their control: a smallpox epidemic, battles between French and English trading interests—the traders united only by their willingness to exploit the Native Americans—and conflict among the tribes themselves, Huron, Mohawk, Iroquois. The missionaries’ perseverance despite exhausting hardships, their steadfast courage in facing unspeakable tortures, and undaunted love even for those who martyred them, bore fruit, immediately in Kateri Tekakwitha’s sanctity, eventually in the Catholicism that still flourishes in the United States and Canada.

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### LOOK WHO’S TALKING

When money speaks the truth is silent.

—Russian proverb

### WORDS AND ACTIONS

When people hear us speak God’s word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.

—Anonymous second-century Christian

### FAMILY

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.

—Bl. John Paul II



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## ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to our baptismal call to mission by saying, "Here I Am, Send Me." This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be.

## UN DOMINGO PARA EL MUNDO ENTERO

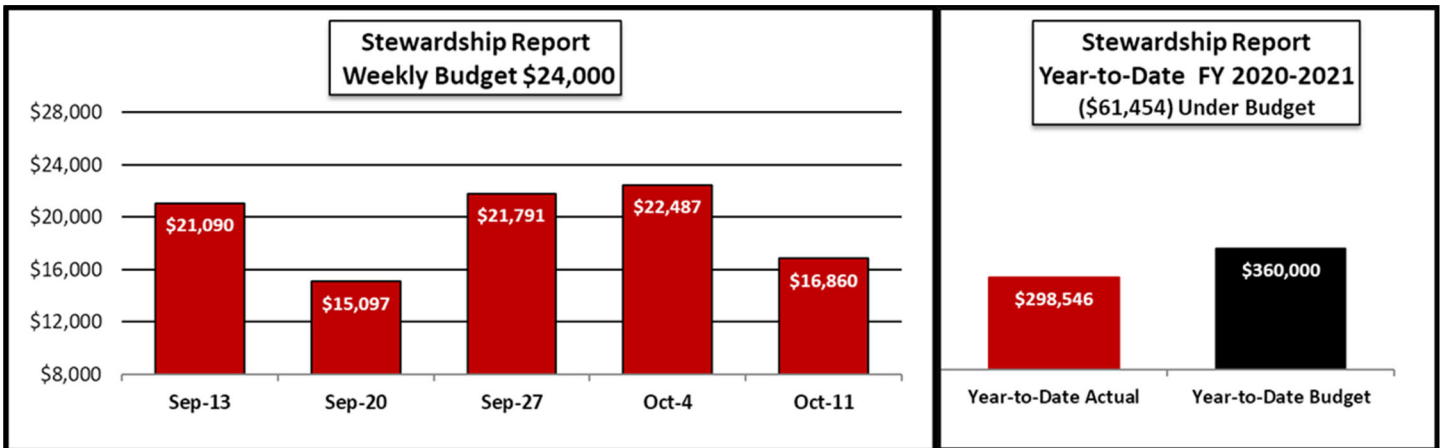
En su mensaje para el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones de este año, el Papa Francisco nos pide que respondamos a nuestro llamado bautismal a la misión diciendo: "Aquí Me Tienes, Mándame A Mi." Esta es la misión que todos los cristianos han recibido, y Dios nos da la gracia de vivirla donde sea que estemos.

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# Stewardship Report




## Community News

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**Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line** - If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

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### NAZARETH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth Academy at an In-Person Open House Sunday, October 25 at Noon or 1 p.m. or Monday, October 26 at 6 or 7 p.m. Families will meet Nazareth students, faculty and staff. Guided tours of the building are provided. Pre-registration at [nazarethacademy.com](http://nazarethacademy.com) is REQUIRED. Space is limited.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park. Please contact Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 with any questions.

### FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Fenwick High School will be hosting Virtual Academic Nights on Tuesday, October 20 and October 27, 2020. Math, Science, Humanities and Expressive Arts will be discussed. Please go to the Fenwick website, [www.fenwickfriars.com](http://www.fenwickfriars.com) for more information.

Fenwick High School is located at 505 Washington Blvd in Oak Park.

### OGDEN AVE. SCHOOL RED SLED BAZAAR

Save the date! Red Sled VIRTUAL Holiday Bazaar is on its way to warm up your holiday season on Saturday, November 7. Check out the calendar for an update on how you can support Ogden’s signature fundraising event in a COVID-friendly way. <https://ogdenptc.org/redsled>

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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 Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
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 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal at (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

## STAFF

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### Mission Statement

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

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