

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Construction on our new Parish Center has begun!

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



SEPT 8-11: St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 11 - July 17, 2016

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention - Lynn Marie
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Joe Saban, Joseph Vicceli, Ann Marie Callaghan
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests Past and Present
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Alice Frohnappel
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John Battistoni, Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Wojcik, Joseph L. Naponiello, Julie Kerrigan St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Dolores E. Kuchta, Sharon Smith, Marco & Emilia Rattin
	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Tybor, Jane Schafer, Jerome Maziarka
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Frank Skrip Sr, Albert & Agnes Hinton, Patsy Walsh, Stanislaw & Edward Adasiak, Joseph S. Cikan
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, Lorraine Zdrojewski, Hank Maday, Louise Hubona, Jorge Villasenor, Sergio Ramirez
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Milo Okkema

Father of Judy Micek and Pete Okkema

May he rest in peace. Amen.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



The weekend of July 16/17 there will be a second collection to benefit the St. Cletus Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued generous support.



Marriage Banns

Laura Battistoni & John Polivka
Alyssa Condotti & Connor Kriz
Lincy Pullappally & Rafael Dominguez

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lane Powell, Kelly Cook, Frank Cizek, Nino Scimone, Germain Reynoso, Lee Ascencio, Michelle Mika, Jean Weekley, Laura Segel, Adrina Castillejo, Otto Stuckman, Dan Plecki, 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, Peter D. Rivera, 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...

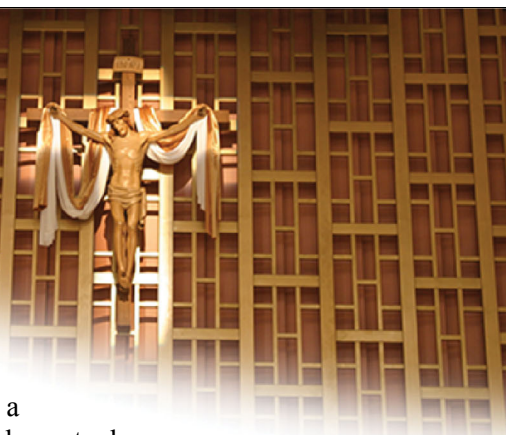
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I hope I’m old before I die.” The lyrics of Robbie Williams’ hit song reflect the desire of most of us to have a long and full life. A recent scientific survey reported that the secret of a long life is regular churchgoing. The study found that churchgoers have lower blood pressure, suffer less from depression and have stronger immune systems. Apparently, those who regularly attend a place of worship are nearly a third more likely to live longer. No one seems to know quite why this should be so – some think that religious people actually take better care of themselves; others think that the friendship and support which go along with belonging to a church may be part of the reason why religious people live longer. Whatever the reason, it would appear that faith is not only good for the soul but good for the body too.

The lawyer in today’s gospel asks that age-old question: what must I do to inherit eternal life? That’s not just a question about having a long life or life without end, but is also about a certain quality of life. What must we do to lead a full, fulfilled and truly human life? How do we lead a good life, a happy life? How do we achieve our potential? Faced with the reality of death, how can I ensure that my life has lasting meaning and significance?

The people of Israel faced exactly that question during their wanderings in the desert. They had to decide what was important in their life together and in their relationship with God. God offers them commandments and laws to help them – not impossible ideals (“not beyond your strength or beyond your reach”), but practical guidelines to make their community life peaceful and equitable. These laws also ensure that the people can enjoy a rich and fruitful relationship with God – so that the people can live fully, as God intends. God is not imposing arbitrary rules on the people. His laws are not so much prescriptive as descriptive. God is quite simply telling the people what will lead to a happy, human, full life.

So when the lawyer comes up to Jesus with his question, Jesus simply reminds him of what he already knows. If he wants to live the right quality of life – the kind of life which satisfies the human heart’s longing for eternity, for meaning and value – all he needs to do is to follow God’s Law: love God and love his neighbor. “Do this and life is yours”. But although the lawyer knows the right answer intellectually, he obviously has missed the heart of the law. Because his question, “who is my neighbor?”, is



designed to seek a restriction: if I have to love my neighbor, who qualifies as such? The parable of the Good Samaritan reveals that for Jesus, if we are to receive God’s gift of eternal life, we need to stop thinking in terms of restrictions and limitations, and start loving as God loves – in an open-ended way. For Jesus a neighbor is never an object, always a subject. I am the neighbor: it is my duty to be a neighbor, to help those in need. That is the way to eternal life.

In our own lives, it is so easy to have the lawyer’s attitude – to seek to draw boundaries, to exclude, to restrict, to do the minimum. This is true of our relationship with people, with God, even with ourselves and our own bodies. What do I absolutely have to do and what can I overlook? Who do I have to take notice of and who can I safely ignore? What is the bottom line?

Jesus’ answer is simply that the human heart’s longing for love and for eternal life is boundless, limitless, because it is made in the image of God himself. And so the only way we are going to be able to satisfy our “eternal longings” is by loving as God loves – inclusively, generously, and even extravagantly. The hallmark of our love is that it should be “with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength and with all our mind”. Not a closed love, but an open-ended love. Such loving may not guarantee a long life on earth, but that is how Christ – the image of the unseen God – loves. That is how Christians – who are the images of Christ on earth – are called to love too, not by way of prescription or command, but quite simply because that is the only way to inherit eternal life.

With Love,



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Independence Day Mass



Thank you to everyone who joined us Monday for the annual St. Cletus Parish Independence Day Mass. This wonderful annual event was originally inspired by Fr. Charles Gallagher's love of Church, Country and the men and women of our Military.

Congratulations to Robert Callaghan (pictured above with his family), recipient of the 3rd Annual Rev. Charles Gallagher Award for service to Church and Country.

Thank you to our presider, Rev. Jerry Scanlan, Lieutenant Colonel USA, Ret., Independence Day Band, Justin Sisul, St. Cletus Holy Name Society, Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941 of the American Legion, our color guard, and for all who helped make this event a special tradition in our parish for 40 years.

Living our Faith, Building our Future

UPDATE ON OUR NEW PARISH CENTER

Thank you to everyone who attended our Ground Breaking Ceremony on June 25th.

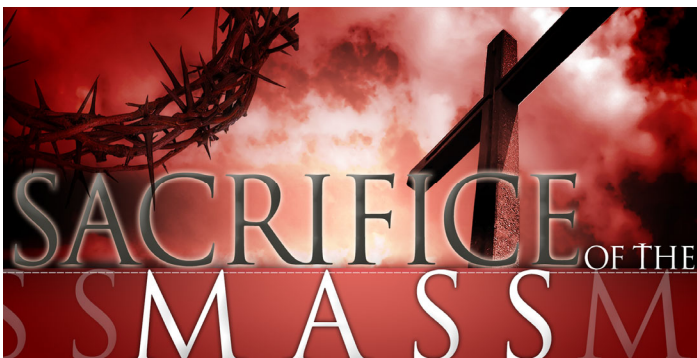
The trees have been removed and construction has begun on our new parish center.

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Fr. Lorenzo's Notes

THE EUCHARIST AS A HOLY SACRIFICE



During this past school year I had the opportunity to visit our students at our parish school. I was invited to talk about different topics but especially about the Sacraments. In talking about the Eucharist, I explained to our students that the Eucharist or Mass was also called a sacrifice. I told them that in the Old Testament, in the times of the Levites, the Levite priests would take a lamb brought by the penitent and would offer it in sacrifice as a way to clean his sins. And that according to the status in society, the animal was of a bigger size if the person had a bigger responsibility. So I asked them what about if the king had a sin, what kind of animal do you think they would bring to the priest to clean the king's sins? They thought for a moment and finally someone said: "I think that they brought a dinosaur!" Well "no" I said, "dinosaurs were already extinct." We all laughed at that comment.

Now the catechism of the Catholic Church says that the Mass is a "Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the savior and includes the Church's offering. The term Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, "sacrifice of praise," spiritual sacrifice, pure and holy sacrifice are also used," since it completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Testament.(1330)".

In the New Testament, Jesus is the Lamb of God. During Mass, when the priest elevates the Chalice and the consecrated Host he says: "behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. (John: 1-29)."

"When John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb "who takes away the sin of the world", therefore, he identifies him not only as the Passover lamb, but also as the long-awaited suffering servant of Isaiah 53 – the Lamb who would offer his life as a sacrifice for sin. How fitting it is that we recite the Lamb of God at this precise moment in the Mass! While the priest breaks the host, the people join John the Baptist in recognizing Jesus as the Servant-Lamb of Isaiah 53 who offers his life a sacrifice for sin. (The Mass, Edward Sri, p. 136)."

Therefore, every time that we approach to receive the Eucharist, let us approach with thankful hearts for the sacrifice of Jesus made on the altar of the Cross. Also, let us remember that receiving the Eucharist produces spiritual fruits in our souls and in our lives. "The principal fruit of communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. The Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet. (CCC 1391)."

As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead and to obtain spiritual and temporal benefits from God. After a good confession, "communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sin. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. (CCC 1414-16)."

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Boxed potatoes
- Crackers & snacks
- Pudding/Jello cups or packets
- Condiments
- Canned or powdered milk
- School Supplies

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank You - Thank you on behalf of our client families. So many are still struggling with loss of job, reduction of hours, medical challenges, etc., and are most grateful for our assistance.

Volunteer Reminder and Requests - We are in need of more student volunteers (grades 7-12) and/or adults to help set up for the Thursday, July 14 distribution, we will meet in the Church narthex at 1:30. We will be finished with set-up around 2:15. We're counting on you, and look forward to seeing you then. Thank you!

We need a few able-bodied volunteers (adults or teens) to help us out as bag carriers at our monthly evening distributions, especially in the summer months. The hours are from 6:00-8:30 PM on the second Thursday of the month. Please consider donating a couple of hours for this outreach.

Able to volunteer or have questions? Please contact me at (708)215-5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com. Drop in volunteers are always welcome!

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*****

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

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

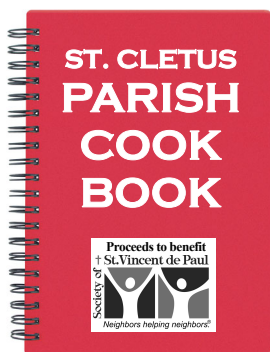
The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence. Please contact Kendall Grant at 708.215.5418 (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) for more information.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Calling all Cooks!

Due to construction, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is unable to hold its Annual Rummage Sale. We still need to raise funds to continue our Mission of helping those in need. We are going to organize a parish cookbook! We are looking for some volunteers to help make this happen.



There will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. More details to follow.

Contact Maureen Soldat at MRSTRAVEL2@aol.com or Kendall Grant kgrant@stcletusparish.com if you're interested in helping.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (ICN)

Get Answers to Your Most Perplexing Job Search Questions

Join us on Thursday, July 21 from 7-8:30 pm and discover new avenues to getting employed. Learn new tactics to build confidence and help accelerate your job search success. We'll share ideas on how to target the companies and contacts that can move your job search forward. You'll meet other job seekers who will share ideas on what has worked for them in their search and who can connect you with new contacts from within our community.

Please bring 10 copies of your resume and/or handbill to share with the group at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Help ICN Help Others

We have many tools to assist job seekers, but we need your assistance to provide the most important element of a job search which is open positions. If you are a hiring manager or aware of open positions in your company, please send this information to jobs@interfaithcareernetwork.org. Any and all postings are welcome. ICN job seekers are at all stages of their career, in every industry, with a broad spectrum of education and experience. All job postings will be communicated to our 400+ ICN Yahoo group. Ideally it will be a WIN/WIN for your company and a qualified job seeker in our community.

If you have any questions or for additional information you can also contact Judy Kennedy at jkennedy1333@ameritech.net or Tom Rohan at tom_rohan@yahoo.com.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD - AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

“Combatting the Aging Process” Wednesday, July 27th 1:00-2:00

Mayfair Recreation Center
10835 Wakefield Street, Westchester, IL



Join Dr. Stephen Petrak, D.C. to learn how posture, movement, and balance relate to the aging process. Discover how chiropractic care can increase energy and decrease pain. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Aging Care Connections at 708.354.1323 x242.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD - SOCIAL ACTION SUMMER INSTITUTE

Join us for the 30th annual Social Action Summer Institute July 17-21 at St. Xavier University for “Who is my Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy.” We will examine issues facing our neighbors including racism, violence, and poverty. Participants will come away with resources and tools for use at the parish level as well as within other aspects of public life.

You may register for single days or for the full conference. There will be workshops, keynote sessions, liturgies and one full day for field trips to visit organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Financial assistance is available, and registration ends July 7.

Go to www.CatholicPeaceandJustice.org/SASI for more information.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD - BUDDY’S PLACE

Buddy's Place is Pillars' grief support program for children ages 4-18 and their families. The program brings families together during 8-week sessions and monthly gatherings to help them work through their grief following the death of someone who has been significant in their lives.



Buddy's Place incorporates trained volunteers who serve as greeters or group facilitators. Our next FREE volunteer training will be held on the following dates (attendance at all sessions required to complete training):

- Tuesday, July 19: 5 pm - 9:30 pm
- Tuesday, July 26: 5 pm - 9:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 2: 5 pm - 9:30 pm
- Monday, August 8: 5 pm - 8:15 pm
- Tuesday, August 9: 5 pm - 9:30 pm

Register online at www.pillarscommunity.org, or contact Michelle Halm at 708.995.3750 or email buddysplace@pillarscommunity.org. You may also reach out to that number and email address if your family is interested in attending the Buddy's Place program.

Pillars is the largest nonprofit provider of mental health and social services in the western and southwestern suburbs, serving 12,000 people each year.

Sunday Notes

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. “Four detentions in two weeks are too many.”

Still Matt wouldn't tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt's tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt, steadying Shawnetta as he helped lower her down the stairs and then push her to the corner bus stop.

“She's a girl in my parish youth group,” Matt explained to Miss Collins.

There are many ways to describe Matt's actions—a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time. Jesus would understand. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The first “presbyters” were advisers to the bishops rather than what we would call “priests,” yet by the year 1000 our present-day understanding of the ordained priesthood is clearly in place. The Germanic influence was strong in those days, reflected in a series of questions posed to the candidate about his intentions.

The priest's role in the celebration of Mass had by then come to the fore, as the ritual notes that Mass vestments must be worn, the hands of the priest must be anointed with chrism, and a chalice with wine and water and a paten with a host must be given. Up to then, the ordination rite had stressed the presbyter as a collaborator with the bishop and a member of the order of presbyters. Then, in a not-so-subtle shift, the presbyter came to be seen as a “priest” designated to celebrate the Mass and, as the prayer suggests, to touch the chalice. By these days, remember, the cup had long vanished from Communion for the laity. A thousand years ago, today's patterns were already in place. The priest no longer saw himself as a member of a council of elders, a presbytery, and in some dioceses he had little influence over the bishop. Instead, he was either a pastor, with relationship to the eucharistic community in the parish, or he was a priest monk, offering Mass for the salvation of the departed or the intentions of the living.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) *or Psalm 19*.

Second Reading — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Benedict
 Wednesday: St. Henry
 Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 Friday: St. Bonaventure
 Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

MORNING GLORY

A morning-glory at my window satisfies me more than the metaphysics of books.

—Walt Whitman

REVELATION

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.

—St. Augustine

PRAY DAILY

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

Religious Education

WHY BE A CATECHIST?

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

The best way to learn is to teach.

The resources and materials you will be exposed to will refresh and expand your knowledge of the church. More than likely, you will discover that you learn more than you ever expected.

Your faith will come alive.

Spending time helping others “fix their gaze on Jesus” means your gaze is turned on Him as well. You will see how being a catechist brings you joy!

You become an active participant in one of the essential areas of a Church community.

The laity are uniquely entrusted with the role of working in union with their priests to bring the message of faith to full bloom among diverse parish environments and beyond.

You assist in bringing Christ to others.

A catechist meets a person in their faith journey and walks with them.

You practice stewardship.

By donating your time and services on behalf of others, you demonstrate, in a concrete way, the importance of Christ in your life.

You show your own family that you value the faith.

Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high priority on religious education.

You become a role model.

As a catechist, you get to be a model and trusted adult to young people in your community.

BECOME A CATECHIST OR AIDE TODAY!

The St. Cletus Religious Education Office is still looking for volunteers as Catechists and Aides in Grades 1-8 on Sunday Mornings and Monday evenings.

Catechists must be adults 18 years or older, and Aides can be Adults, High School students, or Jr. High students. Please contact the RE Office at (708) 352-2383 for more information on these volunteer positions. We hope to hear from you soon!

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Could anyone object to Jesus' supreme lesson in mercy, the parable of the Good Samaritan? Jesus' devoutly religious audience certainly did! *Scant sympathy* for anyone foolish enough to travel crime-ridden “Jericho Highway” alone. *Much sympathy* for priest and Levite, hurrying to assigned temple ministry, unwilling to risk ritual impurity through hands-on mercy. *No sympathy* for Jesus' scandalous hero. Samaritans were religious apostates and political enemies. Jesus challenges them—and us—to seek God's presence not only in liturgical beauty but in a fellow traveler's self-inflicted misfortunes. See God's presence even in someone outside the law, whose hands-on mercy springs not from religious obligation but from the heart's instinctive goodness. Since Jesus became our “Good Samaritan” despite our foolishness and sins, who are we to ration our mercy? “Who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29). The next person we see who needs hands-on mercy! No conditions, no limits, no exceptions. Especially in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Jesus commands, “Go and do likewise” (10:37).

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JUBILEE OF MERCY

DO

Living in the mercy of God means much more than thinking or talking about it. We live God's mercy when we do something that brings mercy to others. “Which of these three . . . was neighbor to the man?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:36–37)



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AT A TIME

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Youth Ministry

ENCOUNTER REGISTRATION BEGINS



Although summer is full swing, there is much to look forward to in the fall! 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!

ADULTS NEEDED: ENCOUNTER GROUPS

Are you interested in helping youth grow spiritually? Do you enjoy working with teens? I am looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, and faith-filled parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens in faith-sharing groups. Called Encounter, these groups will allow teens and adults to come together to encounter Christ by looking at their lives through the lens of faith. As a leader, you will share your home (or partner with someone who shares theirs) and share your faith eight times per year with a small group of teens. You will be invited to help at a few large group sessions as well. A few facilitator meetings are held during the year to give you the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. This responsibility should be shared, and session outlines and curricula would be supplied. If you are considering making this commitment, please pray over it. We need you!

MISSION TRIP IS UNDERWAY

This Sunday, July 10th, 15 teens and 3 adults from the St. Cletus parish will head to Detroit for a week of service. While there, they will be working with an environmental agency and plan to help with illegal dumping clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs, and heavy yard work in community areas. We will be joining groups from all over the US and even Canada for reflection and prayer and community building each evening. Please pray for a fruitful experience, and we will pray for the intentions of St. Cletus parishioners! Check for updates on Facebook with Elizabeth St. Cletus Parish!

IGNITE: HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ignite is a student-led small group that meets one hour each week over the summer. Groups of college or high school students reflect on a Scripture passage and how it is relevant to things we face every day. Many of us wonder how Jesus's teachings about things like sheep or fig trees could possibly help us understand our own daily struggles, and this is what Ignite groups talk about.



Ignite is open to all high school and college students who have completed at least one year of high school and will each Tuesday from 7 :30-8 :30 pm in the parish center at St. John of the Cross. New members always welcome! Please contact Ashley Klesken at 708-299-1737 or at ashleyklesken@gmail.com with questions.

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

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 Call us today at (708) 352-6209 and ask for information about 2016 Fall Fest Sponsorship Opportunities.

Other Ministry Notes

HOLY NAME SOCIETY BASEBALL OUTING SUNDAY, JULY 31ST



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring its annual Baseball Outing to be held on **Sunday, July 31st**. A limited amount of tickets for parishioners is available for the **Joliet Slammers game**,

scheduled to start at 1:05 p.m. **The reasonable ticket price is \$9.00.**

Tickets will be sold in the narthex after masses next weekend (July 9/10) and the following weekend (July 16/17). Tickets are also available by contacting Ron Zmuda at (708) 710-4706 or Rod Bradford at (708) 370-9001. Information on directions (and free parking) to the game at Silver Cross Stadium in downtown Joliet can be found online at www.jolietsslammers.com.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

Rectory Hours June, July and August 2016

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

WORD OF LIFE

“Gracious Father,
I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church.”

“Trust in God’s Mercy”
USCCB Prayer Card (Post-Abortion Healing)*



ST. CLETUS WEDDING MINISTRY

The St. Cletus Wedding Ministry cordially invites all parishioners, male and female, to join this ministry. We work in teams assisting the parish staff with wedding rehearsals and wedding day facilitation. Wedding ministers help to organize and run the wedding rehearsals. On the wedding day, ministers are responsible for setting up the Sacristy and making sure that all things are running smoothly and on time. The ministers pick wedding dates to fit their schedules. For more info, please contact Bobbie Kallal at (708) 352-6209.

THANK YOU FROM FR. BOB CLARK

Dear St. Cletus School Supporters,

I am writing to inform you our Principal, Lauren Lewandowski, and our President, Jolene Hillgoth, will be departing St. Cletus School.

Principal Lewandowski will be leaving for a outside opportunity. She emailed our parents and staff saying, “It has been a pleasure working with you and your family for these past three years. I am leaving with a saddened heart, but I am grateful for working with staff and parents that are so involved and want the best for their children. I am thankful for the opportunity to collaborate with you.”

We would also like to thank President Jolene Hillgoth for her service to our school community. Mrs. Hillgoth has been an integral part of our school for many years as both teacher and administrator.

We will miss both Ms. Lewandowski and Mrs. Hillgoth and wish both of them well in their future endeavors.

Please be assured that our school will be fine as we move forward. I have already begun the search for a new administrative team.

I personally have almost 30 years of experience in education with 17 of them as a Catholic School Principal, and I assure you that school will be up and running by the time we all return in August. Please keep the search team in your prayers that they, with the grace of God, will find us a wonderful new Administrative Team.

Blessings and Prayers,

Fr. Bob Clark

Pastor

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR. BOB’S SISTER, MARILYN MATESEVAC

The following funeral arrangements have been made for Fr. Bob’s sister who passed away on June 22, 2016:

Marilyn Matesevac

Date: Saturday, July 30, 2016

Funeral Mass Time: 10:00am

Location: Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N. Raynor Avenue Joliet, IL 60435 (815)722-6653

Please keep Fr. Bob and his family in your prayers.

Community Bulletin Board

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. He especially wants us to treat each other with compassion and kindness. Make the time to allow the love of God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016 or December 9-11, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

JOYFUL AGAIN FOR WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Hoping for a way to make things better? This just might be the answer.



July 23 & 24 - Holy Family
2515 Palatine Rd, Inverness

August 13 & 14 - Mary Queen
Near North Ave. & Hwy 83, Elmhurst

Space limited – register early. Phone: 708-354-7211
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
Website: www.joyfulagain.org (short video on website)

SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP (SCSG)

Multi Parish Ministry for singles in their 40's and 50's

July Event: Saturday, 7/16, 6pm, join us for German Fest at Sacred Heart Parish, located at 114 Elizabeth St., Lombard. Cost is your dinner. Please RSVP by 7/13. You can contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles.

VOCATIONS OFFICE - CHICAGOPRIEST.COM

“As for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, Call Father Francis Bitterman (312) 534-8298, or email: fbitterman@archchicago.org for more information.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH

ATTENTION FUTURE COLLEGE FRESHMEN! Do you ever wonder how you can practice your Catholic faith and enjoy college at the same time? Do you want to learn more about what to expect as a new college student? If attending a public college, do you know how to find other Catholic students on campus? For answers to these and other questions, you're invited to a lively and fun all-student panel discussion on Wednesday, July 20 in the

SJC Parish Center. You'll learn helpful tips on how to make the most of your college experience from Catholic college students themselves! There will be snacks, drinks, and an opportunity to socialize from 7 - 8 pm followed by discussion from 8 - 9 pm, so be sure to put this event on your "To Do" list! Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FUTURE COLLEGE FRESHMEN! While your soon-to-be college freshman is enjoying food and social time with other teens, you are invited to ask questions of members of our college student panel from 7 - 8 pm. A discussion forum dealing with issues facing parents of new college students will take place from 8 - 9 pm with a panel of "experienced" parents and Crossroads Director Katie Hayes. Bring your questions and join the discussion!

COUNTRYSIDE CARNIVAL

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JULY 14-17

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SA	JULY 16 TH The Spazmatics	SU	JULY 17 TH Hillbilly Rockstarz

LOCATION:
COUNTRYSIDE PLAZA

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
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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, July 10	All Masses	Narthex	Holy Name Society Joliet Slammers Ticket Sales
Monday, July 11			
Tuesday, July 12			
Wednesday, July 13			
Thursday, July 14			
Friday, July 15			
Saturday, July 16	5:00 p.m.	Narthex	Holy Name Society Joliet Slammers Ticket Sales
Sunday, July 17	All Masses	Narthex	Holy Name Society Joliet Slammers Ticket Sales

Save the Date for the St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

SAINT CLETUS
PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



SEPT. 8-11

ST CLETUS CHURCH GROUNDS
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4 DAY COMMUNITY FEST

FOOD VENDORS

BINGO

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CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 12 - 1 PM

KIDS EVENT

LOCAL TALENT

11AM SUNDAY


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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.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor
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