

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**I love you, Lord,
my strength.**
- Psalm 18



NOVEMBER

4

2018

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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You shall

love

your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:31

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 5 - 11, 2018

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Bill Reichmann, William Chadwick, Suzanne Williams
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viececi
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Paula Thomas
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Rose Uding
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Doug Surber
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Jim Smilor James Kodak, Paul Budvitis, Margaret Redmond, Louis Schoenberger, Evelyn Ulfig, Fernando Cabral, Ken Kakareka
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, John & Mary Harmon, John Zumpano, Daniel Martin, George Duda Stacy Baker Stephen Zurawski, Dr. Paul Lawler, Elizabeth Stange Gene Kennedy, Pat Maley, Patricia Schad, William Schad, Eda Spizzirri St. Cletus Parishioners

Marriage Banns



Erin Walgrave & Matthew Adamski
Olga Montalvo & Jose Ramos
Michelle Panek & Tim Damrow

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 - Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda, Dave Sipek

September - Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna

August - Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul De Rivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello, Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Rachael Schopp, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein, Christine DeMaria, Daniella DeRivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Dan Gibbons, Tom Hansen, George Hess, Kathryn McCord, Rosa Nilles, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Frank Pastrana, Patricia Rodey, Kathleen Russell, Lucy Schoenecker, Carol Witkowski

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

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

Nancy A. Cowan
Former Parishioner

Mark Kennedy

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME WEEKEND Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, November 3-4, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

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. Please note that there are earlier deadlines during the holidays.

Nov 25 Canticle - Submissions Due 11/14

GIVING TREE CHANGES

Please see page 6 of the Canticle for a changes to the 2018 Giving Tree program.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There are some words that we toss into our language with a kind of careless abandon. We give them what often seems to be the meaning of the moment, sometimes weighty, sometimes almost glibly light-hearted.

One of these words is “love”. In Nanette Newman’s “God is Love” a six-year-old is quoted as saying “I wish they’d change the word love. It’s used too much by the wrong people”.

What do we say we love? Candy, or football, or hockey, or the book we are reading, or a special song or pop group, or a film star. Some of us say we love Autumn or Spring (a bit higher on the scale those two). We love the company of friends; we love our children and our parents; we love a particular and special person. We fall IN love and we fall OUT of love. It can be an interesting exercise to be aware when, and about when, we use this overcrowded word. We all want, and indeed need, to love and be loved, and we carry a sense of the idea of love even as we struggle to attain it.

Jewish teachers, it seems, were often asked which of the 615 precepts of the Old Testament law was the greatest. In 25 BC a famous Rabbi, Hillel, had said “What you yourself hate, do not do to your neighbor: this is the law. The rest is commentary. Go and learn.”

From the question put to Jesus by the scribe, it seemed that the topic was still under discussion, and Jesus takes his place in this rabbinical searching. Refreshingly the scribe who keeps the topic alive with Jesus is neither hostile nor trying to outsmart him. Christ’s answer falls into two parts: the first is a direct quote, in rabbinical tradition, from Deuteronomy, today’s first reading, though Jesus adds that we should love with all our minds, as well as hearts, souls and strength. The second part would perhaps be less familiar to his questioner. “Love your neighbor as yourself”. There were all kinds of rules in Jewish law as to how to treat each other, regulation after regulation. The new word here is “love” and the new thought is the extension of the concept of neighbor. A Jewish neighbor was not the same as a Gentile neighbor, and there was an expectation of different standards of treatment. Are we any different? The “not one of us” syndrome is as prevalent in today’s society as it was then.

The questioning scribe understood what was meant. This love, of God and each other, was better than burnt offering or sacrifice. To offer holocaust and sacrifice were two important temple activities, but Christ takes his

teaching out of
the temple and into the
world.

Love God with all our hearts, soul, mind and strength... How can we? Do we exclude all other loves? And when our mind seems overwhelmed with a problem, and we cannot stop thinking about someone or something, what then? With all our strength, when we are sick or drained of energy and have no desire to be active? And as for the soul... how does the soul love?

What is this love which holds us in being and to which we must respond? Is it in head or heart; in feeling or will? Perhaps it is in choosing. We choose to keep as close to him as we can; to pray as well as we can; to give him all that we do even if it often goes wrong. All love is part of God’s love. He IS love. We can simply want to put him first, and ask him not to let us deny him.

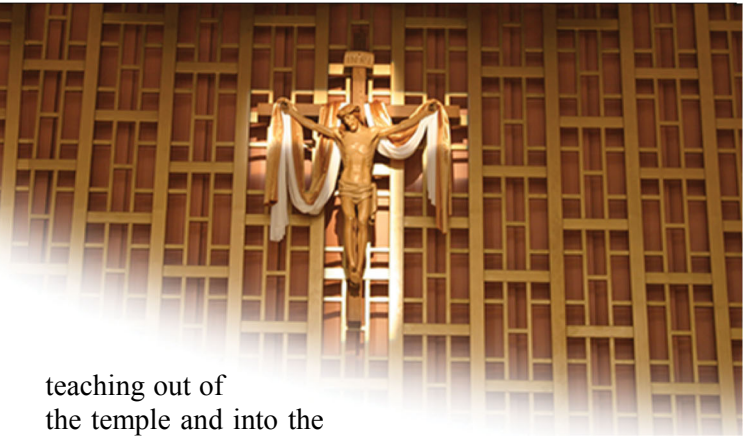
”Love your neighbor as yourself”. As if he or she were myself? And that poses the question as to how I do, in fact, love myself. It is hard to love others if we do not feel loveable. If, for reasons in our past or in the present, we dislike what we see in ourselves, or have a crushing sense of unworthiness, how can we love as Christ asks us? There are no glib answers, for self-esteem once lost is hard to recover, and indeed we may need the help of another, whose value of us enables us to see our own. Paradoxically, it is often in recognizing the worth of another person that we find our own.

We ARE valued, of course, each one of us. We are loved, truly loved by Christ himself. He loved his own to the end, and we are his own.

Love Always,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

November 5.....Queen of Hearts Raffle
 November 13.....Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
 November 18-20.....Book Fair

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ST. CLETUS
Queen of Hearts
RAFFLE

BUY TICKETS DAILY AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB.

DRAWINGS MONDAYS AT 7PM AT KENNY'S.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at over **\$18,000!**

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing which will be 7pm on Monday, Nov. 5th.

Raffle Details: In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55th Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES!

Come on over to Kenny's any time during their normal business hours to purchase tickets (winner need not be present to win).



CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT

Join us on Tuesday, November 13th from 5-8PM at the Chick-fil-A Countryside for St. Cletus Spirit Night. Chick-fil-A will give a portion proceeds back to our parish school. No flier required. Please mention St. Cletus when ordering.

GIRLS ON THE RUN



Our Girls on the Run program is halfway through its season. The program inspires girls to be confident, joyful, and healthy using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

ST. CLETUS SPEECH TEAM TAKES 3RD



The St. Cletus junior high speech team placed third at the Fenwick High School Junior High Speech Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 27. We had 21 students compete. Congratulations to them all!

Prose: Julia L.-6th place, Colleen R.- 2nd place, Victoria P., Abby S.-4th place, Kaelyn S.

Dramatic Performance: Molly B., Shannon C., Gabriela K., Kathryn L.-2nd place, Grace Anne P., Kaitlyn S.

Poetry: Morgan B., AJ D., Annaliese D., Grace K., Adian L.

Declamation: Gabriella E., Quinn M., Maeve Z., Maggie Z.
Original Oratory: Angelica Lazich

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GOD’S LAWS

God’s laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God’s laws out of fear of what might happen if we don’t, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.

The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, “Hear, O Israel.” Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
- Tuesday: Election Day
- Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Saturday: St. Leo the Great

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in “chapter” at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in “chapter” by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don’t have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

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PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.

—St. John Chrysostom

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Pinto Beans (1-3lb bags)
- Baby food
- Boxed sides
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- Oatmeal
- Baking items
- Cereal

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).

TURKEY BUCKS

This month when you do your grocery shopping at the Jewel store across the street from St. Cletus, **please remember to tell your cashier** that you would like to help St. Cletus Food Pantry by purchasing Turkey Bucks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Jewel Osco raises funds through their "Turkey Bucks" programs that benefit the St. Cletus food pantry. Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco doors and invite customers to donate. Various daily opportunities are available through Nov. 18.

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

GIVING TREE

Our annual Advent Giving Tree Project--a St. Cletus tradition-- will begin next weekend, November 10-11. Our trees will be filled with names of individuals in need from our sharing parish, St. Agatha's, and from our community. We also ask you to remember your special person(s) in your family's prayers throughout this holy season. Last year our parish made Christmas brighter for over 1800 people!

SOME BIG CHANGES FOR THIS YEAR!

WHITE ENVELOPES (gift cards for food): ****NEW THIS YEAR**** This year we are offering clients a gift card, based on the size of their household, to purchase food at Walmart or Jewel AND their choice of meat: ham, chicken or turkey. This is in place of the "food baskets" we have done in the past. There are a number of reasons for this change:

- *Client Choice:* 6 months ago we made big changes in the food pantry. This included switching from pre-packed bags to "client choice". Now, clients are able to shop through the pantry to pick items that work best for their household. Often at pantry and with food baskets, clients would receive items they couldn't eat (for dietary/allergy reasons) or might not like (we ALL have food preferences!) This model honors and respects the dignity and unique needs of each household and we want to continue this model with our Christmas food program. A gift card will allow families to purchase what they are most in need of to help supplement their groceries this time of year.
- *Transparency and Fairness:* Every year we received such generous donations for food baskets! However, because of how the program was set up we got a wide variety of items back. This means each household walked away with very different baskets, even if they had the same amount of people in the home. These changes will make very clear what each household is receiving and why.
- *December Food Pantry:* In previous years we closed the food pantry in December. However, now we will continue to have our doors open every Thursday night in December (except 12/27) so clients will still be able to attend and shop for the food they need that month.

How it works: On the trees you will find white envelopes. Each envelope lists a dollar amount. We respectfully request that you purchase cards for the *exact amount* listed on the card and then put the card(s) directly in the envelope. We also ask that you *only purchase cards from Jewel and Walmart*. These have been the preferred stores of our clients and they are also easily accessible via public transportation. Envelopes will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 10th at 12:30pm.

Shop with Scrip Opportunity: For your convenience during the weekends of November 10-11 and 17-18 we will have the St. Cletus School Shop with Scrip available in the Narthex. This is a gift card purchasing program via the school that allows the school to get a percentage of the proceeds as a fundraiser. *It does not cost you anything extra to participate.* They accept cash/check.

GREEN TAGS (food pantry items): The food pantry will continue to be open during the month of December and we still have many donations that we will need! The new green tags list some of our most needed items at this time. If you enjoy purchasing food for those in need and miss the food basket program, this might be a great option for you. Items can be returned at your convenience to the bins in the Church Narthex.

PURPLE TAGS (gifts): Gifts are to be returned before/after Masses the weekend of **December 8-9**. Gifts will be returned to Morrissey Hall using the convenient drop off lane on Stone Ave.! *There is no change to the gift program.*

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

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Peace and Justice Ministry carries out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; to work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation; to involve the parish and the broader community in this mission; and to create awareness through education, dialogue and action.

If you’re interested in learning more or joining the Peace and Justice committee please join us for the **next meeting on Wednesday, November 7 from 7:00-8:30pm in the SFX Rectory.**

RESPECT LIFE



BABY BOTTLE ENVELOPES

If you missed the collection last week for the “baby bottle” envelopes, it’s not too late! You can drop them off in the collection basket or at the parish center office. Thank you!

ROSARY

Monday, November 5th is the day before our national elections. On this special day of intercessory prayer, we ask Almighty God to have mercy on our nation and give us the grace to vote in conformity with His will. All are invited to join in praying the Patriotic Rosary at 5:30 pm immediately following the 5 pm mass at St Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W 4th Street, Hinsdale. Through the holy Rosary, we invoke the intercession of Our Blessed Lady on behalf of our country and world so in need of peace and reconciliation.

Each mystery begins with a short quote from a speech/letter given by one of the founding fathers or an important person in the early years of the Republic and ends with a patriotic hymn. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided.

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross (SJC) will gather to continue

discussing ways we can partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions.

Next Meeting: November 14 at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Unity Hall. All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Kendall Grant.

WORD OF LIFE

“Through the Church’s teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Another Look at Contraception,”
www.usccb.org/contraception



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

The Key To Applicant Tracking Systems

Want to make sure your resume gets into the right hands? Join Interfaith Career Network on Thursday, November 15, 7-9 pm and find out what trips up applicants the most and how you can avoid those mistakes. 50-75% of applicants’ resumes are never seen by a human, and the reason has nothing to do with skills or qualifications. Our speaker, Lauren Milligan, has interviewed multiple people who work with ATS systems and will share what she has learned from them with us. Get a much better grasp of how to work the online application system at the St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in La Grange. There is no cost to attend this meeting and everyone is welcome.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence, this group may be very helpful. Please contact Kendall Grant (email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5418) for more information.

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the purple box below.

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
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

Domestic Violence Outreach - Deacon Stuart Heyes

OCTOBER IS
NATIONAL
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
AWARENESS
MONTH



Dear Friends please find below the text of my homily given at the weekend Oct 27/28 masses.

Thank you for the supportive comments from many following my deliveries. It is a very difficult subject but one that needs our collective effort and support.

May God bless the many victims of Domestic Violence and may the abusers see the error of their ways and get help.

- Deacon Stuart

During this month of October - in the Gospel's proclaimed - we heard about The Pharisees quizzing Jesus about adultery, The Rich man asking what must he do to enter the Kingdom of God, and last week James and John asking for places on His right and left.

The Pharisees didn't like His answer, neither did the Rich man, nor did James and John. **Today the lowly Bartimaeus - a blind man** - not important like the Pharisees, or rich like the young man and not a disciple like James and John... **he has his request fulfilled!**

Yes, indeed Bartimaeus asks to "see" **but not before he asks Jesus to "have pity on him."** In his lowliness and desperate situation, he recognizes Jesus as someone very special. "Son of David" he shouts TWICE, **and as a result of his faith, Jesus grants his wish to see.**

Bartimaeus took a huge risk shouting out as he did. We heard the crowd told him to be silent. **BUT THEN Jesus calls him and he jumps up** - "throwing off his cloak" - that cloak was his protection, his bed, his livelihood, the single most critical item to his survival and he throws it the ground!

During the month of October the church asks us to pay particular attention in our communities to Respect Life and Domestic Violence Awareness issues.

In the past I have addressed the church's teaching on **the dignity of human life - it is from conception to natural death** - and so today I would like to address **Domestic Violence in our society.**

I think this is so important that I would respectfully ask those of you who use the homily as a time to read the bulletin or catch up on email to desist. PLEASE.

Bartimaeus approaching Jesus and asking for pity and his sight resonated with me because a few weeks ago I attended a Domestic Violence meeting here in the Parish Center. We watched a very moving and disconcerting video and then heard from a victim of Domestic Abuse - Denise. Something in particular that she said really bothered -me and it was this...

In her crisis, that was shared by her two school age children she turned to the church - her church a Catholic Church in the

Archdiocese - she explained her awful situation to her Pastor / priest - **he who acts "in persona Christi" -In the person of Jesus Christ - at the consecration. He told her that he couldn't help her and turned her away.** "Really?" I exclaimed - somewhat involuntarily. - "Yes." said Denise, **"Really"**. I would like to tell you this happened many years ago when we were all less well informed about this DV epidemic - **but it wasn't - it was only 6 years ago.**

That said the USCCB issued "When I call for help" - 26 years ago - and updated and reaffirmed the teachings 16 years ago - so this is not a problem of the last few years - but rather one that has not been seriously addressed by society or the media.

A good friend of mine, a deacon I was ordained with, is a member of an ecumenical DV group in Arlington Heights and I borrow his opening line from a talk he gave - it was this:

"Sometimes the person you once trusted the most - is now the one you fear the most."

For most of us that's unimaginable, but for those living in an abusive relationship, it is their reality. **A daily unrelenting reality.**

Pope Francis said "domestic violence and abuse is NOT a cross one has to bear." The USCCB affirmed this teaching by proclaiming, "such abuse is never acceptable, it's not a cross to bear - seek help urgently". They further add - **It is not a punishment from God, and no one is expected to stay in such an abusive relationship - divorce and annulment in such cases are ENCOURAGED!**

I would say that was very clear!

Domestic Violence crosses over all socio economic, religious and ethnic groups, it occurs between married couples, unmarried partners, same sex partners, those who may be dating and includes child abuse.

Domestic Violence is a learned purposeful behavior - the abuser needs to have power and control and will use any means to achieve his or her goal: physical threats or actually bodily harm, financial control, intimidation, isolation, emotional and physiological torment- to name some types of abuse.

The abuser needs to feel superior and while their actions may be exacerbated by alcohol, drugs, anger, stress, genetics, they do not cause it and **most important to understand neither does the victim or the relationship!**

Now at this point some of you, maybe many of you, are sitting here thinking this is a problem in the inner cities, or poor neighborhoods... **certainly not in La Grange, Western Springs, Burr Ridge!**

Well, if you are thinking that, let me tell you, what the Police Departments of La Grange and Western Springs told me.

¹This year to date they had a combined 150 Domestic trouble 911 calls - i.e. no physical assault but a situation serious

enough to warrant police intervention.

They had 25 domestic battery calls - that is where some form of assault was evident.

And less you think well for villages of a combined population of about 30,000 that's not so bad! Well those my friends are the ones reported - **this issue is like an iceberg and that is the tip of the iceberg.**

The vast majority of DV abuse goes unreported through fear of the consequences: shame, embarrassment, denial - or the mistaken belief on the part of the victim that they can fix it! They cannot - the victim needs help! Much of it is not reportable because there are no outward signs. Emotional or psychological abuse is often more devastating to the victim who can't prove the abuse but suffers greatly because of it - and the abusers are masters at living a double life - so good that very often his or her friends and family dismiss the victim's pleas for help.

Emotional and psychological abuse is likely more prolific than physical abuse but for obvious reasons we don't have statistics on this - its not a prosecutable crime but it most certainly is a heinous crime in God's eyes.

As I speak, we likely have abusers present. I don't know who you are - **you do and your victims most assuredly do** - To you I say this - you are hypocrites and you know how much Jesus despised hypocrites.

To the victims here - and I know absolutely we have victims here - please consider what I say because unlike Denise's pastor we have a network at St Cletus to help you.

²On a typical day, DV hotlines in the USA receive 20,000 calls, that's a cry for help every 3 seconds. We tend to think that this is a crime of men over women and **indeed one in three women in the USA have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime and 85% of victims are women. Which means one in seven are men!**

DV abuse results in more injuries requiring serious medical attention than Accidents, Rapes and Muggings combined.

So that's the problem - What can we do?

Well, Church maybe one of the few occasions the victim can escape their abuser and we need to know how to respond if we are asked for help.

Will WE care, listen, believe, offer support or direction?

Will YOU care, listen, believe, offer support or direction?

We must - such an inquiry or opening up is a desperate plea for help,

- **We care** because we believe in the dignity of human life.
- **We will listen** because they are taking us into their confidence at great risk.
- **We will BELIEVE them** because their stories are painful to live and to tell.
- **We will direct them to the resources they need** - DV hotlines and the DV ministry here at St Cletus run by Kendall Grant, our Social Concerns Director.

- **We will be supportive.**
- **We will keep all our interactions in absolute confidence!**

What we will not do is this:

- We will not neglect our duty to treat them as children of God
- We will not **doubt them,**
- Nor **disbelieve them,**
- Nor **dismiss what they share with us,**
- Nor **blame them for the situation - it's not their fault**
- **AND certainly we will not refer them to marriage counselling!!**
- But we cannot rescue them - they have to make their own very difficult choices.

We are to be Jesus to their Bartimaeus - when they talk about their abuse - they are saying "have pity on me " and when they explain their situation "they are asking for our help."

I intend to publish my homily in the bulletin together with the contact information available - if we are given an opportunity to help or indeed already know someone who has indicated they are dealing with DV issues. It behooves us as Christian Faithful to act to help **when asked.**

It is important that the abused individual seeks out the help first, because our intervention may otherwise exacerbate an already chronic situation.

And finally - we the clergy and staff are not the experts - we are the conduit to those that are.

I make this point because Denise, the victim and speaker I referred to earlier, noted to me that the deacons at her parish wanted to meet with her husband, who they knew, to intercede. They were well meaning but had no comprehension of the situation, nor expertise in the field of DV. They **interrogated her** "Denise's words" and it was "clear as day" to Denise their further intervention would have been both disastrous and dangerous for her and her children.

May our Lord protect the victims of DV and may the abusers seek help to address the sinfulness of their ways.

Amen.

¹ La Grange Police Department
² Statistics - NCADV.org/statistics

Contact Information

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708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com

Pillars Community Health 24-hour hotline: 708.485.5254

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.7283

Love Is Respect National Teen Dating Violence Helpline:
866.331.9474

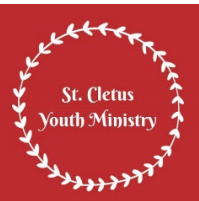
Other Ministry News

FALL FEST UPDATE



We are excited to announce that St. Cletus Parish raised \$100,000 at the 5th Annual Fall Fest! We hope everyone is planning to join us September 5-8th in 2019!

JOIN ST. CLETUS YOUTH MINISTRY



Teens – looking to give back and get involved in your parish community? Look no further!

What is St. Cletus Youth Ministry?

This ministry is provided solely for High School students, in order to help cultivate the faith of our parish teens, and walk with them on their faith journey.

We provide opportunities for:

- Faith-Sharing (Freshman Experience, Sophomore-Senior faith-sharing groups, retreats)
- Service (service projects, mission trips)
- Community (Church League, Teen Advisory Board)

Looking to get involved? Have ideas? Want to learn more? Contact MaryClaire Zurowski.

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
mzurowski@stcletusparish.com

Follow us on Instagram! @stcletus.youthministry

MISSION LADIES

As you know, we are a small, mighty, & dedicated Mission Ladies group. We enjoy socializing and each other's company. We are looking for more young and not so young ladies to join our Mission. No special talent is not required to participate in sewing, knit, crochet and making hair for doll.

“Come Join Us!” We meet every Wed. 9am to 11:30 am. We do not meet in June, July, Aug or Dec. Also, work can be done at home. There are no dues. Invitation is open to all. We are in need of a sewing machine repair man or a used machine that works. We are still in need of 4 ply & baby yarn, Velcro, Eyelet fabric and small Crosses - at least 1 inch high, no higher for baby, higher for Baby Bibs.

When leaving any donations in the usher's Room - please mark it for “Mission Ladies”. Call me for more information. Thank You.

Dolores Scaletta - 708-839-8605

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



CCW Meeting Nov. 13th at 7:30pm

Mark your calendars for CCW's next general meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.



Speaker Nov. 13th at 8pm

All parishioners are invited to attend a special presentation after the membership meeting at 8:00 pm. Sr. Rita Ann Teichman CSJ, will share the realities of modern day Human Trafficking.

Save the Date!

Ho-Ho-Holiday Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins!



WINTER COAT DRIVE

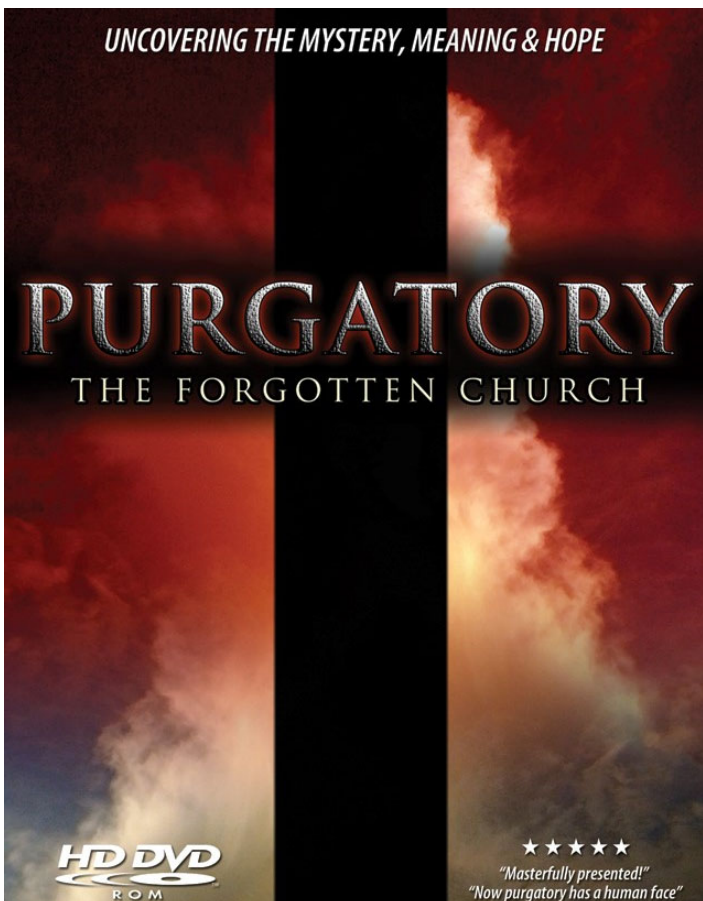


The 7th grade Girl Scouts are collecting new and gently used winter coats to be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. You can drop off the coats in the box in the narthex until November 11. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CREDO FILM NIGHT NOVEMBER 16TH

Is Purgatory real? Could the Afterlife require suffering? Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead? This groundbreaking documentary investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives.

Don't miss it! Mark your calendars for **Friday, Nov. 16th at 7pm in the Kindergarten Room.**



AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2019 TAX FILING SEASON

AARP SM Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference Tax-Aide™ in your community? The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2019 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to have a tax or an accounting background to volunteer. However, some knowledge of your own personal tax matters is very helpful. All returns are prepared on computers; thus, volunteers should be somewhat computer literate. Training classes will be held in January, 2019. Minimum time commitment during the filing season is 4 to 5 hours one day per week from early February to mid-April. This income tax preparation and assistance service is offered to

low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help? For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or contact John Wagner at 708-352-0170.

THANK YOU FROM THE ED WARD FAS BOARD



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the concert Sunday, Oct. 21st. It was wonderful to see the church so full! Special thanks to our dedicated choir members, parish staff and maintenance staff for making this event possible.

Please consider making a donation to the Fine Arts Series on our website www.edwardfas.com or by check to the Parish Center Office so that we might continue to bring performances like these to St. Cletus.

As we say goodbye to Justin Sisul, we will begin our search for a new Artistic Director of the series. Thank you all for your continued support.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."

—Pope Francis, July 6, 2013

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 4-10, 2018. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



Are you widowed? Do you know someone who is widowed? Still struggling with the loss? Widowed for some time and feeling “stuck”? Need something to get you “over the hump”? Wanting to move on with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories?

All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and joy in their lives.

This weekend program, sponsored by the Center For Family Ministry of the Joliet Diocese, will be held at Mt. Assisi Center Retreat facility, 13820 Main St. Lemont (Near Cog Hill Golf Course) on November 17 & 18, 2018.

Register at 708-354-7211 or e-mail chrubes@joyfulagain.org. Website: www.joyfulagain.org

CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR A FREE PREVIEW

Wednesday, November 7 from 10am-12pm & 7-9pm

Come join us as we explore Sacred Scripture together! Our academic setting allows for engaged conversation with a qualified instructor and each other as we seek closer relationship with the Lord.

St. John of the Cross, 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs, IL is hosting Chicago Catholic Scripture School. Questions? Contact Dianna LaMantia at dlamantia@comcast.net or (708) 288-2143; For further information, a calendar of meeting dates and/or to register for class, please contact Director Kevin Pease at kpease@luc.edu, (312) 915-7485, or visit Loyola University Chicago's website at: <http://www.luc.edu/ips/ccss>

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



To register online and see complete list of programs: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center - 1155 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL.

Trivia Night - Friday, November 9 Games begin at 7 PM Start watching Jeopardy to prepare yourself for a night of laughter and recall as your team competes against others in a “battle of the brains.” Cost: \$20 thru Nov. 8th; \$30 on Nov. 9th

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30-7:30pm
Hitzeman Funeral Home 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield, IL

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings.

The holidays are times we set aside to celebrate and spend time with family. After the death of a loved one, this time of the year can be very difficult to manage. Watching others laugh and rejoice in the spirit of the holidays when you might feel sad and overwhelmed can be painful. It's a true reminder of your loss and how much your life has changed. The first holiday season without your loved one can be especially hard. In this discussion you will learn strategies for coping with grief during the holidays. Hopefully these tips will help you or someone you know who is grieving have a better experience.

For more information please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport. Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by November 9, 2018 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. Refreshments will follow.

SINFONIETTA BEL CANTO

Celeste Martino, soprano will be singing the lead role of Sr. Angelica in the Italian Puccini opera with Sinfonietta Bel Canto. Suor Angelica is a 1 hour Catholic morality tale of redemption. The orchestra will first play Gounod - Symphony No 1 in D Mj. Saturday, November 10 at 7pm and Sunday November 11 at 3pm, 2018. Immanuel Lutheran Church at 5211 Carpenter St, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Tickets are from \$5-22. Please call 630-384-5007. Discounts online order and save \$2; 5 flex tickets save \$15. www.SinfoniettaBelCanto.org

NAZARETH ACADEMY BOUTIQUE NIGHT

Nazareth Academy invites local moms to get a jump on their holiday shopping at its annual Nazareth Academy Mothers Club Boutique Night on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 6-9 p.m. Free admission. This event is 21 and over.

Boutique Night will feature: Alixandra Collections, The Sheet Lady, Wanderlust Candles, BeautyCounter, Sfizi - The Delicious Shoe Truck and MORE! Complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres. Many fabulous raffle prizes. FREE ADMISSION

Nazareth Academy, 1209 W. Ogden Ave. La Grange Park.

MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Montini Catholic High School will be hosting the next “Meet Montini” on Thursday morning, November 8th at 8:30 am. The meeting will begin in DeLaSalle Hall with members of the Admissions and Administration teams. A tour of the school while classes are in session will follow. Montini's Open House will take place in the evening with doors opening at 6:30 pm.

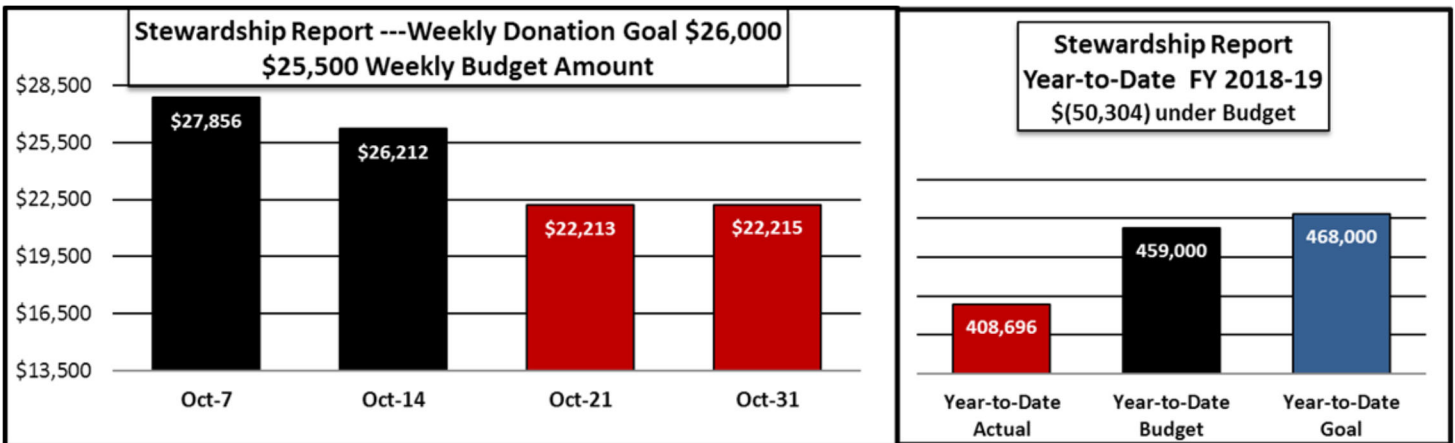
To RSVP for the “Meet Montini” or for more information please contact Admissions Director Eric Brechtel at ebrechtel@montini.org or call 630-627-6930 ext. 222.

Montini Catholic High School, 19W070 16th St. in Lombard.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 4	7:00am	Narthex	Welcome Committee
Monday, November 5	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, November 6	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Parish Center Mtg Room 1 Parish Center Mtg Room 2	Spanish Holy Hour Social Concerns Commission Mtg Cardinal College Speaker
Wednesday, November 7	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, November 8	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 9			
Saturday, November 10	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Extended Adoration
Sunday, November 11			

Stewardship Report



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

R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare
 708-489-6333




Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!

Those at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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

MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

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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